



The Lighthouse

“Call On Me And I Will Answer You.”



Pastor Ronald Trotman

On Sunday 12th July, Pastor Ronald Trotman delivered his message from Jeremiah 33 verse 3:

“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not”.

He began as follows: “Last week, I said that we need a revival. In the next few weeks, we will take you around about and come back and speak about what we ought to do for a revival as we move into our new church”.

Privilege of Prayer Encouraged. The first point he touched on was Divine consolation. He noted: “If you stick to the context where Jeremiah is in prison (Jeremiah 37:15), you note that he is hated by all. He has no friend in the world, but he knows that God will not desert him. God’s plea was ‘call on me’. Pastor Trotman then looked at verse 4 and noted the privilege of prayer. He stressed that God himself encourages prayer. In Revelations 8 1- 4, we are assured that God is listening to our prayer.

When the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. ² And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

³ Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, so that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne. ⁴ And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel’s hand.

In light of this passage of scripture, he added: “Imagine that all your prayers are still before God. He answers them, not for his sake, but for ours. This is not because of duty, but because of privilege”.

He then quoted the Hymn entitled **“My God How Wonderful Thou Art”** and stressed the lines which says: “Yet I may love thee too.. For thou hast stooped to ask of me.”. He pointed out that The Almighty God is seen here as being humble.

(Continued On Page 2)

YOUTH RETREAT 2015 (Story - Page 6)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat 8th Aug (5.30 p.m.)	Sunday School Teachers Meeting
Sun 16th Aug (7.30 p.m.)	Board Meeting
Mon 17th Aug - (9.00 a.m.)	Commencement of Vacation Bible School
Sun 23rd Aug (10.40 a.m.)	Closing Ceremony for Vacation Bible School/Visitors Sunday
Sat 29th Aug	Flea Market
Sun 30th Aug (10.40 a.m.)	Morning Worship

Pastor Trotman continued to express thoughts on fellowship with God and the Privilege of Prayer. He said: "In Genesis, in the cool of the evening he comes to Adam and Eve. Prayer is not a duty but a privilege. It is our biggest privilege to call on the Lord. Do you enjoy and find that privilege? God condescends to us to enjoy it. Sometimes it is not easy, but God still wants our fellowship. Do we need the fellowship of God? In our carelessness, we neglect to come into the presence of God. Many times when He was on earth, He spent time in prayer with his Father. Why not us? Do we see prayer as a privilege? There are many people who do not pray, yet God has given us that wonderful privilege".

Promise of Prayer Assured. Pastor Trotman highlighted the next part of the text which says "I will answer thee". He emphasized the following points to the congregation: "God does not say 'I might', but is giving us an assurance that He will. However, nothing is said about the mode, time, or place". He was quick to add that "No" is also an answer as well as "yes", but that "no" is still an answer! God may say wait. As an illustration, he made reference to Balaam (Numbers 22: 5 - 41) Balaam asks God what whether he should go with the men. God says "no". But Balaam remembers that Balak said that he would make him (Balaam) rich. Balaam therefore decided to talk to God again. Money was in Balaam's mind. God says "yes". What did Balaam do? He went off to join the men. God met him on the way. He spoke through a donkey. He noted that this reminds us of what God has to do sometimes to make us understand.

Pastor Trotman asked "How does God answer our prayer?" He responded first by quoting Philippians 4:19 "My god will supply all your needs". He stressed that God knows our need and will supply them even before we call on Him. (Isaiah 65.24).

Secondly, he pointed out that sometimes it seems as though he does not hear when we pray. He made reference to Daniel 10 where Daniel waited. He also used the example of Naaman. He wanted God to do it his way. He was referring to the following situation in 2 Kings Chapter 5:

10 Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."

11 But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy."

He concluded that like Naaman, sometimes we do not see the answer because we are looking for something else.

He ended his message with a few thoughts on which to ponder. He said: "You have two persons with cancer. One dies and one is healed. You tell one family thank God. What do you say to the other? Why is Peter saved and James is killed. No one knows. God's ways are higher than ours. Sometimes He answers at a higher leveland shows us mighty things"

Board Information

Board Reviews Plans

The **July 2015 Board Meeting** took the form of *a review of the past months and a look ahead to upcoming events*. Matters reviewed included Cell Groups, Fund-raising activities, and Outreach. In terms of events which are yet to come, these include the Sunday School Promotional Service, Anniversary activities, the development of the Berean Band and Vacation Bible School. There was a thorough assessment of the impact of each of the major activities done so far and recommendations were made for the management of upcoming activities. This decision to do a mid-year review was an excellent idea and should be continued in future.

Cell Groups

The Board wishes to encourage the development of cell groups as an important means of allowing persons to express views and share fellowship. The current arrangement where the large group meets on Wednesdays at the church is also very useful in that it has generated great deal of interest. Both formats will continue.

Fund-raising

The Board has agreed to a **Fair and Tea Party** being held in 2016. The Flea Market will continue. At this stage focus, will be on personal donations towards the building fund.

Visitors Sunday

Visitors Sunday, which was postponed earlier this year, will now be held on **Sunday 23rd August** as part of a **Closing Ceremony for Vacation Bible School**. Members of the congregation will be given an invitation card on Sunday 9th August 2015. We would like you to invite a friend, neighbor, colleague at work *and their children*, or any of your contacts, to this service

Sunday School Promotional Service

The Sunday School Promotional Service will be held on **Sunday 30th September 2015**. Efforts are being made to increase the numbers of persons attending Sunday School.

The majority of our VBS campers are regular attendees at our church. Why come for an extra 5 days when they could be attending one of the already established and numerous government or private camps? Don't they already get the information they need every Sunday?

Many years ago, the Berean answered those questions for me. I was a regular Sunday school attendee from the age of 5, but I didn't accept Jesus Christ as Saviour until the age of 9 during our very own VBS! Approximately 20% of the VBS campers will be new to our church. *Why miss the opportunity to introduce them to our awesome God and to know Jesus personally?*

And for those who are saved-What an excellent way to grow in the Lord and share Jesus with others! Joyy and Shoneria were eager to invite their friends and made sure they collected and returned registration forms quickly. I remember my own excitement at bringing a friend to VBS. Learning about God together is a real blessing in a child's life.

Vacation Bible School is a powerful tool for evangelizing unsaved children and discipling saved children.

We currently have 31 children registered and will reach our target of 40 children soon. Currently, there are 21 committed persons helping in various capacities. **We still need additional helpers.**

Job descriptions are posted on the annex bulletin board. *Speak to the coordinator in charge of the area in which you'd like to help.*

Will you help to build the future of our church?

By Sis. Deirdre Boyce

Join our team!



- Director:** Sis. Dolores Codrington
- Prayer Coordinator:** Sis. Marva Springer
- Ceremony Coordinator:** Bro. Owen Thompson
- Song Leader:** Sis. Deirdre Boyce
- Class Teachers:** Sisters Carol, Signe, Ormenta, Deirdre, Erleen and Rhonda; Bro. Chris
- Teacher Assistants:** Youth- Chanté, Janiece, Michael, Tiana, Jade and Erika.
- Decorations Coordinator:** Sis. Trotman
- Decorations Team:** **YOU?**
- Record Keepers:** Sis. Jenny Thompson and Sis. Cheron Sobers
- Craft Coordinator:** Sis. Rhonda Ifill
- Craft Team:** Sisters Delores Ward, Angela Bourne, Marion Austin...**more persons are needed to assist with preparing materials before VBS.**
- Game Coordinator:** Youth-Leianne Bovell
- Snack Coordinator:** Sisters Trudy Rogers & Joel Ellis
- Skit Coordinator:** Bro. Chris Boyce
- Skit Team:** Teacher Assistants
- Store Manager:** Sis. Judy Wiltshire



What is an astronaut's favorite meal of the day?



Why did the cow get on the spaceship?



When is the moon not hungry?



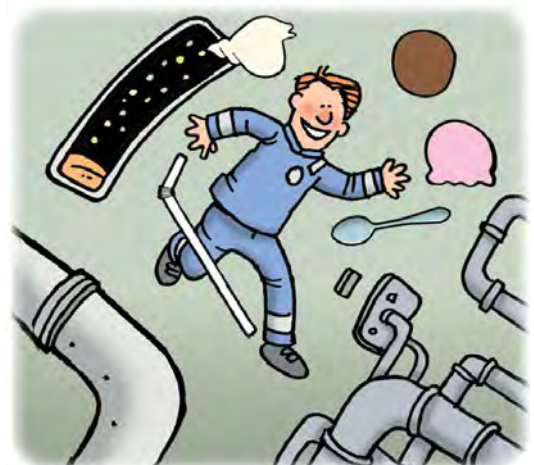
What kind of light travels around the earth?



Where would an astronaut park his spaceship?



How do astronauts eat their ice cream in space?



Youth Retreat 2015 was themed “Maturing in Christ” as we took a special look at what it means to mature as a Christian, leadership skills and how to prepare a sermonette. Beside these sessions, we also had exciting physical activities.



On Saturday morning, our beloved **Pastor Trotman** led an informative and interesting session of how to prepare and deliver a sermonette. The time we spent on this was not only engaging, but also interactive. Pastor taught us the necessary basics which will get us started on this life-long journey. We will be seeking further enrichment in this area so that we can achieve positive growth.

The Sunday morning communion service and session were led by **Rev. Carson Atherley**, who always saves a spot on his calendar for us. Rev. Atherley delivered a vital message on what it means to mature in Christ, drawing from Philippians 3:12-15, as we delved into the life of Paul. The session was quite sobering as we highlighted some of the signs of immaturity as contrary to signs of maturity. At the end of it all, we, like Paul, had to say that we are not there yet. We have some distance to go, but, in spite of that, we will forget the past and press on towards the mark of God’s high calling.

Finally, on the Monday morning, **Major Skeete** was the man in charge. This very important session focused on leadership, and who better to study as a leader than the greatest leader who ever walked this earth, our Lord Jesus Christ. The Major gave us a set of questions, prior to the retreat, to carefully look at and provide answers for the interactive session which would follow. Did you know that leadership is the ability to influence a group of people to achieve a common goal? Yes, so if you have ever done that then you are a leader. We also looked at the different types of leaders and leadership styles. Unfortunately, the session had



Participants listen attentively.

to be cut short as the Major started to feel a little under the weather, but nevertheless, Lord willing, we shall conclude this session at his residence on Friday August 7th.

Amongst ourselves, we engaged in some thought-provoking devotions, which generated interesting discussions, and in team-building physical activities.

All in all, we had a tremendous time and benefited from this retreat. We now look forward to using the set of tools which we gained.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR BUILDING MATERIALS

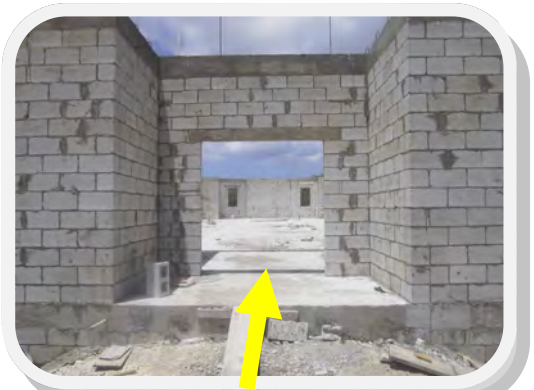
On the first Sunday in July 2015, we officially began our drive to have members of the Church make contributions towards the building materials. Envelopes were distributed to members of the congregation by the Ushers.

It is hoped that individuals or families will make donations based on THE PRICE OF some aspect of the materials for the building process.

A table showing the list of materials needed is posted below. If you prefer to donate an item in kind, kindly speak with **Bro. Tony** to ensure that it is suitable. If you are donating money to purchase an item, you may place it in the envelope, write a note about which item you wish to purchase, submit it to the treasurer or place it in the offering. *You can consider paying for an item (e.g window or door) in instalments.*

You will indeed be happy knowing that you are doing the Lord's work.

MATERIALS NEEDED	QUANTITY	COST PER UNIT (\$)
Concrete Blocks	8000	3.00
Doors	6	2000.00
Doors	8	350.00
Windows	36	475.00
Cement bags	210	30.00
Roofing materials	5	50,000.00
Toilets	4	450.00
Basins	5	350.00
Sinks	1	425.00
Tiles	7000	4.00
Tile cement (bags)	300	35.00
Light Fixtures	40	125.00
Other fittings	90	20.00
Timber (running feet)	4500	4.00
Chairs	250	120.00



LARGE DOOR
\$ 2000.00
(6 DOORS NEEDED)



Windows
\$ 475.00 each



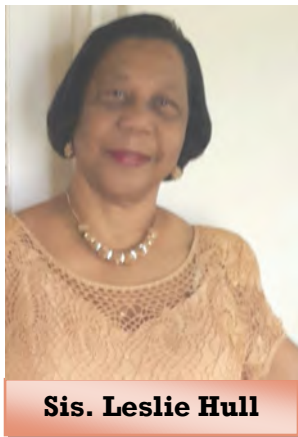
Door
\$ 350.00
(8 inner doors needed)

Our last article about the History of the Berean Choir, spoke about the contribution of **Bro. Peter Deane** and **Sis. Leslie Hull**. It ended at the point where **Bro. Collin Jackson** directed the Choir during their presentation for the Church's 40th Anniversary program in October 1996.



Bro. Collin Jackson

Sis. Audrey continued in her "History of the Berean Choir" to explain that she took on the responsibility of teaching and accompanying the Choir until the year 2000. During this time, a Music Seminar was arranged for the Choir, with Miss **Cassandra Greenidge** teaching the fundamentals of music.



Sis. Leslie Hull

The year 2000 saw the return of **Mrs. Leslie Hull** as Choral Director, with Sis Audrey, as usual, accompanying. The Choir continued to present many programs at special times and their ministry richly blessed all those who heard them. Among their presentations were "Glimpses of Heaven", in October 2001, "Tidings of Great Joy" for Christmas 2002, "The Alpha and Omega" for the Anniversary service in 2003, "Beautiful Saviour" for Easter 2004, and "In All of His Glory" for Christmas 2004. A 3-month Music Seminar was also arranged for the Choir in 2003, with the theme "Church Music Fundamentals". This Seminar was held at Emmanuel Baptist Church every Saturday afternoon from March to May 2003, and was conducted by Dr. Harold R. Hostetler and Mrs. Hostetler.

A Choir Retreat was held on 28th April 2003, at a house in Martin's Bay, St. John. The theme for this Retreat was "Music in Ministry", with Dr. Hostetler as guest speaker. On 28th April, 2004, a second Retreat was arranged for the Choir, this time the venue was "Little Good Harbour", Shermans, St. Peter. The theme for this Retreat was "Basic Principles of Voice Production", and the guest speakers were Miss Norma Bowen and Mr. Walter "Junior" Forbes.

The Choral Director, Mrs. Leslie Hull, went on leave during 2005, so Sis. Audrey taught and accompanied the Choir during that time. For the Church's Anniversary on 30th October, 2005, the Choir presented a revised "Glimpses of Heaven", with Junior Forbes directing and Audrey and other musicians accompanying.



Sis Audrey Lloyd

That Christmas, on 4th December, 2005, the Choir shared with the congregation in a delightful evening of Carols and Christmas music entitled "An Evening of Joy".

(To be continued in next edition)