

Praise the Lord! Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
For His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 106:1 NKJV



Happy 63rd Anniversary

1956 - 2019



BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH

Service of
Worship & Communion

Sunday, 6 October, 2019

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Wifi: GUEST-BBC

Sunday School 9:30am

Morning Worship - 10:40am | Evening Service - 6:00pm

Midweek Service (Wednesday) - 7:30pm

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ALL ARE WELCOME!

BRIEF HISTORY OF BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH

For more than 60 years, the Berean Bible Church located near the corner of Passage and Baxters Road in the City of Bridgetown had been an important Ministry at the corner of passage Road whose symbol was that of a lighthouse.



Egolf Baptist Church

The origin of the Berean Bible Church in Barbados can be traced back to the Egolf Baptist Church in Tudor Street next door to the current Central Police Station. Sister Joyce Wells, who was a member of that church from age 16 noted that members of the Egolf congregation were also assisting with the construction of the First Baptist Church. The Pastor of Egolf Baptist was Rev. Wayne Divine, an American. From Egolf Baptist, they moved to First Baptist Church where Rev. Kermit Hansen was the Pastor.

At some point, there was a separation between Pastor Hansen and Pastor Divine. Followers of Pastor Hansen went to a small grey building on White Park Road owned by Mr. Rudder who was the owner of a private school called the Barbados Academy. This building soon became too small and the congregation moved to the Sugar Bond on Country Road which was located in the area now used as high rise apartments by National Housing Corporation. The church was now known as The People's Baptist Church.

Eventually, Rev. Hansen and congregation made arrangements to purchase a building at the corner of Passage and Baxter's Road from Mr. James Tudor. This became the Berean Bible Church founded on 14th October 1956 by Pastor Kermit Hansen.

In October 2016, a new church building was officially opened in Hothersal, St. Michael. We have always trusted the Lord. The finished work here at Hothersal is testimony to how we stepped out in faith knowing that the Lord would provide. So much effort was put in along the way by so many to reach this point. Our move to this new Church has equipped us to do even more work in the service of our Lord.

The Berean Bible Church has a noble past. It is the Church which led the way with its Bible correspondence course which reached into every corner of Barbados. It was a standard bearer for the Vacation Bible School and also led the way with puppetry. The Vacation Bible School has been restarted and the puppetry team now teaches other churches interested in using puppetry to evangelise.

The Berean Bible Church is also noted for its wonderful music. From the early days great emphasis was always placed on developing a choir. The modern day choir is

well known in Barbados and has participated in concerts assisted by Friends who selflessly join the choir from time to time to share in these activities. There are also individual members of the church who render solos and there is a trio who ministers occasionally. Within recent times, the musical landscape has been expanding with the addition of a well synchronized guitar group which adds to the music. An interest in singing to praise God through their songs is being cultivated among the very little children who form the Berean lights.

Besides the music programme, there are several Ministries which have developed over time and which all build the capability of the church to meet the needs of the community.

These Ministries include the Sunday School, the Relief Committee, Missions & Evangelism Committee, Dance Ministry, Youth Department, Cottage Band, Prayer Chain, Flower Committee, Men's Fellowship, Women's Fellowship, Membership Committee, Hospitality Committee and the Multimedia Team.

Moving beyond the church, in terms of outreach, the Church supports a sister church at Grazettes which was started in 1968. Assistance is provided monthly to other local ministries. These include the Inter-school Interschool Christian Fellowship, Street Gospel Ministries and Child Evangelism Fellowship. Overseas missions are also supported. Missionaries such as Glennchella and Mc Curley Taylor and others who seek to take the Gospel into communities in other parts of Africa receive the support of the Church. We are a relatively small congregation but people and their salvation are at the centre of our ministry.

There have been changes of leadership over the years. Rev. Hansen, who endeared himself to the congregation was followed, in 1973, by the young Pastor Ronald Trotman, who fought the good fight with all his might.

Of course, there are still many persons who have served the church for a long time and many new persons have joined them. Together, they all have been adding their efforts to helping with God's work.

29th September 2019 was a very important day in the life of this church with the congregation electing Reverend Paul Garnes as Pastor of our church. Members of the congregation had ample opportunities to see Rev. Garnes ministering to them and they are excited about what the Lord will do through him. We lift up him and his family in prayer as a new era dawns.



Rev. Kermit & Ruby Hansen
1956 - 1973



Rev. Ronald & Cynthia Trotman
1973 - 2018



Rev. Paul & Malivia Garnes
with son Peyton 2019

Order of Service

October 6, 2019, 10:40 a.m.

“It is good to praise the Lord...” *Psalm 92:1*

Opening Song – Berean Choir

Invocation

Hymn 190 – Rejoice the Lord is King

1st Scripture Reading – Psalm 92

Right Hand of Fellowship

Hymn 854 – Joy Unspeakable

Hymn 51 – Blessed Assurance

Prayer

Notices & Offering

Ministry of Music – Berean Choir

Hymn 818 – Great is Thy Faithfulness

Special

Sermon – Bro. Michael Aimey

Hymn 1 – My faith has found a resting place

Distribution of Elements

Special Offering

2nd Reading – Eph. 5:15-21 – Sis. E. Skeete

Benediction – Berean Choir

ITEMS FOR PRAYER



- Thank God for continued goodness to us, over the past 63 years and beyond
- Thank God for the addition of Pastor Garnes and family to our congregation
- Thank God for spiritual, emotional and physical healing
- For miraculous results from our Evangelism ministry
- For the leadership, teachers and programs of our Sunday School
- For the various ministries of the church
- For the Gideons, ISIVCF & CEF ministries
- For the treasured senior citizens of our congregation, including our shut-ins
- For economic recovery of our country
- For the peace of Jerusalem

October Birthdays



2nd – Jersey Daniel
8th – Margo Johnson
– Jennifer Piggott

14th – Ryan Bayne
17th – Leeann Wells
23rd – Kimberley Gaskin

26th – Joy Wallace
31st – Melissa Gibbs

Anniversaries

5th – Paul & Malivia Garnes
– Ricardo & Sheryl Parris
10th – Adrian & Cheron Sobers

16th – Chris & Deirdre Boyce
25th – Carl & Delores Ward