

# THE UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA AND THE

**CAYMAN ISLANDS** 

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#### **OUR VISION:**

"Touching lives, Nurturing Disciples, Seeking Transformation through Christ."

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## PRAY FOR:



Mr. Leroi Lorde, who son, Michael passed on suddenly.

Pray for Peace in Jamaica and Cayman the cessation of Crime and Violence in our nations.

# UCJCI UPDATE

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# RADICAL DISCIPLES



he CIRMC Children's Camp took to East End District streets on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 to share Christian love and kindness with seniors as part of the United Church of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands mandate to be missional.

The group consisting of 46 campers, ages 8 to 12, from five different Congregations spread out among the community to pray, read Scripture verses, sing and speak with seniors.

When one group visited 101 year-old **Stella Welcome**, she told them the secret to her long life, saying her motto in life was to **love people and do good for others**.

She also told the young people to take care of themselves and do as much good as they could for others all the time. Miss Stella said she liked going to church and being part of the Congregation. Another group called on 88-year-old Pet Forbes and shared some Christian fellowship with her. Camp leader Richard Christian said

taking the Bible's message outside of the church and onto the streets is the mission aspect of the camp.

The visit to East End was also to help the **Gun Bay Congregation promote its upcoming Vacation Bible School.** 

During the camp, which began on July 8, 2017 at the Prospect Youth Centre, the youngsters were involved in a number of other events focused on the Bible, under the theme 'Radical Disciples'.



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Rev. Carlene Walford July 19,

Rev. Louis Sully July 21,

Rev. Astor Carlyle July 23,

Rev. Selvin Gray July 25,

Rev. Hyacinth Edwards
July 26.

## **CAMP NEWS**

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Remember to sign up for Camps.
  The Camp forms are available at the Regional Offices.
- •Encourage persons to sign up as Camp Leaders.

The remaining camp dates are:

a. Junior Camp July 15 - 22, 2017
b. Pacesetter Teens
(also known as Teens 1)
July 22 - 29, 2017
c. Discovery Teens
(also known as Teens 2)
July 29 - Aug 5, 2017
d. Youth Camp August 5 -12, 2017
e. Young Adults Conference -

August 17 - 20, 2017

## **40 RESPOND TO 'THE CALL'!**

y all reports, 'Prayer and Praise in the Park' (Emancipation Park) did its job in an event that was at once successful in terms of numbers attending, and especially in terms of numbers responding to the 'Call', when 40 persons went to the 'altar', to commit their lives to Christ.

The event was first initiated by the Webster Memorial United Church Evangelism Ministry in 2010 when the disciples of the church thought it fit to reach out to people in the wider community with a mission to save souls, and change lives through powerful evangelical teachings through songs, intercessory prayers and spiritual fellowship.

Since its inception, it has been a success. Several persons who have attended the event, have given their lives to God.

This year's 'Prayer and Praise in the Park,' held June 30, under the theme, "Our Only Hope-Jesus!," was led by the Evangelism Co-chair Geraldine Wright who, working alongside other committee members from the Ministry of the Church, targeted 'the weary, the broken-hearted and the lost souls who visit the Park.'

## THE JOURNEY!

The journey began with a march led by the Boys Brigade, guided by the Police on the streets of Half Way Tree Road unto Emancipation Park where a crowd of approximately 600 persons were awaiting the exciting Gospel Extravaganza which was led by Evan Thompson and Rev. Joel Downer.

**Webster Minister, Rev. Astor Carlyle,** extended a welcome that got the attention of many onlookers, after

which he blessed the event with the Opening Prayer.

Everyone sang heartily, especially featured singer Minister Jermaine Gordon who led in powerful songs of praise to God. Contributions by the Webster Male Choir also echoed across the Park, adding to the joyful expressions of Praise. According to one who attended; "The presence of God was evident within the Park."

Members of the Webster family participated in the reading of **the Word** and **Testimonies** were given on the rewards of trusting God, and how earnest prayer had changed their lives.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION!

Prayers of Intercession were offered separately for Women, Men, Young Adults, Adolescents and Children, by members of the Evangelism Ministry Team, after which Rev. Carlyle being led by the Spirit, interceded on behalf of the brokenhearted. Shouts of 'Hallelujah' could be heard across the crowd!

## **THE CHARGE**

Rev. Dr. Stephenson Samuels brought the message; ministering on the importance of "Prayer", telling his audience of the Power of Prayer and its place of priority in the Christian's life. He encouraged the gathering to pray for peace, recognizing that Jesus is the 'Prince of Peace' and that Prayer should both be worn as an 'armour', as well as the 'helmet' of salvation.

Some 40 persons touched by the presentation and by the evening in its totality, made the journey to the 'Altar' in response to the 'Call', either to recommit their lives to Christ, or to receive God into their hearts for the first time, in true recognition that truly; Our only Hope is Jesus!