



# THE FAMILY NEWS

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10:30am  
Prayer Service last Sunday of each  
month 6:30pm

South Sound United  
44 South Sound Road  
9:00am

## A Reflection: Seeking God's Face

What is it that God wants more than anything else in our relationship with him? It is to know him better. How do we go about doing this?

David answers this in Psalm 27:8 when he says to God, "Your face will I seek."

What does it mean to seek God's face if he is already there – if he is everywhere? **Tim Keller** in his book entitled *Prayer* helpfully suggests that when we speak to someone, we don't look over their shoulder or at their feet but we address their face. He describes it as the "relational gate" into a person's mind and heart. So to seek God's face is to intentionally sense his reality and presence with the help of the Holy Spirit. It is to deliberately seek to commune and interact with him, sharing his thoughts and love.

We must therefore be serious and focused in our prayers. John 1:18 tells us, "No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in the closest relationship with the Father, has made him known." So we look at and think about Jesus in order to know God. Keller says, "Jesus' person and work is the breakthrough for any who want to draw near and seek God's face." Jesus is the "Word made flesh," and we discover God best when we spend time seeking him in his written Word, the Bible.

## Profile on Jennelle McLaughlin

A familiar figure in the south wing of the church during worship, and one very involved with almost all activities to do with our young people, is a young lady named **Jennelle McLaughlin** known to many as 'Nellie.' The Family News caught up with her to hear something of her story.

"I am one of ten children, having nine biological siblings - four sisters and five brothers. When I was three months old, I was adopted by **Madda Whittaker** so I have grown up in a Christian home.

Jennelle was born and raised here in Cayman and her entire schooling was at the Cayman Prep and High School, right up to "A" levels. After that, she went to the University of Bedfordshire in the United Kingdom where she studied Accounting and Finance and earned a Bachelor's Degree. "On my return, I went to work at Scotiabank where I am a Senior Processing Officer," she says.

When asked as to how she got so involved in the life and work of the church, and especially with youth ministry, she replied, "I was basically born in the church. I was involved in all youth ministries growing up - Sunday school, Girls' Brigade, Youth Group and the Dance Ministry. Growing up in church was fun. I got to meet and interact with many people and created friendships with individuals who were not a part of my school."

It was an earlier youth minister who had a particular impact on her life during her teens. "Through Sunday school and Bible study with **Mr. Ray McLeod** I became a Christian at the age of 16 and was baptized soon after. It was important to me because I knew from where God had brought me. He has kept me all these years and he has never failed me yet," she adds. "All those youth activities I was a part of as a child helped nurture me into the young lady I am today. They gave me a strong foundation in Christ. I am still a part of those same ministries, although now as a leader, because of the impact the leaders made on my life. I would like to in turn do the same for someone else."



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## South Sound United's Family Night

On Friday, 28th May, congregants and friends of the South Sound United Church gathered at the Prospect Youth Centre for an evening of games and fellowship. The event was well attended with twenty-eight

adults and eight children competing in activities such as cornhole, stacking cups, bible trivia, beetle drive and tangram puzzles. Each activity was set up on a separate table and there was a chronological flow from one activity to the next. Attendees were split into smaller groups and each group worked on an activity for ten minutes before being alerted by a whistle to move to the next table. Shouts of



*Rev Chris checking the firm foundation of this stack of cups*

victory, disappointment and banter could be heard for the duration of play. Some even got into theological discussions about the answers to some of the bible trivia. A fellowship meal was shared after the games during which everyone enjoyed a few rounds of "Bible Bingo". The games were organised by **Valerie Anderson** who was also the time-keeper and whistle-blower.



*Youth Minister Roy McGregor enjoying bible trivia with mum Saiana Ebanks and her children Aaliyah and Drew.*



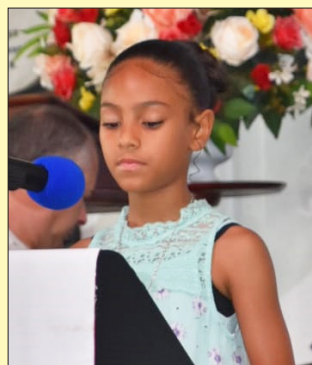
*L-R: Rev Otto Menko, Mark Frye, Rachael Hanson and Gay Frye playing an intense game of Beetle Drive.*



*L-R: Sofia, Irene, Naomi, Rhett and Heber building tangram puzzles.*

## Youth Sunday at Elmslie

Pictured below are a few highlights from Youth Sunday which was held at Elmslie Church on Sunday, 30th May. The children did a wonderful job of leading the service under the guidance of many of our invaluable Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, music & worship director, musicians and youth minister.



## FBC Choir to Visit Elmslie

Elmslie will be hosting the First Baptist Church Choir on Sunday evening, 27th June, in the sanctuary. For several years, the choir has visited various other churches, together with the prison, on its Spring tour, and we can look forward to a special treat as this first-class choir ministers to us in song. Please make a special effort to attend. Starting time is 6.30 pm. Refreshments will be provided following the concert. For more information, call 949-0692 or fbc@fbc.org.ky.



## Jennelle (Cont'd. from Page 1)

Jennelle was asked what it was about being part of the church she valued. She replied, "I value the family love we have amongst us. If someone doesn't see you at worship, they call or message to make sure you are okay. I also value that we can work together as a team, using everyone's talents to make things happen in church."

She did identify challenges in the church, especially in the area of youth work. "It's hard to get volunteers for the youth ministries so it's the same people working in the vineyard all the time. I'm not saying I don't love what I do but it's good for individuals to get a break to rekindle their fire for the Lord."

The church is truly blessed to have dedicated young Christians such as Jennelle, prepared to give their time and energy in the service of her Lord. Let us pray for her and for others who are committed to serving our young people.

## Special Wedding Anniversaries



Congratulations to  
**Richard & Chilian Ellison**  
20 years on 13th July  
and  
**Simone & Walling Whittaker**  
10 years on 23rd July

## Special July Birthdays

Happy Birthday to

**Chuck Mobley** - 60 on the 7th  
**Jaden Thompson** - 16 on the 23rd  
**Patsy Seymour** - 90 on the 24th  
**Mavis Morris** - 80 on the 28th

## News from Nyoman Sumaryana

Nyoman writes from Bali: "Last week Saturday we were travelling to Singaraja on a visit when we had a small accident, and the back glass of my car was broken. But, thanks to God, we were all safe and were able to continue home. Praise God! The family whom we visited accepted Christ!"

He continued, "I learned some lessons from this – the ministry is something that requires us to have courage and to sacrifice. The cost is expensive, but

Christ has set an example." Replacing the back window, he indicates, will cost US\$400 – a large sum in that country. Nyoman went on to say, "As soldiers of Christ, we must focus on soul winning. Our needs are sure to be met by the faithful Great Shepherd, and we must believe he is ready to provide through the 'Central Bank of Allah.'" (Allah is the name for God, even among Christians, in that part of the world.)

"When I had the accident, I was in shock but after a few seconds the Holy Spirit reminded me that I have to rejoice – because of the harvest. The problem is small compared to the result of the work of that day."

He baptised two ladies, converted from a Hindu background, the following week. Their names are **Williani and Yuli Oktavani** (see picture).



## A Note from the St. Germain's

It has been a while since we talked, but we are well by the grace of God.

The ministry is moving in spite of Covid 19. I have been giving training to Bethany Baptist Church leaders in Ft. Lauderdale for the last two months under the 'Christ For All' programme.

The week of 18th - 24th May, I was in Haiti preaching in a convention in Jeremie. We had a good ministry time. People came to know Jesus as Saviour, and 45 couples who were living together got married.

Please continue to pray for us because the churches here (Haitian churches in Florida) are about to resume their activities and we will be happy to help them.

Give our greetings to Elmslie and South Sound Churches.  
In His name, **Bresile & Vita**.



## Summer Small Groups

The usual Elmslie Church small groups will be taking a break during July and August. However, as there are many who would like to meet during the summer, the groups will join together every other week in the hall for Bible studies. These will be led by different people. They will be held on Wednesdays, 14th & 28th July and 11th & 25th August. Keep your eyes and ears open for more details.

## Elmslie Church Sisters



Pictured left to right are **Gwen Hughes-Coward, Janet Macmillan, Alex O'Neil, Francella Myles, Joan McField and Renie Palmer** who gathered around **Helen Merren** who had just returned to church following a a month-long absence. Helen's family writes that they are very grateful to Elmslie Church and the community for all the well wishes, love and prayers during the time of Helen's recent illness.

## Summer Camps Soon Come

July has traditionally been the month for our United Church camps. However, this year, there is a difference, with the camps being day ones rather than residential.

This is an important time for our young people as not only do they have a very enjoyable time but many of them are faced with the claims of Jesus on their lives in a particularly significant way. Many of our youth will look back to a camp when they gave their lives to Christ.

How can we help? First, and most importantly, we should pray daily for the campers and their leaders. Second, we might show our practical support by offering to help in some area or by making a contribution. Then you can visit at some point to show your interest. Last, you might be able to sponsor a camper who might otherwise not be able to attend. Talk to our youth minister **Roy McGregor** if you feel you can do any of that.

## VBS 2021 AT ELMSLIE



**2nd - 6th August, 5:30pm - 7:30pm**  
**Ages: 6 - 17 years**

## Rev. Cowan to Demit His Office as CWM General Secretary

**Rev. Dr. Collin Cowan**, a minister of our United Church, demits office as General Secretary of the Council for World Mission after two five-year terms of service. He is to be succeeded on July 1st by **Rev. Dr. Jooseop Keum**.

Many here will remember Rev. Cowan and his family as several years ago he served the West Bay (John Gray) and Savannah Churches.



Rev. Cowan



Rev. Keum



**CHILDREN'S CAMP JULY 18-23 8AM - 6PM**  
**TEENS' CAMP JULY 25-30 8AM - 6PM**

CAYMAN ISLANDS REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL

# SUMMER DAY CAMP

**THEME: ROOT, SHOOT, FRUIT**

**CI\$100**

**FUN FIELD TRIPS FELLOWSHIP FOOD**

**VENUE: PROSPECT YOUTH CENTER**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 4, 2021**

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE FROM YOUTH LEADERS, CHURCH OFFICE AND ONLINE

## THE ANN ROCKETT-JAMES YOUTH MUSIC CAMP

*presented by Elmslie Memorial Church*

Children - 7 years and older  
Tuesday, 13th July – Saturday, 17th July  
at Elmslie United Memorial Church

2:00pm – 5:30pm



FREE ADMISSION

