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Janilee Clifford

We extend our condolences to the family of **Mrs. Janilee Clifford** who passed away on October 6th, a few months after passing her 90th birthday.

Miss Janilee, as many knew her, lived a full and active life. Having grown up on Crewe Road, she was a life-long member of the Robert Young Memorial Church and served as an elder for many years, as well as being involved in many ministries in the church. She was also very active in the community, serving as a Pink Lady and with the Red Cross, to mention two areas of many.

Many knew her, however, for her long service as a teacher at the Cayman Prep School (now the Cayman Prep and High). She started there in 1965, helping out in the absence of the kindergarten teacher, and continued until her retirement in 1996 when she was head of the school's Junior Department. She was highly regarded by students and teachers alike, especially for being the "in-house Caymanian" - knowledgeable and proud of her heritage and able to impart it in such a memorable and personal way that the stories lived on in the minds of her students.

Janilee will be greatly missed, no less than by her five children, **Cathy** and **Carol**, both members at Elmslie, **Janet**, **Susan** and **Chuckie**, and the extended family.



To Be or Not To Be?

Hamlet's question in Shakespeare's play is one, perhaps, we need to ask ourselves as Christians. It may be, however, that the better question is, "Which should take priority - who we *are* or what we *do*? Being or doing?"

The Apostle James is often quoted by those who would answer the second. "Faith without works is dead," he stated. They point to those who make claims to being a Christian but show no Christian action.

But, of course, James is simply stressing that if we claim to believe, it will be seen as invalid unless there is evidence of that belief in a person's life and behaviour. He is in no way denying the Apostle's Paul's statement that "it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, ... not by works" (Ephesians 2:8-9). His emphasis is different. He is simply stating that what we say we believe will be seen in service.

The truth is that we behave in a certain way because of how we view life. There is saying: "Whatever a man thinks, so he is." Our view of the world will translate into a lifestyle. Our minds govern how we behave, what we do and how we relate.

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Profile of Marcos Tinoco

Some may have wondered as to who the imposing looking guy playing the bass guitar during morning worship is. So, *Family News* decided to catch up with him to find out a little about him.

Marcos first arrived on the island over 18 years ago – just before Hurricane Ivan – but left after four years before returning in 2010, and has been living and working here since.

“I was born and grew up in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in a family of five brothers and two sisters,” he says. “My mother converted from Catholicism to becoming a Baptist a few months before I was born so I came into the world to a brand new Protestant family. All my family are committed Christians.”

Marcos said he himself became a Christian and was baptised in his Baptist church in Rio at the age of 11.

“I attended public schools all my life where I learned a lot of lessons about life. I was fortunate to graduate in Physical Education from the Rio de Janeiro Federal University, continuing to my Masters Degree in Football Specialisation at the same university in the early 90s.”

While at college, he worked for a bank but on graduation, he became a fitness coach for several football clubs in Brazil. He then spent a year in Qatar, followed by two in Saudi Arabia, coaching some Brazilian clubs in between, before coming to Cayman as Senior Men's National Football Coach in 2003.

In 2007, he left Cayman, accepting the job as coach of the Tanzania National Team. After two years, he took a job with a pro-league team in Trinidad and Tobago before moving back to

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Nyoman Sumaryana

Nyoman is the pastor of the Love and Grace Church in Tabanan, Bali, Indonesia. He is one of the missionaries we support. He writes in a recent church update:

“Because of God’s love for us, we keep on penetrating into the Hindu and Muslim community through education. One of the ways to do outreach is by teaching the pre-school children basic English lessons - writing and reading - free of charge. At the end of the class we always give them a small gift to improve their nutrition. Classes are held twice a week.”

“God has opened the door very wide for us to preach the Good News to these children and so as early as possible they hear about the redemption of Jesus Christ our Lord. That is our goal and the rest we lift up to the work of the Holy Spirit to convince them.”

“The advantage of this method is that we can more easily make contact with the parents of the kids which enables us to build a close relation with them.”

He then lists some of the strategies they employ when a person becomes a believer in Christ, especially young people, usually from a Hindu or Muslim background:

- The Bible tells us to put God first before everything. Attending Sunday service and a cell group meeting is the application of living faith.
- Discipleship must characterize the life of the healthy church so we equip the teenager to be ready to be a witness in their community – to their own family, at school and in the community.
- Baptism is the first step to lead people to have a victorious life as believer as they are born again to new life with Christ.

He ends, “We thank you for your partnership in ministry since the beginning until today. We really appreciate your prayer and support as you know this fruitful ministry is the result of your consistent prayer and support. We encourage you to take part in this kingdom project for God, and we pray He will continue to grant us time that we will use wisely for His glory.”

Editor's note: Nyoman has been experiencing some health issues for which you might pray.



CPHS Priority Registration Deadline

The school provides priority registration for those who wish to register their children. Among those qualifying are the children or grandchildren of members in good standing or active adherents of the United Church. The school requires a letter from the church to confirm this.

For anyone interested, please note the deadline for the coming 2023-2024 school year is **Monday, October 31st**.

The school can be contacted at 949-5932 (the Primary) or 949-9115 (the High) or by emailing psadmissions@cayprep.edu.ky or hsadmissions@cayprep.edu.ky



Special November Birthdays

Happy Birthday to

Betty Ann Mobley - 60 on the 6th

Dania Cayasso - 94 on the 14th

Aaliyah McLean - 21 on the 22nd

To Be or Not ... (Cont'd from Page 1)

What is it that makes a Christian attractive? What is it at the end of the day that will make them best remembered? It is their character. Who they are. That they are authentic with regard to their faith. They display something of the character of Christ.

As Christians, therefore, it is essential that we focus first and foremost on who we are – our character. We need to cultivate our relationship with the Lord, get to know him better and allow his Spirit to make us more like Christ. It is not that we should be like some of the lazy Christians in Thessalonica who, thinking that Jesus was returning any day, sat around doing nothing – something Paul chided them for. The point is, unless we are in a right relationship with God, are growing in spiritual maturity and experiencing the fulness of his Spirit, all our “works”, as good as they might be, will be of little ultimate use or bring honour to God. This is because all we do as Christians can only be effective when we recognize that God is working in and through us. “Apart from me” said Jesus, “you can do nothing” (John 15:5) – nothing of ultimate value. Learning this truth requires us to actively and seriously focus on cultivating our relationship with him.

We live in a world which likes to recognize people for what they have done. They are given plaques or honours. A few weeks ago, one of our own, **Janilee Clifford**, passed away. Her passing made me think of two other ladies who recently died – **Elizabeth Hurlston** and **Olive Miller**. All three were true icons for their outstanding service to society. All had received awards from the Government. Yet, they had something else in common. Each loved their Lord. Their faith and relationship with him was the most important thing to them. Their willingness to be involved and serve their church as well as the wider society was an expression of this. Their faith was seen as authentic, expressed in “good works”.

More than anything else we need to focus on deepening our relationship with God. We need to spend more time with him, with his Word, in prayer. This should be the focus, too, of our Bible studies and preaching. The thing that may surprise us is that those who do this will be those who become more and more active in Christian service, reaching out in witness and meeting people’s needs. Their faith is not “dead”!

Paul expresses something supremely important in the last verse of 2 Corinthians 3 with regard to Christians who understand this: “We all... are being transformed into (Christ’s) image with ever increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.” May we be those whose desire more than anything else is to display the image of Christ in our lives and our deeds.

Michael Bowerman

A Blast from the Past - Rev. Dr. Neil Banks, preaching at Elmslie in the 1970s

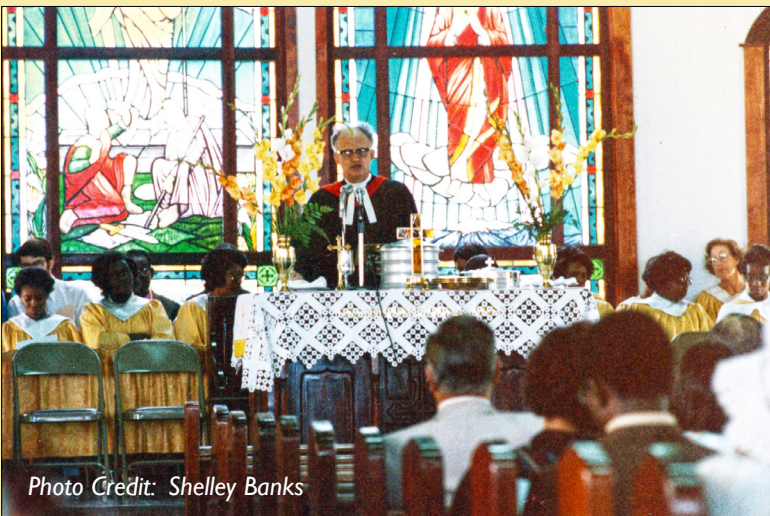


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Special Wedding Anniversary



Congratulations and Happy Anniversary to a wonderful couple - our pastor **Rev. Chris** and **Mrs. Ann Marie Mason** (pictured on their wedding day in 1992) who will celebrate 30 years of marriage on the 28th of November. May the Lord bless you with many more years of happiness together as you continue to serve Him.

Quotable Quotes on Faith

“The opposite of faith is not doubt or worry or fear; it is unbelief. However, these others cause faith to waver, they can contribute towards unbelief but they are not opposites” (Anon).

“When there is no longer opportunity for doubt, there is no longer any opportunity for faith, either” (Michel Tournier).

“God has put enough reason into the world to make faith in him a reasonable thing but left enough out to make it impossible to live by reason alone” (Ravi Zacharias).

“Faith means a vow (to God) ‘for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health.’ It means to love God and to cling to him no matter what” (Philip Yancey).

“The Christian’s default in every situation is faith – not how they feel or what they think they want. It states that they trust God whatever the circumstances” (Anon).

“The object of faith is the will of God. Faith is not a means of getting a person’s will done in heaven; it is the means of getting God’s will done on earth” (Ron Dunn).

“It isn’t a big faith we need; it’s a small faith in a big God – faith the size of a mustard seed” (Anon).

“Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God” (Corrie ten Boom).

“Faith takes the long view. God’s shadow is a long

Marcos Tinoco (Cont'd. from Pg. 2)

Cayman in 2010 in order to work for the C.I. Football Association (CIFA). He continues, "From 2014 to 2016 I worked for FIFA but in 2017 accepted a job as the Finance Director of Polar Bear Air-Conditioning where I now am. I am also the General Secretary of CIFA."

Marcos met his wife-to-be, **Martha Godet**, soon after he arrived on the island in 2003 but they did not get married until 2014. "The wedding service was in Brazil," he says, "and was officiated by my young brother who is a minister of music in a Portuguese Baptist Church in San Francisco. Martha was very important to me in my early days here in Cayman, especially during Hurricane Ivan. I have a son in Brazil and inherited four children and eight beautiful grandchildren here in Cayman."

He was asked how and when he got involved in the church here. "Martha introduced me to Elmslie Church around the time of Hurricane Ivan, and I have been attending Elmslie ever since."

"Playing the bass guitar in the church is my greatest pleasure in life and I am very proud to be part of Elmslie Music Ministry. I grew up in a family in which everyone loved music. I have enjoyed music in the church from my early teens, from singing in the choir to playing guitar, the bass and the piano."

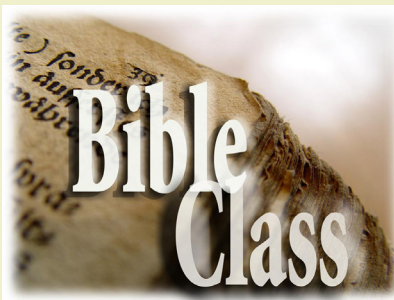
When asked what he likes about Elmslie, he replied, "I like the services and the brotherhood atmosphere in the church. I see people expressing themselves without any discrimination or any other restrictions, which is good for our worship. Obviously, I love the music and I am blessed to have a very talented music minister like **Antonio**. I learn a lot from him, such as the many different music styles we use in our praise worship." He added that he would like to see more youngsters involved in the church, and he would want more social activities!

With a hectic work schedule, he says that there is little time left for hobbies and other recreational activities. "But when I have free time I play music in my personal home studio. I can stay there for hours playing and enjoying my instruments."

Marcos ends, "My only word to Elmslie is a big thank you! I am blessed to be part of the church and to play music there. Contributing in the worship to our Lord is my greatest honour and pleasure."

Adult Bible Class to Start

We reported last month that an adult Bible class would be imminently starting. For various reasons, the start was delayed and it will now begin on **Sunday, November 6th**, at



9.30 am, and will last for about 45 minutes. The ABC will be held in the hall and taught by **Mike Bowerman** who will start with a series on Romans 1-8.

This is a great opportunity to become more familiar with this great book and the basic beliefs of our faith. Therefore, everyone is encouraged to attend.

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

In commemoration of the 100th Anniversary
of the Dedication of the Elmslie Church Sanctuary



SANCTUARY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

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Rev. Norbert Stephens

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CI\$25 (children 12 and under)

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30th
OCTOBER
4:00 pm

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Guest Preacher:
Rt. Rev. Gary Harriott,
Moderator
The United Church
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Refreshments will be served
in the church hall
following the service.

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