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MEMBER of PARLIAMENT

The celebration of your 21st. Pastoral Anniversary is indeed an important milestone in the development of congratulational assemblies in the Portmore Community and coinciding as it does with your founding church celebrating its 21 years of existence really provides ample reason for the publishing of an Historical Magazine.

An Historical review at this time provides the opportunity to closer examine our achievements using these as basic stepping stones for assisting us as we contemplate what solutions we should formulate.

Public attention on the economical and political aspects of our country has from time to time diverted attention from the fundamental role which the church plays in binding and unifying all persons regardless of the form any threat of segregation may take.

It is, I am sure a very fortunate occasion for the Portmore Community that the Church of God in Christ Jesus (Apos) planted its roots in the area thus entering into and enriching our lives not only with deep spiritual fulfilment but has also linked this to the social fabric of our community.

On the occasion of your 21st. Pastoral Anniversary it gives me great pleasure and a feeling of genuine pride, as Member of Parliament to leave with you a message of hope, and I am very pleased for the privilege of rejoicing with you for having achieved this significant milestone. Portmore is indeed richer because you came.

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THE MAYOR



Everrod Williams Mayor of Spanish Town.

It is with great pleasure that I offer my sincere congratulations to the Church of God in Christ Jesus (Apostolic) at Indepence City on the attainment of its 21st Anniversary in January, 1986.

This Church, well known as "Rehoboth" had its humble beginning under the leadership of Reverend Bradley S.E. Dyer at the nearby district of Christian Pen, Gregory Park in August of 1964 with a membership of less than ten persons. Some years later, the place of worship was removed to the present location at Augusta Drive.

I have had the opportunity of seeing the membership of this church growing from strength to strength over the years and which now stands today at Seven Hundred (700) - (adults and children).

The existence of this Church in a community, with a mixed population expanding all around, must be complimented, and high praise should be extended to the founding Pastor — Rev. Dyer the person who still guides and controls the congregation.

We are thankful that, regardless of the many problems which might surround us, we still have that great freedom of worship and Réligion that will make people good Christians and good citizens.

The Rehoboth Church of Independence City and its mother Church and HeadquartersNo.3 Burke Road, Kingston 13, are well known house-hold names by their religious Radio Programmes on R.J.R. at 4:30 on Friday mornings, and 11:45 on Sunday nights on J.B.C. respectively.

The citizens of Independence City are grateful for the efforts of "Rehoboth" in also lhaving a Basic School with an attendance of One Hundred and Fiftv (150) children whose young minds are being molded to cope with the challenges which they will meet in their daily life.

Let me hope that continued success will be your Church from day-to-day and I wish for you a happy week of Anniversary celebration commencing on January 20, 1986.

God bless you all



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THE BISHOP



Bishop S.A. Bailey

It is most gratifying to sit back and watch God at work making some of the most beautiful things out of the lives of those that are committed to Him, "For the Lord taketh pleasure in His people', "And will beautify the meek with Salvation".

I have been associated with Rev. B.S.E. Dyer from his conversion in 1962. He was a young man full of zeal for the work of the Lord then and has not changed over the years.

It was evident that he was called for a purpose and that purpose has been his aim with singleness of mind

and heart. I became his Overseer for the District in which his Church falls, then the Bishop for the Diocese, of all the Pastors and Elders who falls in either category I am constantly in contact with him daily, of his struggles and victories, I have first hand knowledge. It was not an easy task to pioneer the work in Christian Pen thence to Independence City, "but how then shall they preach except they be sent." as it is written, through his dedication, humility and hardwork he ascended to the position of General Secretary for the organization and more recently to overseer for the No. 2 district being responsible for nine (9) Churches falling between Kingston, St. Andrew and St. Thomas.

As Chairman of the Board of Bishops here in Jamaica, for the Churches of God in Christ Jesus (Apostolic) we are proud of Rev. Dyer, proud of him for his faithfulness, for his achievements, and for his dedication to the Gospel. "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace and tidings of good things" may God continue to bless him, to bless the Church at Independence City and continue to guide through the wiles of the enemy.

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THE EDITOR



I was exposed to the Apostolic doctrine fifteen (15) years ago while I was attending Kingston Technical High School, but some things are forgotten through negligence, others because it's not nurtured and my introduction of the 'gospel' was short-lived becaused of a combination of both.

My meeting with Rev. Dyer was a controversial one. I was upset and often times rebellious about his seemingly 'dictator' attitude and the things he stood

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for. He wanted me to do a job and to serve the Lord, I was willing to do the job, but to serve the Lord (especially on his terms) I wasn't so sure about. Today, things are different. There are times when he puts a spoke in my wheel because of the zeal which I now have to serve the Lord. Many things have been said about this 'man of God' most of them to his discredit, but he has kept his eyes on Jesus hence he can walk on troubled waters.

I was dubious about editing the magazine when it was dropped in my lap, especially as it came at a time when my schedule was packed air-tight. But it's hard to let down those who depend on you. When I stopped to think of the many lives that he has saved from utter desolation, I was more than honoured to comply with his wish.

It wasn't easy but the realization of this Souvenir Magazine was the vision of Rev. B.S.E. Dyer along with the hard work and dedication of those who believe in him.

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MESSAGE FROM THE JAMAICA PENTECOSTAL UNION (APOS.)



Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature Mark: 16:16.

For nineteen hundred years the Christian Church as been trying to evangelise the world. If this is its business it has failed as there are more unconverted in the world today than ever before. Each generation, the number of heathens increases rapidly over the number of christians.

The scripture does not convey the idea that all the world would be converted, but that the message of Jesus Christ should be proclaimed in all the world that those who believe on him may be preached for heavenly citizenship.. In Acts: 15:14 Simeon has related how God hath visited the Gentiles to pick out a people for his name. This is the christian mission. Go preach. The question is; preach what? It is not just Away In a Manger No Crib for a Bed or Mary's Boy child in Bethlehem. Paul says in Romans: 1:16 I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto Salvation. The Greek word used here for power is dynamic from which the word dynamite is derived. If we should substitute the word 'dynamite' for the word 'power' the text would read for lam not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the Dynamite of God into Salvation'. Indeed the Gospel is the Dynamite of God. It is God's explosive power that changes the lives of the sinner to a saint, that brings new hope where there was despair, that opens the high way to Heaven through the death, burial and resurection of Jesus Christ.

It is in this context and against this background that the Jamaica Pentecostal Union (Apostolic) congratulate Rev. B.S.E. Dyer and The Independence City, Rehoboth Apostolic Church for 21 years of preaching the gospel. This is indeed a mile stone. Your Dynamic Ministry has certainly been instrumental in changing the lives of many. We trust that God will grant you the grace to fullfil the Christian Mission

Rev. C.A. Tommy Holdsworth (Chairman)

JAIL BREAK

"Jail Break"
'Jail Break'
Sinful oppressors are running
'Jail Break'
'Jail Break'
But there is no escape

I was on my marks
Not knowing which way to go
But when the preacher made his remarks
I was running for my life and thats all I know

'Jail Break'
,'Jail Break'
Sinful oppressors are running!

'Jail Break'
'Jail Break'
And yet we are getting nowhere

This world is like a prison
And there's no true peace around
In whichever direction
You're still within it's compound

'Jail Break'
'Jail Break'
Sinful Ippressors are running!
'Jail Break'
'Jail Break'
But there's no escape



PASTOR M.E. Bailey _

During the early sixties, a group of young men who were new converts showed an enthusiasm and a zest for the gospel that many a time I had to exercise patience in teaching and showing them the way of the Lord.

Elder Bradley Dyer was an active member of this group and very soon it could be seen that the Lord was going to use this young man in a very special way. At the time I called about seven (7) of them to the Ministry I was severely criticised for having appointed them so young. , but it was the will of God and I was only his medium.

Today I am mighty proud of him and of the work he is doing; of the seven appointed, only two remain in the Island in the work. I can recall clearly a time when Rev. Dyer's church came under severe persecution, I was in Port Maria at the time recuperating from a bout of illness, and the Lord revealed the hard time he was going through, the spirit also revealed that he must go on a 49 days fast in order to free the church. I was on my way to his church to tell him the vision when I met him in Kingston on his way to see me in Port Maria. I told him what the Lord said and he obeyed.

On this his 21st Church and Pastoral anniversary, I would like to encourage the Saints not to give up as it is always darkest before dawn, God has no pleasure in them that put their hands to the plough and draw it back. To the Pastor, I would say keep on the firing line, dont stop now, if you should stop then you will lose that Heavenly crown. Trials and persecution will come but press on so that at the end of the journey the Lord can say "Well done thou good and faithful servant". May God continue to bless you all.

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MESSAGE FROM MOTHER IRIS L. BROWN



I grew up in the Roman Catholic Faith as a child but when I went to live in Watson Grove, I visited all the churches in the area but just could not feel the love of God. So when the Gospel came to Christian Pen a little district ajacent to Watson Grove one Thursday night in 1964, I was thirsty for the 'word'.

Prior to that in the same, year, I got a vision where I found myself in a prayer meeting, after the meeting a lady was calling the roll and she turned to me and asked me if my name was written in the book, I answered 'no' I had the same vision three (3)

weeks after I got the first vision. In that same week Evangelist B.S.E. Dyer led a team of Crusaders to the area who told us that they were going to hold an open air meeting. The Preacher was Minister Guthrie. After the meeting Elder Largie made the alter call and the song was 'Is your name written in the Lamb's book of Life?' I accepted the Lord. Nine (9) of my ten (10) children (two adapted) accepted the Lord and were baptised and filled with the Holy Ghost. From that point I decided to make my home available for prayer services and Sunday school. This kept on for two (2) years until the church was able to lease a piece of land and put up a temporary building in Christian Pen (adjacent to Watson Grove) we kept services there until we were blessed to have a proper church constructed at Independence City. Today I hold the position of 'Mother" of the Church the most senior position for any female in the church. I am often called upon to instruct, advise, direct and take care of the other females and I am thanking God that he sees it fit to use me in this position. Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come, tis grace that has brought me thus far and grace will lead me home.

I am glad for my beloved Pastor, glad for his teachings and for the way he has led me to the Lord. I'm encouraging the saints to stay with the Lord, be not discouraged although trials and temptation may come your way. My hope and desire for the church is that God will continue to bless the church and bless Rev. Dyer as he continue in God's service.

THOUGHTS AND REFLECTIONS

- 1. God sometimes puts us in the dark to show us that He is ,
- We can measure our likeness to Christ by our sensitivity to the suffering of others.
- God is the only third party in a marriage that cam make it work.
- 4. A God forsaken person is one who have forsaken God.
- 5. God's provisions are always greater than our problems.
- 6. Where God guides, He provides.
- 7. The sin we try to cover up will someday brings us down.
- 8. No sin is small for it is against an Infinite Cod.
- 9. Faith steps in where pride steps out.
- 10. The greatest ability is dependability.
- Broken things became blessed things if you let Christ do the mending.
- 12. It is hard to be distracted by the world when we are attracted by Christ.
- 13. A person is never so empty as when he is full of self.
- 14. Time is but the gateway to eternity.

- We are pardoned from sin but we are not excused from service.
- If the going is really easy beware you may be going downhill.
- 17. You teach with your life than with your lips.
- The way to take fear out of living is to put your faith in the Lord.
- 19. God sends trials not to impair us but to improve us.
- If your christianity is worth having it should be worth sharing.
- 21. He possesses all, who knows the Creator of all.
- 22. No life is hopeless unless Christ is ruled out.
- Don't rob yourself of being you by trying to do what others do.
- 24. The best proof of love for God is love for one another.
- Go to your Bible regularly, open it prayerfully; Read it expectantly; live it joyfully.
- 26. There will be more power in the pulpit when there is more praise from the pew.
- 27. Love not only gives, it also forgives.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Rev. B.S.E.Dyer Pastor

August 4th, 1964 I was moved by an overwhelming burden from the Lord to leave the crowded city where most preachers were contented to sit in their luxurious edifices to come to a deserted part of the vineyard known as Christian Pen to preach the Gospel of Salvation to men and women who had never heard the Jesus name Apostolic Gospel before.

It was a hard task and a challenge indeed but being insighted with the Gospel which is the very Power of God indeed to Salvation, I had all confidence that I would have been successful. The first 5 years were spent in a dance hall which we had captured in the name of Jesus, our roof was the open sky (one songwriter called it God's Cathedral). This long exposure has caused me to suffer from a head cold even to this day.

The next 5 years were spent in a little shed in Christian Pen called the "University", rightly called so since it was a teaching ground; a place where we learnt so many things which could not ordinarily have been learnt in any school.

By the grace of God and through the help of a Mr. Hamilton and West Indies Home Contractors Ltd., we were able to obtain the first church spot in the entire Portmore development which is the present location known as Lot 1 Augusta Drive, Independence City, St. Catherine, It was officially opened on January 11th. 1976 by the Hon. Ripton McPherson the then M.P. for the area. I was also installed Pastor and authoratative leader of the church by The Right Rev. Harry Wilson — Chairman of the Churches of God in Christ Jesus (Apos.) International.

I thought that at this installation my trials and persecution were over but about one year later I began to realise the real purpose of my 'University' training as I came in confrontation with some of the worst demons of darkness which led us into areas such as the upper room of zion; the relentless persecution of the church and my Ministry, the Exodus of the members to elsewhere; the threats on my life and my

family etc. Had it not been that I was well trained by the Lord I would have taken my feet in my hand and run.

The songwriter was right when he said that through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come; Tis grace that has brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home. I have learnt by experience to trust in the Lord and I have learnt to trust in God: you see, my theme song is — As I journey through the land, singing as I go, pointing souls to Calvary through the Crimson flow; many arrows pierce my soul, from without, within but my Lord leads me on; through him I must win. Through him I have won and will continue winning.

I would love to leave these few words to my fellow preachers and Pastors "The kindom of God suffer violence here on Earth and Jesus rightly said 'The harvest is ripe but the labourers are few'. There is a strong Macedonion call for men and women of God to arise and answer to the Master's call as it is a true saying that far-far- away in Heathen darkness dwelling, Millions of souls forever will be lost. God needs you to go Salvation story telling. Take the Challenge. Jesus called for self denial; he also called for the dropping of the net. He distinctly said if, you love these more than I, you cannot feed my sheep.

As I celebrate this 21st Anniversary my mind is crowded with many memories of the past, and with the plans of the future but I should like to thank the following persons who have assisted me in one way or another in doing this great work first and foremost Pastor M.E. Bailey, Bishop S.A. Bailey, Bishop L.A. Guthrie, Evang. H. James, Sis T. Chambers-Wright, Mother I.L.Brown, Elder & Evang. Gordon, Evang. Barriffe and many others not to mention the father of the Faith last but not least, the Editor of this magazine and principal of the St. John's College Sis. V.Johnson. May the God and everlasting father continue to keep you in his care and grant you his richest blessings.

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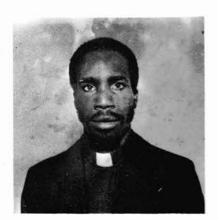
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that it marks a significant mile post in the history of our church and the history of the communities in the Port- yet failed to appear in the 21 years. We are truly happy more area.

It is my opinion that our work will be more effective as we are more mature to deal with the many problems stay in Christ. To the residents of the area, I say come which we have no doubt will face us in the future.

As a religious institution, we are commissioned by all. Jesus Christ to preach and teach the gospel. This involves not only the spiritual aspect but the social and material aspect as well.

We must acknowledge our pastor and founder of this great work - Rev. Bradley S.E Dyer, who has steered us over the years, we love, respect and honour him for his courage and determination, he stood the test of time, persecution and apostasy, he stood in the Arena, armed only with the helmet of salvation, the breastplate of righteousness, the girdle of truth, the sword of the spirit and the shoes of the gospel hence his victory.

We have no doubt that he was called by God. His This 21st anniversary will be long remembered, in ministry carries the sign of rain, whenever he prophesy or crusades an area, we look for this sign, never has it with the knowledge that we have a chosen vessel of God.

> In closing, I would entreat the Pastor and Saints to taste, and see that the Lord is good. May God bless you

> > Rev. Tyrone Gordon Act. Pastor.

SECRETARY



January 1986 will mark the beginning of a new stage for the Church at Lot 1 Augusta Drive, Independence City, it will have attained the stage of development called 'Manhood' and so we celebrate our 'Barmitzva' called Rehoboth 21.

The Church at Lot 1 Augusta Drive has its roots in the Community of Christian Pen also in the Parish of St. Catherine 'The University' as it was popularly known. Today we give God thanks for our new elaborate edifice where our light is still shining brightly in a world dark with sin.

We have been blessed to have a dynamic and outstanding leader in the person of Rev. B.S.E. Dyer who has the force necessary for excellence to be achieved.

I have been a part of the Church from its Kindergarten stage and have watched the growth, achievements and changes. One of our most evident achievement to date is this magazine which stands as a landmark to raise the eyebrows of all those who read it.

Finally, knowing the great benefit which christianity can give to people, the Church will continue to open the eyes of people to Godliness.

May the influence of the Church continue to grow May the Church continue to prosper May the Community continue to feel increasingly proud of Lot 1 Augusta Drive in all its activities.

> M.R. Barriffe Secretary

Bradley Septimus Erwin Dyer was born in the little district of Cairncurran, Westmoreland to the parentage of Wycliffe and Beatrice Dyer in the year 1942. He was the third of twelve children but his family considered him number one in terms of his maturity.

Having attended Cairncurran and Caledonia all-age school, he decided to migrate to "City Kingston" in the hope of seeking his fortune. To the little 'country boy', whose life had been surrounded by parents who were sound christians, the big city offered a more lucrative life-style, and Western Kingston, Denham Town to be exact, the home of his aunt, formed the ideal nucleous in embracing this 'High Spirited' young man. Soon the city taught him its way of life.

While embarking on a brilliant apprentice-ship in auto mobile body repairs, Bradley Dyer found himself taking up the leadership and responsibility of a group of young 'thugs' who, under his care and protection, feared no foe. His aunt having noticed that leadership qualities were inherant in her nephew, tried without success to have him become a politician, and the Catholics, who seeing his control of the youths in the area, encouraged him to become a priest. Bradley toyed with this idea, for a while he became fascinated with it and had it not been that he was a little too young he might have entered the priesthood. Ironically, being active in the Catholic faith did not hamper his social activities as he continued to drink and smoke profusely.

This young man was nobody's fool, he managed to evade the law and its reprimand while metering out his acts of law-lessness. This became a set pattern for the next couple years.

The Christmas of 1961 was 'D-Day in the life of Bradley Dyer, he was unusually drunk that Christmas, in so much that he shook the columns of an old house causing it fo fall to the ground.

Through the many invitations from a neighbour, Sis. Sinclair, who presumably felt sorry for and pitied this brilliant brain which was being wasted he finally visited a church in Benbow Street where he heard a most intriguing message from one Elder Lynch. He was now living in Jones Town, the Birth place of many criminals.

Somewhere about the early part of January, he had a visitation from the Lord by way of a voice and a vision in the

sky - on entering his gate one evening at about six p.m., his movement was arrested by an unknown force, simultaneously he looked up and written in blood was there words "Behold I have called thee to be a Preacher of Judgement", there ensued a voice repeating the words accompanied by a sound as of mighty rushing waters, he turned and looked but there was no one there. Bradley Dyer was scared! his cigarette fell from his hands, he ran to his room and went undercover. He tried to drown his vision through the rum bottle, cigarette smoking and indecent language. He was losing his sanity and his grip on reality. Somewhere about this time the Lord spoke to him yet another time, the Lord told him that if he did not do his bidding then he would end his days in the assylum. He riotious living lasted for ten days, on or about the 20th of the month he secretly decided that he was going to give his life to Christ. As a result he went to a little church at 8 Pouvatt Street and when the altar call was made he went and repented and cried bitterly. On Sunday 31st January, he and his girlfriend 'Cherry' visited a church at No. (3) three Burke Road, the preacher on the floor was Bishop Monroe Saunders, his message was GOD is not willing that any should perish. When the altar call was made his hands fell from his girlfriend's waist and he said "Cherry I am gone", his repentance was now complete.

He was baptised at No. (3) three Burke Road in the precious name of the Lord Jesus Christ. He tarried for five months fervently believing that the Lord was going to do something wonderful for him

Five months later he was filled with the Holy Ghost and from there after; the blessings of the Lord could be seen manifesting in him.

It was later identified by Bishop Taylor of Burke Road that the gift of preaching was the blessing of Bro. Dyer after having heard him for the first time from the pulpit of 3 Burke Road, taking his sermon from Romans Chapter 10 v 2 & 3.

One month after, this prophetic discovery was made public when a group from his church went to Port Royal and he was called upon to preach. This time his sermon was taken from Ephesians Chapter 6 and was entitled "Put on the whole armour of God". After he was finished preaching an old preacher by the name of Stewart got up and blessed him

and told him that he was called by God to preach this Gospel.

This young man was even more Dynamic in his zeal for Christ than he had ever been about his lawlessness that he was the talk of the day. He became the Youth Leader for three years. His growth was so rapid, he had outgrown all other leaders.

Somewhere about April 1984, he was called by his pastor, Pastor M.E. Bailey who told him that the Lord wanted him to be a Minister. (He was later recommended and Ordained) six months later he was led by the spirit into St. Cathrine, the Lord told him that all the preachers were stucked into the city so he should go into the Country side. After consulting with his pastor she gave him her blessings and sent him to view the land as that was what the Lord wanted him to do. He was asked to make a report to her of the land viewed.

On the first Sunday in August, 1964, he rode on a Spanish Town bus, he alighted at White Marl along with (4) four other Evangelists who had accompanied him. Being in command, he instructed two to go to Caymanas Bay and took with him Sis. Williams and Bro. Arnold. They came to a little district known as 'Christian Pen". They were warmly welcome by the Social Mother for the Community. There followed a mighty service backed by approximately 40 saints from Burke Road. Evangelist Dyer kept Street meetings from shop piazza to shop piazza, preaching the word of God as the Holy Ghost gave utterance.

Later he leased a plot of land on which the church was erected. Later he was able to erect a monumental house of worship which is the present building housing a membership of approximately 500 saints.

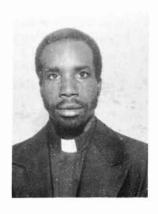
From there on, this Preacher has moved from strength to strength the blessings of the Lord cam be seen manifesting itself in him. Many preachers are preaching about God but not preaching for God. "Behold I have called thee to be a preacher of Judgement" is a practical call to the ministry and one which can never be forgotten.



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The Apostolic Religion

The Apostolic Religion involves free expression, an emotional approach to worship with many avenues for activity and creativity. The religion is founded on the works of the apostles of Jesus Christ as related in the bible. The apostolics are the off-spring of the Apostles and seek to Pratice everything that they can find that that was done by the apostles, prominent among their beliefs are the following:

- (1) Salvation is a free gift apart from deeds.
- (2) The individual as well as the group should submit to the leading of the spirit.
- (3) There should be a return to the simplicity of worship of the Apostolic age.
- (4) Believers should 'seperate' themselves from the world and should look to the imminent visible return of Christ who will abolish the present powers and systems and set up his reign.

The main differences in this religion and other christian churches of the same order and conventional churches are namely:

- (1) The Pratice of baptism in the name of Jesus Christ.
- (2) Receiving the infilling of the holy ghost and speaking in tongues (some churches Pratice; this without adhering to the baptism in Jesus name).
- (3) The concept of the Godhead J. That Jesus is God. Father in creation, Son in redemtion, and Holy Ghost in the church

The Apostolics believe that Jesus Christ is both Father and son and the former is the same holy ghost in the church today. Here lies a great difference between this religion and other christian churches.

He later teach that there are three persons in the The latter teach that there are three persons in the Godhead and do not practise baptism in Jesus' name but in the title of the father the son and the holy ghost.

Apostolics base their concepts on events which occured on the day of pentecost as recorded in the bible in the book of Acts, the second chapter, the thirty-eight verse of this chapter relates that remission of sins is by baptism in the name of Jesus Christ, and the Apostolics believed that if this is not done sins are not remitted. Other scriptures substantiate the claim that all things should be done in Jesus name.

The baptism of the holy ghost. A second baptism is of great importance: It is the 'passport' and and 'visa' to heaven. The ability to speak in tongues i seen as an indication of the attainment of sanctification and proof of possession of the spirit, which is the Hall Mark of the christian experience.

Worship services involve the singing of hymns hand clapping, foot stamping (dancing) spiritual seizures and joyous ejaculations of alleluial, praise the Lordly, and ameniterivation and crusades are held frequently as means of winning "souls" and reclaiming "backsliders". This is the aim of all worship services and rituals, it is a total way of life for the members. I gives meaning to their lives as it is anchored in their beliefs and philosophy of life. The Apostolic religion provides guidelines for social behaviour and demand that God be responsive. Religious beliefs have social consequences as God in the form of the holy ghos lives in the lives of the believers every day.



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Youth Department.



Traditionally the age of twenty one is regarded as a significant landmark in the life of an individual, because it symbolizes the attainment of a state of maturity. The Youth Department of the Church of Lot 1 Augusta Drive, Independence City, Portmore, Jamaica could be classified as having attained this stage of development. As a result of this, the Youth Department has been conditioned to fight the good fight of faith. We have been engaged in this warfare from its inception twenty one years ago but the invaluable experiences gained over the period of time have undoubtely brought more wisdom, knowledge and understanding and all the other ingredients necessary for making the young people a dynamic force working together for the furtherance of the work of the Lord. The task was tremendous but there are no limits to achievement when there is courage and divine guidance from the Almighty.

I sincerely hope that in the years to come the Youth Department will prove as treasured a momento as it is today.

> M.R. Barriffe Youth Department President

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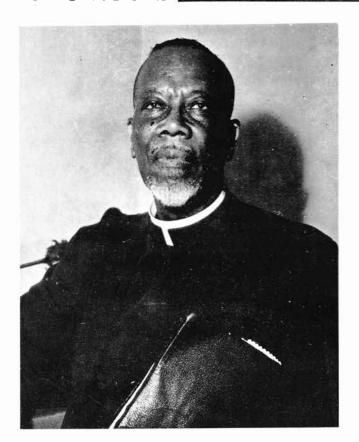


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He made his home in the United States where he furthered his education. In 1912 he was baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ on Feb.5th. In 1917 he began his Evanglistic work. In 1934 he started Pastoring. He Laboured tirelessly and brought the church from its infancy to one of the most powerful churches in the Americas and countries known as The Church of God in Christ Jesus (Apos.).

He came to Jamaica in 1949 where he saw about 5 Apostolic churches struggling to spread the news of the Jesus' name baptism. He organized them into a body and embarked upon Evangelising the region. In 1954 he incorporated the churches through the House of Parliament to his United States based churches and the local churches became known as The Church of God In Christ Jesus (Apos.) of Jamaica Inc. He passed this life Oct. 26th., 1970 but he lives on in our memories for ever.



Bishop L.A. Chambers, one of the oldest Stalwart of the Apostolic doctrine in Jamaica, became the Presiding Bishop of the Churches of God in Christ Jesus (Apos.) Ja. Inc. in 1966.

He held that position for 19 years. He was a man well respected not only for his position but for his humility and humble deportment. The words 'wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove' well describes this genteel personality.

We hail our past Chief and he will continue to live in our hearts.

HERE AND NOW!!



The arrival of the Governor General, The Most Hon. Florizel Glasspole at the Church to officiate at the Jamaica 21 Ecumenical Service on Oct. 20th. 1983 caused quite a stir.



THE MINISTERS

Standing L — \Re Min. R.Brown, Min. E. Higgins, Min. K.Bloomfield, Missy. D.King, Missy Z.Lewis, Min. P. Ashley, Evang. M. Barriffe, Missy. N.Brown, Evang. M.Gordon, Missy. Iris Brown, Missy J. Darling. Seated: L — R. Jnr. Missy. J.Brown, Rev. T. Gordon, Rev. B.S.E. Dyer (Pastor) Jnr. Missy Sharon White.



The boys Club, an affiliate of the Brotherhood dept. was brought about to fill the vacucum for he-man activities should as foot-ball, table-tennis, while at the same time dealing with adolocence problems, counselling and advise thereby fulfilling the need of the spiritual man as well as the physical man.



The light & Water Committee is responsible for the overall monitoring of the utilities in the church and falls under the umbrella of the Brotherhood Dept. L - R. Rev. T.Gordon, Bro. James Wilson (head) Sis. A. Francis (Sec). Bro. D.Williams & Rev. B.S.E. Dyer.



The Girls Club: An affiliate of the Women's Dept. it seeks to foster the total development of young girls with special emphasis on the social and domestic aspect of the "Virtuous Women". This dept. has seen many changes but has recently come under the direction of Sis. Janet Bloomfield who has made tremendous strides with the girls.



Prayer line after the message on a Sunday.



THE REHOBOTH GOSPEL BAND IN ACTION L - R Bro. Charles Barnett, Bro. Desmond, Bro. Jnr. Dyer, Bro. Jnr. McPherson, Bro. Patrick & Min. Kingsford Bloomfield, Leader.



THE USHER BOARD:

This group is the welcome party of the Pastor & the Church in general. They are specially selected for their courtesy and their alertness. They see to the direction of the seating facilities and can be a source of constant help through the service if you need anything.

Back Row: L. - R. Sis Martin, Sis. Gem Daley,
L - R. Sis B. Ivey (Pastor's Usher)
Sis. Nichols (Sec) Sis. J. Davis, Sis K.
Williams. Absent: Bro. Bloomfield
(President) Sis. D. Goldson.



The Senior Song Group a spin off from both the Senior and Junior choir was founded by Missy. Norma Brown. The present leader of the group is Missy. Jean Darling.

Back Row: Brother R. Diedrick, Bro. Frank Barnett, Evang. M. Barriffe & Bro. A. Diedrick.

Front Row: Sis. P. Allen, Sis. Nyjole Dyer, Sis J. Darling (leader) Sis. J. Murdock, Sis. J. Thomas, Sis Erona Williams and Sis N. Wilson.



THE PRAYER BAND

The Prayer band is a specially selected group of persons who are chosen to conduct prayer meetings on a house to house basis as the need arise.

BACK ROW: L - R. Rev. T.Gordon, Bro. A.Diedrick, Bro. R. Diedrick, Rev. B.S.E. Dyer.



THE REHOBOTH JNR. SONG GROUP

L - R: Bro. Jnr. Dyer, Sis M. Ainsworth, Sis. B. Dyer, Sis P. Dyer, Sis M. Johnson, Sis N.Dyer, leader and Bro. S.Syer. The Group has undergone a period of change and is presently managed by Sis V.Johnson.



Promiscous Behaviour

"Hello, it this the police?", A sweet voice asked. "Police emergency. May I help you?", the voice at the other end answered efficiently.

Well I want to report a small robery," the police answering the phone became more interested and eagerly asked what happened. The young girl who was making the call replied "somebody has eaten my dinner and nobody wants to own up."

The policeman laughed, now relieved. At last this was not another crime which would need the attention of almost half of the force. He could manage this one alone and go along with this charming young girl's game. After all, he would still be doing his duty by talking to her.

"Come on my dear, it can't be all that bad. Can't you find something else in the house to eat? Where were you why you did not eat before?"

The girl answered brightly because by now she had gained some confidence. Her sisters and friends who thought she was doing a stupid thing was now eagerly listening to a one sided conversation while they tried to supply the missing links.

"I went to church and stopped at a club meeting before returning home. Now I am so hungry. Can you imagine going without your Sunday dinner?

"If you were nearby you could have some of mine", the policeman answered earnestly.

"What's is your name, my name is Karen Anderson", the girl answered reluctantly. "May I ask what is yours?", she enquired shyly.

"Kevin Henry", the constable answered. "Both our christian names begin with 'K' may be we can be friends, why not Karen?".

"Okay, let's be friends", Karen replied. "I will call you tomorrow after I come from school".

"Bye dear, please eat something now, a find forgive the person who ate your dinner".
"Bye"

The next day Karen came home early and immediately called Kevin. He knew it was her instantly and asked how was her dinner the previous evening. She told him her sisters had played a joke on her and afterwards they had returned her dinner.

Karen and Kevin soon knew many things about each others. They phoned each other regularly and soon a meeting was arranged. They were to meet at Karen's bus stop one evening while she was returning from school. She was to be in her uniform so that Kevin would not have any difficulty in identifying her. He also told her the type of clothing he would wear on that day. The day finally arrived and Karen took great care in her dressing. By the evening, she was very nervous. Karen was the first one off the bus quickly searched among the faces but none that suited Kevin was present.

"Maybe he is'nt coming", Karen thought, becoming more disappointed as the minutes crawled by. She looked at her watch for the hundreth time but it only shew Kevin to be ten minutes late. She was just about to look at her watch again when somebody gently tapped her on her shoulder and asked if she was Karen.

She jumped and could only nod in agreement.

Karen looked around and her heart missed a beat. Beside her, was her dream guy. Kevin at twenty-four was a tall, dark complexion and a well groomed young man. Karen Liked him instantly. Kevin was equally overwhelmed by Karen's beauty.

After that first meeting, Karen and Kevin continued to see each other regularly. They visited the cinemas and saw the latest films. Karen who used to be a dedicated christian was now drifting back into the world of sin. She had stopped visiting the cinemas, parties and other 'worldly' places until she met Kevin. Now she would do anything for Kevin. He was constantly in her thoughts and soon her grades in school had decreased alarmingly. Karen was warned about this and knowing how hard her parents worked to send her to school she buckled up and soon her grades improved

Karen considered Kevin to be her steady boyfriend and constantly imagined herself as his wife. They discussed the number of children they would like to have and where they would like to live.

She met Kevin's parents but he only met her sisters because she knew her parents would disapprove of the relation ship, because she was only seventeen. Kevin and Karen were together constantly and most of the time they were alone. At these times Kevin resorted to "heavy petting" but Karen gently steered his wandering hands away. However, he failed to get the message that certain parts of her anatomy were "out of bounds". Karen did not believe in premarital sexual relationship but Kevin did. Although she loved Kevin she would never allow herself to be ensnared by him.

Karen sometimes had doubts about Kevin's love for her. She felt certain that he had other girlfriends and because of his job as a policemen she did not really trust him. He told her that he was not like other policemen who went around fooling girls because he had many sisters and he would not like anything to happen to them. Karen still had doubts and these were soon increased by certain events.

One day while she was at his house she saw a girl came to him. They sat on the verandah for a very long time. When she went away he told her that the girl was his friends; girlfriend. Karen did not believe him but she did not persue the matter. A week later another girl came to the house while Karen was there. Karen later learnt that the girl was not Kevin's cousin as he had previously told her. However, she did not say anything to him. Karen now knew that Kevin was promiscuous in his relationship with the opposite sex. The showdown came about a month later.

It was June and Karen was about to sit her examination. The exam was in the afternoon and she went to Kevin's home to study. She knew he was at work but she wanted to study in his room. While there a girl came and asked if she was Karen. She had seen the girl many times at the house but she thought she was Kevin sister friend.

Karen was speechless with astonishment when the girl told her that she was Denise and also Kevin's previous girlfriend. She was now pregnant for him and had to stop from school. I am giving you my friendly advice", Denise said. "Don't get yourself involved with Kevin. He is a heartless boy he has many girls. Kevin is a

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Womens Dept.



The Women's Department of the Independence City Church was instituted by Rev. B.S.E. Dyer early 1977. The first president was Evangelist M. Dyer. When the office was vacated, Missionary Delseta King acted briefly, then Mother I.L. Brown took over the entire Women's Auxiliary. However the burden was too great for her, so the Pastor appointed Evangelist Marjorie Gordon to be head of the Women's Department. It is now the largest auxiliary in the church. It consists of all the ladies in the church eighteen and over.

The department is responsible for the proper functioning of the ladies in the

church. It seeks to provide activities to help in the development of all the ladies both physical and spiritual. There is a mother and daughter relationship between the younger and the older ladies which provides guidance for the daughters of the church.

There are other activities such as a purity class and family union. The ladies visit the hospitals and minister from time to time to the sick. There is also a committee which caters to the needy known as the welfare committee, this group covers members of the church as well as members of the community ways and means of improving the department and to uplift the existing activities. We have been following the advice in The women meet every second Saturday of each month to discuss and to plan ways and means of improving the deparment and to uplift the existing activities. We have been following the advice in Isaiah: 65:23 "They shall not labour in vain nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them". It is the desire of the department to continue on this trend through Christ Jesus who giveth strength to all.

Evangelist Gordon. Head W.D.



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The Brotherhood was founded by Rev. B.S.E. Dyer in 1979 Its first President was Elder Alexander King with Deacon Crawford as its Secretary/Treasurer. With the migration of Deacon Crawford, in 1982, Brother James Wilson was appointed to the post of Sec/Treasurer. Minister Rudolph Henry was later appointed to President when Elder King relinquished the post.

The Brotherhood Department is responsible for or shoulders most of the responsibilities of the church in matters of business and forms the backbone for th other auxiliaries. It is also fair to say that eighty percent of the Preachers comes from this department although there are preachers in the other departments as well. 'Brotherhood means love! Love the Brotherhood!

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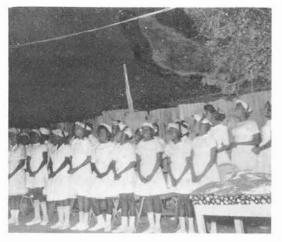
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The business the Pastor closed to go into the Ministry full time.



Bro. Copeland Malcolm Sunday School teacher.



Sis Laurel Stapleton 1st. Secretary for church (centre)



A picture of the first Sunday School dept. which consisted of an entire family.



Early Sunday School class on a typical Sunday.



A picture of the early church in Christian Pen, the 'University' as it was called.

The Governor
General of Jamaica
addressing the
church on the
occasion of The
Jamaica 21
Ecumenical
Service.





Bishop: Harn Wilson opening one of the main door at the church opening in 1976



Rev: Vivian Burke reading the Prime Ministers, Message at the official church opening in 1976.



Bro. Douglas Jackson — Stalwart of Christian Pen.

The Professon on the Pulpit of the University.



Bishop: S.A. Bailey & Bishop V.C. Glaves opening one of the main doors.





The Big day when the new Edifice opened.

REPORT FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

The Sunday School is a very vibrant department of the Church, it began in the year 1964 and like the church is celebrating its 21st Anniversary.

The first Sunday School was held in Christian Pen with a total of 60 students on roll under the leadership of Rev. Bradley S.E. Dyer who became its first Superintendent. Part of the Sunday School was also kept in Passagefort at Bro. Percival Snow's house. The Church was then moved to Independence City where the Sunday School was once again re-established in 1976 under the leadership of a new Superintendent Brother Percival Snow, since then, this Department has been growing and has reached a point where it is now one of the most important Department of the Church. In fact the Sunday School can be seen as a gateway to membership, in that most of the members and Ministers of the Church, grew up in the Sunday School.

At present, the Sunday School Department is operating under the leadership of Rev. Tyrone Gordon as Superintendent with Junior Minister Errol Williams as Acting Superintendent and Sister Andrea White, Secretary. There are now approximately 250 Two hundred and Fifty students on roll with a total amount of (10)

teachers on staff namely Sister J. Murdock, Sister C. Atkinson, Brother A. Diedrick, Brother F. Barnett, Sister A. Diedrick, Sister M. Pearson, Sister K. Whyte, Bro. L. Barriffe, Brother R. Diedrick and Evangelist M.R. Barriffe who has been with the Sunday School from ever since it was re-established in Independence City.

The Sunday School has had its ups and downs over the past years and we can truly say that we are coming up on the rough side of the mountain. We have had many struggles in getting both teachers and students full co-operation as we have anticipated.

At this time we must give God thanks for bringing us thus far so we can now celebrate our 21st Anniversary. We would also like to thank all those who have helped us to come this far, namely Reverend Bradley S. E. Dyer — Chief Advisor, Rev. Tyrone Gordon, Superintendent, and all teachers, students, parents and friends. We would also like to encourage all the adults and parents to come out to Sunday School, as a wonderful experience with the Lord, awaits you.

Sister Andrea White Secretary.

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WHERE SHALL I WORK?

"Father where shall I work today?"
And my love flowed warm and free,
Then He pointed me out a tiny spot
And said, "Tend that for Me."

I answered quickly, "Oh no, not there; Why! no one would ever see No matter how well my work was done, Not that little place for me."

And the word He spoke, it was not stern, He answered me tenderly, "Ah, little one, search that heart of thine: Art thou working for them or Me?

"Nazareth was a little place, And so was Galilee."

-Author Unknown