

## *Church History*

(For period June 1976 – May 2007)

Being only human we are prone to forget, therefore, this reflection for the period June 1976 – May 2007 aims to stir up our memories, to prompt us to be grateful and to suppress any doubt as to God's keeping care for the future. We can surely testify that through many dangers, toils and snares we have already come.

From a human standpoint, the birth, growth and development of the Faith Temple New Testament Church of God, Portmore was an impossibility, but what started as a cottage prayer meeting with seven faithful members in June 1976 is now considered a present day miracle, to say the least.

The birth of this Church was a painful and dramatic one; nonetheless, it was interspered with rich and miraculous interventions from God.

The founding members, Carlton and Eulalee Fraser, Desnie Walters, Sadie Harvey, Deveroux McDonald, Lorainne Scott and Beverly McDonald cannot forget the struggles and the problems, which forced them to leave their fully established and comfortable church at 65 Waltham Park Road. Bus fares had just risen from 20 cents to 35 cents and our founding members, who had just moved over to the new housing development in Portmore were finding it difficult to cope with going to and from church so many nights each week, sometimes uncertain of how they would reach home at nights.

Those responsible and commissioned to the promulgation of the gospel, were not in a position to listen to these concerned members and on the importance of establishing a Church in Portmore as other groups were doing. With a serious spiritual burden for the area our founding

members saw the need for a church. They proceeded by having cottage prayer meetings interchangeable at each other's house. These prayer meetings grew significantly and the blessings of the Lord was ever present in their midst. The meetings were so overwhelming that it became necessary for them to find a place of worship.

Permission was sought and obtain through the National Housing Trust to have services on Sunday Nights at the Port Henderson Community Centre from 7:30pm to 9:30pm at a rental cost of \$25.00 per month. Our first Sunday night service was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 1976 with seven persons. There was no electricity at the centre so "Tilly Lamps" were used for lighting. As the night services progress it also became necessary to expand our borders and so Bro. Deveroux, who was a teacher on staff at the Port Henderson Primary School, sought and obtain permission to hold Sunday morning services from 9:00am to 12:00pm. We had our first Sunday morning service on the 2nd of January 1977. Later on we started a Sunday school from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. In no time we had over 200 children in attendance.

We had tremendous help from the Rev. Guy S. Notice, then Principal of Bethel Bible College in Carron Hall, St. Mary, Sis. Notice, Rev. L. A. Arscott, then Dean of the College and students from the school who travelled all the way to Portmore each Sunday to conduct services.

The pains and problems increased, too, for there were times of discouragement and embarrassment and opposition from authority, uncomfortable accommodation, criticisms from those who did not quite understand the move of God. However, those members who were conversant with the process of travail, spiritual birth and growth knew that these were true signs that the "child" was about to be born.

It was now necessary and imperative to seek our own place to worship and so with God's direction and guidance, Bro. Fraser using his Land Title as collateral and along with the faithful brethren bought the spot of ground 2 ½ acres, which now housed the Faith Temple complex. It was being sold to us for \$30,000 but God worked a miracle and we got it for \$20,000. Work began on the old church building (known as the little church on the hill) which served once as a cathedral for the Catholics.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of April 1977 the New Testament Church of God, Portmore was organised with fifteen members. Our first Deacons were brothers Carlton Fraser, Deveroux McDonald and Eli Ormsby. Sister Eulalee Fraser was our first Church Secretary. The Church was placed on the Beeston Street District of Churches with Rev. Eli Tennant as our District Overseer and the Rev. A. G. Simms as District Youth Director. Rev. Guy S. Notice our founder and friend acted as our Pastor and supervised the work from September 1976 – September 1977 after which he migrated to the U.S.A. There was no official Pastor assigned to us so Mrs. Notice led the church until December 1977 with assistance from Rev. Eli Tennant our District Pastor.

Many of our members can recalled the several disruptions in the services held on the hill because of the big buzzing mosquitoes. Members were being bitten through their shoes, pants, dresses etc. They are many horrified stories to be told to our newer members today about the life of the little church on the hill.

Rev. Ronald Blair and Sister Evon, his wife who, while serving as National Youth Director was given the responsibility of the work for four months until an official Pastor was appointed.

Our first official Pastor was the Rev. and Mrs. Bobsie Blake. Their stay with us, however, was short-lived as six months later they were transferred.

Rev. and Mrs. A.G. Quarrie were then appointed to carry on the work. It was during their time of leadership that the plans for Faith Temple was drawn and approved. Rev. Dennis Archibald, then National Youth and Christian Education Director, filled the position of Pastor for a short while after Rev. and Mrs. Quarrie left us.

In 1981 Rev. and Mrs. Eric Lewis were next appointed to take up the mantle. It was during their tenure of office here, that ground was broken and the building (now **Faith Temple**) was started, and with less than Twenty Thousand Dollars, too. The Lewises however, were not to see the completion of the building because before long they were transferred to the far East – Port Antonio.

Once again, ‘pains’ were experienced. However, very soon those pains were healed as God’s mystery was once again revealed as he sent us our present Pastor, Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Blair in September of 1984.

When Rev. Blair took over as Pastor he immediately took the church on a “**faith trip**”. One will never forget that first Sunday morning message about faith by Rev. Blair. The church on the hill soon became inadequate for the membership and friends who were coming on a regular basis. Rev. Blair along with the members took tarpaulin and covered the unfinished building (Faith Temple) and we never looked back. Services were kept under the tarpaulin roof as we used marl to cover the floor. When it rained we had problems but these were problems the church could lived with because they knew greater days were ahead. Before long the membership started to exercise their faith

and the lord really moved in mysterious ways. With a lot of hard work, which includes sleepless nights and tireless days, the new sanctuary, which was named Faith Temple, was completed and dedicated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 1987.

After setting up this beautiful edifice here in Portmore the membership realised the work had only begun. The blessing of the Lord was very rich in our presence and we just had to share with others around us. Here are some of the many accomplishments the Lord has directed us to do as a church.

Jesus in His words said suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for such is the kingdom of heaven. Faith Temple heeded to the master's call in starting the Faith Temple Basic School in September of 1989. Being another very significant outreach programme in the life of our church, the basic school started out with fourteen children and two teachers. We have seen the basic school grow in numbers to approximately 177 children and six teachers. In 1991, the Faith Temple Basic School was recognised by the Ministry of Education. Today the basic school through their hard work and dedication coupled with their vibrant Parents Teachers Association, were able to purchase their own school bus; which transports the children and teachers to and from school.

In 1991, we gave birth to another great and significant milestone, our Prayer Mountain. The awesomeness of the big Red Cross in the middle of the mountain continues to attract much attention since its erection. Many prayer and fasting sessions have been held there; miracles and blessings have also been evident. Ash Wednesday, February 23, 1996 saw the staging of an event which has become annual in nature. It is not unusual to have a prayer mountain experience, however, since then all

have been so overwhelming, especially in terms of attendance. People came from all around Jamaica, the Caribbean and even North America. The media have been present at these events giving us Island wide coverage. The blessings from these experiences have been tremendous as persons were fed not only spiritually but also physically. To God be the Glory.

Proverbs 29 Vs 18 states “where there is no vision the people perish”. Once again we give God thanks for his servant Rev. W. A. Blair for not only getting the great vision of our Family Life Complex, but for also exercising his faith and stimulating us as members in bringing it to pass. Once again we can remember the various struggles and obstacles we came up against in building this huge edifice. The many sleepless nights and tireless days spent as members and friends pitched in and played their various roles. In 1993, our Family Life Complex came into being. This majestic architectural monument signified yet another milestone in the life our local church. Our outreach programmes automatically got a major boost by the erection of this great edifice. A senior citizens programme was developed whereby we were able to minister to our senior citizen’s in a real and practical way. The Family Life Complex also offers Medical services to the community, Skills training in garment construction, Secretarial and Information Technology programmes and it also serves as a recreational centre.

In February 1993 Jamaica had its first Radio Gospel Station Love 101 Fm and Faith Temple seized the opportunity to spread the gospel by way of radio nationwide. So, with our dynamic radio host the Rev. W.A. Blair “Forward in Faith” was born. Forward in Faith is aired Monday – Saturday at 8:00 am and our Pastor uses this medium to share the unadulterated gospel across our Island, Jamaica. The Lord continued His blessing on us and we were able to expand our media coverage by

way of Television. In 1997, Love Television was launched and Faith Temple was once again privileged to enjoy the coverage of “Miracle Revival Hour”. “Miracle Revival Hour” is our televised programme, which can be viewed on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. Due to the quality and the high review of the programme we were given yet another sponsored slot on Television Jamaica. On Saturday mornings at 6:30 a.m. one can also enjoy “Miracle Revival Hour” on Television Jamaica. Today, we still continue to get good reviews from these programmes as persons have shared how much they have benefited from them.

In 1994, Rev. W.A. Blair was the modest recipient of a prestigious conferment. Canada Christian College and School of Graduate and Theological Studies recognised him for his invaluable contributions to World Missions & Evangelism. As that evening’s activities progressed, his family, members and friends listened with much delight to the accolades most deservedly being showered on our Pastor. The high point of the ceremony was the pronouncement of the title, Doctor of Divinity, which was conferred on him to the resounding applause of the congregation. Hence, he was thereafter called the Rev. Dr. W.A. Blair. Also, in 1994 our Pastor was appointed and sworn in as Justice of the Peace for the parish of St. Catherine, so the title JP was also added to his name.

St. John 12 Vs 32, gives the church this promise, that if Christ be lifted up he will draw all men unto Him. Indeed, we have seen it fulfilled in our midst. Over the years we have seen our active membership grow from approximately 15 to well over 2,000 and many have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. In 1994 it became necessary to introduce two services on a Sunday morning to more comfortably accommodate the influx of new residents into the Portmore community; some of who worship with us regularly. Commencement of the first service is at 7:00

am through to 9:00 am and the second service starts at 10:30 am. Our Sunday school is between the hours of 9:15 am to 10:15 am. Unfortunately, we lost some of our members through migration to foreign countries, some through home going and yes, some fell by the wayside but, we are still thankful to God for his keeping care.

We are truly grateful to God for our Shepherd the Rev. Dr. W. A. Blair who assumed duties during his tenure with us as National Evangelism and Home Missions Director for Jamaica and Grand Cayman. Our local church automatically took on the role of Evangelism and Missions and was 100% with our Pastor who spearheaded several crusades across Jamaica. Many of us who only knew Portmore and its environs were now privy to most parishes and capitals across Jamaica; as we travel the length and breadth of this country spreading the gospel, as Jesus our Lord hath commissioned us to go to the highways and the byways and preached the Gospel to every creature. Many a night our doors were closed as we venture out into the mission field reaping souls for God's Kingdom. Missionaries were also selected from among us as some of our members accompanied our Pastor as he journeyed overseas to preach the undiluted word of God.

In light of these crusades across the island, support from the church family in general, has been tremendous and often sacrificial, however, I would like to single out a group of workers whose physical labour, that is toil and sweat, has gone into the staging of these crusades. It is no easy task to hoist a tent and have all equipment in fine working order. We are therefore very grateful to the men and women of our tent crew.

Being a church that believes wholeheartedly in missions, we saw it only appropriate to host a Missions Banquet. So in March of 1991 the first of its kind was held. This idea was well supported by our church family

and since then we made it into an annual event each March. To date we have had thirteen (12) such Missions Banquets. We have had some of Jamaica's dynamic speakers such as: Radio talk show hosts Antoinette Haughton, Deacon Ronnie Thwaites, Barbara Gloudon and Rev. Garnett Roper. Some of our other great speakers were Rev. Dr. Cleve Grant, Rev. Oliver Daley, Rev. the Honourable Carmen Stewart, Custos of Kingston, Rev. Barrington Brown, Rev. Everad Allen, Rev. Clement Clarke, Commissioner of Police Francis Forbes and Professor Trevor Munroe

As a church we have not only sought to touch lives of others through the oral presentation of the gospel but also in deed. We would regret to hear Christ say He was hungry and we fed Him not, thirsty and we gave Him no drink, a stranger and we offered no hospitality, naked and we clothed Him not or in prison and we paid Him no visit. Therefore, we have sought to address the above basic needs through the avenues of our soup kitchen, the distribution of gift packages to children's homes, the elderly and shut-ins. Also, the Evangelism arm of the church visited inmates in the Fort Augusta Correctional Institution and the Gun Court bringing to them the glorious news of the gospel and supplying them with essential items. This area of Evangelism has brought us a great deal of success as the inmates responded positively to the word of God and many followed in water baptism.

Certain programmes form a traditional part of our church's activities. In January of 1989, Faith Temple young people had our first one-day retreat with our Pastor at the Bethel New Testament Church of God, in Mandeville. Due to the response of this thrilling and spirit filled event the church family decided to make it into an annual event, which would therefore incorporate the wider church family. Each October our members look forward with great anticipation to our hero's weekend retreat where we meet with God on a one to one basis to have our

spiritual batteries recharged. Miracles, signs and wonders are always evident at our retreats and there is no doubt that persons leave with new visions, new ideas and a re-focused outlook for their Christian lives. To date we have had 14 such church retreats taking us to places such as Newport and Stones Hope in Manchester, Enfield in St. Mary and Moneague Teachers College in St. Ann.

We are not in the business of bragging who makes the best hamburgers, ice-cream or patties, but we know without a doubt that not even Boston can beat the tastefulness of our jerk pork. Our first church barbecue was held at Edgewater Round-A-Bout in March of 1977. After the overwhelming support, it has not only become annual in nature but our main fundraiser over the years. The staging of our church barbecue is held on the last Friday in November each year. The church family has always played an important role in seeing to the successes of these barbecues.

Various auxiliaries undertook quite a few of the church's activities. Here are some highlights on special events and happenings.

The Women's Ministry with its dynamic president, Lady Yvonne Blair continues to institute programmes that caters for the development of the total person. This auxiliary tries to inculcate positive values and attitudes in the lives of our women. In July 1996, at our National Island Convention, our women's ministry was recognised for their hard work and achievements; as they were awarded second place. A dynamic group arising from this auxiliary, "The Shining Stars", with their motto "let your light so shine" has undoubtedly made their mark. It consists of single women, 30 years and over, who really know how to enjoy the Lord's gift of life, whether they are on the ground or on the air. The women's Ministry also gave birth to the Young married ladies club whose motto is

“except the Lord build the marriage they labour in vain that build it”. This group consist of married ladies 40 years and under and their pledge is “building better marriages”. Unsaved husbands have confessed Jesus Christ through this ministry.

Our Men’s Fellowship has gone through re-organisation and have made some significant strides. Each Saturday morning at 5:00 p.m. the men meet with God in prayer at Faith Temple. The Men’s Chorale an arm of the fellowship has been doing exceptionally well for the master. Continue men to blaze the trail for God.

The Youth Department started out with four (4) youth auxiliaries namely: The Sunday School, Family Training Hour, Youth Fellowship and our Youth Choirs. Today, we have added another six (6) making it ten such auxiliaries. These are Drama Ministries, Teens Ministries, Uniform Groups, Sports Department, Children’s Church and Library. We have had five (5) Youth and Christian Education Directors. All of these auxiliaries produced positive growth but it is of utmost importance that I highlight some tremendous strides.

Our Sunday School is no more a place to pass time but has grown rapidly both numerically and spiritually. Every now and then we have to be splitting classes to avoid an overflow. Presently, we have two departments, a junior and a senior. Our young convert’s class is certainly overwhelming.

The Children’s Church which models the adult church has seen significant growth both in numbers and the quality of programmes. With God’s help Sis. Cynthia Williamson, Bro. Renford Williams and Sis. Veon Moodie along with their respective committees have really worked hard to make the Children’s Church what is today. This department has had

Crusades, Rallies and successful baptisms. In February of 1998, the children's team made history when it hosted the first weekend Retreat of its kind at the Bethel Bible College in Mandeville. It was spiritually refreshing for the children as the Lord was very much present in their midst. The children were also given a major boost as musical equipments in the form of a Drum set, Keyboard and Public Address System were acquired. The funds to purchase these equipments were raised by the Children's Church Department. Re-organisation has taken place making the service to our children more effective.

Our Drama Ministry has been consistent and effective in its deliveries. Yes there have been good times and bad but through it all we have been more than conquerors. On several occasions the ministry participated in the Jamaica Youth for Christ talent competition with productions such as **"Mother's Cry"**, **"Tommorrow is too late"** and **"Be Strong"**. They won first place with **"Mother's Cry"** and **"Tomorrow is too late"** and second place with **"Be Strong"**. In St. Mark 16 v 15 the great commission was given "to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Our Drama Ministry has surely taken up this challenge with its introduction of "Flight Final". Flight Final a must see drama production that everyone was craving to see has won the hearts of many individuals all around our island, Jamaica for Jesus Christ. During the period we have had performances in St. Catherine at three different locations namely, Portmore, Spanish Town and Linstead. They also had performances in Kingston, Clarendon, Montego Bay, Westmoreland and St. Elizabeth. At our last Missions Banquet held in March 1998 the Drama Ministry was recognised for its great work and effort put into the staging of Flight Final. They received a Plaque. Simply put they won the **"Grammy."**

We started the period with Six choirs: namely The Sunbeams, The Angelics, The Young People, The Tabernacle, The Ladies and The Men's Chorale. The Young People Choir was later changed to Voices In Praise. To date, four more choirs have been added to the ranks: namely The Joybells, The Children's Church, The Ambassadors and The Crusaders. Looking back, we have had some really rough times but thanks be to God who gives us the grace to endure. For most of us we can remember the Youth Sundays when the Sunbeam choir alone ministered. We can also recall those days of pushing the bus, "Tweety Bird" over the hills of Stewart Town and also walking happily over Fern Gully while the Concorde bus waited patiently for us at the top. At the various crusades mentioned earlier the choirs and musicians have played a key role in ministry through music and song. On each venture souls have been won and we are sure that our labour is not in vain in Christ Jesus.

Over the years we continue to witness blessings in a multiplicity of ways. Faith Temple has been blessed over the period with four Reverends: namely Reverends Errol Duncan, Raymond Rose, Paulette Webster and Ricardo Henry. In addition, we have also produced two Pastor wives in the persons of Sis. Marlene Rose-Notice and Sis. Michelle Douglas-Shaw. In February 1996 Rev. Paulette Webster assumed duties of Pastoring the Toll Gate New Testament Church of God. Later that year Rev. Raymond Rose also assumed duties of Pastoring Germaine Road New Testament Church of God.

We can remember the nights after church when we had hard times getting home simply because there was no bus. Some of us had to use our feet more often than expected. However, that problem has been solved with the purchase of two buses. The 45-seater autogago and the 28-seater coaster. This really came as a welcomed change to our church family.

The roof of our sanctuary has been beautifully renovated; grilled windows now add a lift to an already lovely appearance and the floral decorations which grace our presence each Sunday have increased and is a welcomed sight.

Much commendation is to be given to the Portmore Family on the acquisition of a Pastor's Manse, which is in close proximity to our church.

The good old proverb says, "when it rains it pours" and Faith Temple can attest to that saying, as it rained babies, marriages, cars, houses, jobs, healings, miracles and more miracles. The Lord has been really good to us we simply cannot complain.

Our achievements have been tremendous. Faith Temple has walked away with many trophies from our National Island Convention. Such as for: The best tithes paying church, Outstanding missions contribution, Pastor of the year for overall performance just to name a few.

As a congregation we are truly grateful to Rev. Dr. and Lady W.A. Blair for the committed leadership and selfless service they have both given to this church.

Once again as a church, we realized that we were having a serious space problem. We tried various measures to alleviate the problem but without much success. Some Sundays, it was a shame to see people come to enjoy service and have to go back home because of the overflow of the crowd. The pains and struggles would want to try to discourage us. Thanks to God for our visionary Pastor who once again led us down a path which many thought was impossible but through God's grace we

were more than conquerors. The sixteen (16) acres property which once housed the shopping mall was to be a reality in the life of Faith Temple. Through much prayer, fasting and intercession through to our God, we were blessed with our present church home now ***Victory Tabernacle***.

## Chapter II

We started worshipping in Victory Tabernacle in October of 1999. We now enjoy all the space we need to accommodate the large influx of people who attend our services on a regular basis. The warm temperature on the inside made it necessary for us to do some minor adjustments to the building. This included the installation of several windows and two additional main doors which brought about a cooler environment. The blessings of the Lord continued to flow on us as very close friends of our church purchased the required Air Conditioning equipments and paid for the complete installation inside the Sanctuary. God continues to be a good God.

The latter part of the year 2000 saw the staging of an event which was the first of its kind at our church. Rally of the **twelve tribes** of Israel was indeed a night in September to remember. The evening saw the twelve tribes being demonstrated by members of our church in living colour. The tribe of Judah walked away as the winners for the evening. Victory Tabernacle has become more than a reality to our church community but a monumental edifice in the life of our denomination. Much talk has been given to it being our next **Convention Centre** and **Headquarters** because of its size and location. In a meeting with our Administrative Bishop and District Pastors it was unanimously voted on to host our next Island Convention at Victory Tabernacle.

On July 8, 2001 saw the staging of our 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Island Convention right here on Victory Grounds. This was after much sweat, tears, laughter, planning and hard work from different levels of our church's organization. This was indeed a significant milestone in the life of our church. Our members and friends really put hands and hearts together as we laboured to treat our visitors. For the first time members were

able to attend different sessions at the convention of their choice. Even today there is much talk about the organization of the convention at the local church level. To God be the Glory great things He hath done.

The year 2002 saw the installation of a new Shepherd of the Flock as the then Pastor Rev Dr. W.A. Blair was asked to take up the mantle of National Overseer of Jamaica and Grand Cayman. Bishop Dr. Ronald A. Blair, the outgoing National Overseer, along with his charming wife Evon and family was appointed to our church. For the first two years they went blazing the trail for God with spirit-filled preaching and teaching and many souls were blessed of the Lord.

As time progressed and Rev. Ronald son of Mortimer advanced in years, he recognized that the work was great, so he arose and had words with the Bishop about sending him assistance to complete the great work that was still ahead. And it came to pass, in the year of our Lord 2004 in the month of September, that the Lord our God had prepared and graduated from the prestigious Bethel Bible College, Barrington Leslie Pinnock Jnr., a son of the soil of Portmore and his Beautiful wife Lorene, to take up the role as Assistant Pastor of the church.

The two ministers joined forces and indeed they were a force to reckon with. They wasted no time in plundering hell to populate heaven. One can remember some of the outstanding messages like “A Call to Remembrance”, “The Battle is not Yours”, “Change our Focus and Find our Purpose”, “Shake the Devil Off”, “After Pentecost then What”, “Living in the Strong Places”,

The Lord promised in his Word to pour out His Spirit upon His people and this we experienced through the various spiritual programmes over the period. Both our indoor and outdoor crusades bore much fruit. Not

to mention our Pentecost week celebrations. These and other regular programmes saw our membership grow in leaps and bounds as 839 were baptized, 495 received into membership and 211 were blessed with the upper room anointing. This increase in membership necessitates the implementation of additional programmes to satisfy the varying needs. This gave birth to the Boys Programme, the Sweethearts Programme, Counseling and Couples Programme. Periodically there has been an evening study programme to facilitate the teens preparing for CXC examinations.

The family is the foundation of society and highly endorsed by our Lord and Saviour therefore, it is no surprise that over 50 members joined the Holy Matrimony club and several offsprings were added to the church family and were dedicated back to the Lord.

In the midst of life there is separation and death and the period under review saw the ascension of over 17 stalwarts while several migrated to other parts of the island and to countries within the Caribbean and beyond.

In August of 2006, the church family came out in their numbers to say goodbye to Rev, Leslie Pinnock and Family who was about to take up his first Pastorate in the Cayman Islands in September of 2006. The evening was a very sad one for many persons but on the other hand everyone was happy for our young Pastor and his family.

The blessings continue to flow as the Lord saw the need to fortify his kingdom here on Earth through the pastoral academic achievements of Rev. Errol Duncan, Rev. Leslie Pinnock (assigned to Cayman Island), Rev. Chester Allman, Rev. Markel Wright (assigned to Mountain View) and Rev. Kenton Tracey (assigned to Mt. Silas). Several other persons

achieved academic pursuits from different tertiary institutions ranging from Diplomas to PhD's in their various fields.

Not only did the Lord rain spiritual blessings but material blessings as well. Many persons graduated from rent homes and open their doors to their new homes. Many a Sunday morning new cars continue to grace the compound with new shapes and makes. To this we are all grateful to God for His continued blessings to us.

As the new church year progressed, we were again blessed with another Assistant Pastor in the person of Rev. Rohan Williams in November 2006. Our new Pastor fitted in quite well and is creating exploits for God.

The Portmore New Testament Church continues to be the choice for many organizations in times of celebration of their special events such as dedications and anniversary celebrations. While all this was happening the church family had several special events such as the Gender Programme, Word Alive, Women's Conference, Missions Banquet, annual Retreat and BBQ, Flight Final and Children's Cantata.