



BETHEL FOCUS



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

by Anna-Kaye Mighty
ICT Director

In this issue, we highlight our school's collaborative efforts with the global and local community. Through meaningful partnerships, we explore how our institution is fostering connections, sharing knowledge, and making a positive impact.

BUILDING CONNECTIONS THROUGH PRAYER

by Rev. Deamar Dingwall, Admissions and Student Services Director

On April 8, 2020, the International Worship Centre (IWC), led by Bishop Ishmael Charles, saw it fit to develop and maintain a connection of prayer among its members. This initiative spread throughout the Caribbean region. The venture was dubbed as the "Caribbean International Prayer Movement". The movement pioneered by IWC involves several individuals who share the Word and pray, thus making a worldwide impact. As of June 19, 2024, the movement has been in existence for 1,533 days.

Bethel Bible College of the Caribbean-Jamaica has been afforded the opportunity to participate every 3rd Saturday, the designated Youth Day. On these days, students pray, share the Word, testify of God's calling, and promote the College. Our experience of meeting and praying with various individuals throughout the Caribbean has been deeply powerful and fulfilling. We close our participation for this academic year on July 20, 2024. It is our hope that God will continue to bless this movement.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Rev. Dr. Earlmont Williams



Dear Bethel Family and Friends,

As we reflect on the 2023-2024 academic year, I am filled with gratitude for God's faithfulness and the resilience of the staff, faculty, and students of our college. Despite challenges, including the impact of Hurricane Beryl, we thank God that our college family did not experience any loss of life.

This past year has been one of significant progress and achievement for Bethel Bible College of the Caribbean-Jamaica. I am pleased to report that we have accomplished most of our main goals, demonstrating our commitment to growth and excellence in theological education.

A major milestone was the implementation of our new Student Information System, which will greatly enhance our administrative efficiency and improve student data management. We also prioritized campus safety by installing one component of our security system, ensuring a secure environment for learning and growth.

Our commitment to supporting students is evident as we stand on the verge of rolling out several new scholarships. These will provide much-needed financial assistance to deserving students, enabling them to pursue their calling without undue financial burden.

Looking ahead to the 2024-2025 academic year, we have set ambitious goals that will further enhance our institution:

1. Renovating the male dormitory to improve living conditions for our students.
2. Completing our comprehensive curriculum review and implementing the related changes to ensure our programmes remain relevant and of the highest quality.
3. Finalizing plans to offer exciting new programmes in the 2025-2026 academic year, expanding our educational offerings to meet evolving needs in ministry and theological education.

Our participation in the Caribbean International Prayer Movement every third Saturday has been a source of spiritual enrichment, allowing our students to connect with believers across the region and serving as an effective promotional mechanism. Events like our Sports, BBQ & Concert have strengthened our community bonds, while initiatives such as the Personal and Professional Development Seminar for outgoing 4th-year students demonstrate our commitment to holistic student development.

As we move forward, I invite you to partner with us in prayer and support. Your contributions, whether through time, expertise, or financial assistance, are vital to our continued growth and impact.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to Bethel Bible College of the Caribbean-Jamaica. Together, with God's guidance, we will continue to produce spiritually equipped, socially aware, morally sound, and servant-oriented individuals who will transform the church and the world.

Blessings.

"Missionary zeal does not grow out of intellectual beliefs, nor out of theological arguments, but out of love"

ROLAND ALLEN



GOSPEL IN THE STREETS

Taking the teachings from the classroom to the streets, Mandeville Town experienced a transformative Street Meeting on April 27, 2024. Led by final year student Rolando Dowman, the event began at 6:00 p.m. amidst rain. Despite the weather, the student body actively engaged in songs, Bible readings, and diverse ministries, supported by friends of the school. This gathering extended the spirit of learning and community outreach beyond campus, touching hearts with the message of faith and unity. Gratitude is extended to all who contributed, making this street-side lesson a profound and rewarding experience for everyone involved.

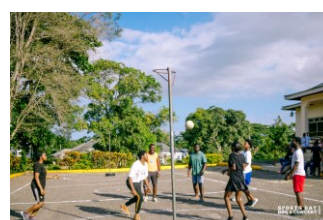
SPORTS, BBQ AND CONCERT 2024

Bethel Bible College of the Caribbean-Jamaica hosted an exhilarating Sports, BBQ & Concert event at its main campus on Saturday, May 18, 2024. The day commenced with a moment of reflection and unity led by Rev. Dr. Earlmont Williams, the college president, whose heartfelt devotion set the tone, emphasizing values of sportsmanship, fellowship, and spiritual guidance.

Following the inspiring devotion, the campus buzzed with enthusiastic participation from Newport NTCOG, Mandeville NTCOG, the Mandeville community, past students, faculty, staff and current students in various sports competitions. The atmosphere was electric with friendly rivalry and spirited support from the sidelines, fostering a strong sense of community. Ms. Smalling and DJ Lazarus' selection of Gospel music added to the vibrant ambiance throughout the day. Attendees enjoyed a mouth-watering BBQ lunch featuring a variety of dishes, complemented by snacks, amidst lively conversations and laughter. Newport NTCOG emerged as the champions of the sports day, celebrating their achievements with pride and jubilation.

As evening approached, the mood shifted to a spiritual high with the start of the Gospel Concert, uniting everyone in an uplifting worship experience. Performances by Chantal Smalling, Fabian Wright, Nicole Robinson-Arkins, Minister LRJ, Alwyn Green, Steven "The Real image" Brown, the Ecclesia Worship Centre Choir, and the Spalding New Testament Dance Group enriched the event with profound moments. Rev. Vernon Morrison, master of ceremonies, skillfully guided the audience through a program filled with uplifting music and powerful messages.

Sports, BBQ & Concert 2024 was more than a day of sports and entertainment; it was a unifying celebration of community spirit and talent. The organizers expressed their deepest gratitude to sponsors and patrons whose support ensured the success of this memorable occasion.



Please join us in shaping a brighter future for our school community by contributing to our wishlist. Your support makes a difference!

Male dorm renovation project (estimated cost of \$6 million JMD)

New office equipment (1 laptop, 1 AC unit)

Funds to repair the road from the back gate to the cafeteria area

Funds for repairing/replacing termite-affected bookshelves in the library

Newer and updated editions of textbooks for the library

Installation of the intrusion prevention component of our campus security system (JMD \$300,000)

Retrofitting the conference room for hybrid meetings and securing new and suitable furniture

Sponsorships/grants for innovative initiatives like the proposed "Mind Education" programme

Funding to attend international conferences like ICETE Dubai 2025

Funds for full scholarships (tuition and boarding), partial scholarships, donations, and grants for overall growth, expansion, and sustainability

Replacement of sign at the entrance of Patrick Road



IMPORTANT DATES

AUG 26 - SEP 6

Academic Advising and Registration for Semester 1, AY 2024-2025

SEP 4-6

Residential Students Move-In

SEP 5

Orientation for (New) Degree, Diploma and Certificate Students

SEP 9

Start of Degree, Diploma and Certificate Classes

SEP 12

Meeting with New and Returning Degree, Diploma and Certificate Students

SEP 13

Online Orientation for Short Courses Students (Cycle 6)

SEP 16

Start of Short Courses (Cycle 6) Classes

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PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR 2024

The Student Services Office recently hosted its second Personal and Professional Development Seminar on May 13, specifically designed for outgoing 4th-year students. This online event aimed to prepare students for both real-world challenges and ministry experiences. The seminar featured presentations from experts across various fields, including finance, pastoral care, counseling, leadership, and a representative from HEART/NSTA Trust. These professionals offered practical advice, career insights, and actionable tips for personal and professional growth. In addition to the formal presentations, the seminar also provided networking opportunities, allowing students to connect with the presenters and their peers.

For those who missed the event, a recording is available on the [Bethel Bible College of the Caribbean-Jamaica YouTube channel](#). Special thanks to the dedicated planning team, the esteemed presenters, and all who attended. The hope is to continue these impactful initiatives, empowering more students as they transition into their careers and ministries.

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