



# Bethlehem Herald

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*To Educate & Outreach*

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## Keep Focus on God

*Submitted by Sis. Valrie Quintyne*

*"Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth." Ecclesiastes 12:1*

At this time of the year, we focus on the youth and their activities. To make sure that they remain gainfully employed; we enroll them in Summer Camps, Vacation Bible Schools or selected Sports Programme.

The focus for this devotion is Vacation Bible School where children are taught about God through His Holy Scriptures. The first verse in Ecclesiastes chapter 12 tells the youth exactly what to do while they are young.

The word 'remember' means do not forget, meditate on, do not lose sight of, keep focus. What could it be that you are to remember that is so important at this time of your life? The verse says 'Your Creator' – Almighty God – the One who made you, who loves you and cares for you.

There are many examples in the Bible to show and encourage youth how to respond to and learn about God. For example: The Creation (Genesis 1,2); Naaman the leper. (2 Kings 5:1-19) David the shepherd boy. (1 Samuel 16:1-13)

As a child I used to go to Children's Service on Thursday evenings. There we would pray, sing, read the Bible, learn many verses and psalms like John 3:16 (*For God so*

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*love the world...)* and Psalm 23 (*The Lord is my Shepherd...*). This helped us in our daily lives to relate to others, solve problems, and respond to difficult situations with God's help. Hence, children should be encouraged to get to know God and His Word, and to make Him a part of their lives. So let us keep focus as we seek to train up our children in the way they should go (Proverbs 22:6). Let us help them to keep their focus as they learn about God and His Word, and remember their Creator in the days of their youth.

**Prayer:** *Almighty and merciful Father, maker of heaven and earth, thank You for children. Bless, protect, direct and help them to love and obey You.*

*We thank You for providing Vacation Bible School*

*for them where they are taught about Your love and how to love one another.*

*May they remember You now they are in their youth.*

*These things we ask for*

*Christ's sake; Amen.*

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**STANDING on BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES**  
Standing on the Promises of God

**Mission Rally**  
Sunday  
September 8, 2019, 4:00 p.m.

**Acknowledge the Word** Timothy 2:16-17      **Be guided by the Word** Psalm 119:105,112  
**Memorise the Word** Psalm 119:11      **Share the Word** Revelation 14:6-9  
**Meditate on the Word** Joshua 1:1-10      **Respect the Authority of the Word** Luke 7:1-10

**Mission Festival**  
Tuesday  
September 17, 2019  
7:30 p.m.  
Rev. Suzanne Ellis

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"Our Lamb has conquered; Let us follow Him"




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*From the  
Pastor's Desk  
Rev. N.C. Roslyn Hamblin*

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## Standing on Biblical Principles

We have just concluded our Deeper Life Services under the theme "Standing on Biblical Principles". During this study we considered a few principles on which Christians should stand, namely **'God First', 'Forgiveness', 'Stewardship', 'Contentment'**. But these are indeed just a few of the Biblical principles. The Bible is replete with such principles, which are really non-negotiable – they follow naturally our commitment to Christ. And we are propelled to them by the admonitions in Phil.1:27 and Ps.119:105.

*Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel. (Phil. 1:27)*

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (Ps. 119:105)*

Very importantly, though, it will be a great challenge to get these principles in place unless the first principle is in place in our lives. Until God is put first, the other principles will be difficult to follow. Two questions important to ask are: 'Do I value what God values?' 'Do I trust God completely?' We would be reluctant, negligible, even afraid, to put any other principle in place if we cannot answer these questions in the affirmative. The **'God First'** principle opens the door for all others.

Another principle that will help to facilitate the others is **'Love'**. True Love for God will cause us to give him the best of ourselves. And true 'Agape' Love for others will cause us to give to them the best always. In 1 John 4:7-8 we are thus admonished to Love, as Jesus challenged in John 13:34-35.

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. (1 John 4:7-8)*

*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13:34-35)*

It is Love which will lead us to Forgive others and free ourselves from such stresses as self-pity, misery and depression. It also frees us up to be good Stewards of what God has entrusted to us, working together with others and

their gifts, to enhance His Mission. This both emanates from, and leads to, **Contentment**. Being thankful for what we have, we will use it for gain, and be equally thankful for what it produces. (See Matt. 25:14-26)

When we put God First, his love will cause us to Love others, hence allowing us to forgive. We will then clean up our vessels through this **Forgiveness**, facilitating our effort at faithful **Stewardship** of what God has invested in us, and leading us to Contentment.

Remember the admonition about our wandering hearts, given by the songwriter in our Theme song:

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet,  
And a light unto my path.  
I will not forget  
Your love for me, and yet,  
My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide  
And hold me to your side;  
I will love you to the end.*

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## WORD SEARCH BACK TO SCHOOL

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ANSWERS	ART	BACKPACK
BOOKMARK	BOYS	DICTIONARY
ENGLISH	FRIENDS	GIRLS
LUNCH	MATHEMATICS	NOTEBOOK
PEN	PENCIL	PRAYERS
QUESTIONS	SEPTEMBER	SHOES
SOCKS	UNIFORM	

*Submitted by: Sis. Clauzel Forde*

## Barbados at the 13th Moravian Women's Conference



The 13th Moravian Women's Conference, coordinated by the Interprovincial Women's Board of the Moravian Church in North America, was convened during the period June 20-23, 2019 at the Embassy Suites in downtown Winston-Salem, North Carolina, under the theme "Unleash your power". Fifteen ladies from the Barbados Conference were in attendance, including Sis. Joyce Walcott and Rev. Roslyn Hamblin (*see picture*).

Included in the Women's Conference programme were small group sessions called Imagine Sessions, and the topics covered included:

- Effective Leadership . . . God's Way
- Hope Amid Suffering: The Church and Mental Illness
- If My Body Is a Temple, Am I Treating It Sacredly or Sacrificially?
- Keeping Up with the Spirit
- Make Yourself Available
- Ordinary People: Extraordinary Experiences
- Unleashed: Defining Your Power, Renewing Your Passion
- Be Completely Alive – Thrive
- Boost Your Unity IQ
- Fear Is Stupid 98% of the Time
- Finding Your Voice as a Young Christian Woman
- Global Mission: Inspired, Called Determined
- Inextricably Woven into God's Plan
- Strategies to Prevent and Manage Diabetes
- Unleashing Your Influence: Advocacy in Action
- Women's Work: An Open Dialogue about Women's Ministries

Among the presenters for these Imagine Sessions were:

- Rev. Julie Joefield-Parris of Barbados
- Rev. Cicely Athill-Horsford of Barbados
- Rev. Nasel Ephraim of Redeemer Moravian Church, PA (formerly of the EWI Province, and former Pastor at Bethlehem)
- Dr. Jean Straker of the John Hus Moravian Church (formerly of the Sharon congregation)

Other interest groups were the Choir, the Band, the Unity Women's Desk, and the Next Generation Sisters Cohort (for younger women).

## Announcements

Congratulations to all the Barbados Scholarship and Exhibitions winners for 2019 from the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE) results announced.



Special congratulations to **Tevye-Kaori Parris** (affectionately called "TK") 2019 National Scholarship Winner from Sharon Moravian (Harrison's College) who studied Caribbean Studies, Computer Science, Physics, Pure Mathematics, Communication Studies. "TK" is the son of our Superintendent, Rev. Ezra Parris and Christian Educator, Rev. Julie Joefield Parris.

Special congratulations to our own **Tara Holder** from Bethlehem Moravian (Christ Church Foundation) who studied Caribbean Studies, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, and Communication Studies and attained a 2019 National Exhibition. Tara is the daughter of our Choir member and Stewards Board member, Sis. Pamela Holder and Bro. Michael Holder.



The thanksgiving service for the life of our Sis Grace Pilgrim, who passed into the nearer presence of God on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, took place on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 3:30 pm at Sharon Moravian Church. Please remember her family and friends in prayer.

### HURRICANE DORIAN RELIEF DRIVE

for the residents of The Bahamas, where various islands were seriously impacted by this weather system.

Please get ready to respond to the call for financial assistance and supplies that will be needed by the Government of The Bahamas:

- Water
- Non-perishable foods
- Hygiene kits (tissue, toothpaste, tooth brushes, towels, sanitary napkins)
- Cleaning supplies (bleach, mops, brooms, garbage bags, sponges, clothes pins)
- Disinfectants
- Baby food and formula
- Blankets
- Flashlights
- Batteries
- Mosquito repellent (DEET-free)
- First aid kits (bandages, gauze and tape)
- Dog food



## from Bethlehem



### 55<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

For Bethlehem's 55th Anniversary (August 13) the congregation was challenged to consider the question "What Time Is It?" and urged to see it as a time for Reflection, Introspection, & Projection. The Scripture Readings for the day suggested that God has something in store for us (Gen. 15:1-6), but we must be alert lest we miss it (Lk. 12:32-40). We Reflected on our rich history, gaining congregational status in 2 years, acquiring church, manse and hall in the 70's and 80's, and becoming a light in the community. For Introspection we were urged to compare our membership now with the pinnacle reached in 1977 (136); to consider whether we have been effective stewards of our property; and assess whether we are still in our community, as a church. We were then led to consider where we want to go and to make Projections on how we will strategize to get there.

At this Anniversary then, What Time Is It? It is time for Stock-taking – for Reflection, Introspection & Projection.

Our anniversary coincides with the Anniversary the Spiritual Baptism of our Church in 1727. Like our ancestors of that time, we at this time, need to be touched again by the Holy Spirit.

*Submitted By Rev. Roslyn Hamblin*

### Preparations For Tropical Storm Dorian

In preparation for Tropical Storm Dorian, a team from the Stewards Board, along with the Ministerial Team, visited the premises in order to inspect and appropriately secure the buildings and general premises of the Church, Manse and Hall. Any loose material around the Church and Hall were appropriately secured and sand-bags were strategically placed to control water flow. Effort to reduce risk to the Organ from excess water was undertaken and other equipment was moved towards the centre of the room to minimise damage. Kudos to the team.

*Submitted by Sis. Verve Alleyne*

### Deeper Life SERVICES



The intended start of our week of Deeper Life Services was delayed in light of the then approaching weather system – tropical storm Dorian. We were encouraged to secure our properties and maintain our prayer for safety of the Region during the storm. The Services started on Tuesday, August 27 with the speaker for the week, Rev. Dr. Suzette Husbands of Sanctuary Empowerment Centre. Worship Leaders for each night were Pastor David Ince (Tuesday),

Sis. Analacia Yarde (Wednesday), Bro. Earl Alleyne (Thursday), and Sis. Desma Linton (Friday). The worship experience was supported nightly by Song Leaders and Band members of the Moravian Disciples.

Auxiliary Groups also assisted with worship nightly, which included Bible Reading, Leading Offertory Prayer, and providing some light refreshments, particularly for persons who may have travelled directly from work. The Men assisted on Tuesday, Women on Wednesday, Stewards on Thursday, and the Youth and Wider Congregation on Friday. Different performances were received nightly as special renditions from the Men's Fellowship, Parish Vibe from the Christ Church Parish Church, Saxophonist Andrew Knight, accompanied by our Organist, Bro. Winston Holford, and young dancer – Charlene Forde – from our Liturgical Dance group who presented a lovely illustration of "My Defender". Our invited speaker also shared a lovely solo rendition of "His Eye is On The Sparrow" on the last night. A Love Offering was received on Friday and a presentation made by Pastor David Ince to our Preacher/Teacher for the week, who we have come to affectionately refer to as 'Pastor Su'. May God continue to richly bless her and her Ministries.

*Submitted by Bro. Earl Alleyne*

## Back-To-School Service

The Back-to-School Service was held on the last Sunday in August, and 2 boys and 17 girls, primarily between the ages of 4 yrs and 17 yrs, received packages. One student is moving on to University this year. The packages contained stationery/school items and were presented by members of the Elders' Board.

The messages for that day focused on the account from Luke 13 where Jesus was teaching the people in the synagogue. The students were reminded that although the Teacher taught, it was the responsibility of the learners to learn, and so they also had a responsibility.

In the account, there were two types of learners – the receptive one and the resistant one. The receptive learners were the ones who were, above all, willing to be taught; as the psalmist wrote – 'Teach me Your ways, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth' (Psalm 86:11). Receptive learners also listen and obey the good instructions of their teacher. In so doing they can gain good results and blessings from God. While on the other hand the resistant learner, like the two magicians in Exodus, are often unwilling to listen to those over them and suffer the consequences -- 'Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth ... but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.' 2 Timothy 3:8,9.

It was here that they were reminded of the costs which often accompanies disobedience. These include unplanned sacrifices like having to repeat exams, or the loss of blessings God has in store for them.

The students then received the charge that, as they return to the classroom, they should be receptive learners; willing to be taught, listening and obeying what is right.

*Submitted by Pastor David Ince*

## Activities with Faith



### Police Band Concert At Faith

I felt truly blessed as the Royal Barbados Police Force Band performed a wide selection of pieces (although not all qualified as gospel pieces). The performances were very well rendered and enjoyed by all. The young talented dancers, made up of children from Bethlehem and children from the Faith congregation did an excellent interpretation of the 2018 song "Hallelujah...I Am Alive" by Red Plastic Bag. I do hope to see more of them.

*Submitted by Sis. Wendy Evelyn Knight*



## Vacation Bible School

The theme for VBS 2019 (August 12-23) at Faith was "God's Wonderful World". There were 7 participants, sharing in Bible Story Time, Craft, and Special Interest Activities such as Music, Cooking, Health Watch, Games, Quizz. The theme song for VBS was "All Things Bright and Beautiful".

God made a Wonderful World. Man and woman were the crown of God's creation and he put them in charge of the garden. But human beings spoiled God's Wonderful World by sinning, and had to face the consequences of their sin. However, God is compassionate and forgave. God placed a rainbow in the sky as a promise that he would never destroy the earth by water again.

VBS concluded with a tour to the St. Nicholas Abbey Heritage Railway and Farley Hill National Park, with our sister congregation, Bethlehem. A Sponsored Walk on August 10th raised funds towards this tour. Following VBS we had our Games & Movie Evening on Saturday, joint with Bethlehem, and our Back-to-School & VBS Service on Sunday. We displayed our craft for the congregation. It was an exciting 2 weeks!

*Submitted by Rev. Roslyn Hamblin*

## Joint Sponsored Walk

This walk was a fun one! We departed from the Bethlehem Moravian Church around 7 o'clock, along with two of our sisters in Christ from the Faith Moravian Church, to embark on our Sponsored Walk. We made our way along the south coast traveling in an easterly direction and ended at Long Beach.

It was a morning of fitness and fellowship as Bro. Earl and myself led the group along the journey. It took approximately two hours for some of us to complete the walk. At various stages along the route, the group began to thin out due to the pace at which people fell into their strides. There were the fast walkers, the medium walkers and the casual walkers. Perhaps the casual walkers were thinking that the walk was not



for the swift but for those who endured to the end. And indeed we all endured to the end! We thank God for giving us safe travelling mercies, a beautiful day and good fellowship.

We returned to Bethlehem on a mini-van; for many the first such ride in many years. The vehicle was a sea of purple!

*Submitted by Sis. Pamela Holder*

## St. Nicholas Abbey Heritage Railway Tour

On August 23, accompanied by Rev. Roslyn Hamblin, and Pastor David Ince, with Rev. Ezra Parris, Superintendent as one of the bus drivers, the youth of Bethlehem and Faith congregations, together with families and friends, toured St. Nicholas Abbey Heritage Railway. There was singing and happy banter along the ride.



It was excitement and anticipation as we boarded the steam engine. Cameras clicked while cell phones and tablets recorded the places of interest and beauty as the train chugged along its route. The photography continued even as we disembarked at the end of the train line. We viewed the breathtaking east coasts of the island and purchased some items from the vendors, before returning to “mind the gap” at the train station.

Leaving St. Nicholas Abbey, we visited Farley Hill National Park where Rev. Hamblin offered prayer before refreshments were taken. The children played in the park while the adults socialized before setting off to Rockley, and eventually back to our starting points.

Everyone expressed their joy for the experience and many were suggesting a repeat.

*Submitted by Bro. Maurice Quintyne*



## Worship Hours at Bethlehem:

- o Sunday School: @ 9:00 am
- o Divine Worship: Sundays @ 10:00 am
- o Holy Communion – every 1st Sunday @ 10:00 am
- o Prayer & Bible Study this month at 7:30 pm
- o Prayer Meeting, Fasting – 4th Wednesday, 7:30 pm
- o Office Hours: Fridays – 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

## Assisting with this month’s Worship experience:

- o The Choir with Cleaning and Preparing the Sanctuary.
- o The Men’s Fellowship with Readings and Prayer.

- Liturgical Dance Rehearsals – 3:00 pm on Saturdays.
- Learn to Drum – 6:00 pm on Fridays
- Women’s Fellowship Meetings – 2nd Tuesday @ 6:00 pm.
- Elders’ Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 3 @ 7:30 pm.
- Multi-media training (joint) – Saturday, September 7 @ 2:00 pm
- Mission Rally – Sunday, September 8, @ 4:00 pm.
- Holy Communion to Sick and Shut-In Members –Tuesday, September 10.
- Sunday School Teachers’ Orientation – Saturday, September 14. The Workshop will run from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm..
- Ministers’ Covenant Day –September 16 (video conference).
- Mission Festival – Tuesday, September 17 @ 7:30 pm. The preacher will be Rev. Susan Ellis of St. Augustine Anglican Church
- Day of Prayer for Surviving Spouses – observed Sunday, September 22 (the Sunday closest to September 16). The focus is on prayer and the receiving of an offering for the widows of ministers.
- Joint Service of Holy Communion – Sunday, October 6th at 10:00 am.

## Conference Events

- Moravian Voice Broadcast – LIFE 97.5 FM every Wednesday @ 8:00 pm.
- Faith’s Mission Rally – Sunday, September 1st @ 4:00 pm.
- Faith’s Mission Festival – Sunday, September 15th @ 4:00 pm.

## Special Greetings This Month

### BIRTHDAYS – SEPTEMBER

- 01ST – Sis. Marjorie Worrell
- 02ND – Sis. Elaine Holder
- 08TH – Sis. Gloria Blackman
- 23RD – Sis. Linda Simpson
- 24TH – Bro. Lionel Hollingsworth

### ANNIVERSARIES – SEPTEMBER

- 08TH – Sis. Marjorie and Bro. Russell Kellman
- 30TH – Bro. Earl and Sis. Verve Alleyne



September is here!!

### Back-To-School

September is here and "Back-To-School" is also here. Are you ready for your new school or new class? Or, are you ready for your final year of secondary school and looking forward to being a worker in your society? Then it is hoped that you have been preparing during the vacation period (ie: July and August).

Have you looked through your text books to see what you are going to be studying during the coming year? Are you and your family ready with your school uniform as well as your gym/sports uniform? Are you excited about relating to your school friends again? Or making new ones? We are sure that this excitement or anxiety is gaining momentum.

As a Christian young person and a Christian family, it is necessary to keep in focus that you also need to prepare yourself to share your Christian principles and ways of behavior with your new school-mates and teachers. You will soon have the opportunity to do this - by being friendly, polite, kind, helpful and respectful to your teachers and staff of the school. Your Christian values must be evident in what you say and what you do. Avoid breaking your school rules and set the correct example.

You can develop your skills and expand your interests by joining the organisations in your school which provide avenues to help you build confidence and further your knowledge, skills, and abilities in a variety of areas. These areas include the arts, indoor and outdoor sports/games, leadership development, community interests, health interests (eg: First Aid, physiotherapy) and human interests (ie: child care, senior citizens care, environmental care, etc).

The exposures you gain through the activities and programmes organized within these disciplines will help you in enhancing your academic studies, and help you to appreciate and understand your wider society. Joining organized groups at your school will also help in your development as a rounded and responsible person. Such groups as ISCF, Brownies, Girls Guides, Boys Scouts, Chess Group, Debating Club, Photography Club, First Aid Group, Entrepreneurs Group, all contribute towards your positive development.

Above all else, ask God to guide you in school, to keep you focused on your learning path, and protect you going to and from school. Do not forget to pray every day and night, before and after school, and remember Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." May God not only bless each school child in Bethlehem, but across our Nation, Barbados.

Submitted by Sis. Marva Alleyne

### Back-To-School Acrostic

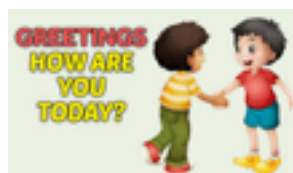
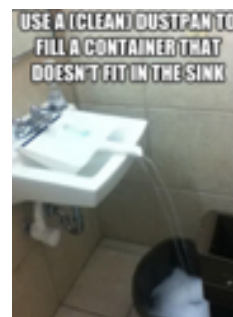
May these reminders from God's Word fill you and your child with confidence as you prepare to go back to school

- B** – Be confident. God is with me (Deuteronomy 31:6)
- A** – Ask God for help making smart choices (James 1:5)
- C** – Cast my anxiety on God (1 Peter 5:7)
- K** – Know that I shine God's Light (Matthew 5:14-16)
- T** – Trust in the Lord with all my heart (Prov. 3:5-6)
- O** – Overcome fear by choosing faith (Psalm 118:6)
- S** – Show kindness to others (Ephesians 4:32)
- C** – Character counts! (1 Timothy 4:12)
- H** – He gives me strength when I'm tired (Isaiah 40: 29)
- O** – Offer Kindness and don't forget to share (Hebrews 13:16)
- O** – Observe and look out for others (Philippians 2:4)
- L** – Let everything be done with love (1 Corinthians 16:14)

(A message from 95.1 SHINE FM)



### Handy Household Tip



**Reminder:** Did you get to know the names of at least two people in Church whose name you did not know before, and not only greet but actually have a conversation with them? It's not too late.

### Remember in Prayer our Sick/Shut-In/Recovering:

NAMES	CONTACT NUMBERS
Sis. Boothe Chase	246-428-6068
Sis. Mavis Chase	246-428-6258
Sis. Emily Forde	St. Philip Family Care 246-622-1897
Sis. Cynthia Walcott	246-428-9768
Sis. Marjorie Worrell	246-437-1805
Sis. Odessa Haynes	246-426-8663
Sis. Gloria Layne	246-428-7545
Sis. Muriel La Forte	246-428-7536

# Teen/Youth CORNER

Young people we want to hear from you!  
Tell us how you are spending summer.



SUMMER NEWS!!

## Darric Taylor-Omeir



During this summer I spent a month away from Barbados. The first 2 weeks I spent in my hometown back in Nicaragua, visiting friends and family, travelling to different parts of Nicaragua with friends and having lots of fun. It

was really nice to go back to my old school to see previous teachers and old classmates, and to catch up. Since I've been a scout for over 3 years, I took these first two weeks to go visit my scout group to say hi to everyone, play games and talk.

For the other 2 weeks of my vacation, I attended the World Scout Jamboree 2019 which took place in West Virginia in the United States. I traveled with a group of teenagers and adults that are also scout members of different cities and departments of Nicaragua. We all went to represent our country. It was a fun experience getting closer to the group and meeting scouts from all over the world.

During the jamboree there were many activities that one could participate in such as, rock climbing, scuba diving, mountain biking, going on a zipline and many more. There were also activities that you could attend to win badges. There were many things to do and many things to learn but in short it was a fun experience and I can't wait for the next one.

Thanks for all your prayers and concerns while I was away.



## Tara Holder

My summer holiday has been LONGG, but somewhat enjoyable. For me summer started in early June after my CAPE exams – therefore being home for an entire month before official summer was quite boring... However, some excitement began to come my way. I graduated from Christ Church Foundation School and, even though it was bitter-sweet, that one last night with my friends will be unforgettable! Shortly after I started to work and, despite the long hours, I began to like the job. Meeting different people every day was fun. Then, on my off days, I either went to the beach with my friends or watched movies at Olympus. Now that my vacation is slowly but surely coming to an end, and I'm anxiously awaiting my results...I really wish I had done more but I can happily say this was a summer to remember and I can't wait to start my new journey at university!



## Xavier Mascoll

*Extract: Nation News | Page 014 | Monday, 8 July 2019*



Congratulations to Xavier who secured one of the top places from among the 24 children from the 11-14 age category who faced the judges in July 20th ScotiaBank Junior Calypso Monarch Semi-finals. The following is an extract from the Nation News about Xavier's contribution to the Calypso competition.

DONNA SEALY, in her article for the press reported that everyone gave of their best, but if there was one contestant who was great, it was Hilda Skeene Primary's Xavier, who she felt stood out in every category as an 11-14 contender – lyrics, melody and rendition. She commended his performance noting it was a tremendous improvement over last year's. In commenting on his song, Reduce Reuse Recycle, she said he not only highlighted the negative petroleum-based plastic products which are now banned, but he also made suggestions to the Minister of Maritime Affairs, Kirk Humphrey, about alternative ways to reduce childhood obesity and crime. She also noted that there were no large contingents from the schools cheering on the junior calypsonians.

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