

It takes someone brave to be a **MOTHER**, Someone **STRONG** to raise a child, and someone **SPECIAL** to **LOVE** someone more than herself...

CAYMAN ISLANDS  
REGIONAL MISSION  
COUNCIL

**WEEKLY  
UPDATE!**

May 9, 2018

**Motherhood is always an act of courage!**

**IN THIS ISSUE**

## The Importance of Mothers

Our Update this week highlights the role of mothers in the family. Through doing this we reflect on mothers and women in the Bible who played an important role in making a difference. Below is a hymn acknowledging various women of God.

### God Of the Women

SLANE 10.10.9.10 ("Be Thou My Vision")

God of the women who answered your call,  
Trusting your promises, giving their all,  
Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth –  
Give us their courage to live in your truth.

God of the women who walked Jesus' Way,  
Giving their resources, learning to pray,  
Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more –  
May we give freely as they did before.

God of the women long put to the test,  
Left out of stories, forgotten, oppressed,  
Quietly asking: "Who smiled at my birth?" –  
In Jesus' dying you show us our worth.

God of the women who ran from the tomb,  
Prayed with the others in that upper room,  
Then felt your Spirit on Pentecost Day –  
May we so gladly proclaim you today.

O God of Phoebe and ministers all,  
May we be joyful in answering your call.  
Give us the strength of your Spirit so near  
That we may share in your ministry here.

Tune: Traditional Irish melody ("Be Thou My Vision") ([MIDI](#))  
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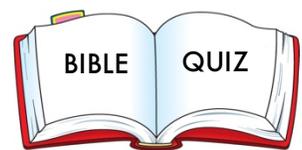
### Mothers of the Bible Quiz!

1. I laughed when the angels told me I would give birth to a son. Laughter was the only natural reaction, given the fact that I would become a mother at the age of ninety. Yet, I realized that motherhood is not bond to age. **Who Am I?**
2. My story of how I became a Queen of Israel isn't perfect but as a woman placed in such a precarious situation, I raised my children as best as I could, given the male influences around them. One of my sons grew up to be the King of Israel. Motherhood showed me that as parents we are the examples our children follow. **Who Am I?**
3. I taught the Jews and Gentiles about prayer and how to truly connect to God, to see God as our 'Father'. However, I also refer to God as a 'Mother' in Matthew 23 and Luke 13. **Who Am I?**



### IMPORTANCE OF MOTHERS

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### MOTHERS OF THE BIBLE QUIZ

Learn about mothers and motherhood in the Bible through this insightful quiz. Test your knowledge and share it your learnings with others as our Council celebrates Mothers.



### CONGRATS CAYMAN PREP STUDENTS

The United World Colleges (UWC) global educational movement will enroll three more Caymanian students this August, Fenna Madison, Mark Plowright and Juliana Gaspar as 2018 scholars.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**May 12**  
**Leadership Development Training 5 & 6**  
 – Savannah United Church  
 (Worship Workshop at 9:00am |  
 Sacraments, Pastoral Care, &  
 Counselling Skills at 1:00pm)

**May 12**  
**Youth Splash Meeting** – Council Office,  
 Prospect at 10:00am

**May 14 – 16**  
**Synodical Standing Committee Meetings**  
 – Synod Administrative Centre, Jamaica

**May 22**  
**Council Executive Meeting** – Council  
 Office, Prospect at 5:30pm

**May 26**  
**Council Meeting** – John Gray Memorial  
 at 9:00am

**May 26**  
**Girls’ Brigade Display & Awards Evening**  
 – at 4:00pm

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**Look Ya Nah!**



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**MAY**

**WORSHIP THE LORD**  
 Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council  
 Sundays at 7:45am on Radio Cayman

**THEME: Family & Adult Ministries**

**May 13** - Mrs. Renee Barnes (Role of Mothers in the Family)

**May 20** - Rev. Rohan Forrester (Pentecost Sunday - The Call to Ministry)

**Mothers of the Bible Quiz! contd.**

4. I had to be strong in my leadership to claim the honour of being the only female judge mentioned in the Bible. Though there were many male judges, only I arose a Mother in Israel. I showed Israel that being a mother does not only mean having children, but showing nurture, care, and leadership.

**Who Am I?**

5. My son grew up with parents of different beliefs, I a Jew, and my husband a Greek Gentile. Yet, I raised him to be faithful and keen in God's word. He later found his own path of faith and became the travel companion of Paul. Motherhood showed me the impact we have on our children's lives, a responsibility to be treated with care and love.

**Who Am I?**

ANSWERS: 1.Sarah 2.Bathsheba 3.Jesus 4.Deborah 5.Eunice

**Congrats to Our Cayman Prep Students!**



The 2018 UWC scholars (L-R) Fenna Madison, Mark Plowright and Juliana Gaspar

Learn more about the students:  
[www.cnslocalife.com](http://www.cnslocalife.com)

(CNS Local Life): The United World Colleges (UWC) global educational movement will enroll three more Caymanian students this August, as the local national committee has selected Fenna Madison, Mark Plowright and Juliana Gaspar as its 2018 scholars. Studying for the rigorous International Baccalaureate Diploma, during the two-year pre-university programme the three scholars will live and study alongside young people from diverse cultures and backgrounds.

Fenna Madison is the first student selected through the local national committee to attend UWC ISAK Japan in Karuizawa, northwest of Tokyo in Nagano Prefecture. She attends Cayman Prep and High School and is first trombone in the senior school band and has been sailing competitively for five years, competing in local and international regattas.

Mark Plowright will be attending UWC Adriatic in Duino, Italy, a small town on the northern coast. He is a student from the John Gray High School, and is a skilled debater, and an accomplished, self-taught musician, he plays piano, saxophone, guitar, organ and steel pan and was a finalist for Young Musician of the Year award.

Juliana Gaspar will attend UWC-USA in Montezuma, New Mexico, in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. A firm believer in an individual's ability to change the world, the Cayman Prep and High School student gives back to the community in many different ways. She has been participating in Model United Nations for three years.

Information provided by: CNS Local Life (Cayman Islands Sports & Community News)

**"I AM A PEACEMAKER" T-SHIRTS FOR SALE!**



Support the United Church's initiative and declaration for Peace and take pride in being a "Peacemaker"!

**Peacemaker T-Shirts are for sale at the Council Office \$15 for Adults, \$10 for Children.**

For those who put in T-Shirt orders you can collect and pay for your T-Shirts on Friday, May 4 at the Council Office or throughout the following week. To make a purchase email the Council Office at [cirmc.info@gmail.com](mailto:cirmc.info@gmail.com) or call 947-1963

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