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Find Us Faithful

By Mrs. Katherine Jackson

Please read Hebrews 11:1-16

First, let us see how faith is defined by Hebrews 11:1 and 3.
“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for, and assurance about what we do not see. 3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.”

The writer then begins his walk through the various chambers of the Faith Hall of Fame, naming some of the Heroes of Faith: Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Rahab, Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, and Samuel.

So, what about us? Are we living by faith? Can we look through our families and name the generations? Can we look through our Churches and name the families?

At John Gray Memorial here are the surnames of some of the stalwart families there: Gray, Ebanks, Boddin, Bothwell, Hydes, Henning, Jackson, Farrington, Banks, Dilbert, Bush, Rivers, Glidden, Robinson, Parsons, Bonner, Elliott, Gordon, McDermot, Thompson, Burke, McLaughlin, Wright, Kandler, Smith, Anglin, Powery, Welds, Powell, Dixon, Pouchie, Rankine, Voaden... and this list could go on and on.

Why this long list, you may ask? I am revealing to you that we too, have a Hall of Fame right here, with many, many stalwart families in Christ who have lived among us, loved us and who served their Master and Savior faithfully to life’s end. They are our models of loyal, patient endurance through some very difficult times here in early Cayman, but who gave their best, with much prayer, to ensure their children would grow and mature into true servants of God.

So, we have ...

- Faith in God, Maker of heaven and earth
- Faith in His Son, Jesus Christ, who fulfills all of his promises to us
- And our call to faithfulness.

In Lamentations 3, 19-24 we read:

19 I remember my affliction and my wandering,

*the bitterness and the gall.
20 I well remember them,
and my soul is downcast within me.
21 Yet this I call to mind
and therefore, I have hope:
22 Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.
23 They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
24 I say to myself, “The LORD is my portion;
therefore, I will wait for him.”*

During this time of “bitterness and gall” – bereavement, unemployment, sickness, and every other challenge, it is paramount that our faith is deeply grounded in Jesus Christ, the bedrock of our faith.

So, are we serving Christ faithfully today? Do we hear the call for mission and engagement in ministry, or do we just complain? Our forefathers gave all they had and made a difference in our communities. I am sure they muttered this prayer many a day, “Lord, help me that those who come behind me will find me faithful”.

We are never too old to serve the Lord. The song says, “I was born to serve the Lord”, so we must persevere and continue to believe that God will honor God’s word and our efforts. Let us continue to show Christ to our families and our communities and follow the example of the many faithful men and women still among us in our Churches.

As we respond to the challenges around us, we will not always see immediate results, but we must keep on keeping on, knowing that God is in control!

Why don’t you look through your Congregation and see the generations as far back as they go? Make your own list! We must know from whence we came so that we can be encouraged by their enduring perseverance recognizing that the same God whom they served will continue to walk with us and strengthen us day by day to do God’s work so that those who come behind us will find us faithful.

Hear the words of this song by Jon Mohr:

We’re pilgrims on the journey
Of the narrow road
And those who’ve gone before us line the way
Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary
Their lives a stirring testament to God’s sustaining grace.

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses
Let us run the race, not only for the prize
But as those who've gone before us
Let us leave to those behind us
The heritage of faithfulness passed on through godly lives ...

Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful
May the fire of our devotion light their way
May the footprints that we leave
Lead them to believe
And the lives we live inspire them to obey
Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful.

... and on that final day, when we stand before Christ, may He too, declare us faithful!

Let us pray:

Eternal and most faithful God,
Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, You who led Joseph like a flock, we thank you for those who have gone on before us. Help us to remember that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. Help us to run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. In His glorious name we pray. Amen.

Condolences

The Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council extends heartfelt condolences to the family of Mrs. Margaret Rose Garcia, member of the Savannah United Congregation. She has given valiant support to the East End United Congregation, especially in the area of children and youth ministry. She served as Worship leader and reader on



several occasions. She died tragically on Sunday, July 31, 2022. She will be tremendously missed by both the Savannah United and the East End United Congregations. May her soul rest in peace.



The Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council extends heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Debra Humphreys, Elder at the John Gray Memorial Congregation and Member at Large on the Council Executive Committee, on the passing of her husband Mr. Dave Humphreys, and her mother Mrs. Madge Ebanks. May their souls rest in peace. As a Council, we surround Ms. Debra with our love and prayers.

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*"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."*  
*Psalm 34:18*



## Remember in your prayers

All those God has placed on your heart and those brought to your attention in some way. Please also include in your prayers, especially, the family of Mrs. Margaret Garcia and Mrs. Debra Humphreys.

Please also pray for the retired ministers in our RMC

- Rev Godfrey Meghoo, who is recuperating at home,
- Rev and Mrs. Joe Crawford, and
- Rev Harry Bodden.



UCJCI July – September 2022 Focus

*August:*

*A Church Responding to Great Challenges*

**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Pentecost**

**August 14, 2022**

***Responding with Patience and Endurance***

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19.  
Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

The list of the faithful in Hebrews 11 (named and unnamed) were models of faithful, patient endurance. As we respond to the challenges, we will not always see immediate results. Notwithstanding, we must persevere and continue to believe that God will honor God's word and our efforts.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

August 11 (Thursday)

**Lay Leaders Certificate Course Training**– 6:00 pm-8:00 pm via Zoom

August 13 (Saturday)

**Lay Leaders Certificate Course Training**– 9:00 am-2:00 pm via Zoom

**August 14 (Sunday) 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**



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