

CARIBBEAN BRETHREN ASSEMBLIES CONFERENCE

IMPACT

Transforming Our Generation

Tuesday July 15 – Saturday July 19, 2025
 Catalonia Hotel, Montego Bay Jamaica
 US\$680.00 - 4 persons per room
 US\$ 725.00 - double occupancy



**Opportunities
for Believers
to Serve**

*Evangelism -Counselling/follow-up	*Ushers
*Intercessors/Prayer Team	*Hospitality Team
*Online Prayer Ministry/Outreach	*Performing Arts
*Social Media	*Sports Ministry
*Programme's Team	*Welfare
*Sisters and Brothers' Fellowships	*Mentorship
*Couples' Ministry	*Maintenance and Beautification
*Youth Ministry	*Communication and Community Relations
*Sunday School/Children's Ministries	*Office administration
*Gospel Messengers/Choir	*Fundraising and Finance
*Praise & Worship Team	
*Multi-Media Team	

Birthdays for the month of February

1. Sunday, Feb. 2 – Cheryl Jones 388-8041
2. Monday, Feb. 3 – Nicardo Taylor 435-9406
3. Wednesday, Feb. 5 – Francis Brown 448-0363
4. Wednesday, Feb. 7 – Rohan Anderson 440-3189
5. Monday, Feb. 10 – Simone Smith 579-7194
6. Friday, Feb. 21 – Sandra Cain-Hall 858-5763
7. Saturday, Feb. 22 – Shirley Cain 632-7694
8. Monday, Feb. 24 – Calvin Thomas 282-4226

Welcome Home!!

We'd like to acknowledge sisters Carol Beckford, Karen Gordon, Alyssa Cross and Zaria Ferguson who were with us during the holidays. We are grateful to God for the time they were able to fellowship with us.

We were also glad to see our sister Althea Shaw, who visited with us during the week of meetings even though she was here to support her family in their time of loss and grief.

We thank the Lord for His mercies on Brothers Calvin Isaacs, Troy Taylor, Wayon Duncan; Sisters Triffene Clarke and Karen Isaacs who travelled to the CLIMB Conference in Texas, USA in January.

Condolences!!

We mourn with our sister Karen Jones whose sister went home to the Lord recently. To all our saints who have lost loved ones, May the God of Comfort supply peace during this period of mourning.

Let Us Pray!

For our Elders and Leaders as they seek God's guidance.
 For the head of State and Leaders of our country in seeking guidance and help in quelling lawlessness, and for continued peace in and around our communities.

Sick & Shut-ins List!

Brothers: Maxwell; Jones, Hugh Holness
Sisters: Ena Spencer, Florrette Davis, McCurdy, Holness, Markland. Maitland, Cain-Tate, Viris Styles, Porter, Curtis, Shirley Cain.
 Please also remember those who are recuperating

Online Prayer Ministry

Call Sundays 9am to 3pm: 876-398-2579, 876-398-3079, 876-398-3100

Email: elimassembly75@gmail.com/[yahoo.com](mailto:elimassembly75@yahoo.com) Tel. 876-925-2838



Pastoral
**INSTALLATION
 SERVICE**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 @ 6:30 PM

"Christ himself gave ... pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service..." Eph 4:11-12

JOIN OUR 10:00 AM COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Feb 02: Bro George Kennedy
- Feb 09: Bro Michael Silvera
- Feb 16: Youth Speaker
- Feb 23: Bro D Allen



WEEKLY MEETINGS

- Prayer and Bible Study - Wednesdays @ 7:30 pm on Zoom
- Share N Praise - 3rd Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm in the Hall/Zoom
- Men and Women's Meeting - 4th Wednesday @ 7:30 pm on Zoom
- Youth Meeting - Fridays @ 6:30 pm

From the Elders' Desk

Understanding the Role of Your Pastor

Why is Elim appointing a pastor now?

- For over several years, the elders (including previous ones) have been deliberating on the need to appoint a pastor who could spend more time attending to the believers' spiritual and pastoral needs. The guiding view is that churches with a pastor experience more growth compared to churches without one.
- The current elders have taken the decision to appoint a pastor now to enhance the spiritual and numerical growth of believers.

What is the difference between an elder and a pastor?

- In the Christian Brethren Assemblies, elders are the top leaders in the church with the responsibility to oversee the spiritual growth and development of each believer as well as the collective body. This is done mainly by teaching, preaching, counselling and praying with/for people.
- Some Christian Brethren Assemblies churches have appointed a pastor, someone who has full-time responsibility, to take care of the spiritual needs of believers. In some churches, the pastor is also an elder, while in other churches the pastor does not hold the office of an elder.
- **In essence, there is no real distinction between the pastor and the elders except time.** The pastor has more time to devote himself to the teaching ministry of the church. However, the elders collectively remain responsible for the teaching ministry of the church.

What does the Bible say about pastors?

- According to Ephesians 4:11-12, pastors are primarily teachers of the Word. "Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.
- In Jeremiah 3:15, God promised to give the Israelites pastors "according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding".

How and why was Elder Isaacs selected as pastor?

- The selection procedure was as follows:
 - a) The Elders informed the believers at a face-to-face meeting about their recommendation to appoint an elder arising from their deliberations at retreat in September 2024. The elders informed the believers that Elder Isaacs was the recommended candidate for the position of pastor.

- b) Subsequently, believers were asked to vote by paper ballots and via WhatsApp over a period whether the church should appoint an elder. **The result was 81 % in favour and 19% against.**
- c) Elder Isaacs was selected as pastor because he has the training and professional experience as a bible teacher and counselling psychologist. He has a first-degree minoring in guidance and counselling from the Jamaica Theological Seminary, a master's degree in Counselling Psychology from the Caribbean Graduate School of Theology, among other qualifications. He was appointed a deacon at Elim in 1997 and as an elder in 2002. Elder Isaacs is also a licensed marriage officer.

What will be the duties of the pastor at Elim?

They include:

- Evangelism and Discipleship
- Teaching Ministry
- Sunday School and Youth Ministry
- Counselling ministry
- Visitation ministry
- Representing Elim Assembly at State agencies, ministers' fraternal and para-church organisations

Will the pastor at Elim have more authority than the elders?

- Elim is appointing someone who is already an elder to perform the function of a pastor. This means the authority structure in the church **remains unchanged.**
- However, the accountability structure will change. Elder Isaacs will relinquish the position of chairman of the board of elders and the other elders will directly oversee his performance as pastor. The believers also can evaluate the pastor's work and provide feedback at business/believers' meetings.

For how long will Elder Isaacs serve as pastor?

- His appointment will last for three years at the end of which it will be renewed based on the recommendation of the elders after consultation with the believers.

How should believers relate to Pastor Isaacs?

- Believers will continue to relate to Pastor Isaacs as they do now. It's okay to refer to him formally as pastor or elder. ("Uncle Calvin" is okay when speaking to him informally).
- Believers who have questions, comments, suggestions about the performance of the pastor are invited to share these with any elder of your choice.

Is the position of pastor at Elim permanent?

This is a decision for the church leaders and members to decide over time. Both the position of pastor and the holder of the office depend on the decision of the church over time.

Believer's PROFILE

Full Name: Najra Buchanan

Favourite Scripture: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." *Philippians 4: 8*



Sis. Buchanan was baptized and brought into fellowship at Elim Assembly on June 23rd, 2024. She grew up attending church on a regular basis and made the decision to accept Christ as her Saviour in 2022. She spent her formative years living in East Rural St. Andrew in the communities of 8 Miles, Bull Bay and Harbour View. She attended Excelsior Primary School

and the St. Andrew High School for Girls and later enrolled at the University of the West Indies (UWI). During her time at the UWI, she earned a BSc. with a major in Biotechnology and a minor in Management Studies and an MSc. in Natural Resource Management with specifications in Integrated Urban Rural and Environmental Management.

Sis. Buchanan is currently employed as a Laboratory Analyst in the Quality Assurance, Chlorination and Environment Department at the National Water Commission. She is happily married to Mr. Akeim Buchanan and in her spare time enjoys watching YouTube videos, learning how to crochet and listening to music by Kevin Downswell and Tasha Cobbs Leonard.