

**St. Catherine Baptist Association Brotherhood**  
**Report**  
**Period November 2020 - January 2021**

There were 5 executive meetings along with 5 regular monthly meetings over the past year. There was an average of 12 members in attendance at general meetings and 7 members in attendance at the executive meetings, which were held 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays of each month.

**Accomplishments and Successes:**

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought with it a high level of uncertainty. We are still adopting to how we will function under the new norm. However, through God's mercy and guidance we were able to accomplish the following:

- The St. Catherine Baptist Brotherhood attended and participated in the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Jamaica Baptist Union, held at the Mandeville Baptist Church in Manchester on Saturday November 21, 2020. The following brothers of SACABAB were re-elected to the executive of the Jamaica Baptist Union Brotherhood. Brother Dwayne Stewart, Public Relations Officer, Brother Patrick Turner, Assistant Treasurer and Brother Lincoln Vernon, Secretary for the year 2020 to 2021. Dwight Stewart was elected President Elect.
- On Saturday December 12, 2020 the Brotherhood held its annual Christmas treat for boys at the Sunbeam Boys' Home in Spring Village St. Catherine. They were treated with a hot meal and refreshment, along with gift of toiletries, books and other items donated by the various branches. However, due to COVID-19 only five brothers were allowed to participate and our visit was limited to half of an hour.
- The executive meetings of the St. Catherine Baptist Association was held physically in January, March, May and July 2021, at the Phillippo Baptist Church in Spanish Town.
- The St. Catherine Baptist Association Brotherhood attended and participated in the Jamaica Baptist Union Brotherhood National Day of Prayer held on Saturday January 9, 2021 at the Mandeville Baptist Church. We continue to be engaged in evangelism and outreach mission by participating actively in Sunday worship at Crawle Baptist, every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month and at Troja Baptist the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. However, visitation as suspended January 2021 to July 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions. Visitation was made to Crawle Baptist in July by the Edgewater Baptist Church Brotherhood, but was suspended again in August due to new COVID-19 restrictions.
- The General Meeting of the St. Catherine Baptist Association was held physically in February, April, June and August, 2021, at the Phillippo Baptist Church in Spanish Town.
- The St. Catherine Baptist Association Brotherhood attended and participated in the Jamaica Baptist Union Convention, Brotherhood Sectional Meeting held virtually on Thursday February 25, 2021. The male trio vocal group; Malachi, from the Edgewater Baptist Brotherhood, ministered at the meeting.
  
- Baptist World Alliance World Day of Prayer was held virtually on April 24, 2021. The Day of prayer which was usually held on a parish level, was held at a regional level encompassing St. Catherine, St. Mary and St. Ann. The Reverend Travis Drummond from the Annotto Bay circuit of churches in St. Mary was the speaker.
- The St. Catherine Baptist Association Brotherhood participated in the virtual St. Catherine Baptist Association Sport Day. This activity was different, interesting and fun, everyone did enjoy themselves.
- The St. Catherine Baptist Association Brotherhood Men's Week activity was held in June 2021 in the form of a Virtual Evening of Prayer, this was well supported and was a blessing.
- The St. Catherine Baptist Association Brotherhood held its second Virtual Prayer meeting on September 30, 2021, the evening was really inspirational and souls were blessed.
- The St. Catherine Baptist Association Brotherhood faced serious financial challenges during the year 2020 and continues to face these challenges in 2021 because of COVID-19. We were able to fully fund our Scholarship Program in 2020. We launched a block drive as a fund raiser to garner funds our 2021 Scholarship Program. Thanks be to God, we have raised sufficient funds to cover these scholarships.

▪ In September 2020, the St. Catherine Baptist Association Brotherhood, undertook to re- establish a Disaster Preparedness and Management Team, thus a new committee was formed. This committee will establish a Disaster Management Program within all branches/churches of the St. Catherine Baptist Association and will maintain oversight of such program. A meeting was held with the committee and the St. Catherine Baptist Association Mission Agency Coordinator to include other stake holder such as Youth, Women Federation and other interest group in order to broaden the disaster preparedness base.

#### Major Challenges

The global pandemic, COVID-19 has caused us to face major challenges during the course of this year. We are now faced with what is regarded as the new norm and we have to strategize new ways of executing our activities moving forward. Below are some of the activities we could not accomplish as a result.

- Quarterly Visitations
- Annual Fundraiser – Pantomime/Prayer Breakfast
- JBUB cook out
- JBU Annual Fun Day

#### Objectives

- To get the brothers more enthusiastic re the Brotherhood mission.
- To activate more branches in the St. Catherine Baptist Churches.
- To reach out to more youth, especially males through mentorship.
- To improve participation of more men from the church congregation.

#### Executive members of the St. Catherine Baptist Brotherhood: October 2019 to September 2020

Chairman - Bro. Patrick Turner, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman - Bro. Dwayne Stewart,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman - Bro. Everald Campbell, Secretary - Bro. Lincoln Vernon,  
Assistant Secretary - Bro. Lexcel Clarke, Treasurer - Bro. Rudolph Gentles,  
Assistant Treasurer - Bro. Patrick Dorman, Parish Organiser – Bro. Joslin Gibbs,  
Public Relations Officer – Bro. Gillespie Latty, Co-opted Members - Bro. Dwight Stewart, Bro. Stanford Samuels

Many thanks to all those who have supported the Brotherhood activities during the year.

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