



# BETHEL FOCUS




## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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In this Christmas edition, with joy, we celebrate Bethel's 80th year and highlight how we are fostering a richer, more diverse campus and academic community. God has indeed blessed us tremendously on this journey, and we are happy to share this with our BBCC-J family.

**Enjoy this exciting edition!**

## EMPOWERING THROUGH SHORT COURSES

Bethel Bible College of the Caribbean – Jamaica has ventured into exciting new territory, offering valuable short courses for students and wider community. Spearheaded by Dr. Venesse Leon, Online Learning Director, the programme has flourished over two semesters, attracting over two hundred (200) eager learners from Jamaica and overseas.

The initiative was launched online on June 19, 2023. The courses covered a diverse range of subjects, including Public Speaking, Evangelism, Events Planning and Management, Essential Counselling Skills, Media and Ministry, Biblical Preaching and Biblical Foundations. Each course spans six weeks, offering intensive learning experiences.

The feedback from participants has been overwhelmingly positive, with students praising the expertise and engaging teaching methods of the instructors. The college is proud to have provided an enriching and transformative learning environment.

Looking ahead, the college plans to expand this transformative initiative in future semesters, allowing more individuals to benefit from these valuable educational opportunities. Visit [www.bethelbiblecollegecaribbean.edu.jm](http://www.bethelbiblecollegecaribbean.edu.jm) to access the January 2024 application form and seize the chance to enrich your skills and knowledge.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rev. Dr. Earlmont Williams



*Dear Bethel Family,*

As we embrace the festive spirit of December and reflect on the semester that has just passed, I am filled with a profound sense of pride and gratitude. The last few months have been, without a doubt, among the most hectic and vibrant in our celebrated history, marked by the grandeur of our 80th anniversary celebrations.

Our anniversary week was nothing short of spectacular. The 80th Anniversary Celebration Service was a beautiful tapestry of worship, remembrance, and hope. The Hall of Faith Ceremony was a tremendous event where we honored the luminaries of our college and our denomination as well. Also, the stimulating lecture provided deep insights and reflections, enriching our minds and spirits. Plus, the unprecedented, grand 80th Anniversary Graduation Ceremony was a testament to the resilience and excellence of our students and the unwavering support of our faculty and staff.

None of these successes would have been possible without the exceptional commitment and hard work of our team. To our administrative and ancillary staff, faculty, and board members – your dedication and sacrifice have not gone unnoticed. You have all contributed to making this semester not just successful but enduringly memorable.

To our students, your enthusiasm and engagement have been the lifeblood of our events and daily operations. Your growth and achievements reflect the fact that Bethel Bible College of the Caribbean - Jamaica is an institution of empowerment and excellence.

To our Administrative Bishop and members of the National Executive Council (NEC), district overseers, local ministers, members of the New Testament Church of God in Jamaica, and all our stakeholders – your support and collaboration have been invaluable. Your significant participation in our journey enriches our mission and vision.

As we again celebrate the first coming of Jesus in this holiday season, I extend warm and heartfelt Christmas greetings to each of you. May this season be a time of joy, peace, and reflection for you and your loved ones. Let us cherish these moments with family and friends.

Looking ahead, I am filled with anticipation and excitement for what the second semester holds. Let us carry forward this momentum and continue our journey as we move "Forward Together with Agility, Innovation, and Loving Service."

Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!



*Starlight guides the way,  
Bethlehem's hope in a manger,  
Christ's birth, joy unveiled.*

# ***Seasons Greetings***

**from the BBCC-J family to yours!**

# BETHEL 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS: : A SHORT REVIEW



Bethel Bible College of the Caribbean – Jamaica (BBCC-J) marked its 80th Anniversary with a series of memorable events from November 5-12, 2023. The College community gathered and celebrated under the theme "Bethel 80: Rooted, Relevant, and Repositioned," acknowledging its historical roots, highlighting its current relevance, and expressing a commitment to adapt and reposition itself for continued growth and impact in the future.



The festivities commenced on November 5 with a church service at Mandeville New Testament Church of God. Rev. Wayan Wellington, the esteemed pastor of Temple Hall New Testament Church of God, delivered an inspiring message. During this service, the College launched its fundraising initiative entitled, "Bethel 80 for 80," where eighty individuals give eighty thousand dollars each to support college endeavors. Those who wish to contribute to the fund can reach out to the college and make arrangements.



On November 7, a momentous occasion unfolded with the Hall of Faith induction ceremony. Eight individuals were recognized for their outstanding contributions to BBCC-J and the New Testament Church of God in Jamaica. The honourees were Bishop Dr. Wellesley Blair, Bishop Dr. Ronald Blair, Bishop Dr. Roy Notice, Bishop Dr. Donald A. Roberts, Bishop Dr. Barrington Brown, Rev. Lindsay Arscott, Bishop Guy Notice, and Bishop Dr. Oswald O. Baker. Their dedication and sterling service have left an indelible mark on the college and the community.



The Anniversary Lecture on November 9 featured two distinguished speakers. Rev. Jason Fullerton (class of 2023 graduate) presented on the compelling topic "The Problem of Sexual Immorality: Theological Imperatives for the Church in the Caribbean" based on his Caribbean Theology course research paper. President Rev. Dr. Earlmont Williams delivered the keynote lecture that was based on research from his doctoral dissertation. His presentation was entitled "Pastoral Perceptions on the Impact of Pastoral Leadership Transition on Congregational Health". Both scholars captivated the audience with intellectual stimulation, which gave way to thought-provoking discussions.



Bethel 80 celebration reached its pinnacle on November 12 with the graduation ceremony held at the Old Harbour New Testament Church of God. Evangelist Arthur Grant, a stalwart in the New Testament Church of God was bestowed an honorary degree in recognition of his extensive contributions. One hundred and sixty-eight persons participated in the graduation exercise, including Degree, Diploma, Certificate and Short Courses students—a first-of-its-kind achievement.



BBCC-J extended its celebration into December with another Hall of Faith induction ceremony on December 19. Bishop Dr. Fedlyn A. Beason, a trailblazer in Caribbean ministry, was honoured, and a scholarship in his name was launched to support needy students.

As the College reflects on 80 years of dedication, service, and growth, these celebrations underscore the institution's commitment to excellence, faith, and the nurturing of future ministers and leaders.

# SAFEGUARDING OUR CAMPUS



The Bethel Bible College of the Caribbean-Jamaica is on its way to a safer and more secure environment, thanks to a generous sponsorship for perimeter fencing. Bishop Jerry Madden in the USA, through the Caribbean Field Director, Bishop Ishmael Charles, has graciously provided the necessary support for this vital project. Assisting in the realization of this vision is C&D Construction, a reputable company based in Mandeville.

The commitment of Bishop Jerry Madden, Bishop Ishmael Charles and the expertise of C&D Construction have made this project possible, ensuring the safety and protection of students, staff, and visitors. The Bethel Bible College of the Caribbean-Jamaica extends its heartfelt gratitude to all parties involved for their invaluable contributions and for making the vision of a secured campus a reality. This significant step forward strengthens the foundation for spiritual growth and learning at the college, fostering an environment of peace and tranquility.



## WELCOME, JOSHUA!

Throughout history, Bethel Bible College of the Caribbean – Jamaica has been recognized for its positive impact on the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and the Caribbean region, drawing students to its noble institution. What we did not anticipate was its influence reaching Liberia, the home country of first-year student Joshua Glaboon. In our 80th year, Joshua has etched his name in history as the first residential student from Africa. Answering the call of God, he chose to pursue a Bachelor of Theology Degree at the College.

Joshua actively embraces Jamaican culture, engaging with the campus community and connecting with batchmates and lecturers online. Despite facing challenges in his transition, he approaches each day with grace and persistence.

Welcome to Jamaica and BBCC-J, Joshua! We anticipate a rewarding and fulfilling journey during your time here.

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TODAY**


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