

**Reflection on Last Sunday's Sermon >>> Preacher:** Sis. Catherine Smith-Gayle

**Title:** Dwelling in the Secret Place >>>>> **Text:** Psalm 91

According to Bible.com, the "secret place" refers to a spiritual concept of intimate communion with God. It symbolizes a close, personal relationship with Him, where believers find shelter, peace, security, protection promise and divine presence. Psalm 91:1-4: "He that dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty..."

**Security**

Security in this secret place signifies the assurance of God's presence and provision. It represents the confidence that comes from knowing one is under His watchful care, where fear and uncertainty are dispelled in the light of God's faithfulness. Proverbs 18:10: "The name of the Lord is a strong tower..."

**Promise**

The secret place holds promises of blessings and spiritual abundance for those who abide there faithfully. It is a place where God fulfills His promises to those who seek Him wholeheartedly, granting them peace, joy, and fulfillment of His purposes (Psalm 91:14-16).

**What or where is that place?**

In a spiritual context, it often refers to a personal, intimate space of communion with God, where believers seeks His presence and guidance. The role of prayer, meditation and songs praise is of paramount importance for entering and staying in the secret place. Follow the different forms of prayer: 1. Adoration 2. Confession 3. Thanksgiving 4. Supplication. This type of prayer is the access code to unlock the door to the throne of grace. Matthew 6:6 -But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray...

**What does a believer do in that Secret place?**

Dwelling in that secret place comes with expectations. God expects you to do the following: • Listening to His voice • Focus on Scripture/Word • Follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit • Engage in a time personal introspection and reflection. The Holy Spirit will convict you of your short coming instantaneously; while protected under His wings covered under His feathers.

**Living in the overflow**

When you are dwelling in the secret place of the most high God, you will live in the overflow of His promises. The overflow leads to a transformed life that impacts others positively. This include showing love, grace, and compassion to those around you. Look at Gal. 5:22-23: You will demonstrate the fruit of the Holy Spirit. You will love the unlovable. You will forgive those who despitefully use. You will have peace of mind, love, self-control above all joy, patience, kindness, and faithfulness. See also these passages: Isaiah 58: 8-12 Thy light shall break forth as the light of the morning...; Jeremiah 17: 7-8 Blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence...; Psalm 1:3b The righteous bear fruit in his season...; Psalm 34:19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

**Hindrances to dwelling in this secret place:**

- **Distractions:** External and internal hindrances could include dedicated time, finding a quiet space, or failure to practice spending quality time alone with God.
- **Challenges:** Some challenges you might face are: business, pressure at the work place, family commitments, weariness, or spiritual dryness. Remember the words of Psalm 91:1, "He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High..."



# EDGEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH BULLETIN

Sunday, July 21, 2024

**KNOWING CHRIST, MAKING HIM KNOWN**  
**JBU Theme: Pursuing Integrity**

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**† Today's Worship Service † ..... 10:00 AM**

**Leader: Bro. Dillon Henry**

**Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dylan Toussaint**

**Musicians: Bro. Kenae Wiggan; Bro. Sandrae Crasdale;  
Bro. Conroy Johnson**

**Order of Service**

**Call to Worship**

**Praise in Worship**

**Opening Prayer (Congregation Seated)**

**Opening Hymn**

**Responsive Reading: ..... Psalm 111**

**Welcome and Announcements: Sis. Lorna Hall-Turner – Asst. Church Secretary**

**Blessing & Collection of Tithes & Offering**

**Children's Church**

**Special Item: ..... Garveymeade Class**

**Sermon**

**Hymn/Song of Response**

**Prayer & Benediction**

**Best Wishes** to all members and friends celebrating **Birthdays and / or Anniversaries this week.** May every lovely thing in life always come to you. **God Bless You ...**

**Within the Church Family**

Please remember to pray for the **Sick and Home-bound Members;** visit or telephone them. You may call the office for information.

**Condolence:** As a church, we express our deepest condolence to:

- Sis. Lorian Gordon-Walker on the death of her mother.
- Sis. Jean Williams on the death of her son, Bro. Richard Williams. The funeral service is scheduled for Wednesday, July 31 at 10:00 a.m. at the University Chapel, Mona Campus.

**Funeral Services for:**

- The mother of Sis. Jennifer Green is scheduled for Saturday, July 27, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Warsop Baptist Church in Trelawny.
- Sis. Gail Williams-Lewis is scheduled for Tuesday, July 30, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at Edgewater Baptist Church.
- The mother of Bro. Dennis Campbell, mother-in-law of Dr. Jaset Anderson-Campbell, will be on Sunday, August 11 at 1:00 p.m. at Old Harbour Seventh Day Adventist Church.

**THE CHURCH DIARY**

<b>Sundays</b>	8:30 a.m. Family Bible Hour New Members' and Enquirers' Class 10:00 a.m. Divine Worship Service 1:00 p.m. Dance Group Practice 7:00 p.m. Evening Service
<b>Sundays (2nd)</b>	(after worship) Healing & Counselling Clinic (after worship) Women's Federation
<b>Tuesdays (3rd)</b>	7:30 p.m. Care Ministry Meeting
<b>Wednesdays</b>	10:00 a.m. Prayer and Fasting 7:30 p.m. Bible Study - Online
<b>Fridays</b>	7:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship Meeting
<b>Fridays (3rd)</b>	7:30 p.m. Ushers' Board Meeting
<b>Mondays (4th)</b>	7:00 p.m. Women's Federation
<b>Saturdays</b>	2:30 p.m. Family Bible Hour Choir Practice 4:30 p.m. Boys' & Girls' Brigades Meeting
<b>Alternate 4th Saturdays</b>	6:00 p.m. Couples Ministry Meeting
<b>Saturdays (2nd)</b>	6:00 p.m. Young Adults Ministry
<b>1st Saturdays</b>	6:30 p.m. Brotherhood Meeting
<b>2nd "</b>	5:30 p.m. Evangelism Meeting
<b>3rd "</b>	6:30 p.m. Dorcas (Outreach) Ministry

~ ~ ~ **WELCOME** ~ ~ ~

We praise God and give Him thanks for the opportunities He has given us to come into His House and worship Him. A warm welcome to all our **visitors, members, friends & children** worshipping with us today, especially our first time visitors. We thank you for coming and if you do not have a Church-home, we invite you to be a part of our fellowship here at Edgewater Baptist Church.

**Happenings; \*\* Announcements; \*\* Coming Events**

**<<<< Notices >>>>**

- ▶ There will be a **Special Walk-up Offering** today (and all remaining Sundays in July) to aid those in Jamaica and the Caribbean who were severely impacted by Hurricane Beryl.
- ▶ The church is seeking applications for an **ancillary worker** for Saturdays. Interested persons or persons who can refer others, may contact the Property Manager or leave their contact details in the church office. Thank you.

- ▣ **Brotherhood Know Jamaica Tour** - July 27, 2024; Harmony Beach Park, Montego Bay; Cost \$6,000; bus leaves at 7:00a.m. Please contact Bro. Seymour Bailey for more info.
- ▣ **Brotherhood visit to Crawl Baptist Church** - Sunday, July 28, 2024. The group is scheduled to leave the church compound at 8:00 a.m.
- ▣ **Circuit Convention 2024** - Theme: *Keep Me True Lord Jesus!*  
Preacher: Rev. Karl Johnson; Date: September 8, 2024  
Venue: Edgewater Baptist Church; Time: 10:00 a.m.

**<<<< For Your Information >>>>**

**ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON: JUNE 1 – NOV 30**

**Some General Tips**

- Always keep safety first.
- Do not attempt to go outside until the winds have calmed down significantly.
- Stay tuned to local media and emergency officials to get information about ongoing threats, conditions and sources of assistance.
- Do not drink or prepare food with tap water, if functional, until notified by officials that it is safe.
- Do not grill or operate gasoline-powered machinery indoors. Carbon-monoxide poisoning could be fatal.
- Take a look around your immediate area to make sure there are no continuing hazards such as live power lines, gas leaks, water leaks, etc.
- Keep in mind that this may still be a very dangerous time. Refrain from venturing too far from your safe space until authorized by local officials.
- Stay out of flood waters. There could be raw sewage, hazardous chemicals, bacteria, dangerous wildlife and underwater hazards that could severely injure or kill you.
- Wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt and sturdy shoes when cleaning up.
- Stay out of any building that is surrounded with water.
- Be prepared for road closures and blockages.
- Be safe when cleaning up and making small repairs.
- Replenish food stock, source clean drinking water and secure needed medication.