

# SAN FERNANDO CHURCH OF CHRIST

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

### Announcements

- MLM - Mon 6th June @ 6:30pm
- Ladies Class - Mondays @ 5pm
- Youth Meeting - Saturdays @ 4pm

### Our Upcoming Events

- MSP Baptism(12th June)
- YTC Fellowship (26th June)
- TSOP Graduation (10th July)
- Youth Fellowship (31st August)

### Events in Sister Congregations

- Diego Martin Planning Meeting(10th July)
- Caribbean Lectureship(3rd - 6th July)

### Men Supported by WEW

#### Regional

Dillian Bellot - Scott's Head, Dominica  
Levaughn Lewis - Marian, Grenada  
Ossafa Gordon - St. George's, Grenada  
Dave Osbourne - Linstead, Jamaica

#### Trinidad and Tobago

David Reyes - Santa Flora  
Winston Jr. Clarke - Princes Town  
Kenneth Lewis - Williamsville  
Trovel Emmanuel - Aripero

## *What does it mean to* **GROW IN GRACE?**

Like many words in the New Testament the word "grace" has different connotations with different usages. Many times, grace is solely viewed as God's act toward man without consideration for man's response. This makes it difficult to interpret Peter's exhortation to "*grow in grace...*"(2 Pet 3:18) since growth requires activity on our part. In 2 Pet 3:18 it is clear that growing in knowledge requires our effort by applying ourselves to the study, understanding and practice of God's word. However, growing in grace requires that we give greater effort in appropriately utilizing the favour of God in His kingdom so that His grace is not given in vain. In order to grow in grace we must consider the ways that grace is granted and used. Grace is given to us through **forgiveness of sin**(Eph 2:8-9), **sustenance in trials**(2 Cor 12:9) and **gifts for service**(Rom 12:6; 1 Pet 4:10). In order to grow in grace we must therefore:

### **1. Grow in our appreciation of God's forgiveness.**

God exhorts us that we should not "continue in sin" so that grace may abound(Rom 6:1). In this case God expects that we appreciate the pardon extended to us and live in a manner worthy of His calling.

### **2. Grow in our dependence on God's strength**

When Paul was tried with the thorn in the flesh God taught him, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness"(2 Cor 12:9). Growing in grace requires therefore that we depend more on God and less on ourselves.

### **3. Grow in our responsibility to serve.**

Grace is often described as the means by which we receive spiritual gifts(Rom 12:6). Our abilities are not given by chance but are specific deposits from God to those whom He expects to be faithful stewards. As we become more aware of God's will for us through study, prayer and service we must heed the call of God.

A growing Christian should be able to take on greater responsibility within the church as a result of God's grace in allowing him/ her to possess certain gifts. Growth in grace also demands that we seek ways to develop these gifts so that we are effective in service. Scripture teaches us that God's grace has appeared to all men(Tit 2:11). Our challenge is not to experience God's grace but ultimately to grow in grace.

*by Adrian J. Ayers*

**Men to Serve**

AM Worship	29th May	6th June
M.C.	Stephen Hamlet	Michael Harris
Song Leader	Anthony Lewis	Randy Bonas
Prayer	Ulric Arnold	Richard Carter
Reading	Akeem Joseph	Kemuel Achaibar
Prayer	Dexter Atkins	Louis Pitman
Prayer Requests	Robin Achaibar Anstey Jeremiah	Mark Ayers Dominic Dos Santos
Lord's Supper	Shaquille Hamlet Kris Goocharan Dennis Cabrera Kemuel Achaibar Richard Jeremiah Sam Edwards Nathan Carter Shiva James	Sam Edwards George Brazlon Michael Purdom Dean Benjamin Kelon Achaibar Reuben Pitman Owen Flemming Stephen Hamlet
Prayer	Lewis Cooper	Kevin George
Ushers	Timothy Brazlon Matthew Byam	Anthony Lewis Silas Purdom
Sign Language	Dexter Atkins/ Michael Ragoonath	Dexter Atkins/ Michael Ragoonath

**Today's Sermons**

*Moving to Maturity - A.J. Ayers*  
*Grow in Grace - A.J. Ayers*

**OUR RECORDS**

**22nd May, 2016**

**Attendance**

AM	155
PM	45

**Collection**

AM	\$8582
PM	\$1,728

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**TSOP GRADUATION**  
*"Why Fear, The Lord Will Help You"*

Sunday 10th July, 2016  
Ceremony - 4pm/ Banquet - 7pm  
1A Panco Lane, San Fernando  
*Tickets for banquet - \$120*



**UPCOMING**  
**PRISON MINISTRY EVENTS**

**Baptism @ MSP**  
12th June, 2016

**Quarterly Fellowship with**  
YTC Lads, Prison Officers & WEW Preachers  
26th June, 2016

*Come and share in this day of fellowship as we encourage  
our fellow-labourers in God's work*

**MEETING TIMES**

- Sundays
- Bible Class.....8:30am
  - Worship.....9:30am
  - Worship.....6:00pm
- Wednesdays
- Bible Class.....6:30pm