



# THE WESTMOUNT REVIEW

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## Patricia Beckford: A Gem of our Community

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To inaugurate the Clarence Bayne Community Service Award, The Black Theatre Workshop chose Patricia Beckford, a gem of our community to be honored at the 25th anniversary of Vision Awards Celebration on January 29, 2011.

In the four decades or so that Beckford has been in the community, she has defined herself by her spirituality, her dedication to family and to the well-being of others and her zest for hard work. As a lifelong member of Westmount Seventh Day Adventist Church, where she serves as the coordinator of the Family Life Department, Mrs. Beckford is a tireless servant whose work includes visits to other churches across Montreal and Toronto, furthering the work of the ministry. She also makes time to volunteer at Greaves Academy and the West Island SDA Church.

As a nurse for the past 30 years, her life is also steeped in a culture of caring and giving. Patricia has dedicated her life to helping families and children in need; She has always been a giver and makes every sacrifice possible to improve the lives of others.



CONGRATULATIONS  
SISTER BECKFORD!

Suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven ~  
Matthew 19:14

### ANDREW ASHER PATTERSON DEDICATION – JANUARY 22



### SOPHIE JOELLE BECERRA BIRTH – NOVEMBER, 2010 DEDICATION – FEBRYARY 19



## God's Well Diggers

By Pastor Orlando Patterson

Scripture: Genesis 26: 17-19

... And Isaac dug again the wells of water which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father for the Philistines had stopped them up after the death of Abraham. He called them by the names which his father had called them. Also Isaac's servants dug in the valley and found a well of running water there.

God's soul winners are, in a spiritual sense well diggers. They reopen wells of salvation to many for whom life has been the vale of tears. God's soul winners open wells for thirsting sinners with broken heart.

Jesus' ministry is a perfect example of reopening wells that were once filled with earth. Let's examine The Lord's encounter with the Samaritan woman at **Jacob's well at Sychar**;

1. At this well, Jesus asked for a drink of water
2. At this well, the woman asked Jesus "how is it that you being a Jew ask a

drink from me a Samaritan?"

3. At this well, Jesus told the woman "if you only knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you give me a drink, you would have ask Him and he would have given you living water. For whosoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. For the water that I give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.
4. At this well, the woman said to Jesus "Sir, give me this water that I may not thirst nor come here to draw."

**Who are God's well diggers today?**  
Are you one of God's well diggers?

1. He who carries the message of salvation to thirsting sinners is one of God's well diggers. The apostle Paul says woe is me if I preach not the gospel of Jesus Christ
2. He who digs deep in the word of God is one of God's well diggers: Study to show your self approved to God, a worker who does not need to

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be ashamed but can rightly divide the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15).

3. Those whose lives testify of the love of Jesus in their hearts are God's well diggers. Philippians 1:21 for me to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Isaac and his servants reopened the wells that served their fathers. That which gave blessings to Abraham and his family now gave blessings to Isaac and his family. That which was a blessing in the life of our fathers is still a blessing to us today. We must never forget the wells of our fore fathers.

# Family Banquet

By Sister Patricia Beckford

The Family Life Department of the Westmount Seventh-day Adventist Church held its annual pre-Christmas Banquet on November 28, 2010. The evening was filled with fun and laughter as the members and invited guests came out in their finest to celebrate this event.

Several entertainers provided merriment for the evening including; Saxophonist, Julian McIntosh as well as Summer Marie Joseph and Betsy on the violin. Isaria Peters gave the signing presentation and Ms Abbey Reid stole the show with her exercise routine. Thumbs up to the talented comedian troupe which featured sisters Lillian Reid, Velma Henderson and May Osbourn in the skit "Cocoatea". Music was provided by our very own DJ Kofi.

Another feature of the evening was the fashion show organized by Ms Fostein Badu which showcased beautiful African clothing for women, men and children, beautiful evening wear by Joseph Ribkoff and finally sleep wear.

The Family Life Department would like to especially thank:

- All the church members and friends
- Pastor Theodore and Sister Judline Theodore for the French connection
- Brother Desmond Reid for selling the most tickets
- The committee members of the Family Life Department for their hard work and sacrifice

Everyone left with a big smile on their faces and in good spirits following a closing prayer by Pastor Emmanuel Perera.

God Bless you all and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

On this special evening, The Family Life Department honored and recognized Sisters Mary Greaves, Sylvia Kelly, Iris Weeks and May Barnett for serving our church selflessly. They were presented with gifts of Royal Dalton fine bone china tea settings by the members of the Family Life Department.

Joy Morgan celebrated the ladies in verse, describing in perfect rhyme, the joy of Sister Greaves' finger-licking meals and Sister Kelly's sumptuous dumplings. The poet praised Sister Weeks' mastery of kitchen management and endeared us to Sister Barnett's helpful and gentle ways.

**Congratulations Ladies!**



# Faithful As We March Along

By Pastor Omar Jarvis

A successful life journey requires all of us to walk with the Lord. However, the enemy will do whatever he can, however he can, to get us to walk a path of destruction, and often times he is successful. But God has made a way back to his perfect path that leads to life everlasting and abundant living. Scripture tells the story of how Jacob found himself on a path that could have lead to his destruction but he learned 4 lessons that he applied and found himself back on the path that allowed him to see the blessing of God.

1. There is no path we cannot get off; God always has another way out. Sometimes we can only see it by faith but there is always another way;
2. God never writes us off, He still believes in us and invites through Christ to find our purpose and calling;
3. God's blessings come with hard work, our work ethic will allow us to uncover the things God has for us;
4. Never give up! Sometimes things have to get worse before they get better, but wrestle with God and don't let go until he blesses you.
5. "... We do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved." ~ Hebrews 10:39

Pathfinders, my prayer is that Jacob's lessons be your experience as you faithfully march along life's journey.

The worldwide Pathfinder Club is sponsored by the Youth division of General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Westmount Crusaders Pathfinder Club is a part of this great movement. In 2010, the worldwide Pathfinder Club marked 60 years since its formation in 1950. Pastor Omar Jarvis led The Crusaders in celebration.

# Young Souls for Christ



L-R: Chantel Mukono, Sabryn Mascoll, Reggie Balan, Jeremy Kissoon-Cantave and Nisha-Noor Marchett



Chantel Mukono and Sabryn Mascoll

[Jeremiah 1:4-8](#)... But the LORD said to me: "Do not say, 'I am a youth,' For you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of their faces, For I am with you to deliver you," says the LORD."