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## PRAY FOR:

*Our students in our Basic, Primary, Preparatory and Secondary Schools, who are too often targets of violence!*



# CHAMPIONS!.. AGAIN!



**I**t is with understandable pride, that the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, (UCJCI) extends warm congratulations to

teachers and students of the Mona Preparatory School, (a UCJCI institution) for winning for the 5th time, the 2016 Jun-

**ior Schools Challenge Quiz;** and for being in the finals for a record seven times! The last two of the school's five wins have been achieved by defeating the same rival,

## CELEBRATIONS!!



TO:

**Miss. Donna Curtello**  
**December 22**

**Rev. Gary Harriott**  
**December 23**

**Pastor Marcia Powell**  
**December 24**

**Rev. David Tucker**  
**December 25**

**Rev. Dwight Kelly**  
**December 27**

## MONA PREP

**Both teams started out tentatively and slowly**, probably because of the fact that they were participating in a match in which they were also the previous adversaries last year.

As nerves took the best of them, they both missed the opening questions.

A momentum gathered however, as confidence grew, so that by the end of the first segment, the score was Mona to Friendship Primary: **8 to 4.**

In-depth study in Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and English Language, soon began to pay off as during the second segment, Mona contestants; a composed **Ashley James (captain)**, and team members, **Janae Lewis, Akeelah Hutchinson, and Coutnegail Rose** took the team to a confident **22-16** lead, in favour of Mona Prep.

The contest ended **34-24** with Mona Prep winning its fifth title in the 14-year history of the competition.

— **Congrats Mona Prep!**

## ADVENT REFLECTIONS

For all their drama, the words “Honey, we’re pregnant,” uttered by a tear-streaked, wrinkle-faced 90-year-old Sarah to wobbly, unbelieving Abraham, or by an amazed, teenaged Mary to an equally confounded Joseph, indicate not the joy of birth—not quite yet—but the amazing surprise of love, and the beginning of a season of waiting, when God-is-with-us.

Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Joseph are Advent pillars not only because grace broke into their lives, but also because they trusted the God who made the promise. These biblical characters are giants in faith not because of any qualifying deeds, but because they trusted that the promises of God would be fulfilled.

We find God in surprising moments of grace, and we also find God in the experiences that call for patient waiting and trust (Adapted).



Applications must be submitted in writing by January 13, 2016 to :  
**The Minister, Greendale United Church,**  
**7 Content Drive, Greendale,**  
**Spanish Town P.O., St. Catherine**  
Or E-mail: [greendaleunit-edchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:greendaleunit-edchurch@yahoo.com)

**G**reendale United Church is seeking to appoint a Music Director (MD) to facilitate the enrichment and development of the musical life of the congregation. The MD is required to offer leadership in, and has responsibility for all aspects (vocal and instrumental) of the music ministry of the church: - This includes- inter alia: Direct training and development of a chancel/senior choir, with oversight of an active Praise team, whilst establishing other musical groups such as a junior and a children’s choir, as well as to develop and train a small church band. Candidate should possess the following:

- A committed Christian relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ
- A certificate in music from a recognised Tertiary Institution
- Proficiency in the playing of organ, keyboard and preferable at least one other musical instrument, drum, trumpet etc.
- Experience in choral conducting and training.
- Familiarity with both traditional and contemporary Church music
- Post to be designed as a permanent/part-time assignment with terms of and remuneration for service being open to discussion.