

St. Margaret's & St. Mary Magdalene

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More Words of Wisdom

As was mentioned in our previous edition, for the next few newsletters I will be including nuggets from the book **'The Management Methods of Jesus: Ancient Wisdom for Modern Business'** by Bob Briner. I hope that you will find it both interesting and enlightening.

'Chapter 3: Choose your own Associates'

*'One of the biggest mistakes corporate boards and other hiring entities make is to select a leader and then saddle him with a staff not of his choosing. It doesn't really matter how good that staff is. If the leader didn't choose them, and if they didn't choose him, the odds for failure are enormous. If you want a manager to do a job for you, give him the right tools. And remember that a manager's most important tools are the people who work for him. If you are considering taking a management position, one of your prerequisites should be the right to build your own immediate staff. If your superiors don't want you enough to give you that opportunity, then maybe they don't want you enough to make it worth your while. Managing is difficult enough without the additional handicap of a "poorly fitting" staff. The outside forces arrayed against you are formidable enough. The last thing you need is a staff of "leftovers," some of whom, no doubt feel they should have had your job. If you're doing the hiring, don't go through the trouble to find and attract the best possible talent only to hamstring him with a staff he does not want and vice versa. Give your managers the freedom to choose their key people and, in an orderly way, bring those people in to replace those who will be moving on. **If you are being considered for a management position, don't jeopardize your reputation and future opportunities by agreeing to a position in which you must keep the present staff. It rarely works.** Jesus, of course, chose his own disciples and did so carefully. True, one of the twelve betrayed him, but I wish I had been successful in selecting the right employee eleven out of twelve times. I would be a lot richer and more successful than I am! History shows that Jesus did an extraordinary job of selecting his staff. And, if you understand his plan, you will know that even Judas, his betrayer, was part of it. **Remember Jesus' example. Choose your closest associates, and allow those you hire to do the same thing. It is the best way to increase your odds for success.***

Blast From the Past

For a long time now I have been in search of old photographs of the original St. Mary Magdalene Mastic Point. Funnily enough, while visiting our oldest member Geneva Pickstock just the other day, I spotted an old photograph album on the shelf. The album contained pictures of her late husband Bruce Pickstock's funeral. He was a retired police officer. Scattered through the pictures were a few gems that I wish to share with you in this newsletter.



Poor Bishop Eldon. These were the days before air-conditioning. The little church was packed too so you can imagine how hot it must have been inside there. The lower altar has long been gone (being termite ridden) but everything else remains pretty much the same.

Mildred Munnings Women of Excellence Award Ceremony



Pictured (from left) Fr. Shazz Turnquest, Mrs. Mildred Munnings and Mrs. Candice Turnquest

On Sunday October 11, 2009 the Parish in conjunction with the newly formed North Andros Company of the Girls Brigade and the entire Munnings Clan participated in the 1st Annual Mildred Munnings Young Women of Excellence Awards. The awards ceremony, the brainchild of my wife, Mrs. Candice Turnquest, seeks to highlight the achievements of the young women who make up the Girls' Brigade Company.

It also aims to foster self confidence and a spirit of excellence within the girls (from both Mastic Point and Nicholl's Town). The focus is not purely on academic excellence, but the awards committee seeks to find something special within each of the fifteen girls and each was awarded at least one trophy.

When asked what the awards ceremony meant to her, Mrs. Turnquest noted, "More than 20 years ago, I sat where these children now sit (as a young brigader), and I am a proud product of this wonderful organization. Within the social context in which we live and work I wanted to take the program one step further and each year hold a formal luncheon which would bring together the parents and community to celebrate the achievements of the girls. I feel that having an event such as this, in a community where I see young women being led astray every day, is vital to the success of changing the intellectual landscape of North Andros. We need to develop women who understand their worth, who feel that success is within reach, and who will have a sense of civic responsibility and will be great ambassadors for this island and great mentors to future generations." She further noted that, "today's event exceeded my expectations. With the help of the Munnings family we were able to have a first class event that I am sure the girls will never forget.

It was a fitting tribute to the matriarch of the Mastic Point Anglican Community. The Munnings Family impressed me tremendously. They shipped in their tables, chairs, enough food for a 'thousand people', drinks, and most importantly the fresh flowers for table decoration. They took care of literally everything!

Catechist Munnings has for a very long time been concerned with the welfare of the girls in the Mastic Point community. Any program or group that could help to keep them out of trouble-walking the road, getting into mischief -she supports 100%. And so, when the Girl's Brigade came along she, as only she could, 'worked her magic' behind the scenes. A gentle soul, a peaceful soul. Fittingly the Psalm for that day sums up best the whole occasion. *"Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands — O prosper the work of our hands!"* (Psalm 90:16-17) (Go to our picture page for a detailed picture essay of the event).



A young Peter Scott almost 20 years ago. The lectern, hymn boards, candle sticks and tabernacle all remain the same. Legend tells of an old black book somewhere in the church with historical data tracing back to the founding of the church. I have been looking for it, but to no avail. There is an old organ in the storage room that Crosley Walkine used for his services here (an antique).



A young Edison Watson, as the MC with possibly EJ Bowe in the famous single door entrance to the church. During his time here, Fr. Hamilton added the extension which houses a bathroom area and Sunday School space.

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