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'Be A Champion!'

Submitted by: Sis. Anthea Barrow

"Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it".

1 Corinthians 9:24

The theme for Child Month, **"Celebrate the Champion in You"** recalls 1 Corinthians 9:24, where the Corinthians were encouraged to endure during their journey, as it was not going to be easy. As we celebrate Child Month, remind our children that they are precious and valuable, at all times, and under all conditions.

Proverbs 3:21-23, also advises us that wisdom and discretion are important. Therefore, encourage the children to understand the Holy Scriptures as a tool for life. Correct them in preparation for the journey ahead.

As we encourage them, we, too, must remember that the Father did not give up on us. He allowed his Son, Jesus Christ, to pay the ultimate sacrifice for us to participate in the race and become champions. Therefore, let us foster a climate of

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mutual respect, peaceful interaction, and firm guidance, so that the children can achieve the success of champions.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, give our children a discerning spirit that they may be able to distinguish between right and wrong. Many things in this life are permissible, but not all things are right. Give them conviction to always stand strong, and a keen sense of what will benefit their life rather than hinder it. And enable them to be true champions of Christ! Amen.



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"Our Lamb has conquered; Let us follow Him"

Bethlehem Moravian Church Choir

presents

"Love Changes Everything"

Saturday, May 25, 2019,
5:00 pm

Moravian Gardens,
Maxwell, Christ Church

Contribution: \$20.00

Featuring the Central Bank Chorale
and the Wesley Singers,
Darryll Jordan Secondary School
Steel Orchestra, and others

Proceeds towards the Organ Fund





From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor David Ince

"Decision, Direction and Destination"

*Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD
with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your
ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.
(NRSV)*

The topic of this article was influenced by Andy Stanley's book "The Principle of the Path" and recent discussions coming out of a workshop which I conducted. It is commended to you as we celebrate Home and Family Week, the Month of the Child, and Mother's Day; and as we look forward to Father's Day.

As Disciples of Christ, we are aware that our decision to make Him our Lord and Saviour in the here and now has implications for our eternal salvation. What is often missed by many during our earthly journey is the impact of our day to day decisions on the direction and quality of the journey. Although our eternal salvation is secured in the finished work of Calvary, we can often miss many blessings along the way because of our unwillingness to trust God and His direction; choosing rather to go our own way instead.

Abraham's and Sarah's decision to "help" God by having a child through Hagar was one which had serious ramifications for all concerned, resulting in turmoil within the household. As a part of a family, whether natural or spiritual, we ought to be aware of the impact our decisions can have upon the direction of the other members. There was the avoidable conflict between Ishmael and Isaac, and the resulting hostilities between Sarah and Hagar, which led to the latter being exiled, and it all was caused by that one bad decision.

As disciples, our decisions are to be guided by our trust in God, our direction ordered by His Word, guided by the Holy Spirit to the destination prepared for us both here and for eternity. Bad decisions always lead in a wrong direction, resulting in an incorrect destination. Let us, rather, trust God to guide our thinking so that our decisions will be in accordance with His Word; and our way may be guided by its Light to the destination prepared for us.



Worship Hours at Bethlehem:

- Sunday School: @ 9:00 am
 - Divine Worship: Sundays @ 10:00 am
 - Holy Communion – 1st Sunday of each month @ 10:00 am
 - Bible Study resumes this month at 7:30 pm (after a break for the Lenten Services) (**Isaiah 41**)
 - Prayer Meeting and Fasting – every 4th Wednesday at 7:30 pm
 - Pastor's Office Hours: Fridays – 10:00 am to 12:00 noon
 - Assisting with this month's Worship experience:
 - The **Stewards' Board** with Cleaning and Preparing the Sanctuary.
 - The **Youth** with Readings and Prayer.
 - The Funeral Service for the **late Bro. G. Arthur Maynard**, former Organist serving a number of Moravian congregations, including Bethlehem – Thursday, May 2nd at Calvary Moravian at 10:00 a.m.
 - **Drum Lessons** – 6:00 pm on Fridays
 - **Dance Rehearsals** – 3:00 pm on Saturdays
 - Holy Communion to Sick & Shut-In – Tues., May 7th.
 - Women's Fellowship Meetings – 2nd Tuesday @ 6 pm.
 - **Mothers' Day Service** will be conducted by the Men's Fellowship on Sunday, May 12th at 10:00 am. Come celebrate the gift of Mothers.
 - **Moravian Music Sunday** will be celebrated across the Conference and the Province on Sunday, May 19th.
 - **Home and Family Week: "Focus on the Family"** – Display and activities – May 20th to 26th:
 - Monday 20th: Family Life Panel Discussion
 - Friday 24th: Family Fun Fiesta (Games Night)
 - Sunday 26th: Family Service
 - Bethlehem Moravian Church Choir presents "**Love Changes Everything**" Concert on Saturday, May 25th @ 5:00 pm. Contribution: \$20
 - **Board of Elders'** meeting – Tuesday before Holy Communion (**May 28th**) at 7:30 pm.
 - Outdoor Worship (joint with Faith) – June 23rd.
- Conference-wide Events**
- The **Moravian Voice** Broadcast – LIFE 97.5 FM every Wednesday @ 8:00 pm.
 - **Calvary 185th Anniversary Service** – Sunday, May 5, 2019 @ 4:00 pm
 - Lay Academy classes "**Introduction to the New Testament – Acts to Revelations**" at Calvary Moravian Church resumes May 6, 2019 (and continues every Monday) from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Group presentations continue.
 - **Moravian Children's Convention** – Saturday, May 11th at Bethlehem from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
 - Mother's Day Concert: "**Oh, How Times Have Changed**" – Calvary, Sunday, May 12th @ 5:00 pm. Tickets \$10.00 (towards hosting of the 32nd Provincial Synod). Please assist in ticket sales.

On the Road to Synod

Upcoming Fundraisers For Synod

Mothers' Day Concert – Sun., May 12

The theme for this year's **Mother's Day Concert** is **"Oh, How Times Have Changed"**. The venue will be Calvary Moravian in Roebuck Street starting at 4:00 pm. Cost is \$10.00. Along with sharing in other elements of the Programme, Bethlehem's participation will be an original poem by Sis. Desma Linton. Bring the entire family, honour Mum, celebrate and enjoy the Moravian talent on display.

Grand Bazaar / Fair – Sat., June 1

A **Grand Bazaar** is planned for the popular Old Banks Grounds in Wildey from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. The cost is \$5.00. Bethlehem will be coordinating transportation times (please indicate early if needed), and seating will also be available at the venue. Purchase tickets for friends and relatives, and please make contributions to any stall so that funds can benefit our hosting of the 32nd Synod in July.

Provincial Synod 2003 in Barbados

The 27th Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church - Eastern West Indies Province met at Duncan C Moore Educational Centre of the Sharon Moravian Church in Barbados during the period August 10-20, 2003. The Synod began with a Retreat for all participants on Sunday, August 11th, led by the two Bishops in the Province, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Kingsley Lewis and the Rt. Rev. Neville Brown. Their presentations, both based on the Provincial theme, were respectively, **"Submitting To Christ In Service"** and **"Power"**.

The Synod **Opening Service** was held at the Calvary Moravian Church at 7:00 pm on Monday. The Sermon, based on the Provincial theme **Submitting To Christ In Service**, and using as text 1 Chron.4:10, was preached by the out-going Chairman of PEC, the Rev. Roslyn Hamblin.

A **Lovefeast** was held on Moravian Memorial Day, Wednesday, August 13th, commemorating the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the ancient Moravian Church and the birth of the Renewed Moravian Church. This service took place at the Sharon Moravian Church.

A **Reception** was hosted by the Barbados Conference on Friday, August 15th. The Reception was held at the Cuthbert Pilgrim Memorial Hall of the Bethlehem Moravian Church.

Synodals were treated to a **Tour and Picnic** on Saturday, August 16th and were hosted by families on Sunday, August 17th, after attending services throughout the Conference.

An **Ordination Service** for ordinands Sis. Vera Waithe and Bro. Adrian Smith was held on Sunday evening at 6:00 pm at the Calvary Moravian Church. This service saw the presence of members of the Cana Moravian Church in Antigua, the congregation where Bro. Smith was at the time serving. Both Bishops Brown and Lewis officiated at this Ordination, with Bishop Lewis preaching the sermon.

The **Closing Service** of Holy Communion was held on Tuesday, August 19th, at the Sharon Moravian Church. Both Bishops presided and Bishop Brown preached the sermon.

The **Chairman of Synod**, elected on the first day was the Rt. Rev. Dr. Kingsley Lewis, with the Rev. Dr. Conrad Spencer as **Vice-Chairman**. The Rev. Earl Goulbourne, fraternal delegate from the Jamaica Province, was appointed to fill the vacancy of Vice-Chairman upon Bro. Spencer's early departure from Synod. Rev. Selvin McMillan was elected as Secretary to Synod, but upon his illness and hospitalisation, his deputy, the Rev. Algernon Lewis, was appointed to the substantive post, and Sis. Beverly Job was appointed to serve as **Assistant Secretary**. The Rev. Willard Prout served as **Chaplain to Synod**.

Before adjournment, the Tobago Conference invited the Synod to convene its next meeting in the year 2006 in Tobago.

*Extract: The Foreword of
"The Journal of the 27th Provincial Synod"*

Synods between 2003 (when Barbados last hosted) and now		
Synod Designation	Date	Venue
27 th	August 10-20, 2003	Barbados
28 th	August 11-19, 2006	Tobago
29 th	July 10-18, 2009	St. Kitts
30 th	July 13-19, 2012	St. Thomas, USVI
31 st	July 10-16, 2015	Antigua
32 nd	August 15-19, 2019 & video conference	Barbados

Moravian News

PEC Announcements



At left: **Connect 2019 Campers & Counsellors** from across the Moravian Churches who attended the Youth Retreat held at Content Cot,



Merricks, St. Philip. The Campers are seen here displaying their Connect 2019 T-shirts while performing "Go Light Your World" at this year's Youth Convention Service held at Mount Tabor in St. John on April 28. Charlene Forde represented Bethlehem (yellow shirt at centre back row). During the Youth Convention Service, a prize was presented to Sis. Nancy Wilkinson for the best costume portraying "Wilma" from the "Meet the Flintstones" Costume & Games Night hosted by the Youth Council at Calvary on March 22.

Above: members of the Youth Council Executive in Flintstones costumes.



The Youth Council's **Connect 2019 T-Shirts** are still available in various colours in adults and children's sizes. **Youth/Adult: \$28; Children/Baby-Tees: \$25.** Purchase as a gift for a child this month or order yours today.

More details will follow on other Youth Council events/activities as they Connect in 2019.

Bethlehem and Faith Pastorale

At left: Faith and Bethlehem at Faith for this year's Maundy Thursday Re-enactment Service, attended by visitors as well



The Bethlehem and Faith congregations held a joint Service on Maundy Thursday, at Faith Moravian Church in Six Roads, St. Philip. This communion service was a re-enactment of the Last Supper of our Lord. This service was officiated by Rev. Roslyn Hamblin and Pastor David Ince, with some assistance from Retired Pastor, Rev. Alban St. Hill. The Last Supper was preceded by readings about the night before our Saviour's crucifixion.

On Easter Monday, the children of Bethlehem and Faith congregations came together for an Easter Egg Hunt and Fun evening, forming mixed teams as they fellowshiped together.

At right: A mixed team from Bethlehem and Faith engaged in sharing clues for their exciting Easter Egg Hunt. (From left Andriel, Jade, Kayla, Arianne, and Zionne.)



A Retirement Service for The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Kingsley Lewis, Bishop in the Moravian Church (Eastern West Indies Province) will be held on Sunday, June 23, 2019 at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church at 4.00 pm. Bishop Lewis retired from Pastoral Ministry on April 30, 2019 after almost 46 years of unbroken service. We wish him every blessing in his future endeavours.

The Rev'd Kirk Barker has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the New Herrnhut Moravian Church in the Virgin Islands Conference. He takes up his call on Friday, May 3, 2019. We wish Bro. Barker and his family every blessing as they go.

The PEC will convene its final meeting before the 32nd Provincial Synod from May 6 to 10, 2019 in Barbados. Let us remember the members of PEC in prayer, that God will grant them wisdom and understanding as they lead the Province at this time.

A Blessed Mothers' Day to all Mothers & Step-mothers, Grand-mothers, and God-mothers!

**Young People,
Have A Safe, Fulfilling Child Month!**

Listen out for our Nation's children presenting daily Radio and TV Devotions this month.

Let us also whisper a prayer for our children (and their parents) who will undertake the 11+ Common Entrance Examination on Tuesday, May 7, and those preparing for final exams at the secondary or tertiary levels.

Symbols associated with Children and Eastertime



By 549 AD, paper **Kites** were being flown and it was recorded that the paper kite was being used as a message for a rescue mission. One writer says the kite symbolises redemption and dignity. The kite also symbolises the quest for freedom in man, as a bird in flight. Interestingly, the supporting structure of a kite features 'A Cross'.

The story of the **Easter Bunny** is thought to have become common in the 19th Century. Rabbits usually give birth to a big litter of babies (called kittens), so they became a symbol of new life. Legend has it that the Easter Bunny lays, decorates, and hides eggs as they are also a symbol of new life.



Eggs in particular are a clear symbol of rebirth and fertility. So, it may not seem surprising that Easter Eggs are often associated with Easter – a Christian festival that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. ...The origin of Easter Eggs starts in Medieval Europe, but it may or may not have originated with Christians.



Celebrating The Family

May and June are traditionally the months in which Barbados celebrates the human Family. In May we celebrate Mothers on the second Sunday of the month – this year it will be May 12th. For some time now the entire month of May is also celebrated as Child Month. June offers a Special Day for celebrating Fathers – the third Sunday of the month. On each occasion celebration takes place at the national level, within the home and at the community level as well - and as we celebrate Mothers and Fathers we focus on our children as special gifts from our Creator God. As we celebrate our children, parents are celebrated as God's special gift to children – the entire family is celebrated.

A Family is defined as a unit comprised of a mother and father, and their children. The human family provides many areas of development for each member of the unit, and not only their offspring. Such areas include survival through provision of shelter from the elements, clothing to protect or adorn the physical body from damage by environmental elements peculiar to the specific local community (ie: heat or cold, windy or dusty, even desert conditions).

The family also provides education to their offspring in learning how to manage their environmental and social needs and expectations. These are learnt through the direction, guidance and communication of the adults - parents and other significant members of the family and community (eg: grand-parents, neighbours, and the Christian family).

The Christian Family guides their children based on the Holy Scriptures, especially the 'Ten Commandments (Exodus 20: 1-17), and the 'Love Passage' (1 Corinthians 13). These guidelines help the family to live together in love, peace and harmony within their home and community, helping them to adjust to all stages and phases of life.

Let us thank God for our families, and the blessings they each bestow on our lives, our homes, and on our society – Barbados.

Submitted by: Sis. Marva Alleyne



HANDY HOUSEHOLD TIP:

- ★ Iron and prepare your clothes for the entire week, and set out everything you need for breakfast each day from the night before. That way when you awake you would only need to do what little remain necessary to prepare yourself, and your breakfast. This is a great time-saver, especially if you tend to be in a rush in the mornings.



Bethlehem Women celebrate another milestone

The Bethlehem Women's Fellowship is this year celebrating 56 years. On April 4 in 1963 the Fellowship started at the home of Sis. Derick at Maxwell, Christ Church with nine ladies. The Fellowship continues to play an integral part in the life of the Church.

The Fellowship is the recipient of three trophies in the Women's Council Quiz and Craft Exhibition – strong features for the Fellowship being craft, culinary arts and wine-making.

Our devotions this year is on “**Women of the Bible**”. In February (2019) the Fellowship started a Food Sale to be held on the last Saturday of each month. Most of the proceeds go towards Church Funds. It has been very productive so far.

One member – Sis Joyce Walcott – will represent Bethlehem in June at this year's Inter-Provincial Moravian Women's Conference in North Carolina.

Submitted by Sis Diana Yarde (President)

Remember in Prayer our Sick/Shut-In/Recovering:

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Sis. Gloria Layne	246-428-7545
Sis. Louise Williams	246-428-7462

BIRTHDAYS – MAY

- 01 – Sis. Tanya Holder
- 02 – Sis. Carol-Ann Edwards
- 14 – Bro. Cameron Edwards
- 16 – Bro. Daniel King
- 25 – Sis. Anthea Barrow
- 26 – Bro. Thomas King

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES – MAY

- 26 – Pastor David & Sis. Cherryann Ince





Teen/Youth Corner

WORD SEARCH

'Month of May'

Poem

Mother Through The Years

Babe

My eyes behold her as I nursed gently at her breast—
Oh sweet taste of love, gentle whisper, soft caress.
This is wonderful. I burp and stretch lazily, sleepily;
Her hands strong yet gentle! I smiled contentedly—
Everything I could wish for in my baby dreams!
Relieved, I thank God for my loving kind mother.

Child

Making her my friend was an exciting venture.
One thing I desired was more time for pleasure:
Talking and playing, sometimes disobeying her;
Hiding in her skirt I could always wipe my face.
Ever caring she listened and supported my case.
Really, I thank God for my caring mother.

Teen

Moments, came when we had disagreements major—
Oh yes, on one hand, impossible for us to agree together,
Then on the other hand, supportive, she was there always
Having unwavering faith that I can survive the tough days;
Embarrassing moments she said are forgotten in the 'morrow
Reminding me now: Thank God for a wise mother.

Adult

Making each day count as time for us is precious—
Only if we could freeze time to make it momentous!
The bowels of time enfold us; we grow more sublime,
Helping us as we play catch-up across the seas of time,
Ever glad for each, smile, hug, kind words of cheer:
Rejoicing, I thank God for mother; my sister dear.

Written by: Sis. Clauzel Forde

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GOD	HOLIDAY	BLESS
LABOUR	FLOWERS	GIFTS
CHILDREN	MOTHERHOOD	YOUTH
MAY	CONVENTION	BABY
PRETEEN	ADOLESCENT	CHURCH
	LUNCHEON	

What did the boy say? [Find the three (3) other words.]

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