



The Information

And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.
Luke 4: vs 4.

June, 2017

Challenged, but Don't Quit

Advancing the Kingdom of God is no easy tasks. The forces of darkness are ever at work to plant doubt and fear in your heart. Not only that, but If one is not careful, the spirit of despair, destruction and death could be some of the tactics used by the forces of darkness and evil to distract one from the tasks at hand. The Apostle Paul, writing to the Corinthian Christians in 1 Corinthians 9:25 declared, "Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever" (NIV).



Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis
Chairman of PEC

As Servants of the most High God, our faith will be stretched as we continue to run this race. Attacks will come from every side and cause some to faint. Some will give up, while others could become indecisive in their faith. It is said that, when you are being stretched spiritually, your faith in God grows. When you are being stretched mentally, your old ideas are challenged and replaced with new ones. When you are being stretched relationally, selfishness dies and love grows.

God allows us to have stretching experiences. If you are being stretched now see it as God preparing you for the race that he has called you to run in life. No amount of strength and no amount of pressing will move the problem. Sometimes, these are not the real test; they are just the prelude to future challenges ahead. In other words, they are points of reference which are designed to keep you from panicking when you are in the real race. God never allows a person to run for him, or with him, who has not been stretched in their thinking, their faith, and their ability to live and love. When you face a problem that won't move, remind yourself that God is stretching you in order for you to exercise your faith.

Vision Statement

A Church - Transformed,
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Mission Statement

By the grace of God, we seek to be faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ; without distinction, we use all that we possess to call all peoples to the truth of the Gospel through worship, evangelism, discipleship and service.

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'Advance the Kingdom' - Use the Keys

Challenged, but Don't Quit
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Sooner or later we will all face difficult times in our lives. When it feels that you are being stretched or at the breaking point don't quit. See it as preparation for running and winning the race that God has assigned for you in life.

Scripture is replete with examples of how we take the beating that comes to us from every side. It is not enough to leave your enemies alone. You must demonstrate love towards them. Romans 12: 20-21, encourages us, "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good".

As we read this, one sentence sticks out that doesn't make sense about heaping burning coals on an enemy's head. What did Paul mean by this? It helps to know that Paul was quoting from Proverbs 25: 21-22. Understanding this Proverb will unlock Paul's words as well. That saying is in the middle of several proverbs that use physical images to describe emotional reactions. The physical picture of discomfort illustrates that trying to make a person in mourning happy just distresses them more. In a similar manner, the passage about coals is about the emotional discomfort an enemy will feel when you waken his/her consciences about his/her conduct towards you. According to the Jewish Encyclopedia:

"The word 'coal' is often used in a metaphorical sense: 2 Samuel 14:7 speaks of the 'quenching of the coal' of a man, meaning the complete annihilation of his issue; while in Proverbs 25:22 kindness bestowed upon an enemy is called 'heaping coals of fire upon his head,' since it tends to waken his deadened conscience and help him to realize his wrong. Ecclus (Sirach) viii. 10 compares the smoldering and easily roused passion of the godless man to the coal that is easily lighted and breaks forth into flame".

The picture of putting coals on a person's head initially sounds like a picture of causing burning pain,

but it really is not. Instead, it seems to be a picture of stirring up the coals of a fire to rouse it back to life again. It is a picture of stirring within a person a response of remorse, when they see your kindness in the face of their meanness. We cause our enemies to be remorseful for their actions toward us, and in doing so we overcome evil by doing that which is good.

Heaping burning coals on someone's head therefore, is a courteous act one person would do for another in spite of the wrongs the person would have done to them. When you treat an enemy like this, the bible says that the Lord will reward you. We all have a choice whether to perpetuate the evil that surrounds us or to forgive and reach out. If we perpetuate the evil, we are stepping out of God's will and it will therefore suggest that we have allowed the forces of darkness to win. It also suggests that we have chosen to give in and give up. Listen how the Apostle Paul puts it in 2 Corinthians 4: 8-9,

"We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 'persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed"

As servants of God, our lives will be challenged, but don't quit. God is calling you and me to Advance His Kingdom. If we give up when the going gets tough, we are calling God a liar. His word declares, I will never leave you nor forsake you. Don't quit.



Quote of the Day

If someone is going down the wrong road, he doesn't need motivation to speed him up. What he needs is education to turn him around.

Jim Rohn

The Christian festival celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after his Ascension is referred to as the Feast of Harvest, the Feast of Weeks and the Feast of Pentecost/Whit Sunday. It falls 50 days after Easter.



barley harvest. The first ripe barley was harvested and waved before the LORD to be acceptable to him. How do these three things apply to observing this festival today?

All three names above apply to the same Holy Day or Feast! Why is that?

There is always good reason behind what God does. With a short review of the meaning behind the names mentioned above, we will get a deeper understanding of God's intention's about that day and its implications for all humanity.

It might sound simple, but God has a plan. It was determined from the very beginning of time. The book of Revelation states as much when it says, "the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8).

The Passover begins this plan with the shedding of an innocent lamb's blood. Ancient Israel daubed this blood on the door posts and lintel. This was a sign of protection that spared the life of the firstborn child (Exodus 12:29-30). Following this comes the seven Days of Unleavened Bread. During these seven days, there was a very special event that has a great deal to do with the resurrection of Jesus and the giving of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. It's a day when a special offering was made called "the wave sheaf offering" (Leviticus 23:9-12).

Three things stand out about this offering:

- ◆ First, it was a sheaf made from the first fruits of the early barley harvest (Leviticus 23:10).
- ◆ Second, a sheaf of this harvest was to be waved before the LORD to be acceptable to him (Leviticus 23:11).
- ◆ Third, it was to be accompanied with a sacrifice of a lamb without blemish. This was the early

God's plan of salvation for humanity begins with the forgiveness of sin.

First is the Passover Lamb. Jesus fulfilled this sacrifice - He is the Lamb of God, slain from the foundation of the world (Revelation 13:8).

Second, the ripe barley represented the first of the harvest presented to God by the priest. Jesus was the embodiment of this sheaf - which was the very first ripe grain of the first fruits of the harvest - when He was resurrected and ascended to God the Father (1 Corinthians 15: 20-23). When Mary saw Jesus after His resurrection, John 17:20 records that Jesus said, "Do not touch Me for I have not yet ascended to My Father."

Third, it has to be acceptable. Jesus, being sinless and perfect His entire life, was an acceptable offering to God.

"The Feast of Weeks of the first fruits of the wheat harvest" (Exodus 34: 22) is represented in the later harvest after the early barley harvest. Today, we recognize this day as Pentecost, which is the Greek name for it. It is a Holy Day and is described in Leviticus 23:15-22. This time the first ripe grain of the later wheat crop was cut and waved before God by the priest. This was also a first fruit offering, which was holy to the LORD. God's people are called first fruits (James 1:18; Revelation 14:4). It's fitting then that God gave His Holy Spirit - which is His guarantee of resurrection to eternal life (2 Corinthians 5:5) - to His Church on this Feast of Harvest.

Notably, in Leviticus 23:22, God ends the description of this Feast of Weeks with the instructions to Israel to leave the corners of their fields un-harvested for the poor to eat. Everyone is included in the meaning of this day.

Hymn of the Month for June, 2017

by Rev. Dr. Mkie Roberts
Provincial Director of Music



In the Christian calendar, Easter celebrations continue with Ascension and Pentecost. These two festivals lead us to observe and recall Christ's departure from this earth and the birth of the Christian Church with the coming of the Holy Spirit. The hymn for the month of June focuses primarily on the Ascension of Christ after his

resurrection. It is #142 *The golden gates are lifted up*. The hymn was written in 1858 by C. Frances Alexander and the assigned tune is *Glasgow*.

This hymn poignantly captures Jesus ascending up to heaven and being seated at the right hand of God the Father. In returning to heaven, the opening stanza lauds him as the 'King of glory' who has gone ahead of us into heaven to prepare a place for us. That truth is underscored in the second verse which reflects the promise made by Jesus in John 14:3. Verses three and four shift the attention from the glory of the ascended Christ to the earthly journey of his followers. We are to bear in mind that the same way Christ was lifted up, we too should have our minds and hearts lifted up heavenward and keep our focus primarily on the prize that awaits us one day in glory. On that day, we will see Christ in all his splendour as the 'veil' is removed from our eyes. We are reminded too that ultimately our treasure is not here on earth but in heaven. With that in mind the last verse seeks to ground our faith and hope in the knowledge that once we remain connected to Christ and allow Him to occupy our lives then we will one day be with Him where He is seated at God's right hand.

Below are the words and music for the hymn of the month for June:

The golden gates are lifted up,
The doors are open wide;
The King of glory is gone in
Unto his Father's side.

2 Thou art gone up before us, Lord,
To make for us a place,
That we may be where now thou art,
And look upon God's face.

3 And ever on our earthly path
A gleam of glory lies;
A light still breaks behind the cloud
That veiled thee from our eyes.

4 Lift up our hearts, lift up our minds;
Let thy dear grace be given,
That, while we wander here below,
Our treasure be in heaven;

5 That where thou art, at God's right hand,
Our hope, our love may be.
Dwell thou in us, that we may dwell
For evermore in thee.

1858. C. Frances Alexander

142 The Golden Gates Are Lifted Up

GLASGOW
C.M.

1858, C. Frances Alexander

T. Moore's 'Psalm-Singer's Pocket Companion', 1796

1. The gold - den gates are lift - ed up, The doors are o - pen wide; The
2. Thou art gone up be - fore us, Lord, To make for us a place, That
3. And ev - er on our earth - ly path A gleam of glo - ry lies; A
4. Lift up our hearts, lift up our minds; Let thy dear grace be given, That
5. That where thou art, at God's right hand, Our hope, our love may be. Dwell

King of glo - ry is gone in Un - to his Fa - ther's side.
we may be where now thou art, And look up - on God's face.
light still breaks be - hind the cloud That veiled thee from our eyes.
while we wan - der here be - low, Our trea - sure be in heaven.
thou in us, that we may dwell For ev - er - more in thee.

STAFF CHANGES

The PEC makes the following announcements verbatim:

- ◆ Due to family considerations, as requested, the Rev. Georgette John-Cotton's active service with the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province will come to an end with effect from July 31, 2017. Rev. John-Cotton currently serves as pastor of the Potters (Zion) and Judges Hill Congregations in the Antigua Conference.
- ◆ The Rev. Winston Chase who currently serves as Pastor of the Friedensthal Congregation on St. Croix in the Virgin Islands Conference will retire from active service in the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province, with effect from July 31, 2017.
- ◆ The PEC expresses heartfelt thanks to both Rev. John-Cotton and Rev. Chase for their hard work, dedication and faithfulness to duty in the service of our Church and the Lord. We wish them every blessing in their future endeavours.
- ◆ The Rev. Kirk Barker has been called to serve as Pastor of the Cedar Hall and Cashew Hill Congregations in the Antigua Conference, with effect from August 01, 2017.
- ◆ The Rev. Moise Jean has been called to serve as Pastor of the Potters (Zion) and Judges Hill Congregations in the Antigua Conference, with effect from August 01, 2017.
- ◆ The Rev. Elva Richards has been called to serve as Pastor of the Greenbay and Five Islands Congregations in the Antigua Conference, with effect from August 01, 2017.
- ◆ The Rev. Junior Sean Roberts has been called to serve as Pastor of the Gracefield and Bethany Congregations in the Antigua Conference, with effect from August 01, 2017.
- ◆ Pastor Daniel Mark, a 2017 graduate from the United Theological College of the West Indies, has been called to serve as Associate Pastor of the Spring Gardens Congregation in the Antigua Conference, with effect from August 01, 2017.
- ◆ Pastor Kevin St. Hill, a 2017 graduate from the United Theological College of the West Indies, has been called to serve as Associate Pastor of the Lebanon and Enon (Newfield) Congregations in the Antigua Conference, with effect from August 01, 2017.

- ◆ The Rev. Alicia Ross-Floyd has been called to serve as Pastor of the Friedensthal Congregation on St. Croix, in the Virgin Islands Conference, with effect from August 01, 2017.
- ◆ Brother David Rossington of the Friedensberg Congregation on St. Croix in the Virgin Islands Conference has been appointed as Lay Pastor and called to serve in the Virgin Islands Conference, with effect from July 1, 2017. He will be assigned to the Faith congregation but will be assigned to other congregations as necessary.

Let us remember our Brothers and Sisters in prayer as they assume these new responsibilities in Ministry.



The PEC offers congratulations:

1. To retired Pastor Rev. Matthew Crooks and his wife Jasmine as well as their children. "Dr Crystal Crooks (their daughter) graduated on Friday May 19th, 2017, from the University of Central Florida Medical School with a Medical Degree. She is the 2nd child of the family to earn a Doctorate. The first was Dr. Paul Crooks DVM., who graduated from the University of the West Indies, School of Veterinary Medicine at Mt. Hope, Trinidad, on October 31, 2009.
2. To Dr. Akesha Esther Edwards, the daughter of Retired Missionary, Sister Hyacinth Taylor. Dr. Akesha Esther Edwards graduated from Nova South-Eastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on May 19, 2017, with a Ph D in Pharmaceutical Sciences.
3. To Sister Joycelyn Connor, the wife of the Rev. Dr. Errol Connor, who graduated on May 13, 2017 from Southern New Hampshire University, with a "Master of Science in Human Resource Management".
4. To Brothers Daniel Mark and Kevin St. Hill our two Ministers in Training who graduated from UTCWI Jamaica on May 18, 2017.

Let us celebrate and give God thanks for His faithfulness to the families.

APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENTS

The PEC makes the following announcements:

1.



The Rev. Dr. Patmore Smith who has been serving as Acting Superintendent of the Trinidad Conference since August 2016, has been appointed as Superintendent of the Trinidad conference, with effect from March 01, 2017.

2. The Rev. Bonnie EBW Smith who has been serving as Acting Superintendent of the Antigua Conference since August 2016, has been appointed as Superintendent of the Antigua Conference, with effect from March 01, 2017.



3. The Rev. Vera Waithe will step down as Superintendent of the Barbados Conference, with effect from August 31, 2017.



Rev. Waithe began serving as Superintendent of the Barbados Conference in February 2002. The PEC wishes to express its thanks and appreciation to Rev. Waithe for the leadership which she provided over the many years. God Bless you.

4. The Rev. Ezra Parris has been appointed Superintendent of the Barbados Conference, with effect from September 01, 2017.



5. The PEC says thanks to the Superintendents who have been appointed for their willingness to assume the awesome responsibility that have been entrusted to them.

Let us remember them in our prayers.

With every good wish and God's Blessings!



VIRTUE OF THE MONTH



Helpfulness is being of service to others, doing thoughtful things that make a difference in their lives. Offer your help without waiting to be asked. Ask for help when you need it. When we help each other, we get more done. We make our lives easier.

You are practicing helpfulness when you:

- ⇒ Notice when someone needs help,
- ⇒ Do a service without being asked,
- ⇒ Give people what they need, not always what they want,
- ⇒ Listen to someone who needs to talk,
- ⇒ Care for your own needs, and
- ⇒ Ask for help when you need it.

Affirmation:

I am helpful.
I look for ways to be of service.
I care for others and myself.
I look for helpful ways to make a difference.

2017 Graduation Photos



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The Moravian Church EWIP

Mathematics Enrichment Program

The Moravian Church
will once again be conducting its
Mathematics Enrichment Program
from August 9th - 18th, 2017
at the Moravian Provincial Headquarters, Cashew Hill

There will be Two (2) sessions Daily

Session One:- will run from 9 - 12 noon and is geared towards Fourth and Fifth Formers

Session Two: will run from 5p.m. - 7p.m. in the Evening.

This session is primarily for Teachers and Adults

**The Facilitators will include Antiguan born
Dr. Vanere Goodwin and the Rt. Rev. Dr. Conrad Spencer
Mathematics Professors at the University of the Virgin Islands.**

The Topics will be chosen as they
are needed to strengthen
preparation for
General Proficiency and
Additional
Mathematics Examinations

The course fee is only \$120.

Which includes a non-refundable
registration fee of \$20.

There will be an additional \$10
for persons registering after
July 21, 2017

Space is limited, so register early at
any of the Moravian Church offices
or at the Moravian Provincial Head-
quarters at Cashew Hill
between the hours of
8:30a.m -4.00 p.m. on weekdays.

Birthday Greetings for the month of June is extended to

Sis. Stacey Mannix-Herbert	02
Sis. Sharon McCardy-Joseph	05
Bro. Nigel Daniel	05
Sis. Bernadine Chase	07
Bro. Calvin Isaac	13
Sis. Joycelyn Connor	17
Bro. Selvin Mcmillan	25
Sis. Elva Richards	25
Sis. Jasmin Crooks	26
Sis. Karen Challenger-George	26
Sis. Roslyn Hamblin	29



Anniversary Greetings for the month of June is extended to:

Bro. Reuben & Sis. Ivy Vessup	01
Bro. Kirk & Sis. Nicole Barker	24



Condolences



1. The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province, offers condolences to Sister Andrea Smith, on the passing of her Father Mr. Hamel Lorde. He passed into the near presence of God on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 in Barbados. Sister Andrea Smith is the wife of the

Rev. Dr. Adrian Smith.

The Service of thanksgiving for the life of the late Hamel Lorde was held on Thursday, June 01, 2017, at the St. George Anglican Parish Church, in St. George Barbados. The Tributes started at 3.00pm and the service at 3.30p.m.

Let us keep Sister Smith and her family in prayer.

2. The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province, expresses condolences to the family of the late Marlene Jackson the former Secretary of the Moravian Church Antigua Conference.

Ms. Jackson was the Secretary for over 20 years. She passed into the nearer presence of God on Monday May 22nd, 2017 at the Mount St. John Medical Centre in Antigua.

Let us remember her Sons Tneil and Romar and the rest of her family in our prayers.



Joke of the Day Men will be Men

One day a woman wanted to know how her husband would react if she left without telling him where she had gone. So she decided to write him a letter saying she is tired of him and didn't want to live with him anymore and after writing she put the letter on the table in the bedroom and then hid under the bed...

When the husband came back home, he saw the letter and read it, he replied on the same paper and then began to sing and dance changing his clothes.

He got his phone, dialed someone then said:

"Hey babe, am just changing clothes then will join you, as for the other fool it has finally dawned on her that I was fooling around with her and has left. I was wrong..really wrong to have married her, I wish I had known you earlier. See you soon honey!"

The husband walked out of the room and left.

In tears and very upset, the woman got up from under the bed and decided to go and read what the husband wrote on the letter. When she got the letter, it said:

"I COULD see your feet under the bed, I didn't make any phone call.. I am going to buy bread. Stand up, stop your silly games and prepare me a meal. **I LOVE YOU**"!

Moravian Multipurpose Complex



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