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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.

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When trouble invades our space



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Trouble has a way of giving us a rude awakening. As I write this article, it is important to know that we do not have to go and look for trouble. Sooner or later it will come and visit us. We must therefore be on our guard at all times. It is critical therefore as we hold in focus our Provincial theme, "Advance the Kingdom", that we use the keys to the Kingdom in every circumstance of life.

When life begins to tumble in; when trouble comes; when there seems to be a new crisis every day and when it appears that all of our dreams are shattered, what can we do? How should we, as the people of faith, indeed the people of God respond? Is there a word of encouragement upon which we

can pin our hopes/ lives? Is this pinning like a pie-in-the-sky situation or is it anchored in a faith that will not shrink?

The writer of the book of Philippians 4:19 assures us of the comfort we can find in our God. He declared, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (KJV). We can also find in God's word the advice and encouragement we need. The book of Job was written especially to deal with human suffering and how one can triumph over adversity.

Job was faithful to the Lord when he lost all of his possessions and finally all his 11 children in one fell swoop. It couldn't have been easy for the man of God to face and "stomach." The scripture tells us that he remained steadfast. He never wavered. He never harboured any doubts as to the justice of his God. Even when his friends criticized him for what they considered his blind faith; even when his wife said to him,

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“Dost thou still retain thine integrity? Curse God and die” (Job 2:9 KJV); it was then that Job showed that his faith was not a fickle blind thing. He hammered home the importance of faith in God; that it was a living faith that was able to withstand any crisis, any situation. William Bathurst penned in 1831, the hymn: “Oh for a faith that will not shrink”. Allow this hymn to speak to you in your moment of crisis; in your darkest hour.

Oh, for a faith that will not shrink,
 Though pressed by every foe,
 That will not tremble on the brink
 Of any earthly woe!

That will not murmur nor complain
 Beneath the chastening rod,
 But, in the hour of grief or pain,
 Will lean upon its God.

A faith that shines more bright and clear
 When tempests rage without;
 That when in danger knows no fear,
 In darkness feels no doubt.

Lord, give me such a faith as this,
 And then, whate’er may come,
 I’ll taste, e’en here, the hallowed bliss
 Of an eternal home.

The book of James presents Job as an example of endurance for all who experience suffering to see and consider. **“As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Indeed we call blessed those who showed endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful”. (James 5:10-11 NRSV).** Earlier in the book, James encourages the following, **“My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, ³because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing”. (James 1:2-4 NRSV).**

Job must have experienced what Moses endured. He looked to the eternal reward rather than just the

immediate problems in his life; **“By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward”.** (Hebrews 11: 24-26 NRSV). His endurance and perseverance paid- off. Job 42:12 declares, **“The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys “.** It suggests that Job would have triumphed even if he had not been blessed in this life.

When life hits you an “upper cut” to use a boxing term, the endurance of Job should give you hope and encouragement. If you are ever tempted to give up when troubles come, remember the crisis that Job and how he triumphed over his ordeal. James says, **“If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you” (James 1:5 NRSV).**

When trouble invades your space, you are never alone. God will cover, protect and keep you. The story is told of two Angels who were on a Journey. They stopped to spend the night in the home of a wealthy family. The family was rude and refused to let the angels stay in the mansion’s guest room. Instead the angels were given a small space in the cold basement.

As they made their bed on the hard floor, the older angel saw a hole in the wall and repaired it. When the younger angel asked why, the older angel replied, “Things aren’t always what they seem.”

The next night the pair came to rest at the house of a very poor, but very hospitable farmer and his wife. After sharing what little food they had the couple let the angels sleep in their bed where they could have a good night’s rest.

When the sun came up the next morning the angels found the farmer and his wife in tears. Their only cow, whose milk had been their sole income, lay dead in the field.

The younger angel was infuriated and asked the older angel: “How could you have let this happen? The first man had everything, yet you helped him”, she accused. “The second family had little but was willing to share everything, and you let the cow die.”

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“Things aren’t always what they seem,” the older angel replied. “When we stayed in the basement of the mansion, I noticed there was gold stored in that hole in the wall. Since the owner was so obsessed with greed and unwilling to share his good fortune, I sealed the wall so he wouldn’t find it.”

“Then last night as we slept in the farmer’s bed, the angel of death came for his wife. I gave him the cow instead. Things aren’t always what they seem.”

Sometimes that is exactly what happens when things don’t turn out the way we expect them. If you have faith you just need to trust that every outcome is always to your advantage. You just might not know it until sometime later. When trouble invades your space, trust God. He is the Pilot and lover of our souls.



Furlough

The Rev. Andrew Roberts of the Barbados Conference requested and was granted Furlough from February 1 to May 30, 2017.



Unity Sunday

Sunday March 05, 2017 is Unity Sunday. It was on this day 1457 that the Moravian Church was born. We ask for your continued prayers for the work and witness of this Church that will never die.

A special offering will be taken in all Moravian Churches worldwide on that Sunday.

Our Unity Offering will go towards the Unity Mission Conference in South Africa from November 15-20, 2017. The Mission Conference is to understand how Moravians have done Missions and to build on that and strategize for Mission work in the present and future. It is important that we seek to work together and have a common understanding of how we do Mission. The Theme is: Moravian Unity in Mission: giving heed to God’s call in the 21st century.

Theological Education Sunday

Sunday March 26, 2017 is Theological Education Sunday. On this day annually we remember in prayer our Warden/Tutor and all of our ministers in training.

At present, Bro. Kevin St. Hill of Barbados and Bro. Daniel Mark of Tobago are our two (2) Ministers in training at the United Theological College of the West Indies in Jamaica. Our Warden/Tutor is the Rev. Neilson Waithe from Barbados.

On this day we encourage anyone who has heard the Call of God on your life to speak to your Pastor about that Call. The PEC welcomes you and looks forward to hearing from you through the application process after you would have spoken to your Pastor.

A special offering will be taken on March 26, 2017 to go towards the continuing Education of our Ministers in Training.



Unity Watchword for 2017

The Provincial Board of the European Continental Province has according to custom drawn a Watchword for each province and undertaking of the Unity.

The Watchword drawn for the Eastern West Indies Province for the year 2017 is the one drawn on December 18, 2017 taken from Psalm 105: 08, “He is mindful of His covenant forever, of the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations” (NRSV). This Text is to be used as often as possible throughout the year as a reminder of God’s faithfulness and promise to us.



Quote of the Day

The capacity to learn is a *gift*;
The ability to learn is a *skill*;
The willingness to learn is a *choice*.

Brian Herbert

Hymn of the Month for March, 2017

by Rev. Dr. Miki Roberts

Provincial Director

Our hymn for the month of February is # 248 – *Redeemed by the precious blood of the Lamb*. It was written by the late Barry Chevannes, a Professor at the UW. This hymn originally appeared in the Caribbean ecumenical supplementary hymnal – *Sing A New Song No. 3* which was published by the Caribbean Conference of Churches.



The primary message of this hymn is the acknowledgement of the redemption which is ours because of the finished work of Jesus Christ. This hymn captures the truth of 1 Peter 1: 18, 19 which says, “For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life you inherited from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or spot.” The value of our redemption is priceless especially when we reflect on how we have been redeemed and what we’ve been redeemed from. In this hymn, Chevannes addresses both of these issues directly. For example, we’ve been redeemed by Jesus’ blood and by his touch. In the second verse we see that we were sentenced to die and that Satan, our accuser, was taking delight in our condemnation. That state of deprivation is depicted in the third verse where we are unable to help ourselves and truth be told, also incapable of saving ourselves. Each stanza ends with a proclamation of praise as we give thanks for being eternally redeemed.

As we enter into the Lenten season and recall our Lord’s suffering and death, might this hymn serve as a timely reminder that we have been redeemed by the precious blood of the Lamb of God – Jesus Christ!

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

Redeemed, by the precious blood of the Lamb,
Redeemed, by the touch of a Saviour’s hand,
Redeemed, we were saved and sanctified,
Redeemed, Alleluia, Redeemed!

2 Redeemed, when in sin and condemned to die,
Redeemed, an ol’ Satan was standin’ by,
Redeemed, we were saved and sanctified,
Redeemed, Alleluia, Redeemed!

3 Redeemed, when in sorrow and nearly drown’,
Redeemed, on a broad road, darkness-bound,
Redeemed, we were saved and sanctified,
Redeemed, Alleluia, Redeemed!

4 Redeemed, by the precious blood of the Lamb,
Redeemed, by the touch of a Saviour’s hand,
Redeemed, we were saved and sanctified,
Redeemed, Alleluia, Redeemed!

Redeemed, by the precious blood of the Lamb,
Redeemed, by the touch of a Saviour’s hand,
Redeemed, we were saved and sanctified,
Redeemed, Alleluia, Redeemed!

Adapted: Barry Chevannes d. 2010

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Redeemed

Adapted by Barry Chevannes

Barry Chevannes, Arr. P.E.P.

1. Re - deemed, by the pre-cious blood of the Lamb, Re - deemed,
2. Re - deemed, when in sin and con-demned to die, Re - deemed,
3. Re - deemed, when in sor-row and near-ly drown' Re - deemed,
4. Re - deemed, by the pre-cious blood of the Lamb, Re - deemed,

by the touch of a Sav-iour's hand, Re - deemed, we were
an ol' Sat - an was stan - din' by, Re - deemed, we were
on a broad road, — dark-ness-bound Re - deemed, we were
by the touch of a Sav-iour's hand, Re - deemed, we were

saved and sanc - ti - fied, re - deemed, Al - le - lu - ia, Re-deemed!

Ash Wednesday March 01, 2017~

Let the Lenten season begin

As the fun of the Trinidad and Tobago carnival and Mardi Gras in New Orleans winds down, Christians around the world gear up for the holy season of Lent. This year, the 40-day spiritual period of solemn reflection begins on March 1. Lent is a period of time between Ash Wednesday and Easter that is geared towards spiritual purification, meditation and penance. It lasts around 40 days, not including Sundays, drawing from the 40 days Jesus fasted in the desert before starting his ministry.

Lent is practiced by most Christian denominations, including Moravians, Roman Catholics, Anglicans, Presbyterians, Methodists, Salvationists, Lutherans, Pentecostals and many others. The focus of the season is on spiritual growth. The focus is not supposed to be on one's self, but one's relationship with God. Oftentimes Christians choose to take on something during Lent, like reading more of the Bible or completing daily devotions.

Fasting is a traditional part of Lent, but not everyone does it. Its purpose is to symbolize penance, remorse for one's sins. This can also be done by giving up a luxury or by completing acts of charity. In the Roman Catholic Church there is a tradition that the only meat Catholics eat during Lent is fish.

For most protestant churches Lent it concludes on the Holy Saturday or the day before Easter. For Roman Catholics, however, it concludes on Holy Thursday/Maundy Thursday -- the day before Good Friday, which is the Friday before Easter.

Finally, what are the major days of Lent?

- **Ash Wednesday:** Marks the beginning of the Lenten season.
- **Palm Sunday:** The Sunday before Easter, Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. On that day the crowd put palm branches on the ground beneath the feet of the donkey Jesus was riding.
- **Maundy Thursday:** Also known as Holy Thursday, this day focuses on the last supper Jesus had with his disciples, before he was arrested.
- **Good Friday:** Also known as Black Friday, this day commemorates the crucifixion and Jesus's death. On this day, many Christians will also do the stations of the cross, which includes 14 prayers and moments of reflection regarding 14 events leading up to Jesus's death.

- **Easter Sunday:** This day recognizes the resurrection of Jesus Christ and is a triumphant day for Christians, serving as a reminder of the Christ's conquering of death and the forgiveness of sins.

As you begin the Lenten season, may you engage each moment, confident of the Spirit's enabling. May you journey with Jesus through pain and suffering, always keeping before you the goal and blessed joy of Easter.



Unity Prayer Watch 2017

The Eastern West Indies Province will participate in the Unity Prayer Watch from 12.00 am April 03 – Midnight April 15, 2017. The Schedule is as follows:

Name of Conference/ Mission	From	To
Grenada	12:00a.m. April 03, 2017	8:00a.m. April 03, 2017
Tobago	8:00a.m. April 03, 2017	8:00a.m. April 05, 2017
Trinidad	8:00a.m. April 05, 2017	8:00a.m. April 06, 2017
Barbados	8:00a.m. April 06, 2017	8:00p.m. April 08, 2017
Virgin Islands	8:00p.m. April 08, 2017	8:00a.m. April 11, 2017
St. Kitts	8:00a.m. April 11, 2017	12:00 Midnight April 12, 2017
Antigua	Midnight April 12, 2017	Midnight April 15, 2017

Conferences are asked to observe the time allotted for our members to engage in the unbroken prayer chain. This prayer meeting began on August 13, 1727 when the Moravian Church had its Pentecost experience. The Church was so much on fire that the Prayer meeting lasted for 100 unbroken years. Let us therefore encourage our members to be in prayer, as we continue to seek God's guidance and direction for our Church and indeed our lives.

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March 7: Opening Ceremony 8:30a.m - 9:30a.m.

March 7th & 8th - : 9:30a.m - 1:00p.m. and
4:30p.m - 6:30p.m daily

March 9th- : 9:30a.m. to Noon

As a Church, we have a goodly heritage in particular, in the area of Education. We have lost some grounds, but we believe that God is calling us to continue to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

The Symposium will be led
by
Dr. Vaneer Goodwin

and

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Conrad Spencer

University Professors from the VI.

University Professors from the United States, St. Croix, St. Thomas and Jamaica, will also make presentations on the occasion.



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We look forward to seeing you and welcome your input at the Symposium!

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Birthday Greetings for the month of March is extended to:

Sis. Alicia Ross-Floyd	7
Sis. Gwendolyn Jacobs	8
Bro. Jeremy Francis	9
Sis. Eulencine Christopher	18
Bro. Kingsley Lewis	20
Sis. Denise Smith-Lewis	20
Sis. Vera Waithe	29
Bro. Edgar Gonsalves Barrierio	29



Anniversary Greetings for the month of March extended to:

Bro. Ralph & Sis. Rosalind Prince	2
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Condolences



The PEC expresses sympathy on the passing of:

- ♦ Mr. Anthony Limerick, the Brother of the Rev. Nigel Daniel. He passed into the nearer presence of God on Saturday February 11, 2017 in Antigua at the age of 61. A Service of Praise and Thanksgiving to mark his life and witness was held on Wednesday February 22, 2017 at the Cana Moravian Church in Swetes, at 10.00am.

The Rev. William R.A. Osborne, who passed into the nearer presence of God at home in the presence of his loving family, on Thursday February 9th, 2017 in his 90th year.

The Rev. William R.A. Osborne (Bill/Randall) as he was known, was born on the island of Barbados W.I. and raised in various islands; St. Kitts, Montserrat, Antigua, and in Guyana, where he lived for many years before migrating to Canada.

He was predeceased by his parents Rev. William and Mable Osborne.

The Rev. William R. A. Osborne served the Lord at The British Methodist Episcopal Church, New Dawn Moravian Church, and Yorkminster Park Baptist. He was the faithful representative of the British Methodist Episcopal tradition on the Governing Board of The Canadian Council of Churches for many years. His ecumenical passion enriched us all. He was also the recipient of the Ecumenical Award of the Order of St. Lazarus Toronto.

The Rev William R. A. Osborne will be dearly missed by his loving wife Madge Osborne of 54 years; his daughters Ingrid Osborne and Darlene Osborne-Lawrence; grandchildren Kane and Rayne Lawrence; son-in-law Anton Lawrence; the Osborne and Blanchett Family, and many other Church Family and friends.

Let us remember both families in our prayers.



Joke of the Day

Mr. and Mrs. Brown had two sons. One was named Mind Your Own Business & the other was named Trouble. One day the two boys decided to play hide and seek. Trouble hid while Mind Your Own Business counted to one hundred. Mind Your Own Business began looking for his brother behind garbage cans and bushes. Then he started looking in and under cars until a police man approached him and asked, "What are you doing?" "Playing a game," the boy replied. "What is your name?" the officer questioned. "Mind Your Own Business." Furious the policeman inquired, "Are you looking for trouble?!" The boy replied, "Why, yes." -

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