

## The Information

Jesus answered, "It is written: Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Matthew 4 vs. 4



### Hallelujah! What a Saviour!

April, 2018

### Inside This Issue



**Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis**  
Chairman of PEC

I was struck by a passage of scripture as we were going through the Holy Week reading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is a passage I have read time and again, but this time, it jumped out in front of me, as if to say, I need to be lifted up. God impressed it upon my heart and He would not allow me to focus on anything else. The text says, "Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the Kingdom of God before you" (Mt 21:31).

Some persons think that because they come to church on Sundays, or just because they got their child baptized, and just because they read the Bible that they have a direct access to God. These are only first impressions. They don't really matter if what I AM and what I DO on a daily basis do not reflect the plan of God for me, that is, doing the Father's will.

The Parable of the Two Sons from Matthew (21:28-32), which is unique to Matthew, reminds us of the Parable of the Prodigal Son, which is unique to Luke (15:11-32). Both talk about two sons. In both parables the son who first said 'no' found himself in the bosom of the Father, and the son who said 'yes' is ultimately outside the home of the father. This doesn't seem logical.

Often we tend to reduce the teachings of Jesus to a set of moral codes. This is an easy way out: to claim to know what it all about, and summarize Christianity to struggling to follow that set of moral norms. In this gospel text, we could reduce the expression: "doing the will of the father" (Mt 21:31) to obeying a set of commandments. Remember, this parable is addressed to chief priests and the elders, who guard the institutional aspects of religion. So Jesus is simply inviting us to look beyond. He once again insists that religion is a matter of the mind and heart.

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### Vision Statement

**A Church - Transformed,  
United,  
Victorious in Christ**

### 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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*Hallelujah! What a Saviour!*  
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**“In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus” (Phil 2:5).**

What I find more meaningful but challenging in my own Christian life is “to put on the mind of Christ Jesus” (Phil 2:5). I think being a Christian is taking on the consciousness of Christ. I know, personally I am far from it. I must acknowledge that in many aspects of my life I am like St Augustine, I say, “Yes Lord, but not yet!” However, despite this challenge, I do not want to reduce my Christian life to a clear set of criteria in term of fulfilling rituals and obeying moral norms.

The first son in the gospel seems to represent the institutional religion. Followers of this type of religion can pay lip-service to the God who is mystery, and try to pigeon hole Jesus into their own structures. They are unable to be surprised by God. In other words, God cannot do anything new, fresh and dynamic. It is a sad commentary on such a God who is unable to heal, restore and transform at His own will. The second son stands for the “outsiders” who may be accustomed to saying ‘No’ to God, but responding to their inner thirst, in due course they begin a deep search for God. The point is that we need to be courageous to walk the road less travelled. The road where God would make what seems impossible, possible.

It is important to understand that the idea is not to downplay the importance of meaningful celebration, visionary leadership, and humane guidelines in the believing community. Surely, Jesus is not saying we have to say ‘No’ to God first and then repent. But the question is, do we use these existing structures of creed, code and cult to seek the will of God: “to allow the life of God to flow in us?”

I choose to be in the church today because I want to pursue that ideal: to take on the consciousness of Christ; to put on the mind of Christ. It is being ready for death and resurrection. Jesus was open to the will of his Father, to be an example for us, to allow the life of God to flow in him, even if that meant first going through suffering and death. Does this seem too idealistic, and not accessible to all? It seems difficult if we want to be sure of everything before we even begin the journey. On the other hand, our Christian life becomes meaningful if we open up ourselves to God on a daily basis, and keep searching.

That is why we pray with the Psalmist today (25:4-5):  
 Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.

Jesus is willing to breath new life into every hardened and dead heart this Easter time. It doesn't matter who you were yesterday or who you are today. As long as you are willing to submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, all can and will be well. To be sure of this, Jesus chose two professions that people would scoff at, tax collectors and prostitutes, to demonstrate how he is open to transforming the lives of men and women. It is even more frightening what Jesus said, **“I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the Kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him” {Matthew 21:31}.**

**It would be a sad thing** for those who do every conceivable thing in the Church; those who worship every time the Sanctuary is opened; those who call on the name of Jesus and those who profess to be children of God, miss the Kingdom for not being genuine. God cannot be hoodwinked, bamboozled or fooled. He knows our end even before our beginning. No wonder scripture declares, **“Not everyone who say unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter the Kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my father who is in heaven” {Matthew 7:7}.**

Jesus found the tax collectors and prostitutes worthy of the Kingdom in spite of their reputation. Why? They were willing to submit to his Lordship. So Jesus, says, they are making their way into the Kingdom of God before you. May this Easter, cause a transformation in the hearts and lives of those who have lost their way. The Cambridge Dictionary says that resurrection is, “the act or fact of bringing someone back to life, or bringing something back into use or existence: the resurrection of his political career. In the Christian religion, the Resurrection is Jesus Christ's return to life after his death.” He is an awesome God. Philip P. Bliss sums it up this way in the well known hymn, Man of Sorrows:

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Man of Sorrows, what a name  
For the Son of God who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim  
Hallelujah! What a Saviour!

When He comes, our glorious King,  
All His ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew this song we'll sing:  
Hallelujah! What a Saviour!

A Blessed Easter to you!



## Virtue of the Month: Peacefulness

*by The Family Connection*

Peacefulness is being calm inside. Take time for daily reflection and gratitude. Solve conflicts so everyone wins. Be a peacemaker. Peace is giving up the love of power for the power of love. Peace in the world begins with peace in your heart.

You are practicing peacefulness when you:

- Create inner peace with daily reflection or prayer,
- Use peaceful language even when you are angry,
- Speak gently and respectfully,
- Avoid harming anyone,
- Appreciate differences, and
- Find peaceful solutions to every problem.

### Affirmation:

I am peaceful. I use peaceful words and find fair solutions when differences arise. I find my inner peace and let it carry me gently through the day.

## BISHOP JOHN E. KNIGHT GOLDEN AGE HOME NURSING HOME FACILITY

Community to the Bishop John E. Knight Golden Age Home Project (JEK)



In our first and second article we introduced the Global Moravian We gave you the history of the project, the difficulties encountered since the project was conceived, our mission, a comprehensive overview of the features of the facility and status of works with some pictures of the actual facility

This month's article provides additional pictures to show the progress of the works to date, which is now approximately 82% completed. However, we have hit a bump in the road in terms of being fully funded to complete this project. During this final stage of the project, we do not want to lose our momentum, so **we would like to ask you for your urgent financial support. Specifically, please make a donation towards our goal of raising US\$375,000.00 which will allow us to complete the construction of the building as well as to furnish it.**

The JEK Home will provide three distinct service components where residents will be provided with a continuum of care from independent living to adult daycare services to assisted living in a facility that will be entirely accessible and equipped to accommodate physically challenged persons.

Typically, the adult day services component will be primarily for seniors who are still active and able to live at home. Typically they will come to the center to socialize and fellowship with their friends; participate in the education programs; engage in arts and cultural activities; take day trips to places of interest, etc.

The independent living component will be the first step in the creation of a residential community for our seniors.

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# Hymn of the Month for April, 2018

## by Rev. Dr. Mikie Roberts, Provincial Director of Music



The hymn for the month of April is # 520 – **O Lord of Hosts, today**. It was written in 1966 by the late Sis. Ashley Clarke who was a member of the Moravian church in Barbados. The tune name **Bishop Brown** was composed and arranged by Bro. Patmore Smith in 2012 to honour the memory of Bishop Neville Brown for his years of faithful service to

his Lord and his church.

This hymn addresses the attitude that God's people ought to possess as they gather for worship. We are reminded of the words of Jesus when he said in Matthew 21: 13 that God's house is a place of prayer. Considering this truth, we must offer prayers of thanksgiving for all that God has done and will do because of God's faithfulness. As God's people we are thankful especially for Jesus Christ. Our worship together fuels our commitment to remain faithful to the call of God upon our lives to declare the Gospel. The hymn underscores too that as a community of faith our fellowship should be marked by a sincere, loving fellowship. We are confident that God hears our prayers and so the hymn ends in a doxological praise to the God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

- O Lord of Hosts, today  
We'll worship and adore;  
Then meet us as we kneel to pray  
And make us love Thee more.
- 2 To this Thy house of prayer  
We come with willing feet.  
A loving fellowship we share  
Harmoniously sweet.
- 3 We thank Thee, Lord, for heaven,  
While here to Thee we sing.  
But chiefly for Christ Jesus given,  
And then for everything.

4 Grant us the faith, that we  
Thy servants may remain;  
And toiling on continually,  
Thy great cause to maintain.

5 This prayer we offer here,  
For all these souls are thine.  
O bend from heaven Thy gracious ear,  
Thou Majesty Divine.

6 To Thee all glory be,  
And to Thy blessed Son;  
All glory Holy Ghost to Thee  
While endless ages run.

1966. Ashley Clarke

## 520 O Lord Of Hosts Today

1966, Ashley Clarke

BISHOP-BROWN  
S.M.

Rev. Ulston P. Smith, 2012

1. O Lord of Hosts, to - day We'll wor - ship and a - dore; Then  
2. To this Thy house of prayer We come with will - ing feet. A  
3. We thank Thee, Lord, for heaven, While here to Thee we sing. But  
4. Grant us the faith, that we Thy ser - vants may re - main; And  
5. This prayer we off - er here, For all these souls are thine. O  
6. To Thee all glo - ry be, And to Thy Bless - ed Son; All

meet us as we kneel to pray And make us love Thee more.  
lov - ing fel - low - ship we share Har - mo - ni - ous - ly sweet.  
chief - ly for Christ Je - sus given, And then for ev - ery - thing.  
toil - ing on con - tin - ual - ly, And Thy great cause main - tain.  
bend from heaven Thy gra - cious ear, Thou Ma - jes - ty Div - ine.  
glo - ry Ho - ly Ghost to Thee While end - less a - ges run.

## PROVINCIAL WATCHWORD FOR THE EWIP FOR 2018

The Provincial Board of the European Continental Province (ECP) has drawn the Watchword for each Province and Unity Undertaking for 2018.

The watchword drawn for the Eastern West Indies Province (EWIP) is the one assigned for December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018. It reads:

**“I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you”.** Isaiah 44:22



### UNITY PRAYER WATCH 2018

The Eastern West Indies Province will participate in the Unity Prayer Watch from 12.00 am April 03 – Midnight April 17, 2018. The Schedule is as follows:

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.

Name of Conference/ Mission	From	To
Grenada Mission	12:00a.m. April 03	8:00a.m. April 03, 2018
Tobago	7:59a.m. April 03	8:00p.m. April 05, 2018
Trinidad	7:59p.m. April 05	8:00p.m. April 06, 2018
Barbados	7:59p.m. April 06	8:00p.m. April 09, 2018
Virgin Islands	7:59p.m. April 09	8:00p.m. April 12, 2018
St. Kitts	7:59pm. April 12	Midnight April 14, 2018
Antigua	11.59p.m. April 14	Midnight April 17, 2018

## UNITY NEWS

Following a special session of synod, the Moravian Church in Western Tanzania has elected Brother Ezekiel Yona as a new Bishop of the Unity. Brother Ezekiel Yona served as Chair of the Province.

A new Chair and Vice Chair of the African region have recently been elected with immediate effect. Bro. Zacharia Sichone of the Moravian Church Tanzania, South –West Province was elected chairman and Bro. Godfrey Cunningham of The Moravian Church South Africa elected Vice., Chairman.



### Consecration of Bishop

Following the election by Provincial Synod of Rev. Brinmore Phaul as Bishop in the Guyana Province of the Moravian Church, Bro. Phaul will be consecrated on Sunday April 29, 2018 at the Queenstown Moravian Church in Guyana at 2.30 pm. This will be a historic Service and occasion for the Guyana Province as Rev. Phaul accedes to the Order of Bishop in the Unitas Fratrum.



Let us keep in prayer our Retired Pastors:

- ❖ Rev. Willard Prout, one of our retired Pastors. He was rushed to hospital on Tuesday April 3rd. He is now warded at the Mount Hope Hospital, in Mount Hope, Trinidad.
- ❖ Rev. Reuben Vessup, one of our retired Pastors. He has taken up residence at the Brookdale Sunrise an assisted living facility in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He currently struggles with Alzheimers. His wife, Sister Ivy Vessup relocated to Florida to be near him. She can be reached at (954) 655-6200.

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NURSING HOME FACILITY**

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This community will foster independence, security, new friendships, quality of life, personal dignity with the right choice of care that can be personalized to meet each individual's need.

The assisted living component will be residential and will cater to adults who are still mobile, but need assistance with the activities of daily living such as walking, toileting, bathing, dressing, eating, meals, hair care, nail care and medication management etc. This component will also target seniors who are in need of transitional care or short-term rehabilitation.

The pioneering spirit of the Moravian Church is alive and moving forward.



**PLEDGE REQUEST**

Our Vision is "To be the premier caring ministry for the elderly within Antigua & Barbuda while promoting their health, safety, as well as physical, spiritual, mental and social well-being of our residents."

To accomplish these objectives we need your support, therefore we are making an appeal for contributions to take us to the finish line. There is an urgent need to raise approximately EC\$1,009,000 (US\$375,000).

These funds will be used as per the following - medical equipment and supplies – US\$50,000, kitchen and laundry – US\$121,000, fixtures and furnishings – US\$200,000. Every contribution, no matter how small, moves us closer to the actuality of the beautiful vision of a purpose built, excellent facility for our elderly and those recovering from major illnesses.

Please visit our website at [www.bjekhomeandmission.com](http://www.bjekhomeandmission.com) for more information and to make your donations. Thank you for being part of God's mission in the world.

The end is in sight and we need your help to cross the finish line!

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*New Herrnhut* 1737  
*Bethany* 1754  
*Friedensthal* 1755  
*Nisky* 1771  
*Friedensberg* 1771



*Emmaus* 1783  
*Friedensfeld* 1801  
*Memorial* 1843  
*Faith* 1999  
*Tortola Fellowship*

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**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

April 3, 2018

Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis,  
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Dear Sir,

I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus, who because of his resurrection, assures us of hope!

I write to express profound thanks and appreciation for your recent visit and the monetary gifts presented to members of the Moravian Church community affected by the hurricanes. When Hurricanes Irma and Maria struck the Virgin Islands in September 2017, many of us knew that our lives would be forever changed. As we lived through the terror of the storms, we were assured of God's grace. While picking up the pieces of our lives, many of us wondered from where our help would come. Help arrived on February 18-21, 2018 when you visited the Virgin Islands Conference to distribute hurricane relief funds provided so generously by our brothers and sisters world-wide.

Words cannot express how much your presence and the Hurricane Relief gifts meant to those who received the funds. Recipients continue to express their gratitude for the Church's generosity at a time when they needed it most.

On behalf of the Executive Board, staff and members of the Virgin Islands Conference, I extend our collective, heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all you do! Your presence and the gifts you brought bore witness of your brotherly love and concern for the welfare of the Moravian community. In a tangible way, the gifts demonstrated your level of concern and commitment towards ensuring that God's people are restored.

Please convey our gratitude to the Provincial Board and the generous donors. We continue to give thanks to Almighty God for his gracious providence.

May God continue to bless you as you lead the Province in these challenging times.

In Christ's Service,

Eulencine Christopher (Rev)  
 Superintendent

cc. Executive Board





**Birthday Greetings  
for the month of  
April is extended  
to**

Bro. Elroy Christopher	04
Sis. Catherine Governor	04
Sis. Dorothy Graham	07
Sis. Gwendolyn Jacobs	08
Sis. Rosalind Prince	26
Bro. Mikie Roberts	27



**Anniversary Greetings  
for the month of  
April is extended  
to**

Bro. Rudolph & Sis. Esther Moore-Roberts	22
Bro. Elroy & Sis. Jane Thomas-Christopher	27



### **Quote of the Day**

AS YOU START & END  
YOUR DAY, BE THANKFUL  
FOR EVERY LITTLE  
THING IN YOUR LIFE.  
YOU WILL COME TO  
REALIZE HOW BLESSED  
YOU TRULY ARE

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### **Condolences**

To Brother Colin Matthew, spouse of Rev. Anique Elmes-Mathew, on the lost of his father James Matthew Sr, who went to his eternal rest last week. Kindly keep Bro. Matthew and family in prayer.

To. Rev. Vera Waithe and family on the passing of her brother Philip Gilkes. He passed into the nearer presence of God on Sunday April 01, 2018.

As information becomes available, I will share the same as it relates to both funeral arrangements.

May their soul rest in peace!



### **Joke of the Day**

Two guys are walking through a game park and they come across a lion that has not eaten for days. The lion starts chasing the two men. They run as fast as they can and the one guy starts getting tired and decides to say a prayer, "Please turn this lion into a Christian, Lord." He looks to see if the lion is still chasing and he sees the lion on its knees.

Happy to see his prayer answered, he turns around and heads towards the lion. As he comes closer to the lion, he hears the Lion saying a prayer:

"Thank you Lord for the food I am about to receive."

-Author Unknown-

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