

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



If the trumpet gives an uncertain sound...

April, 2019

The bible is very clear, "For If the trumpet gives an uncertain sound, who will prepare himself for battle?" (1 Corinthians 14:8). Who shall prepare himself to battle? The allusion is to the custom of many nations, Jews and others, who had to engage in warfare.



Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis
Chairman of PEC

They made use of musical instruments, particularly the trumpet to:

1. Gather soldiers together,
2. Prepare them for battle,
3. Give them notice of it,
4. Animate them to it.

The sound of the trumpet was the alarm of war (Jeremiah 4: 5, 19 and 21).

Particularly the allusion may be to the two silver trumpets, ordered by God to Moses for the Jews, to be used for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps, and to blow an alarm when they went to war against the enemy, (Numbers 10: 1, 2 and 9) and were a lively emblem of the Gospel, whose use is to gather souls to Christ, to direct saints in their journeying, and to prepare and animate them for battle, with their spiritual enemies.

The Trumpeter must at all times; blow the trumpet loud and clear. It must be a sound that is distinct; the sound of love, grace, and mercy, to its hearers and listeners. When it is blown aright, it blows a blast on all the goodness of man; it magnifies the grace of God, exalts the person of Christ, debases the creature, shows its impurity, imperfection, and inability; and calls believers to action.

The trumpet sound is a means of gathering souls to Christ, the standard bearer and ensign of the people; and of engaging them to enlist themselves as volunteers in his service; and of animating them to fight under his banner the battles of the Lord of hosts: but if this trumpet gives an uncertain sound, then who can prepare himself for the battle?

Persons will be thrown into and left in the utmost uncertainty and confusion:

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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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If the trumpet gives an uncertain sound...

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when this is the case, they know not what side to take on, but are pulled between two opinions. They know not what that faith is they are to fight and earnestly contend for; **they are not able to discern an enemy from a friend**; they have no heart to fight and endure hardness, as good soldiers of Christ; nor can they promise themselves, or be assured of victory, which the certain sound of the Gospel gives them.

I have learnt that "you can't scale fish until you catch them. When they are caught, then you have to take care of them or you are going to lose them". Some Shepherds have taken the flock for granted and believe that they have to come to our Churches. Not so! Persons have so many options to choose from.

It is said that one wolf in a sheep pen can ravage the whole flock. The same is true in the church. One false teacher in the congregation can cause untold damage. Therefore, as pastors, it is our job to protect the flock. Paul certainly knew this well. During his final charge to the pastors at the Ephesian church, he warns them:

Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock (Acts 20:28-29).

In order to protect the flock well, we must know who we're protecting them from. Although our main adversary, the devil, is unseen, he manifests himself in very tangible ways through others.

We must protect them from **predators** like wolves. Wolves often don't come walking into your church, announcing their presence. They try to creep in unnoticed. Sometimes, the individual may not even be trying to intentionally lead people astray. Nevertheless, their false teaching hurts people. This is why it is extremely important to evaluate and coach those who are leading.

We must also protect them from **temptation**. Once we put our faith in Christ, we are declared righteous, filled with the Holy Spirit, and even called saints. Yet, we still sin. All of us still have a self-destructive streak. Protecting our flock from temptation means exposing the temptations that our people face. Personal knowledge of their strengths and weaknesses is

essential. For example, a recovering alcoholic in your congregation may need extra support. Or those who struggle with sexual temptation may need extra resources. We must remember, though, that temptation is *not* sin. May we never discount leaders for the mere fact that they fight temptation. The fighting is what counts.

We must protect them from the **world**. What I mean is this: All week our people hear lies. They hear lies in the movies and in the media. But they also hear lies in our supposedly "Christian" sub-culture. They hear the lie that sex outside of marriage brings fulfillment. They hear the lie that suffering *isn't normal* for Christians. So we need to preach and teach the truth. We must combat the lies of the world and present Christ in all of Scripture. We must tell people the truth about sex, politics and suffering in a compassionate and articulate way.

How do we protect our flock? Scripture gives us three main ways: prayer, encouragement and rebuke.

Prayer is the foremost tool we have for protection. Our main adversary is a spiritual being. So the best method for protecting our flock from spiritual attack is a spiritual weapon: prayer (Ephesians 6:18).

Encouraging people in their faith is an often missing element of protection. One of the best defenses is a good offense. **Encouragement** is the offense that helps people pursue Christlikeness. The book of Hebrews tells us to encourage each other *every single day* so that we're not lulled into sin (Hebrews 3:13). So write an encouraging note, email, whatsapp or text someone today. You just don't know what it might mean to someone.

An important, but often unpleasant thing pastors must do is to **rebuke**. To rebuke means calling out sin in people's lives and pleading for them to turn from it. Paul explicitly tells Timothy that one of the facets of his ministry is to rebuke: "Preach the word. Be ready in season and out of season; reprove; rebuke; exhort, with great patience and instruction" (2 Timothy 4:2). For proper rebuke, the goal is restoration and the motive is love. If the goal is restoration and the motive is love, the Church will be a healthy Church.

As we celebrate this Easter, may we grasp with firmer hands the reality that the trumpet will sound and the dead in Christ shall rise.

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Hymn of the Month for April, 2019

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

Our hymn for the month of April # 224 – *I come to the cross*. The name of the tune that has been assigned is *Coming Home*.

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



I come to the Cross like a small boat
Sailing across the reef,
And the calm of my Christ is waiting
Behind the waves of grief.
Coming home, Jesus, coming home!
Not going to sail no more.
Coming home, Lord, into heaven,
Sailing to the promised shore.

2 I come to the Cross like a sea-stone,
Wet in the Saviour's hand;
He will polish me for His glory,
Safe in the promised land.
Coming home, Jesus, coming home!
Not going to drown no more;
Coming home, Lord, into heaven,
Home and dry on the shore.

3 I come to the cross like a river
Folding down to the sea;
And the tide of love washes red-red
Down from the Cross to me.
Coming home, Jesus, coming home!
Not running down no more;
Coming home, Lord, into heaven,
Singing on the promised shore.

Dennis Scott d. 1991.

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Acceptance And Union With Christ

224 I Come To The Cross

Dennis Scott, d. 1991.

COMING HOME

Noel Dexter, b. 1938.

Irregular

1. I come to the Cross like a small boat Sail-ing a-cross the reef, And the
2. I come to the Cross like a sea - stone, Wet in the Sav-iour's hand; He will
3. I come to the Cross like a riv - er Fold-ing down to the sca; And the

5
calm of my Christ is wait - ing Be - hind the waves of grief. Com-ing home, Je - sus,
pol - ish me for His glo - ry, Safe in the prom-ised land. Com-ing home, Je - sus,
tide of love wash-es red - red Down from the Cross to me. Com-ing home, Je - sus,

10
com - ing home! Not go - ing to sail no more. Com - ing
com - ing home! Not go - ing to drown no more; Com - ing
com - ing home! Not run - ning down no more; Com - ing

13
home, Lord, in - to hea - ven, Sail - ing to the prom - ised shore.
home, Lord, in - to hea - ven, Home and dry on the shore.
home, Lord, in - to hea - ven, Sing - ing on the prom - ised shore.

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Quote for Easter Day

*Have a blessed
Easter!*

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."
--John 11:25-26

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**Re-dedication of
the Bethany Moravian Church
Sanctuary on St. John**



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Adjustment to the 32nd Provincial Synod Dates Synod Bulletin #3

At the recently concluded Superintendents Conference, it was agreed to reduce the dates for the synod from July 12 -19, to July 15 – 19, 2019. This was due primarily to the projected cost involved in hosting the Synod. It was also decided that Synodals would gather together in each conference on a day set aside to convene the Synod and to receive all the reports. This will be done by video conferencing. ALL Synodals are expected to be in attendance. All Synodals are expected to arrive in Barbados on the morning of Monday July 15, 2019. The Synod Service will be held on Monday July 15, 2019 at 7.00 p.m. The Synod Communion Service and installation of the PEC will be held on Thursday July 18, 2019 at 7:00p.m.

Synodals will be hosted at 3 venues:

- a. The Keith Hunte Hall at the University of the West Indies
- b. The Palms Resort, Sunset Crest and possibly
- c. The Divi Heritage, Sunset Crest

The Cost of the Synod has now been set at US\$600.00. ALL FEES should be paid into the Barbados Conference by March 31, 2019 and a receipt of payment forwarded to the Provincial Headquarters. Please take note of the deadline for payments. Observers can attend and participate in Synod activities. Kindly announce this in all congregations throughout the Eastern West Indies Province. ALL Completed Registration forms for Synodals should be forwarded to the Provincial office IMMEDIATELY.

A final list of all Delegates and Observers must be submitted to the Provincial Headquarters on or before March 31, 2019. Please be reminded that the new Synod dates are July 15 – 19, 2019.



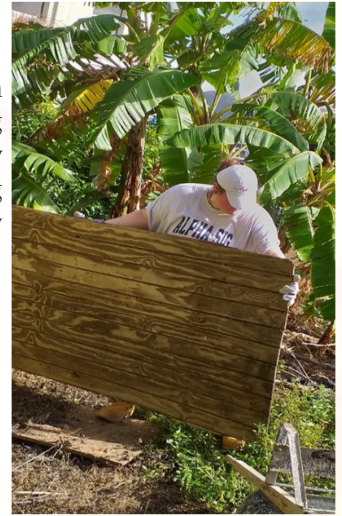
Furlough

The Rev. Belinda Manswell-Daniel, Pastor of the Moriah and Evangel congregations in the Tobago Conference, requested and has been granted 4 months furlough, with effect from March 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019.

Mission Team at Work in Tortola (BVI)

The Mission Team to Tortola is made up of four (4) College Students. They arrived on March 3 and depart on March 9, 2019.

They have been assisting with debris cleanup and the painting of a member's home. They have also assisted in fixing some leaks that at the sanctuary for the Tortola Fellowship.



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Birthday Celebrants for April

Bro. Elroy Christopher	4
Sis. Catherine Governor	4
Sis. Dorothy Graham	7
Sis. Gwendolyn Jacobs	8
Sis. Rosalind Prince	26
Bro. Mikie Roberts	27



Anniversary Celebrants for April

Bro. Rudolph & Sis. Esther Moore-Roberts	22
Bro. Elroy Christopher & Sis. Jane Thomas Christopher	27
Bro. Jeremy Francis & Sis. Rena Warner-Francis	28



Condolences

The Eastern West Indies Province expresses condolences to:

1. The Rev'd Erwin Warner and family, on the passing of his Grandfather Mr. Abraham Francis. He passed into the nearer presence of God on Thursday February 14, 2019 in the village of Five Islands, Antigua.
A Service of thanksgiving was held at the Five Islands Moravian Church on Tuesday March 12, 2019.
2. The Rev'd Erflin Browne and family on the passing of his brother Khanai Browne in Antigua. A Service of Thanksgiving was held on Thursday March 21, 2019 at the Gracebay Moravian Church, Old Road Village in Antigua.

Consultation in Brazil focuses on "Towards a Global Vision of the Church" Continued from Page 5

Those gathered aimed at broadening the ecumenical ecclesiological discourse by going into more and wider conversations with churches who have not yet been part of discussions on "The Church: Towards a Common Vision" and whose understandings of ecclesiology the commission wants to discover and to enter into dialogue with.

A major challenge for Faith and Order, and its Study Group working on Ecclesiology in particular, has been incorporating as many expressions of church life as possible in a sound theological conversation about the vision of the church.

Currently, this is being accomplished through both indirect and direct encounters. Latin America was among the destinations for the Faith and Order Commission to engage in dialogue with new and emerging churches. The Faculdade Unida de Vitoria, in Vitoria, Brazil, which is offering theological reflection open to dialogue through courses of practical use to church communities since 1997, created this space of dialogue between the commission and Latin American new and emerging church representatives. Ten church leaders and Pentecostal theologians from Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Peru, and Ecuador were invited in order to give the Pentecostal understanding of the nature, ministry and mission of the church.

During the consultation, an observation has been that, the more one engages in this broadened dialogue on ecclesiology, the more points of convergence are being found. Although many of the ecclesiologies of these regions or denominational families seem distant from (or incompatible with) "traditional" ecclesiologies, a closer look shows that there are significant commonalities and similarities. The major challenge the Faith and Order Commission has ahead of it is to continue unearthing points of convergence that do not appear initially but come to the surface when one digs deeper.

The commission representatives had working sessions and discussions with students of the Faculdade de Unida de Vitória, mainly from the new and emerging churches. They also joined in prayer the local communities of Pentecostal, Independent and Mega churches.

The Faith and Order Commission is planning to have at least one consultation in each major region of the Global South by the next WCC Assembly in 2021.

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Weddings Banquet
Meetings Dinner
Graduations

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We are situated on a hill over-looking the picturesque outskirts of the city of St. John's, Antigua.

There are EIGHT LARGE APARTMENTS which are available for rental. Each room is self contained with kitchenette. The rooms are air-conditioned with Available internet and cable TV. All utilities are included with the exception of telephone.

Conference Center & Apartments

Touching Story!

A woman went for an interview at an oil company. After the interview, the Boss and the board members asked the woman.

Boss: Young lady did you come with a paper signed by a Minister, a Senator or an Army Officer?

Young Lady: The person that sent me assured me that the job will be given to me, and He submitted the paper before I came.

Boss: Is he a Minister?

Young Lady: He is above Mr. President.

Boss: My friend are you alright? Now tell us who sent you before I get you arrested now.

Young Lady: Him that sent me, His name is Almighty God, the owner of everything, both oil and gas.

There was a big silence everywhere.

Boss: Young lady; you can go. The young lady went home.

After 2 weeks a letter of employment was sent to the woman with a Salary of US\$9800 per month, free accommodation and with a new car for official use. That is how God wiped her tears away. Our God is an awesome God.

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