

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



What God's truth demands, His grace will provide

February, 2019

Inside This Issue

The late British Author and Bible Scholar Leonard Ravenhill once said, "The early church was married to Poverty, Prison and Persecutions. Today, the church is married to Prosperity, Personality and Popularity". You may ask, who was Leonard Ravenhill. He was an English Christian evangelist and author who focused on the subjects of prayer and revival. He is best known for challenging western evangelicalism to compare itself to the early Christian Church as chronicled in the Book of Acts.



Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis
Chairman of PEC

Leonard Ravenhill was passionate about everything he did for the Lord. He was not a fanatic. However, he lived the word. Ravenhill came to the understanding that persons, even Christians no longer wanted to make sacrifices or real commitment.

Poverty, Prison and Persecution speak of sacrifice. Sacrifices that were made by persons for a greater cause. In making a sacrifice, the gift must be offered with a pure and sinless heart, that the offering is a thanksgiving to God for his blessing and protection, and that it shows sorrow for a sin and a desire for forgiveness. Sacrifice is a symbol of Holy Life. Even though God did not desire sacrifice, He did desire the things that sacrifice symbolized, that we should love Him and love others, acting fairly and mercifully. This is not punishment, it is what sacrifice really stands for. A few verses of scripture will suffice:

Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. (1 Samuel 15:22)

<i>What God's truth demands, His grace will provide</i>	<i>Pgs 1 & 2</i>
<i>Hymn of the month for February, 2019</i>	<i>Pgs 3 & 4</i>
<i>Ordination to the Diaconate of the Moravian Church EWIP</i>	<i>Pg 5</i>
<i>Congratulations on New Position Congratulations and Best wishes Ordination Anniversaries</i>	<i>Pg 6</i>
<i>Birthdays, Anniversaries and Condolences, Staff Concerns</i>	<i>Pg 7</i>
<i>Rental of Moravian Multipurpose Complex</i>	<i>Pg 8</i>

Continue on Page 2

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.

Mailing Address

Moravian Church - EWI Province
Moravian Provincial Headquarters
Cashew Hill, P.O. Box 504
St. John's, Antigua
Tel: (268)560-0185 , Fax(268)462-0643
EMAIL ADDRESS
moravianchewip@gmail.com

"Advance the Kingdom" - Live as Kingdom Citizens

*What God's truth demands,
His grace will provide
Continued from Page 1*

The sacrifices of God are a broken (that is, humble) spirit. (Psalm 51:16)

To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice." (Proverbs 21:3)

For I desired Mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. (Hosea 6:6)

Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ...He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:6)

To love the Lord...and to love his neighbor...is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices. (Mark 12:33)

Though you offer me burnt offerings...I will not accept them.... but let justice run down like water, and righteousness like a might stream. (Amos 5:24)

The kind of sacrifices God asks for are the "sacrifices of justice," (Deuteronomy 33:19) of "confession" and "thanksgiving." (Psalm 50:14, 23; 107:22; 116:17)

The Bible ties sacrifice with love, mercy, humility, and justice. But there is *no* direct connection anywhere in the Bible between sacrifice and *punishment*. Rather, it was a symbol of *communion* with God. The altar was called the Lord's table, upon which the Israelites offered a meal for Him to eat. (Malachi 1:7,12; Psalm 50) In fact, many offerings were grain offerings, which could be eaten, but not in any way punished or killed. Killing and burning the animals is never called a penalty. It was simply the necessary means of preparing the food. Thus sacrifice was a kind of sacrament or symbolic feast with God.

All of life is about sacrifice. We sacrifice our intellect, time, talent and resources. As parents, we make many sacrifices for the health and welfare of our children.

The Church ought to be a lifeboat for rescuing the perishing and not a cruise ship for pampering the prosperous. There is nothing wrong in being prosperous, but it must not be at the expense of the advancement of God's Kingdom. In fact, the scripture speaks forcefully about being prosperous. "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth" ;(3 John 2).

I firmly believe that if it wasn't for the struggles we wouldn't have had the strength to face the vicissitudes of life. George Muller testifies, "The only way to learn strong faith is to endure great trials. I have learned my faith by standing firm amid severe testings".

One needs to learn from history or else the same mistakes would be made over and over. However, one's history ought to be a Reference rather than a Residence. Frank JJ Di Pietro in his book, FIRE ON THE ALTAR, wrote this on the Moravian Church of the early 18th century, "In an era when missionary outreach was almost non-existent, the Moravians covered the world, going places where most refused to go. They suffered prison, shipwreck, persecution, ridicule, plague, disease, poverty, and death, all to have the honor of being called 'Ambassadors for Christ'. Half a century later, William Carey, the father of modern foreign missions, asked his Baptist brethren, 'See what the Moravians have done? Cannot we follow their example...and preach the gospel to the heathen?' It is said that the small group of people, in twenty years, called into being more missions than the whole Church has done in two centuries.

God is calling us to greater service. Will you yield to his will? Isaiah declares, "I have set watchmen on your walls, O, Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace, day or night. You who call, upon the Lord, do not keep silent, and give Him no rest till He establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth" (Isaiah 62:6-7).



Unity Sunday 2019

Sunday March 03, 2019 is Unity Sunday. It was on March 01, 1457 that the Moravian Church was born. We ask for your continued prayers for the work and witness of our Church.

A special Unity offering will be taken in all Moravian Churches worldwide on that Sunday March 03, 2019 for the continued mission of the church.

"Advance the Kingdom" - Live as Kingdom Citizens

Hymn of the Month for February, 2019

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

Our hymn for the month of February is # 395 – **Lord, you give the great commission.** The name of the tune that is applied to this hymn is **Abbot's Leigh.**



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

Lord, you give the great commission:
 'Heal the sick and preach the word.'
 Lest the Church neglect its mission
 And the Gospel go unheard,
 Help us witness to your purpose
 With renewed integrity;
 With the Spirit's gifts empower us
 For the work of ministry.

2 Lord, you call us to your service:
 'In my name baptize and teach.'
 That the world may trust your promise,
 Life abundant meant for each,
 Give us all new fervour, draw us
 Closer in community;
 With the Spirit's gifts empower us
 For the work of ministry.

3 Lord, you make the common holy:
 'This my body, this my blood.'
 Let us all, for earth's true glory,
 Daily lift life heavenward,
 Asking that the world around us
 Share your children's liberty;
 With the Spirit's gifts empower us
 For the work of ministry.

4 Lord, you show us love's true measure:
 'Father, what they do, forgive.'
 Yet we hoard as private treasure
 All that you so freely give.
 May your care and mercy lead us
 To a just society;
 With the Spirit's gifts empower us
 For the work of ministry.

5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:
 'I am with you to the end.'
 Faith and hope and love restoring,
 May we serve as you intend,
 And, amid the cares that claim us,
 Hold in mind eternity;
 With the Spirit's gifts empower us
 For the work of ministry.

1978. Jeffery Rowthorn.

© 1978 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188, www.hopepublishing.com. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Music continued on Page 4

Quote of the Day

Good things come to
 those
 Who BELIEVE.
 Better things come to
 Those who are PATIENT,
 and the BEST things
 come to
 those who **DON'T GIVE UP.**

"Advance the Kingdom" - Live as Kingdom Citizens

395

Lord You Give The Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH

87.87.D.

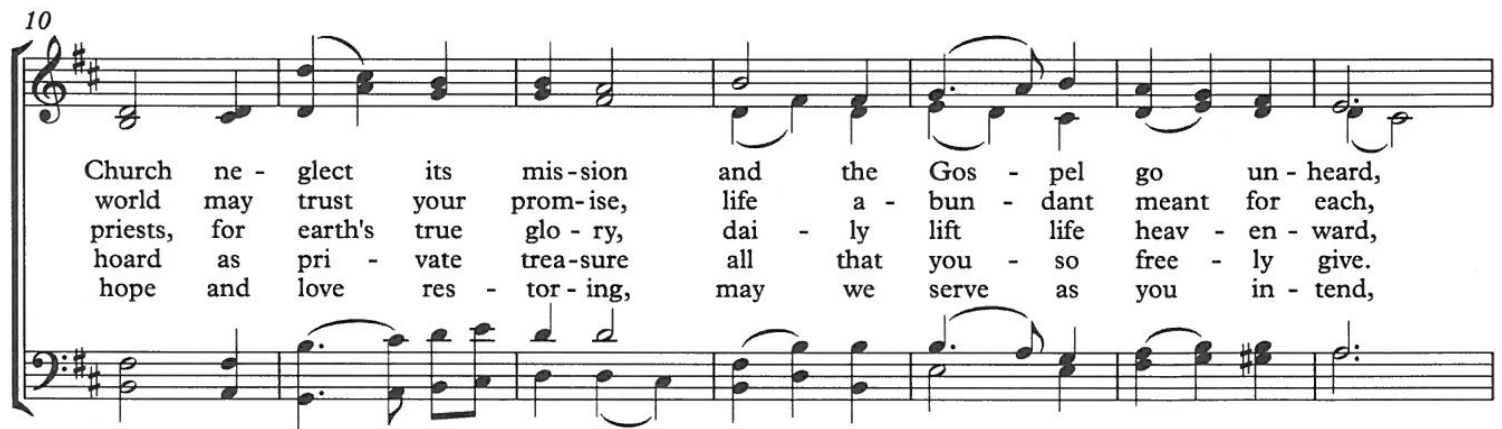
1978, Jeffery Rowthorn

C. V. Taylor, 1941



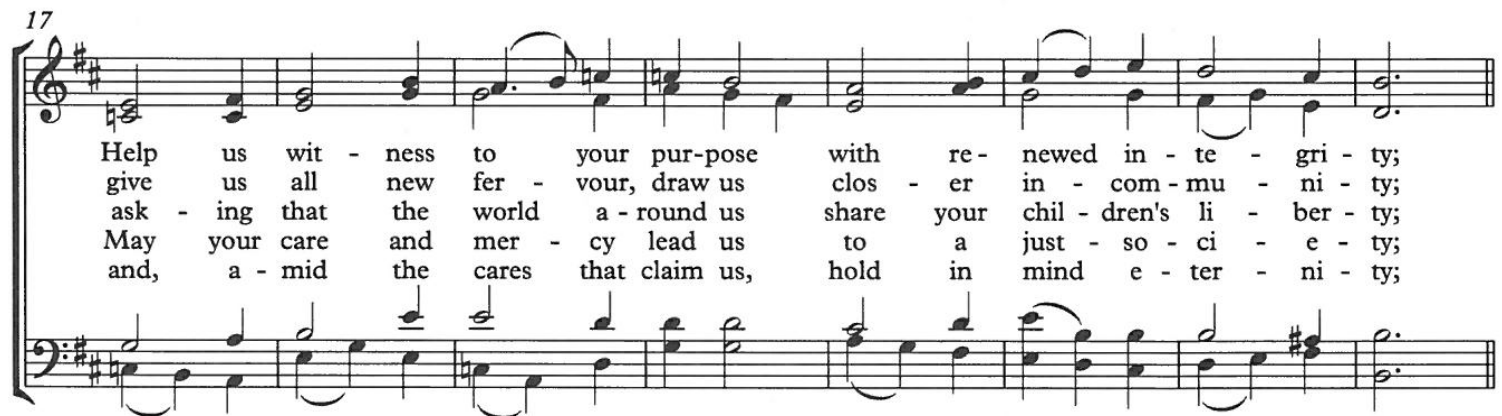
1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: 'Heal the sick and preach the word.' Lest the
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: 'In my name bap - tize and teach.' That the
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: 'This my bo - dy, this my blood.' Let your
 4. Lord, you show us love's - true mea - sure: 'Fa - ther, what - they do, - for - give.' Yet we
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: 'I am with you to the end.' Faith and

10



Church ne - glect its mis - sion and the Gos - pel go un - heard,
 world may trust your prom - ise, life a - bun - dant meant for each,
 priests, for earth's true glo - ry, dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward,
 hoard as pri - vate trea - sure all that you - so free - ly give.
 hope and love res - tor - ing, may we serve as you in - tend,

17



Help us wit - ness to your pur - pose with re - newed in - te - gri - ty;
 give us all new fer - vour, draw us clos - er in - com - mu - ni - ty;
 ask - ing that the world a - round us share your chil - dren's li - ber - ty;
 May your care and mer - cy lead us to a just - so - ci - e - ty;
 and, a - mid the cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty;

25



With the Spir - it's gifts em - power us for the work of mi - nis - try.

"Advance the Kingdom" - Live as Kingdom Citizens

Ordination to the Diaconate of the Moravian Church EWIP

Reverend Daniel Mark was ordained a Deacon in the Moravian Church EWIP on Sunday January 13, 2019 at the Moriah Moravian Church in Tobago at 5pm.

The Rt. Reverend Dr. Conrad Spencer was the presiding Bishop and The Reverend Dr Cortroy Jarvis, Chairman of PEC, presented the Candidate to the Bishop.



As I reflect on all of my life experiences thus far, I have no doubt in my mind now more than ever, that the gifting and callings of God are certainly not irrevocable and irresistible, even though at times they can be delayed or derailed by our own actions, or the actions of others. This has been my guiding principle ever since I surrendered my life fully to God.

Born to parents Christopher and Carol Mark, I am the second of five children that their marriage conceived. During my formative years, I received my primary education as a student of the Golden Lane Government Primary School before moving on to Elizabeth's College where I received my Secondary education.

For as long as I can remember as a child growing up, my siblings and I attended every church that surrounded our community at the time. We went from Salvation Army, Adventist, Pentecostal and finally to Moravian churches where we attended every activity. Therefore,, it came as no surprise when I was given the nickname "preacher", due mainly to the way my Parents would dress me for church and Sunday evening Sunday school.

As I struggled to deal with the many challenging issues of life during my early teenage years, the church became my only source of hope, happiness and comfort. As faith would have it, at the age of 17, I went to live with one of my aunts, Aunty Grace which not only impacted my life Physically, Emotionally and Psychologically, but most important was the Spiritual change that came with it.

I remember surrendering my life to Christ in June 2003. However, it was while I was at Provincial Youth Camp on the island of Barbados in 2004, that I actually accepted God's call on my life to participate in active leadership within the church. Even though I was to some extent uncertain or even confused, one thing was certain for sure and that was, God had called.

When I returned to my home congregation of Evangel, I shared my experiences with my pastor. Not long after, I began preaching in my home congregation, then as a lay preacher throughout the Tobago conference and at times even in Grenada, where I was actively involved in Mission work.

This mission proved fruitful in every sense as it was there I met my wife Callisha. We were married on the August 18th, 2018 at Evangel, Tobago. In 2013, I entered the United Theological College of the West Indies and the University of the West Indies Mona to commence my course of study for the full time Ministry of the Moravian Church. I graduated in 2017 with a Diploma in Ministerial Studies from the United Theological College of the West Indies and a B.A. in Theology from the University of the West Indies, Mona.

I was called to serve as Associate Pastor at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua. This was a good experience. When I am not at Church, you can find me either playing cricket with the boys in my village or having a good lime and laugh with my friends.

As I assume my duties as Pastor at Black Rock and Bon Accord Moravian Churches, I look forward to what God would have us do as a community of faith, called to serve in a changing and challenging world. My prayer is that all of us will avail ourselves to God, join our faith, hands and resources together and impact our communities for Christ in a holistic and meaningful way.

Yours in Christ,
Reverend Daniel Mark

Congratulations on New Position

The WCC position was shared with all members of staff in the Province on February 16, 2018 and Reverend Dr. Roberts applied. After interviewing many candidates The PEC Congratulates The Reverend Dr. Mikie Roberts, Provincial Director of Music; the Minister of Music for the Virgin Islands Conference and Associate Pastor of the Memorial Moravian Church in the Virgin Islands Conference, who has been selected to serve as **Programme Executive for Spiritual Life and Faith and Order for World Council of Churches (WCC) in Geneva, Switzerland, with effect from February 1, 2019.**

Bro. Mikie was found to be the most suitably qualified candidate. Consequently, The Reverend Dr. Mikie Roberts requested and has been granted secondment for a period of four (4) years while he works for the WCC in Switzerland. That is, he will be on loan to the WCC from February 1, 2019 - January 31, 2023. .

Let us remember Bro Mikie and his family in prayer as he prepares to assume his new responsibilities as Programme Executive for Spiritual Life and Faith and Order for the WCC.

We wish him every blessing as he embarks upon this new season of ministry in the building up of God's Kingdom.



CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO REVEREND DR. MIKIE ROBERTS

The Eastern West Indies Province is very proud of the Reverend Dr. Mikie Roberts on being selected as the "Programme Executive for Spiritual Life and Faith and Order" for the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland. He has served well as he sought to use his gifts and ability to honour God and glorify His name. In doing so, he has challenged us all to live as Kingdom citizens.

Probably the most treasured accomplishment for the Reverend Dr. Mikie Roberts is his leadership in spearheading the publishing of the Caribbean Moravian Praise hymnal and Liturgy book. This hymnal is the first one produced by the Eastern West Indies Province since its first mission was founded at New Herrnhut in St. Thomas in 1732. This is a wonderful celebration of God's gifting to him and the entire team of men and women from throughout the Caribbean. The Province owes a debt of gratitude to the entire team for their hard work, dedication and commitment.

The Reverend Dr. Mikie Roberts in his capacity as Minister of Music in the Virgin Islands Conference and the Director of Music in the Eastern West Indies Province of the Moravian Church, never waned in enthusiasm. He tackled every area of responsibility with passion, purpose, poise and precision.

The Provincial Elders Conference (PEC) of Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province is encouraged and very happy for the way how God has led our brother over the years. We are confident that the God who has begun a good thing in him, will bring it to completion.

Every blessing to you Reverend Dr. Mikie Roberts and may God accompany you in all that you do.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Reverend Dr. Cortroy Jarvis
Chairman of PEC



Ordination Anniversary

Sis. Movelle Kellman	February 03, 2009
Sis. Onita Samuel Warner	February 04, 2014

"Advance the Kingdom" - Live as Kingdom Citizens

Birthday Celebrants for February

Sis. Adelyn (Binta) Mgonela	03
Bro. Cortroy Jarvis	07
Bro. Sean Jr. Roberts	10
Sis. June McMillan	17
Bro. Adrian Smith	21
Bro. Errol Connor	21
Sis. Billie Sterling-Lewis	22
Sis. Esther Moore-Roberts	24



Anniversary Celebrants for February

Bro. Kingsley and Sis. Maureen Lewis	19
--------------------------------------	----



Our Deepest Sympathy

1. The Eastern West Indies Province expresses condolences to Mrs. Menelva Samuel, Administrative Assistant at the Provincial Headquarters on the passing of her brother, Ronan Samuel, on January 12, 2019.

A Service of Thanksgiving was held on January 23, 2019 at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church, St. John's Street, in Antigua.

2. The Eastern West Indies Province expresses condolences to Bro. Anselm Richards (Lay Member of PEC), on the passing of his brother, Nelson Richards, in Tobago. He passed into the nearer presence of God on Wednesday January 23, 2019.

A service of thanksgiving was held on February 2, 2019 in Tobago.

Let us continue to remember both families in prayer.

Staff Concerns

The PEC makes the following announcements:

The PEC has assigned Reverend Kirk Barker to work with the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in the Antigua Conference, with effect from January 14, 2019, until further notice.

The Reverend 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.

The PEC has requested Bishop Kingsley Lewis to consecrate the Reverend Dr. Patmore Smith as a Presbyter in the Church of God. The Reverend Dr. Patmore Smith is the Superintendent of the Trinidad Conference and a Minister of Music in the Trinidad and Tobago conferences. The service will be held on Sunday February 24, 2019 at 5 p.m. at the Memorial Moravian Church in Trinidad.



Joke of the Day

Jim, Scott and Alex were tired after travelling all day and checked into a hotel. When they got to the reception area, they found out they'll have to walk 75 flights of stairs to get to their room because the elevator was out of order.

Jim suggested that they do something interesting to pass the time while they walked the 75 flights. Jim will tell jokes, Scott will sing songs, and Alex will tell sad stories.

- ⇒ Jim told jokes for 25 flights,
- ⇒ Scott sang for 25 flights and
- ⇒ Alex told sad stories for 24 flights.

When they reached the 75th floor, Alex told his saddest story of all,

"Guys, I left our room key at reception."



Moravian Multipurpose Complex



Conferences

Seminars

Weddings

Banquet

Meetings

Dinner

Graduations

Only ten minutes away from the stores, shops and banks in St. John's.

Our International airport is also just ten minutes away.

Our balcony provides a refreshing view of undulating hills and valleys.

The conference center has a seating capacity for 200 persons.

We are situated on a hill over-looking the picturesque out-skirts 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



Contact us Tel: (268) 560-0185 Fax: (268) 462-0643
Email: moravianchewip@gmail.com



"Advance the Kingdom" - Live as Kingdom Citizens