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# The Information

"I must turn aside and look at this great sight....."When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses" And he said, "Here I am." Exodus 3 vs 3-4 (NRSV)

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## **Imagination and Insight**

The refrain has been the same over the last four months – we are in uncharted territory, no one knows what will happen next. This is what happens when we are dealing with unfamiliar situations where the rules of engagement keep changing.

As a church, we too must graciously engage the information and intentionally explore the existing conditions within our context and appropriately respond. One of the casualties of the pandemic has been church life. Fellowship was curtailed. Corporate worship was curtailed. Missions was affected. Tithes and offerings were threatened. Why is God allowing this? Could it be that rather than oppressing the church, that God is positioning the church for the next move – for the shift? Whatever our response, we must be resolute in our most holy faith, affirming that in this phase of our existence, we are certain that God is with us.

Quite often, our first response is to look inward to mourn the loss that we feel; however, at some point, it should become obvious that this pandemic is of biblical proportions and it is not about us. In some ways, we find ourselves saying like the Israelites – "how can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land (Psalm 137:4)?" (in face shields and masks). The Lord's song is a song of worship unto God for who God is. The Lord's song extols the greatness of God in spite of the circumstances that we face. The imperative is that we sing the Lord's song, not our songs of laments. As people of faith, we must consistently come to our Red Seas knowing that God is never out of options. Waters do not move for people to pass, but God will move the waters so those who trust in divine providence can cross over (Exodus 14:21-22). Whoever heard about bread raining down from heaven and quail arbitrarily falling from the sky (Exodus 16: 12-14)? Water from the rock is a nice garden feature now but God first did that back in the wilderness (Numbers 20:8). These are miracles that God performed to secure those who trust in him. Hopefully, we will begin to understand that God is up to something.

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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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#### Imagination and Insight Continued from Page 1

God is calling us to reimagine what it means to be church and how we do church. Imagination and Insight beckons us to go boldly forward to imagine and in some cases re-imagine, asking: how might we worship differently with all the restrictions? How do we do funerals; burying our dead in ways that dignify them and enable us to mourn? How do we do baptisms, confirmation, communion, weddings without bastardizing the sacred rituals and cheapening the experience? It is obvious that new creative and meaningful ways must emerge. This is possible! Our God has gifted us with insight and imagination, and we must use them now to imagine the way forward.

The process has begun. Worshiping online and all the things that have been done as "church activity" are imaginative. They utilize the technology available to enable the people of God to continue their corporate devotion, worship, and ministry. New initiatives arose that kept the body alive while shuttered. Now that we are coming back to the sanctuary, we need to continue to imagine what church will look like. What about a hybrid worship service which has active participation from both people inside the sanctuary and at home where worshippers are present through a monitor inside the sanctuary? Saturday evening worship is an option to reach a different demographic. The same may be said for a midday service or a weekday service for people on their way from work. We have all seen or heard of the drive-in or evening community park services. These are just a few and would all require adjustments for the context. None of these sacrifice our core values which should not be violated. There are also banking apps that allow for tithes and offering to be given as usual. For those who prefer old school giving, arrangements can be made with individual members. God has made a way through the wilderness!

The truth is, unless we dig deep for insight from God and begin to imagine without our own version of the Lord's song playing in our heads, we may end up wishing for yesterday and settling for empty rituals. We will find it difficult to 'sing the Lord's song' for singing in a strange land requires new learning. We must S.H.I.F.T! God is up to something! God is doing a new thing can you perceive it? God is creating a way out of this wilderness and times of refreshing are before us!

I challenge us, personally and collectively, choose to 'sing the Lord's song' knowing fully well that God is in this! Choose to trust the heart of God and His provision! Choose to believe that God is up to something and will perform great and mighty things in our midst! Choose to embrace the call of God upon your life and play your part! Choose to use your imagination and insight! Choose to S.H.I.F.T not because we know what is ahead but because God knows! (Job 23:10).

## Reimagining Pastoral Care – Death, Dying and Grief in the age of Covid-19

Someone has said that a crisis does not create trends, it accelerates trends. In other word, what this crisis is causing was already on the horizon. It is incumbent on us to discern the trends that Covid-19 is accelerating. As it relates to pastoral care and dying, death, and grief, we must look closer at what is happening.

Covid19 has sent us into a bare essentials mode - no home visitation; no sanctuary funeral; very limited numbers at funerals; no traveling for funerals; no "good" funeral. These realities force us to reimagine what a good funeral looks like and what good pastoral care should entail.

To reimagine is to reinterpret or rethink what we have been doing. Pastoral care remains the art of caring in the likeness of the Good Shepherd, Jesus the Christ. Deborah van Deusen Hunsinger wrote in her book *Bearing the Unbearable: Trauma, Gospel, and Pastoral Care,* that "all pastoral care depends upon prayer, leads to worship, and trusts in the promises of God" (van Deusen Hunsinger, 2015, p. 2). That is the foundation. However, unlike previous times, the unhindered access to the bereaved has been removed. Reimagining pastoral care in this time means that we must carefully discern what the new variables are and how they apply in this context.

When I think about dying, death, and grief in the age of Covid-19, I think about how we journey with people during this most traumatic time of their lives. How do we journey? The Very Rev. David Caron in his article *Pastoral Care for Families of the Deceased During Covid-19: A Zoom Remembrance Service*, quotes Pope Francis as saying, "we need a Church capable of walking at people's side – a Church, which accompanies people on their journey."

Pastoral care begins with the Triune God and is manifested through human agents. The pastoral care provided is dependent on the heart of the pastor and members of team for the people God have put within reach. There must be a new level of compassion. We cannot be physically present in the way we would like, but we can we socially and pastorally present. It is important for Pastoral caregivers to understand that Covid-19 protocols have been unkind to everyone and even more so to those mourning.

FAR AND YET SO NEAR
Ministry in Geneva in the
time of Coronavirus
By
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#### Virtual worship

After accepting the invitation to join the Nisky Moravian Church, Virgin Islands Conference, for its Easter Sunrise Service on April 9, 2020, we attended the service from the comforts of our living room. Although we are 4,500 miles away, we felt so connected with the Moravian community in the Virgin Islands and indeed throughout the Eastern West Indies Province. What a joy to hear, "The Lord is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!" What a joy to sing "Hosanna, blessed is he that comes!" What a joy to see "Mary" consoled by the angels! What a joy to witness the resurrected Lord!

Such experience marks the nature of on-line worship for millions during the Covid-19 pandemic. Through technology, one can remain in the Caribbean and worship in Asia, or one can live in Europe but decide to attend Bible Study in United States or any part of the world, for that matter. From daily devotions to weekly Bible Studies/Prayer meetings and Sunday worship, although we are physically distant, we yet so near. In addition to their current home services, many have used this season to tune in to Churches with which they were once associated or to the ministries of other Pastors that they may have known. Receiving comments from listeners all over the world reminds me that we are far, but yet so near.

#### Ministry in Geneva

Here in Geneva, Switzerland, we had to go fully online just a few months after launching the ministry on December 1, 2019. The first service was held at Starling Hotel with nineteen (19) people in attendance. For the first four months, we met twice monthly in the afternoon. We worshipped in the meeting room at the Ecumenical center, and beginning in January we started a weekly on-line Bible study.

The Geneva Moravian Fellowship (there is no official name) has attracted 41 persons from 16 nationalities. It is truly a global fellowship.

The worshippers who attend are working in the international organizations in Geneva, some are graduate students, some have made Geneva their home, and a few are native Swiss.



Our first service in Geneva, December 1, 2019.



Service held in the Ecumenical Center

There are four (4) peculiarities about this Geneva Moravian mission:

- 1. There is a limited Moravian diaspora. We have identified about three (3) persons in Geneva with a Moravian connection.
- 2. It is an ecumenical community. While we celebrate the uniqueness of Moravianism, like Advent Star, Unity Sunday, etc, we keep worship service simple.

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- 3. It is a traveling community. Before the pandemic, it was the norm for members to travel regularly for business. The result is that hardly would the same persons be in attendance on a given Sunday.
- 4. It is community in constant transition. Many have contracts that limit their time in Geneva. One of our faithful attendees has already relocated to her home base and this we expect to be a constant theme.

#### Opportunities for service

Unlike most church planting, the ministry in Geneva is not focused on establishing a Moravian Church. Rather, it is about serving the people of God. We have therefore placed emphasis on the following:

- Weekly on-line Bible studies. We have done four
   (4) series which have been well-received. We will resume after the summer
- 2. Bi-monthly services. This has provided an inspiring time of worship where participants have been involved in leading, reading of lessons, special selections and presentations on various themes. The fellowship time after service was mostly welcomed by the participants as a time to make closer acquaintances with one another. It will take some time before we resume the fellowship time with the Covid-19 restrictions.
- 3. We remain in regular contact with participants and their families by texts, calls, meeting up for coffee, and home visitations. The strength of Moravian ministry has always been on pastoral care.
- 4. We embrace the graduate student population. We have had several young adults who are studying in College who have attended the worship. We will be more intentional in visiting the schools to help them to keep focused spiritually.

#### Encouragement to the Body of Christ

As the world continues to grapple with the coronavirus pandemic, the Church has an opportune time to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Some Churches and ministries have enjoyed a wide on -line outreach with attendance spanning the globe. Through these ministries a message of hope and peace in Jesus Christ is shared to a world that is confused and fearful. This must be encouraged as one can never tell who may tune in, if but for a few moments, and hear the good news of Jesus Christ. Who knows who may be hearing the gospel for the first time?

There are also spiritual leaders who have chosen not to do much virtual worship but have seen this as an opportunity to empower and equip the membership. One Pastor in Geneva remarked at a recent pastors' meeting that he chose "to go deep rather than wide" during the pandemic. His on-line service is reduced to thirty minutes weekly with a prayer, a lesson, and a sermon. His time throughout the week is used to train his leaders to conduct regular small group Bible Study and Prayer meetings. He joins a small group weekly. In this way, the members get individual attention. This Pastor also remarked that instead of being the "face of the Church," and "being in everyone's face," he chose to equip families to conduct their own family devotions and to be creative in using Sunday School material at home.

This Pastor has resolved that he may not be as popular as other Pastors with hundreds or thousands of views on YouTube or Facebook, daily or weekly. However, he celebrates the fact that he can give an account to God for the 200 families in his Church. He envisions that with an empowered and equipped membership, the work will expand greatly when they resume after the pandemic. The focus would not be on him, as the Messiah, but on Jesus Christ.

My encouragement to the body of Christ is that whatever approach we use, we remain passionate and faithful in sharing the Word of God.

By God's grace we will be vigilant in fulfilling the mandate of Jesus Christ here in Geneva, Switzerland.

I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 2 Timothy 4:1-2

We solicit your prayers. Even though we are far, we are yet so near.

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#### THE MORAVIAN CHURCH ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON 2020 CHECKLIST

We are told that the 2020 Hurricane season is expected to be above average. Let us take the time to be prepared. Preparation is vital to our safety and the protection of property. Make sure that you have adequate insurance coverage for your home and property.

#### **START PREPARING NOW**

- Keep important documents (insurance policies, birth certificates, will and testaments, licenses, etc.) in safe, dry, waterproof and fireproof containers.
- Have emergency supplies on hand, including cash, medications, non-perishable items, first-aid supplies, clothing and bottled water.
- Protect your property by putting up shutters, cutting back tree limbs and clearing debris.
- Service your generator. If you do not have one, consider purchasing one.
- Locate the nearest shelter. If you live in a low-lying area, decide where you will go if a storm threatens.
- ◆ Take an inventory of your personal property, room by room, with the cost and date purchased. Take pictures of each room.

#### WHEN A STORM THREATENS

#### *Inside the home*

- Make sure your important documents passports, wills, contracts, insurance papers, car titles, deeds, leases and tax information - are safely stored
- Stock heavy duty garbage bags for post-storm home and yard cleanup.
- Check flashlight and radio batteries and have extras on hand.
- Charge rechargeable cellular phones, drills, power screwdrivers, flashlights, and camera batteries.
- If you plan to go to a shelter start packing. Do not wait until the hurricane makes landfall to get to the shelter.

#### Outside the home

- Refill special medications.
- Get cash (ATMs may not work for days after).
- Fill vehicle fuel tank. Check battery, water, oil.
- Make sure you have a spare tire and buy aerosol kits that fix, inflate flats.
- Prepare your pool. Do not drain it.

• If you own a boat, make necessary preparations.

#### WHEN A WARNING IS ISSUED

#### Inside the home

- Move furniture away from windows or cover with plastic
- Move as many valuables as possible off the floor to limit water damage.

#### Outside the home:

- Cover windows with shutters, storm panels or plywood.
- Remove swings and tarps from swing sets. Tie down anything you cannot take inside.
- Check for loose rain gutters, moldings.
- Move grills, patio furniture, and potted plants into your house or garage.
- Disconnect and remove satellite dish.
- Plug roof drains to prevent salt water contamination to cistern.
- Secure and brace external doors, especially the garage door and double doors.
- Move vehicles out of flood-prone areas and into garages if possible. If not, park cars away from trees and close to homes or buildings.

#### **DURING THE STORM**

When in a Watch area...

- Listen frequently to radio, TV
- Keep batteries, first aid supplies, drinking water and medications close
- Have cash on hand in case power goes out and ATM's don't work.

#### When in a Warning area...

- ◆ Closely monitor radio, TV or Metrological Weather forecast for official bulletins
- ◆ Follow instructions issued by local officials. Leave immediately if ordered with assistance from Authorized organizations eg. National Office of Disaster Services (NODS or Red Cross)

#### AFTER THE STORM

- Wait until an area is declared safe before entering.
- Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Never use candles and other open flames indoors.
- Take photos of any damage to buildings or contents
- Prepare an inventory of items damaged
- Contact your insurance professional as soon as possible.

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There is rising anxiety as people live with the uncertainty of the pandemic. When that is compounded by death, there is a greater possibility for prolonged and complicated grief.

Ronald W. Pies in his online article *Care of the Soul in the Time of Covid-*19 quotes Frank Bruni, "there is a cruel, soul-crushing paradox at work in this pandemic, ... At the very moment when many of us hunger most for the reassurance of company and the solace of community, we're hustled into isolation." He goes on to speak of the loneliness and abandonment that some feel with the unset of the pandemic.

This came home powerfully in the very early stages of the pandemic when no one knew what was happening. The first burial of a Covid-19 victim in Antigua was heartbreaking and dehumanizing. The coffin was carried by a backhoe and just put in the ground without any ritual. The family watched in emotional pain and frustration from outside the cemetery. It was painful to watch even for one unconnected to the deceased.

Pastoral caregivers need to ask themselves about how they would like to be treated if the deceased were their very close family member.

With that in mind, I offer these suggestions:

**BE FULLY AWARE OF THE PROTOCOLS.** Pastoral care is being exercised under different rules. Pastoral caregivers need to reflect deeply on the official regulations so that the limits are fully known. In reflecting, also pray for wisdom that God will reveal the ways that care might be offered to the souls of the bereaved. We are God's ambassadors.

BE PREPARED TO GO BEYOND where you would normally go. This means that space needs to be created for grieving families to grieve. This means that caregivers should reach out more deliberately to respond to the emotionally chaotic time and work at bringing comfort. If the individual died at the hospital, Covid19 patient or not, they likely died alone. Families tend to feel a measure of guilt when loved ones die alone. If it were a Covid19 related death, the grief is compounded by stigma of the disease and the fear of the possibility that someone else in the family may have also contracted the virus.

**BE A NON-ANXIOUS PRESENCE.** Practicing mindfulness helps the bereaved to feel the care offered in the moment. Death and dying tend to expose raw emotions.

The caregiver needs to use emotional intelligence to help the family navigate this difficult journey.

USE RITUAL PLANNING AS A MEANS OF CONSOLATION. The regulations were that funerals would be held only at the cemetery. Even if the time spent there is short, there must be some planning. Use the time of planning to engage in deeper conversations. As hymns and songs are chosen, time may be spent singing a verse here and there as a means of comfort. This is possible even when it is being done over the phone.

USE THE TECHNOLOGY. One pastor shared an experience during the crisis dealing with a family. It was traumatic time for this family, and they had lots of other family overseas who were even more traumatized by the fact that they could not travel for the funeral. He was in their neighbourhood and stopped by the home intending just to stay at the gate and have a brief word of encouragement. It so happened that a conversation was taking place with overseas family members at the same time. He requested to speak with the family overseas to extend comfort and word of assurance to them. He ended up praying with the family overseas to help them deal with the pain of death. That was personal; that was memorable; that was comforting. People do not forget such selfless acts.

STAY CONNECTED. Some pastoral caregivers have reported that the closure of sanctuaries for worship did not necessarily reduce the amount work done. It only changed the nature of the work done. Given that there is physical distancing, there had to be a greater effort at connecting with members. Covid19 insists that we stay close to the phone, connecting with people. This is one of the lessons the needs to be learnt from this time – stay connected with the membership. It might be a regular telephone or something more sophisticated like a video call. The important thing is to connect.

**BE CREATIVE.** During Covid-19, funerals services are restricted in the number people who can attend – usually not more than 25. There are possibilities for online wakes. This may be a structured time when specific people can offer tributes to the deceased. They may not be able to do it at the graveside but this is the next best thing. Where funerals are allowed in the sanctuary, they may be live streamed on the various virtual platforms.

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This may be as simple as one person with a cellphone or a more elaborate setup. Some congregations have livestream facilities that can be made available for the funeral. Even though there is usually an operational cost involved, this should not stand in the way of helping people to grieve and mourn during this pandemic.

GET SUPPORT. During the pandemic, some pastoral caregivers were very concerned about contracting the virus and did not want to venture too far from home because of preexisting conditions. There is wisdom in this action. However, self-preservation must be balanced with the call of God to care for souls when they are most vulnerable. It is understandable if one has a preexisting condition. All things being equal, the pastoral caregivers need to show empathy to bereaved families as they grieve. The power of team comes in here. Another clergy person may be called upon to perform the actual funeral after the other logistics have be established.

CHOOSE SERMONS CAREFULLY. Pastoral caregivers who get to preach at these funerals should be discerning as they preach the word at these funerals. Preaching ought to be a conversation between the Holy Spirit, the context, and the preacher. It does not always seem that way. In this pandemic, people are dealing with so many uncertainties, they need to come away with something from the word that is encouraging even as it is challenging. This is a great time to help people make meaning of the ways of God in their story. It would also be great if mourners can come away with a sense of love of God and come to trust God in the places of uncertainty.

MAKE THIS A GOOD FUNERAL. This may seem like a contradiction in terms. It is not good from the perspective of entertainment but more about overall goal. Thomas Lynch describes as good funeral as "one that gets the dead where they need to go and the living where they need to be" (Long, 2013, p. 202). A good funeral tells something about the deceased and the value of this life. For Caribbean people, a good funeral also has some space to sing of the goodness of God and the hope that is found in Jesus. Further, simplicity with dignity and meaning should be watchwords for each pastoral caregiver.

**KNOW YOUR LIMITS**. Pastoral caregivers are human as well and need care – selfcare. Selfcare comes in different forms.

Daily times of quiet with God are non-negotiable for those who will care for the souls of the grieving. Each pastoral caregiver needs to know how to climb down from the high stress posture of journeying with people through grief. This helps them to be relax and refresh for the more ministry at another time.

Keep the bigger picture in mind. A funeral is not just a funeral. It is an opportunity to reach people who are not part of a community of faith. Pastoral caregivers get this opportunity to impact lives for the kingdom of God's sake. As the sanctuaries reopen for in-person worship or continue to stream online, someone at a funeral done by this community of faith might feel drawn to this faith community. God is always up to something and pastoral caregivers must remain open for what God will do next. Most mainline denominations are experiencing declining membership. Diligent pastoral caregiving may be one way to address that decline.

We have been presented with new variables for life and funerals. There is little that can be done to reverse the variables. Our responsibility is to discern how God will lead us in this wilderness.

Funerals present this opportunity to journey with people in grief. Within the limitation provided, the above suggestions are made as ways of navigating these new circumstances.



#### **Quote of the Day**

NOT ALL STORMS COME TO DISRUPT YOUR LIFE, SOME COME TO CLEAR YOUR PATH

ANONYMOUS

#### "WHO \*PUSHED\* ME"

A man had one very beautiful daughter. When the daughter was ready for marriage, the father sent news around town that all the eligible young men should come to compete in a test which would determine who was fit to marry his daughter.

On that day, all was set, all the able-bodied young men came out. Some came with paper and pen and others with cutlasses and swords.

The rich man took them to his swimming pool and addressed the men: "Any of you who can swim from one end of this swimming pool to the other would marry my daughter. In addition, I'll give him 15 million dollars, a car and a house so they can start life well. I shall be waiting to meet my son-in-law at the other end. Good luck!"

As the young men, all very excited at the prospect of winning, started taking off their shirts, a helicopter came over the pool and dropped alligators and crocodiles into the pool. Immediately, all the men turned back and started wearing their shirts again. Disappointed, some of them said, "That's crazy, let's see who would marry that girl, no one will".

All of a sudden, they heard a splash in the pool. Everybody watched in amazement as one gentleman waddled across, expertly avoiding the alligators and crocodiles.

Finally, he made it to the other side. The rich man could not believe it. He asked the young man to name anything he wanted but the man was still panting uncontrollably.

Finally, he got back to his senses and made a request saying, "SHOW ME THE PERSON WHO PUSHED ME INSIDE THIS POOL!"

#### Moral 1:

You don't know what you are capable of doing until you are PUSHED! Meanwhile, the Crocodiles were Rubber Crocodiles

#### Moral 2:

Those seeking to push you into the jaws of alligators and crocodiles may have helped you to reach your promised land!!!

Sometimes it takes going through the bad moments to bring out the BEST in us.

Trials are raw materials for Triumphant Testimonies... The push might take different dimensions: some people needed to be sacked before realizing their potentials and reaching their goals in life.

I PRAY YOU WILL GET A DIVINELY INSPIRED PUSH in your life. God Bless you as you accept the Push to go for the fulfillment of your purpose in life.

P- Persist U- Until S- Something H- Happens

## Neighbourhood BINGO Challenge

Get to know the names of all the people who live in your immediate environs.	Create a routine call pattern with your neighbours that live alone	Do a window visit to a senior neighbour	Call or Video chat with persons in Isolation/ quarantine	Organize Errands for the Elderly– Be willing to help – Be a volunteer
Take a prayer walk around the Neighbour- hood	If you do backyard gardening, share the produce or offer to help someone who does.	Choose a song/hymn to sing each time you are tempted to worry.	Sing aloud while taking a shower/washing your hands and doing chores	Share a scripture that was an encouragement to you.
Call someone from your neighbourhood and pray.	Organize a neighbour- hood social distancing walk	Free Time	Call a neighbour to watch a good movie in your own separate space	If there is a school, find out how you might serve them.
Commit to pray for the businesses in your neighbourhood.	Support a local business in your neighbourhood	Share an online Testimony with your neighbour. May be a Covid 19 story	Reach out to people who are in need and give generously where you can	Continue to practice physical distancing at all times
Make masks and share if you can	Pray for those who are sick and vulnerable in your neighbourhood	Offer a hot meal to an elderly person who is in need	Encourage persons to be positive during these difficult times	Offer a word of inspiration and advice to the youth in your neighbourhood

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#### Birthday Celebrants Mid July - 31st

Bro. Kirk Barker	21
Bro. Dion Christopher	23
Sis. Earleen Simmons	25
Bro. Rudolph Roberts	28
Bro. Andrew Roberts	28
Sis. Althea P. Jarvis	29
Sis, Flisa, Hodge	29



# Birthday Celebrants up to August 04 BIRTHDAY

Sis. Marleen Browne	1
Sis. Belinda Manswell-Daniel	4





## Anniversary Celebrants for Mid - July up to August 13

Bro. Erflin Browne & Sis. Marleen Browne	19	
Bro. Moise and Sis. Yvanne Jean		
Bro. Andrew & Sis. Geraldine Roberts		
Bro. Mikie & Sis. Winelle Roberts	24	
Bro. Walton & Sis. Angela Frederick	26	
Bro. David Rossington and Sis. Cecile Christopher Rossington	28	
Bro. Sean Junior Roberts and Paula Roberts	30	
Sis Cherice & Bro. Fabian Lewis	11	
Bro. Winston & Sis. Bernadine Chase	12	
Sis. Matthew & Sis. Jasmin Crooks	13	



Please use the King James version of the Bible and answer all questions. Luke 3: 1–21

- 1. At the time when John began his ministry, what was Pilate's position/office?
- 2. Which Book of the Bible did John use for his first Sermon.
- 3. List in order the following things which happened right after Jesus was baptized.
  - (a) The Spirit like a dove
  - (b) Jesus prayed
  - (c) The Heavens opened
  - (d) The voice spoke
- 4. In speaking of the upcoming ministry of Jesus, John made two references to fire. Write them down.
- 5. Annas and Caraphas were High Priest and Emperor.
- 6. Please complete this passage and say where it is taken from: John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water;....
- 7. Which is correct? The voice that spoke to Jesus at his baptism was the voice of:
  - (a) Moses
- (b) Elijah

(c) God

- (d) An unknown prophet
- 8. John said to the tax collectors" Exact no more than that which is appointed you. "What was wrong in this occupation that made this command so important for their salvation?
- 9. Of whom do you think John was speaking in his response to the people when he denied that he was the Messiah?
- 10. What did John do to Herod that led to his imprisonment?

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Answers to Bible Study Quiz

1. Governor of Judea 2. Esaias 3. (b,c,a,d) 4. (i) He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire (ii) but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable 5. False 6. Luke 3: 16 7. God 8. Robbery/Stealing 9. Jesus 10. Taking his brother Phillip's wife