

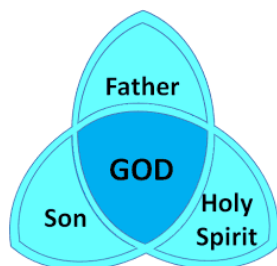


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The Holy Spirit - Use the Keys

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*"When He is come, He will reprove the world of sin,
and of righteousness, and of judgement: of sin, because
they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to
my Father, and ye see me no more; of judgement,
because the prince of this world is judged."*

John 16:8-11)

Scripture Reading: John 16:1-15

A great English preacher, "once preached what in his judgement was one of his poorest sermons. He stammered and floundered, and when he got through he felt that it had been a complete failure. He was greatly humiliated, and when he got home he fell on his knees and said, "Lord, God, Thou canst do something with nothing. Bless that poor sermon." And all through the week he uttered that prayer. He work up in the night and prayed about it. He determined that the next Sunday he would redeem himself by preaching a great sermon. Sure enough, the next Sunday the sermon went off beautifully. At

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the close the people crowded about him and covered him with praise. He went home pleased with himself, and that night he slept like a baby. But he said to himself, "I'll watch the results of those two sermons".

What were they? From the one that seemed a failure he was able to trace forty-one conversions. And from that magnificent sermon he was unable to discover that a single soul was saved. His explanation was that "the Spirit of God used the one and did not use the other." [Walter B. Knight, Knight's Master Book of New Illustrations (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1956), 288].



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Let's get ready to sign up our children,
grand-children, god-children, nieces and
nephews, and neighbour's children for
Bethlehem's **Vacation Bible School.**

God pity the Christian who tries to do the Lord's work without **the KEY of the Holy Spirit**. We can do nothing with Him. Yet there are those who depend on other things rather than the work of the Holy Spirit. Some depend on logic, eloquent salesmanship, organisation, psychology, impressive ritual, or emotionalism.

It is dubious that anyone should try to separate the work of **God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit**. Yet it seems that the work of the Holy Spirit is clearly the **KEY** that open doors for victorious living.

1. The KEY of the Holy Spirit in relation to the Word of God.

- The Holy Spirit *inspired people to write the Word of God* (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21)
- The Holy Spirit *instructs in the Word of God* (1 Cor. 2:10-12)
- The Holy Spirit *imparts power in communicating the truth of the Word of God to others* (1 Cor. 2:4-5; 1 Thess. 1:5)

2. The KEY of the Holy Spirit in relation to the sinner.

- The Holy Spirit *convicts of sin* (John 16:8-11)
- The Holy Spirit *makes sinners new* (Titus 3:5-6)
- The Holy Spirit *works through Christians to bring the gospel to the sinner* (Acts 8:29-38)

3. The KEY of the Holy Spirit in relation to the Christian.

The work of the Holy Spirit with the child of God is manifold: *He assures* (Romans 8:16; Gal. 4:5-6), *He seals* (Eph. 1:13-14; 4:30), *He imparts joy and comfort* (John 14:16, 18), *He strengthens* (Eph. 3:16), *He guides* (John 16:13), *He makes people Christ-like* (Gal. 5:22-23), *He fills the heart with the love of God* (Rom. 5:5), *He teaches believers to pray aright* (Rom. 8:26-27), *He leads in acceptable worship* (Eph. 5:18-20), *He gives liberty* (2 Cor. 3:17), and *He imparts power to witness* (Acts 1:8).

4. The KEY of the Holy Spirit in relation to the Church.

- He adds members to the Church* (Acts 2:47)
- He instructs what to teach and preach* (1 Cor. 2:12-13)
- He maintains harmony* (Acts 2:46-47)

D. *He imparts different gifts for the Lord's work* (1 Cor. 12:8-11)

E. *He appoints and sends out ministers* (Matt. 9:38, Acts 13-2-3, 15:27-28; 20:28).

The **KEY** of the Holy Spirit is all-important. Let us be attentive to the Holy Spirit and follow His leadership in all things. We have victory over **the physical; temptations, desires of the Flesh, and the demonic**. It is the Holy Spirit which **admonishes, equips, empowers, convicts, affirms, and comforts**.



THE DAY OF PENTECOST

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

Decoder Puzzle

I	Z	X	B	Q	D	M	T	A	U	J	C	W
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
V	K	E	R	S	H	F	L	P	G	N	O	Y
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 18-25-10-24-6 _____
- 13-1-25-6 _____
- 20-1-21-21 _____
- 19-25-10-18-16 _____
- 20-1-17-16 _____
- 19-25-21-26 _____
- 18-22-1-17-1-8 _____
- 18-22-16-9-15 _____
- 21-9-24-23-10-9-23-16 _____
- 19-16-9-14-16-24 _____

Wind
Fire
Speak
Sound

Holy
House
Spirit
Filled

Language
Heaven



From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Delroy Burley

***'God is the author of
Fatherhood'***

Greetings and once again welcome to the Pastor's desk where I share God with you. Particularly, we come recognizing that the **Month of June** we celebrate **Trinity Sunday** which is also known as **Holy Trinity Sunday**. It is always one Sunday after the feast of Pentecost. Trinity Sunday is held in honour of the most fundamental of the Christian beliefs – belief in the Trinity. Even though we could never fully understand the mystery of the doctrine of the Trinity, one thing we are sure of is that the Trinity is one God in three persons who all share the same nature. **The Trinity consists of: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.**

As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity, we also want to celebrate God's gift of fathers to the human race. Many countries around the world celebrate 'Father's Day, a day to intentionally recognize the role and work of fathers. It is wonderful to celebrate both themes in this message. After all, it is in the Trinity that we see the relationship of Fatherhood evident in the relationship between God the Father and Jesus Christ, the Son. **God is the author of all Fatherhood.**



Our text for today gives precise instruction to fathers. The text from which I share with you is taken from **Ephesians 6:4, "and, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord"**. This letter to the Ephesians is said to have been written to answer some questions raised by the Church at Ephesus. It is not surprising then to see that the first three chapters are concerned with the 'what-ness' of the Church, while the last three chapters seem to capture practical applications for the gospel in the lives of the believers.

In the passage of scripture, the author focuses on the family and clearly outlines the role of every member in light of the gospel. The author begins by imploring all members of the family to be subject to one another out of respect and fear for God. The author then proceeds to give practical ways for wives to fulfill their roles and then moves on to the role husband plays. In the passage of scripture, we also read about the obligations of children in families. It is important to note that the author did not end there, but rather, continued by explaining the role of fathers in the lives of their children. ***"And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord"***. From this text, it is quite evident that the role of fatherhood is very significant in the life of the child. This text defines for us what the role of fatherhood is all about. From the text, we could sum- up **the role of fatherhood** as:

- 1. A responsibility**
- 2. A relationship, and**
- 3. An opportunity to teach one's child or children about reverence for the Lord.**

Today, we will look at the topic: **'Fatherhood: responsibility, relationship, and reverence'**.

The role of fatherhood is **a gift from God**, a gift to be responsible for the well-being and development of another person. This responsibility then makes all fathers accountable to God and obligated to their children to meet the necessary demands of their role. In the society in which we live, that is becoming increasingly carefree, words like 'responsibility' are offensive and are therefore scarce. Most persons slight and even abandon their responsibilities, be it in the workplace, recreational spheres, Church, and in the home. Fatherhood is not seen as **a divine responsibility** to be carried out intentionally and with commitment, but rather, it is lowered simply to the ability to reproduce with 'no strings attached'. This is not the intention of God when He created the male species. Instead, God desires for the role of fatherhood to begin at reproduction and to continue throughout the child or children's life.

The problem is that many men don't have that sense of commitment or obligation to their off-

springs, and no sense of accountability to God. On the other hand, we must thank God for the fathers who are convinced of their responsibility as fathers and are committed to fulfilling their roles. The apostle, who in addressing a Church located in an enormously paganistic society, whose level of morality and commitment to truth and responsibility was little to none, wanted to let the men in the Church know that **they have a responsibility to their children**. He wanted them to know that their commitment to fulfilling the role which they begun at reproduction was not an option.

The same message is relevant for the men in today's society. Let us establish early that **it is not only men who have reproduced that are fathers**. Many of us could identify men who, like the Apostle Paul, do not have biological children but have played the role of father in the lives of many children. The Apostle Paul played the role of father in young Timothy's life giving him much needed direction in his ministry, and offering prayers on his behalf.

Today, God is calling on the men in our congregation, in this community, in this society, and by extension, in the world, to **rise up and take hold of their responsibility of fatherhood**. Fathers, you have **a responsibility to be actively present in your child or children's life**. You have **a responsibility to provide food, shelter, clothing, and any other resources needed to help your child/children achieve their goals and aid their development**. The apostle Paul said in 1 Timothy 5:8, *"...and whoever does not provide for relatives, and especially family members, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever"*.

Fathers, do not stir up your children to anger, to turn to drugs, illicit sexual activities, crime and violence because you have abandoned them. You say you have not abandoned you children! Well, sometimes you abandon them by giving priority to your jobs that they don't see you even to have a chat about school, sports, the news, physical changes. Unfortunately, other times you abandon them because you could no longer relate to their mother, and so, you no longer relate to your

child also. Fathers do not provoke your children to anger, instead, stimulate them in the way of the Lord.

This leads us to our second point, 'relationship'. The apostle Paul admonishes fathers to stimulate their children to have a personal relationship with the Lord, Jesus Christ. He says, *"bring them up in the discipline of the Lord"*. Here, the apostle is encouraging fathers to make their homes places where the name of Jesus Christ is well-known. He wants fathers not only to provide the material things needed but also to teach their children about Jesus. Discipline here does not speak about punishment but rather, to training, to routine, to habits. Fathers it is your responsibility to present Jesus to your children. Many times we think it is the responsibility of the Sunday- school teachers and even the school teachers.

To my audience, you could give nice dresses and shirts and trousers, expensive iPads and Nintendo DS', large bank accounts, and good education to our children, but I tell you **if you fail to teach them about the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and His work of Salvation**; if you fail to tell them that Jesus Christ is the only son of God, the only one who could save them from their sins and give them new and abundant life here and now; if you fail to tell them of the great love of God for them, a love that knows no boundaries, if you fail to tell them of God's mercy that endures forever; if you fail to tell them that God has a plan and a purpose for their lives that they are not accidents; if you fail to tell them of the heaven that God has prepared for those who enter into relationship with Him; if you fail to tell them that there is no repentance in the grave that after life there is the judgment of all humanity, **then you would have failed to give them all that makes life meaningful**.

The apostle also admonished fathers to teach their children to reverence the Lord. For the apostle, stimulating our children to have a relationship was not enough, he wanted fathers to teach their children about fearing God. This is not a 'bad' fear, where a person is afraid to approach God. No, this is a fear where **we respect**

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God, we esteem Him and this is mingled with a love for God that propels us to do the right and abhor the wrong. Because of this reverence for God, we do not want to sin against God – not because we are afraid that He will strike us down, but because of who He is – a Holy God, and we don't want to hurt Him. That is what the apostle means when he talks about the “instruction of the Lord”.

Fathers have a responsibility to train their children to revere God. It is only when children have a personal relationship with God, where they revere God, that they will obey God's instructions. The book of Proverbs talks about **the fear of the Lord being the beginning of wisdom**, the beginning of instruction. It tells of fathers giving instruction to their children.

It is said that the Caribbean regions have the most churches per square mile yet the fear of the Lord is minimal and, in a lot of cases, absent completely. Could one reason for such be that some fathers are not taking their responsibilities seriously? Could it be that some fathers have failed to be actively present in the lives of their children and have failed to provide for their needs? Could it be that some fathers have failed to make their homes places where the Spirit of the Lord dwells, places where prayer, bible-study, and personal devotion takes place? Sisters and brothers, could it be that our prisons are filled with so many young-men because many fathers failed to be responsible fathers who will be there for them and lead them to Jesus Christ and teach them the fear of the Lord?

Fathers, it is time for us to rise up and be men of God. Now is the time to take up our role of fatherhood. It is time to be fathers who our children could count on to be present at school meetings, at soccer, cricket, or track meets, to be present at Church right beside them, and to be present at home.

God invites us to partake of His grace, to trust in the strength that He supplies, and to follow His example of fatherhood.

Fathers, let us not provoke our children to anger, instead, by our lifestyle, stimulate them to seek a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Let our godly example provoke them to trust God with their lives, provoke them to fear the Lord, and later on provoke them to be good fathers themselves.

Maybe you have not been living up to your responsibility as a father but you want to start today.

The good news is that you can. Here is an opportunity for you to make it right. The Lord invites you to confess and repent of your sin and He has promised to forgive you. Not only will He forgive you, but Jesus will also teach you how to be a godly father.

For those fathers who are taking up their role as fathers, God wants to strengthen you to continue to fulfill this responsibility to which He has called you. **Remember that whomever God calls, God always equips.** Let this time be one of recommitment to your role as fathers, not only to your biological children, but also to other children whom God has placed in your path.

Let us not provoke our children to wrath, but let us take seriously our responsibility to point them towards a relationship with Jesus, and to revere Jesus.

Prayer:

Help us, O Lord, as men to understand seriously our role - whether as fathers or as men fathering children, to lead them into a personal relationship with You. Please forgive us of our sins Lord Jesus, for failing so miserably in our responsibility to guide your children to the way of the Lord.

We pray that, by your Holy Spirit, we will be able to correct our mistakes. Amen

“I touch the future I teach” – Christa McAuliffe

Have Your Say...

Who would you call an
'UNSUNG HERO/HEROINE OF THE BIBLE'?

This Month's "Unsung" Hero/Heroine is ...

A FATHER

This month's '*unsung*' person of the Bible is a Father. That man is Joseph, the husband of Mary - the mother of Jesus. God chose Joseph and entrusted him to be the earthly Father of Jesus, to raise the Son of God. So, who was this man whom God saw fit to be the earthly father of His own Beloved Son? Not much is recorded about Joseph, or his role as the earthly father of Jesus, but much is revealed for we know that God must have examined the character of this man carefully and **he had God's trust**.

Foremost, Joseph's actions towards his fiancé Mary when she told him that she was with child (that was not his) showed **he was a kind and sensitive man**. Her side of the facts seemed unreal, strange, and hard to believe! With the way things appeared, Joseph had every right to divorce Mary. He could have exposed her and made her a public disgrace. Under Jewish law she could even have been put to death by stoning. But when God sent an angel to confirm Mary's story, Joseph willingly obeyed God. He proved to **be an obedient servant of God** – even though this could and would have caused him some public humiliation because no one else would have understood. Joseph was clearly **a man of faith**. Without understanding the 'how' and the 'why' of the situation, he demonstrated faith in the word of God's messenger.

Matthew 1:24-25 also reveals to us that Joseph was an excellent earthly **example of integrity and godly character**. Joseph demonstrated **a noble quality** obeying God in the face of certain humiliation. He did the right thing and in the right manner. He took Mary to be his wife giving her the protection of a husband, and giving the unborn child the protection of a 'foster' father; and he practiced self-control with respect to Mary - he had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son and he

called his name "Jesus". He made what can be considered 'tough' decisions and he stuck to them. Joseph was **unselfish** assuming the role of father to a child that was not his own.

The account also reveals that Joseph was **a good citizen**. He was submissive to Caesar Augustus' decree that a census be taken. Being obedient to the Law of the land, he had to stop all projects underway in his workshop in order to travel to Bethlehem with his family to be registered. (*Luke 2:1-5*). He was also **obedient to the Old Testament Law of Moses** that after birth the child should be circumcised, and dedicated at the temple with the appropriate sacrifice. We also know that Joseph was **a skilled craftsman** and that he shared the carpentry trade with Jesus as he grew (*Matthew 2:13-15*).

We also know that he was **a protector of his family** because when warned that Herod intended harm he fled by night (*Matthew 2:14*) and journeyed south to Egypt. After Herod died and his son Archelaus reigned after him, Joseph did not return but went on to Galilee for the safety of the boy child – Jesus, his charge. We also see that when he discovered that Jesus was missing at the age of 12, he retraced his steps and returned to Jerusalem in search of Jesus.

What is the message of this 'hero' from this record? **Our mind-set must be to do the will of God and carry out the instructions of the Scriptures, even though we may not always know the reason why God issues certain commands**. Joseph might have been a 'silent' hero, but he carries a strong message. Like a Herald, Joseph calls on all fathers, step-fathers, foster-fathers, grand-fathers and god-fathers to be obedient to God, to be good citizens before God, and to be protectors of the family. Joseph is a model for manhood and this must be the message to all Dads today.

FIND COURAGE IN THE LORD!

Take courage when you have a tough decision to make. Someone who cares deeply for you already knows what He wants you to do. He takes delight in having fellowship with you and wants the very circumstances you face to draw you closer to Him.

John White

This Month in Moravian History

AT BETHLEHEM



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June 25

Dedication of the building constructed for Educational Use – named in memory of the late Rev. Cuthbert Pilgrim.

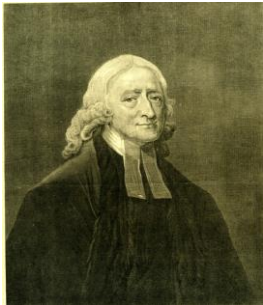


This Month in Moravian History

“WESLEY AND THE MORAVIANS REUNITE”

On June 28, 1783, John Wesley visited the Moravian community of Zeist in the Netherlands. That day marked Wesley's 80 birthday, and the Methodist leader celebrated this event in the company of the Moravians. The visit took place 225 years ago this month -- a good reason to examine the relationship between Wesley and the Moravians.

John Wesley (1703-1791) met the Moravians during a voyage from England to Savannah, Georgia, in 1735; over the next few years, Wesley stayed in close contact with the Moravians. In 1738 Wesley returned to London, where his conversations with Peter Böhler, a Moravian minister on his way to America, were instrumental in his personal awakening during that same year.



A month later Wesley decided to travel to the European continent and visit the Moravian communities of Heerendijk in Holland, as well as Marienborn and Herrnhut in Germany. In Marienborn, a former monastery where Zinzendorf resided during his exile from Saxony, Wesley and Zinzendorf spoke about justification and salvation.

During that visit, the first differences in personality between the (authoritarian) Moravian Count and the future Methodist leader became evident. In Herrnhut Wesley spoke with Christian

David and other founding immigrants from Moravia. Wesley returned to England with a highly favourable opinion of what he had seen, but less than two years later, in 1740, a split developed between Wesley and the Moravians. In the following decades relations between the Moravians and the Methodists were strained. A low point was reached when Wesley published a pamphlet against Zinzendorf and the Moravians in 1755.

Wesley and the Moravians, however, never forgot about their former friendship. When Wesley was older, he visited three Moravian congregations. On April 17, 1780, he was in Fulneck, near Leeds in Yorkshire, England. Three years later, during a visit to the Netherlands, Wesley went to Zeist, and in 1785 he visited Gracehill, Ireland.

In Zeist, he encountered Anton Seiffert, head pastor, whom Wesley remembered from their time together in Savannah. Wesley attended a Children's Lovefeast, during which the children sang a few verses in honour of the Methodist minister's 80th birthday. However, Wesley was not particularly impressed with Moravian hospitality or generosity. “We were welcome to buy anything that we pleased at their shops!”, Wesley ironically remarked when he was shown around the brethren's house. He was really displeased for not being offered anything to eat or drink. He was still indignant about this treatment when he visited the Moravian congregation of Gracehill in Ireland two years later.

In his journal he noted: “When I called on Bishop Antone, in Holland, an old acquaintance, whom I had not seen for six-and-forty years, till both he and I were grown grey-headed, he did not ask me so much as to wet my lips! Is not this a shameful way? A way, contrary not only to Christianity, but to common humanity?”

...he did not ask me so much as to wet my lips! Is not this a shameful way? A way, contrary not only to Christianity, but to common humanity?”

With this unhappy feeling (and an empty stomach) Wesley left Zeist; relations between Wesley and the Moravians had been restored, but they would never be affectionate. Wesley died on March 2, 1791.

Sources: Diary of Zeist; The Journal of John Wesley in 4 Vols. (London 1938).

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RADICAL HOSPITALITY

Sources: Mark 12: 28-34;
Romans 15:4-11

There was a little boy who prayed this prayer;

"Dear God, thank you for my baby brother but what I asked for was a puppy. Dear God, please send Dennis Clark to a different summer camp this year. Dear God, I bet it is very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world - there are only four people in our family and I can never do it."

We may at times have some similar sentiments with respect to the practice of hospitality, or welcoming others into our homes, our neighbourhood, and especially in our Church.

Hospitality has been a part of faith practices for a long time. In Genesis 18 we read the story of the generous welcome that Abraham and Sarah provided to three strangers who came by their tent, treating them as honoured guests, providing an excellent meal and a place to rest. Jesus was a person of great hospitality, warmth, kindness or generosity, who went to the homes of people of 'questionable' character for a meal, inviting them into the Kingdom, offering himself so that our lives here today would be better and more abundant. He now invites us to welcome others as we have been welcomed by Him into this wonderful life He has offered to us.

We are not to repeat what history records John Wesley experienced at the time of his visit with the Moravian community in 1783. When we welcome strangers, it is like we are welcoming Him (*Matthew 25:35*). Do not only show hospitality to close friends and those we already know, and neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by the show of hospitality some have entertained angels without knowing it (*Hebrews 13:2*) "The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (*Matthew 25:40*) *Adapted*

*Past history might not always be
flattering, but you and I - we - have input
into tomorrow's history (ie: today).
What will our legacy be?*

EXTRACT OF REPORT FROM THE DELEGATE TO ISLAND CONFERENCE For the meeting held Saturday, March 18, 2017

Conference Executive Board	
Superintendent	– Rev. Vera Waithe
Clergy Representative	– Rev. Ezra Parris
Treasurer	– Sis. Juliette Smith
Secretary	– Sis. Corlette Garnes
Assistant Treasurer	– Sis. Betty Alleyne Headley
Assistant Secretary	– Bro. Andrew Parris
Lay Member	– Sis. Gail Harewood

Some of our Conference's Highlights from 2016:

- ❖ Some progress identified in the areas of our specialised ministries:
 - Music Ministry (*Moravian Disciples celebrating 20 years, and a strong Moramus Singers of Barbados*)
 - Training and Laity Development (*a modified Lay Academy Programme*)
 - Mission and Evangelism (*including Prison Ministry*)
 - Education (*continued support required for the Gracehill Pre-School*)
 - Outreach efforts through Sports (*with the launch of the Rev. Rudolph Holder Memorial Tape Ball T-20 Cricket Competition*)
- ❖ Digitisation of our congregation and Conference historical records continues
- ❖ Calvary Moravian (Roebuck Street) confirmed as part of the Bridgetown World Heritage Site
- ❖ Participation in the 50th Anniversary celebrations of Barbados' Independence

A **Steering Committee** and a number of **sub-committees** have been set up to manage the various aspects of hosting arrangements and facilitation of the 2018 Provincial Synod (July 5-12, 2018) – covering Protocol and PR Management, Transportation, Hospitality, First Aid/Health Care, Entertainment, Multi-Media and IT-support, Records Management, etc. Your support in any of these areas is welcomed.

Bethlehem is one congregation within the Barbados Conference. Each congregation has **spiritual** and **financial responsibilities** for work in its own area (Community, Conference), and Provincially.

We have a role to play.

Greetings, Information & News : From Home & Abroad

A quick look at the Men's Fellowships of Bethlehem

The Bethlehem Men's Fellowships have sought to maintain involvement in the work of the Church throughout the years. The current President of the Men's Fellowship is Bro. Cecil Forde.

Over the years, successive Men's Fellowships have taken on aspects of projects around the Church's properties – the Church, the Manse and the Cuthbert Pilgrim Memorial Hall; educational initiatives in the area of Men's Health and Wellness; and they have also contributed to the financial wellbeing of the Church's in-reach and out-reach initiatives. The congregation has always signalled a love for the combined singing of the men and the Fellowship has performed in song for most special occasions, such as Harvest Programmes, Mother's Day celebrations, as well as Thanksgiving Services.

MODEL THE VALUES FOR THE YOUNGER GENERATION

A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children. Proverbs 13:22

The Bible Society in the East Caribbean

'...establishing the presence of God, through His Word, among East Caribbean nations'



Bible Societies distribute millions of Scriptures annually to multitudes of people from all geographical and social backgrounds, and their ongoing work is that of translating, publishing, distributing, and promoting people's interaction with the Scriptures.

In 1946 the Bible Societies established themselves as the United Bible Societies (UBS), a world fellowship, grown to over 145 Bible Societies serving in more than 200 countries. The oldest Bible Society in the UBS is the British and Foreign Bible Society which started the movement in 1804.

The Bible Society in the East Caribbean (BSEC) was established in 1979, serving the chain of English-speaking Caribbean Islands stretching from the Virgin Islands to Trinidad and Tobago, and has distributed

over 10 million Scriptures. The plan is to distribute over 30,000 Bibles annually through projects focusing on children and youth.

Global Scripture sales and donations are heavily subsidized by the UBS. Funds for subsidising the global Scripture mission come mainly as gifts and subscriptions from dedicated Christians and donations from churches and reputable corporations. Contributions can also be made through:

Membership:	Annual Donation	US\$10.00
	Life Donation	US\$500.00
	One-time Donation	US\$(any sum)

Other areas of support are welcomed: prayer; fund development, secretarial, church relations, project implementation, Scripture publication, governance, membership development, corporate relations, etc.

It takes about 16 years to translate the Bible into a new language, and at the cost of about US\$1/2 million. The fellowship of the UBS has committed itself to a massive translation programme in cooperation with others, which is expected to result in millions of Bibles, New Testaments and Bible Portions becoming available in several new languages globally.

The BSEC, in conjunction with the SIL-Wycliffe Bible Translators, published the Saint Lucian Creole New Testament with selected Psalms. That was the first major translation of the Scriptures in the English-speaking Caribbean. The project took 15 years to complete. Audio cassette tapes were produced in 2005 and are available to churches as part of the **'Faith Comes By Hearing'** Project.

At December 31, 2016 at least one book of the Bible was in 2,527 languages; the New Testament in 1,432 languages, and the complete Bible was in 648 languages.

The Bible Society in the East Caribbean

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Greetings, Information & News : From Home & Abroad

Feature on

– *The Faithful Few* –

An A Cappella Quartet from Bethlehem



The Faithful Few which was founded in the summer of 2006 is an **A cappella Quartet** that has been ministering in song – **Shaquille Small** (bass), **Shane Alleyne** (alto), **Peter Barrow** (second tenor) and **Kevin Yarde** (first tenor) (as seen in photo at left). Started as a means of bringing the ‘few’ male teens in Church together, and encouraging the younger members to love and serve God, the Faithful Few’s first performance was at the annual Festival of Lights concert held at the Bethlehem Moravian Church singing, **“Lord Prepare Me”**. Following their warm reception, the group worked on individual voices, introducing creativity and using their voices as instruments, focus and coordination as it relates to harmonies - so as to not to become distracted by each other’s harmony, and stage presence and presentation.

Over the years the Group also endeavoured to add new songs to their repertoire, and performed at their own Church’s events, like the annual Harvest; and at a few other churches across Barbados, across denominations, and Christian organizations like **The Bible Society and their anniversary events** - building friendships as they went along.

In 2009 Faithful Few performed at **‘The Toni Norville In Concert’** Show held at the Tower of Power Global Network Ministries. The group also performed at Bethlehem’s Youth Fellowship’s fundraising concert entitled **“World Changer”** on June 20th, 2010. That month the Faithful Few also performed at the **Optimist Club’s Fathers’ Day Luncheon** at The George Washington House.

For the **2010 and 2011 Barbados Music Awards, and the 2010 CaribFest Music Awards** which were held in January at the Garfield Sobers Gymnasium, the Faithful Few was given the opportunity to open these prestigious events with the National Anthem. It was a great opportunity for demonstrating discipline, because in spite of their love for creative performances, the National Anthem was not to be altered in any way and respect for our country’s National symbol had to be maintained.



Shortly after the Barbados Music Awards in 2010, the Faithful Few was featured in **‘The Heat Magazine’**.

From January to February 2011, the Group worked on strengthening another aspiring young male quartet – **The Bethlehem Messengers** – who by the end of the year had three singing performances under their belt – all well received. In celebration of five years in Ministry as a group and in Service to God, the Faithful Few’s put on an **Anniversary Concert** entitled, **“5 and Up”**. This was held on August 14th, 2011 and they performed a 10-piece set, and all proceeds went to Bethlehem’s Building Fund. Other performers for the Anniversary celebration included **G-syndicate**, **Matthew Morris on the Organ**, the **Bethlehem Jewels** (dance group), and the **Bethlehem Messengers**, among others.

In 2012, we bade farewell to Shaquille Small and welcomed Kemar Miller. The Group participated in the Moravian Youth Council’s fundraising Concerts on November 10th in 2012 and in 2013 - **“Youth X-Plosion”** and **“GLOW – Glorify the Lord of Wonder”**, which were held at the Sharon and Calvary Moravian Churches respectively. In 2013, the Group placed some more emphasis on working with the slightly younger ones in the congregation towards a goal of aiding in developing and cementing of a **Youth Worship Team**, and building their individual skills and confidence. In May 2013, the Group also performed at the **Thanksgiving Service in tribute to the then Organist, Sis. Marjorie Worrell**, in recognition of over 30 years of service as Organist at Bethlehem, and giving God thanks for her overall commitment to music which had been an inspiration.

The Group is indeed happy to have been able to make a meaningful contribution, not only in song, but with the finances from their fundraisers going towards Bethlehem’s Building Project. They continually express sincere thanks to all supporters and persons who not only assisted with their Concert, singing ‘gigs’, and rehearsals, but also other endeavours and programme of activities with the younger teens over the years.

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GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL

This month as we celebrate Father's Day, we feature Men's Associations. One such is the Gideons International. Gideons International is a Christian business and professional Men's Association. The object of the Gideons is to win others for the Lord Jesus Christ through:

- ✓ Association for Service
- ✓ Personal Witnessing; and
- ✓ Placing God's Word

The auxiliary of Gideons are wives who support the work with prayer, and by participating in many of the functions of Gideons. **By making Bible available across the world, the Gideons trust God to use His Word to increase His Kingdom.**

The Gideons are lay persons (not clergy) who are members in good standing in an evangelical or Protestant Church. Essentially, they represent local churches as Missionaries, whose sole purpose is **winning the lost through providing them the Word of God.** Full Bibles are placed in hotels, and New Testaments are provided to schools, prisons, hospitals and nursing homes, doctor's offices, etc – all at no cost to the recipients.

Donations can be made to the Gideons International to support this Ministry. All donations to the Gideons go towards the printing and transportation of Bibles – many to countries where traditional missionaries cannot go. Persons can also support the work of this Ministry by **funding Bibles in memory of a lost loved one, in lieu of flowers, or wreaths. Bibles can also be funded in honour of persons for such occasions as celebrating 100th Birthday.** The Bibles are placed where needed with an inscription which could read:

- ✓ Donated in honour of ; or
- ✓ Donated in memory of who celebrated 100 year on

A card will be delivered from Gideons International to the family indicating the number of Bibles placed in memory or honour of their relative or friend.

To make arrangements, you may contact Mr. Jeff Shepherd, The Barbados – South Camp #I21526.

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E-Mail: jefshep@gmail.com

Website: www.gideons.org

GOOD NEWS!

DID YOU KNOW?

THE BIBLE – THE WORLD'S MOST UNUSUAL BOOK

You've always know that, haven't you? *The Bible IS the world's most unusual book.*

- It is full of down-to-earth happenings and also full of supernatural happenings.
- It is the most fascinating book in the world.
- It has been on the best-seller list seemingly forever.
- The Bible League "Report" describes it: "It is a true story, a 'how-to' book. It is a mystery, a history, a bibliography, a guide to eternal life. It is God telling us about Himself."
- It outsells every book ever written.
- It is the Bible, the abiding Word of God.
- And it is the most powerful, most effective missionary tool there is.
- It changes us, sustains us, and gives us hope.
- It shares the life-giving message of Jesus Christ.
- It also exhorts us to share the Good News with others and bring them into a community of believers so they can grow in God's Word, and in turn lead others to Christ.

The Holy Scriptures of both the Old Testament and New Testament are, and abide, the only source of faith, doctrine, and life of the Unitas Fratrum. (Book of Order of the Moravian Church)

*Extract: "The Bible – Our Guide for Daily Living"
by Robert Allen Tobst*

Helping Hands - Our Mission Fields

✓ **Church Quota and Arrears** – In an effort to help lower our debt to the Conference, it would be prudent for us to pay an additional \$500 each month towards our quota arrears, while maintaining our monthly quota payments. As a result, to aid in achieving this target, each member is encouraged to contribute towards this amount on the 4th Sunday of each month. Any amount donated will be appreciated.

✓ **Greetings/Birthdays/Anniversary Cards** – Strengthen our fellowship in Christ as we welcome visitors and help celebrate special occasions in the life of members and visitors. You can make a contribution of any amount to Sis. Diana Yarde or Sis. Anthea Barrow.

✓ **The 32nd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province** is scheduled to be held in Barbados from July 6-14, 2018. The Barbados Conference has begun to make preparations for this event, including fundraising. Members and friends of the Moravian Church are asked to make a weekly contribution of \$1.00 towards those costs for which the Conference will be responsible. This contribution will be collected on 3rd Sundays.

✓ **The Cuthbert Pilgrim Memorial (CPM) Hall** is available for rentals – Conferences/Seminars, Meetings, Wedding Receptions, Graduations, etc. Just off the Maxwell Coast Road, minutes away from the Airport, it is situated within a quiet residential area, with ample parking available. To view/book, contact CPM Hall Manager, Sis. Eudora Mascoll (246-428-4784) or Assistant, Sis. Desma Linton (246-428-2962).

✓ **Bethlehem's Beautification Project** (Church and Grounds) is an on-going project. Lend your support.

✓ **This Newsletter - The Bethlehem Herald** is a monthly publication. Send ideas and articles are to <bethlehemmoravianchurch@gmail.com>

Remember In Prayer

❖ Our Sick & Shut-In/Recovering:

Shut-in Communion/Visitation – 1st and 3rd Tuesdays

NAMES	CONTACT NUMBERS
Sis. Boothe Chase	246-428-6068
Sis. Mavis Chase	246-428-6258
Sis. Emily Forde	St. Philip Family Care 246-622-1897
Sis. Gracie Maynard	246-428-3678
Sis. Dorothy Waite	246-428-2877
Sis. Marjorie Worrell	246-437-1805
Sis. Odessa Haynes	246-426-8663

- ❖ Persons grappling with the **loss of a loved one.**
- ❖ Our **Fathers, Men's Organisations, Young Men.**
- ❖ Missionary, **Sis. Andrea Pitt & YWAM Program.**
- ❖ **The Jamaica Province** and the entire **Moravian Church** in this crisis.
- ❖ **Chairman of the Unity, Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis.**

Financial Status

Target: \$ 9,000 monthly

Bethlehem's monthly Quota to Conference: \$4,796.67

Quota Arrears: \$69,357.24

Special Note - Envelope next month: **Convention**

Please remember to bring in your Convention Envelope in June, **before** Convention Sunday, as it is to be recorded at your home congregation.

Please give to God what He truly deserves

<u>Income for May 2017</u>	\$
Envelopes	3,536.50
Loose Offering	903.85
Sunday School	23.25
Easter	70.00
Sub-Total	4,533.60
<u>Other Monies raised May 2017</u>	\$
CPM Hall - Rental	500.00
Fundraising – Cake Sale	641.00
Fundraising Fair (to Conference)	2,521.55
<u>Other funds collected</u>	
Quota Arrears to Conference	392.00
'Caribbean Moravian Praise' Hymnal	70.00
Good Friday to Conference	40.00
Synod Walk-Up Offering	56.00
"Youth With A Mission" Outreach	99.00
Moravian Voice to Conference	20.00
Sub-Total	4,339.55

Walk-Up Offerings:

- 1st Sun. Bethlehem's Building Fund
- 2nd Sun. "Youth With A Mission"
- 3rd Sun. 32nd Provincial Synod Preparations
- 4th Sun. Bethlehem's Quota Arrears

Congratulations and Thank You to:

- Our children who led in the worship experience for the period of **Child Month**
- The Fundraising Committee and all who supported in any way our **Family Fun Day and Fair** in May.
- Our female representative from Bethlehem who performed and entertained at the **Conference's Mothers' Day Concert**; and all who supported in any other way (sold tickets or otherwise promoted, or attended) the fundraising initiative.
- Our **Bethlehem cricketers and the entire B-C-C-F team-mates** who have represented us well up to Semi-finals playoff.

Mark Your Calendar

JUNE & JULY

- **Bethlehem's Hours of Worship:**
 - **Sunday School** : Sundays @ 9:00 am
 - **Divine Worship** : Sundays @ 10:00 am
 - **Bible Study** : Wednesdays @ 7:30 pm.
 - **Prayer Meeting:** 4th Wednesdays @ 7:30 pm.
Come and invite someone.
 - **Pastor's Office Hours** : Fridays, 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm (*by appointment*)
- Assisting with the Worship experience this month:
 - **The Women's Fellowship** will be assisting with Cleaning and Preparing the Sanctuary.
 - **The Youth and wider Congregation** will be assisting with Readings and Prayer
- **Rehearsals for Dance Ministry** continues Fridays at 6:00 pm
- **Any outstanding contributions to the Fair or Mothers' Day Concert** should be presented to the Treasurer, Sis. Desma Linton. Sincere thanks to those who have already contributed.
- This year's **Outdoor Worship on Sunday, June 11, 2017** will take us to the **Silver Sands Beach Park** (starting at 10:00 am) (*any desired assistance with transportation or contributions to the shared meal may also be communicated to any member of the Board of Elders.*).
- **Elders' Board Meeting** will be held Tuesday, June 27th @ 7:30 pm
- Your prayerful consideration of the situation with our Bathroom facilities is sought. **The estimate for our Bathroom Project is \$52,000.**
- **Vacation Bible School** this year runs from July 10 to 28, 2017. Contact the Sunday Superintendent to register.
- **Bethlehem's Auction** will be held on Saturday, July 26, 2017 at the CPM Hall (*more details later*).

Other Reminders

- Please bring in your Convention Envelope **before** the 1st Sunday in July
- Don't miss out on ordering your personal copy of the new "**Caribbean Moravian Praise**" Hymnal - COST: \$70.00
- **Church Membership/Confirmation Class** for adults and teens. Those who are interested in becoming full members of this Church are invited to register. Registration forms are available from the Church Office.

Announcements

- **Local (Conference) Camp for the Seniors** will be held from Fri., June 2, to Mon., June 5.
- **Laymen's League Convention on Whitsuntide Bank Holiday (Mon., June 5, 2017)** will be held at **Clifton Hill** starting at **10:00 am**. All Churches, all members are invited.
- **Lay Academy** continues on Mondays @ 6:00 pm @ Calvary – "**Introduction of the Old Testament**".
- **Missionary Festival at Mount Tabor** on Tuesday, June 20th
- **Conference Prayer Breakfast** on Sat., June 24, 2017) starting at **6:00 am**. Let us prayer together.
- The **3rd Provincial Youth Leadership Conference (PYLC)** will be held next month in the Virgin Islands Conference from **July 26 to 31**, under the theme "**Advance the Kingdom – Use the Keys**". Invitation to one delegate per congregation/fellowship between the ages of 26 and 40. Cost: USD370 due May 30, 2017.
- **Conference Evangelistic Services** are slated for **Mon., June 26 to Fri., June 30** at **Gracehill Moravian Church** starting at **7:15 pm** nightly. All Churches are invited, bring a friend.

Celebration Time

BIRTHDAYS - JUNE

- 12 – Bro. Ronaldo Callender
- 13 – Bro. Victor Nelson
- 30 – Bro. Earl Alleyne



ANNIVERSARIES - JUNE

- 01 – Bro. Michael & Sis. Pamela Holder
- 13 – Bro. Jerry & Sis. Wendy Evelyn Knight
- 25 – Bro. Cecil & Sis. Clauzel Forde
- 27 – Bro. Evelworth & Sis. Odessa Haynes

Upcoming (July/August):

Annual Convention – No Service at local congregations. All churches meet at Calvary for this year's all-day Convention Service.

Evangelism Explosion (EE) – starts soon.

Moravian Cooperative Credit Union's Annual General Meeting will be held Saturday, July 8, 2017.

All Male Synod-Fundraising Moravian Concert on Sunday, August 27, 2017 at 5:00 pm at Sharon Moravian Church.

FATHERHOOD TIPS THEY SHOULD HAVE HANDED OUT AT THE DELIVERY ROOM

- Cherish your time with them.** One thing that will amaze you is how quickly the years will fly. The time you have with them is short and precious — make the most of it. Spend as much time as you can with them, and make it quality, loving time. Try to be present as much as possible while you're with them too — don't let your mind drift away, as children can sense that.
- It gets easier.** Experiences differ - but the first couple of months can be the most difficult, when the baby is brand new and wants to feed at all hours of the night and you often have sleepless nights and walk around all day like zombies. It gets easier, as they get a regular sleeping pattern. The first couple of years are also a lot more demanding than later years, and as they hit secondary school they can become almost functioning, independent adults.
- Don't look at anything as "mom" duties — share responsibilities.** Get involved in everything, and share the load with the mother - changing diapers, giving baths, getting them dressed, even feeding them (you can give them breast milk from a bottle).
- Love conquers all.** This one sounds corny, but it should be at the center of your dad-operating philosophy: above all, show your children love. When you're upset, still show them love. When they are upset, show them love. When they least expect it, show them love. Everything else is just details.
- Children like making decisions.** Teach your child to make decisions, and he/she will grow up much more capable — and happier. Children like freedom and decisions, just like any other human beings. Your job is to allow them to make decisions, but within the parameters that you set. Give them a choice between two healthy breakfasts, for example, rather than allowing them to eat a bowl of sugar if they choose to.
- A little patience goes a long way... and...a Sense of humor required.** It is easy to lose your patience and temper, however, allowing yourself to react in anger or frustration is not the best thing for your child, and you must remember that. That means you need to take a deep breath, or a walk, when you start to lose your patience. Practice patience with your child and your relationship, and your child, will benefit over the long run. There will be times when your child does something that might make you blow your lid — writing in crayon all over the walls is a good one or dumping some kind of liquid on your couch. While you need to teach your child not to do these things, find a little humor in the situation. It helps keep your sanity.
- Read to them, often.** Whether you're an avid reader or not, reading to your children (from the time they're babies onward) is crucial. It gets them in the habit of reading, and prepares them for a lifetime of learning. It gives you some special time together, and becomes a tradition your child will cherish.
- Don't be the absent dad.** The biggest mistake that dads make are not being there for their children. Always, always set aside time each day and each week for your children. Don't let anything violate this sacred time. And at those big moments in your child's life — a soccer game, a music recital, a science fair — do your very best to be there. It means the world.
- Let them play...and...Spark their imagination too!** Kids really develop through playing — and while it might seem obvious, you should allow them as much free play as possible. That's aside from reading, anything structured or educational, and aside from say an hour a day of "media time" - TV and video games (too much of this type of entertainment keeps them from doing more imaginative playing, from reading, from getting outside to exercise). Allow them to make things up, and have fun. Free play is the best way to develop the imagination, but sometimes you can provide a little spark. Play with your kids, creating forts, dressing up and imagining you're explorers or characters in a movie or book, role playing ... the possibilities are endless, and you'll have as much fun as they will.
- Learn the "firm no".** Parents who don't set boundaries are going to have children with behavioural problems, who have problems when they grow up. And if it's not good to always say "yes", it is also not good for the child for you to say "no" at first ... and then cave in when they throw a temper tantrum or beg and plead. Teach them that your "no" is firm, but only say "no" when you really feel that it's a boundary you need to set.
- Model good behaviour.** The real lesson your child will learn is what you do. Your child is always watching you, to learn appropriate behaviour. Your behaviours will rub off on your child in some way so please model the behaviour you'd like your child to learn.
- Treat their mother with respect, always.** Beyond physical or verbal abuse, there's the milder sin against the child's mother: disrespectful behaviour. If you treat your child's mother with disrespect, your child will not only learn that behaviour, but grow up with insecurities and other emotional problems. Treat your child's mother with respect at all times.
- Let them be themselves.** Instil good behaviours and values in your child, but give your child freedom to be himself/herself. Children, like all humans, have quirks and different personalities. Let those personalities flourish. Love your child for who he/she is, not only who you want him/her to be.
- Teach them independence.** From an early age, teach your children to do things for themselves, gradually letting them be more independent as they grow older. While it may seem difficult and time-consuming to teach your child to do something that you could do much faster yourself, it's worth it in the long run, for the child's self-confidence and also in terms of how much you have to do.
- Stand together with mom.** It's no good to have one parent say one thing, just to have the other contradict that parent. Instead, you and mom should be working together as a parenting team, and should stand by each other's decisions. It's also important that you talk out these decisions beforehand, so that you don't end up having to support a decision you strongly disagree with.

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<http://www.artofmanliness.com/2008/08/03/18-tips-for-being-a-great-dad/>

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