



Bethlehem Herald

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"God's Goodness"

Submitted by:

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Have A Blessed Mothers' Day!

The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance. Romans 2: 4

We cannot find God until we know we do not have God...until we know we are sinners. And this truth is most apt to dawn upon believers and Christian alike when God does something in our lives that causes us to experience His goodness.

According to Scriptures about Simon Peter that is what happened – God did something that caused Simon Peter to experience His goodness when he witnessed the miracle draught of fish.

In the Gospel according to *Luke 5: 1-9*, Peter did not know he was a sinner until it dawned upon him through the goodness of God supplying his need...God being good to him when he needed help. Peter's empty fishing boat meant business failure which is the kind of failure any of us can have in our endeavours, but when the discouraged fishermen did what Jesus told them to do, they caught so many fish that the nets broke and the boats began to sink. It was a miracle! Suddenly Peter knew! Falling down at Jesus' feet, he cried, "I am a sinful man, O Lord!"

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Under the patronage of Dr. The Hon. Madam Justice Sonia Richards

The Bethlehem Moravian Church Choir
presents

"Worship God with Music"

Sunday May 27th 2018

4:30 pm

At Bethlehem Moravian Church

Maxwell, Christ Church



Artistes include:

Wesley Singers & Central Bank Chorale

Amanda Fields

Daryll Jordan Steel Orchestra

The BDF Pop Band

And More...!!!

TICKETS: \$20.00



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BETHLEHEM MORAVIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

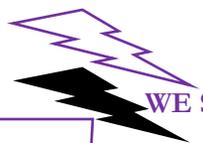
"Growing in Spirit, Living as Disciples, and
Servina God's World"

Do you recognise your sins and how God sent God self for us - to die for our sins?

Some bad things may get our attention...but it is "the goodness of God" that leads us to repent. When God heals our body...when we see His hand in something good that happens to us, that we cannot explain...we become aware of how much we need Him...and we desire to know Him more.

Prayer: *Father of all goodness, we admit our sins and our shortcomings. We have done many things which we ought not to have done and our sins are ever before us. We come now well aware we do not deserve Your goodness. But hear us as we pray...Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.*

Helping our children experience the power of the Gospel begins with us living it out in our own daily lives.



**HERE'S WHY
WE SHOULD LEARN TO STAND
ON OUR OWN TWO FEET**

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. (2 Tim. 1:7.)



All of us need to learn to stand up on our own two feet. As Christians, given a new identity in the Lord, as more than a conqueror and given a spirit of power, love and a sound mind, we should all learn to stand up for what **really** matters (see *Romans 8:37*; *2 Timothy 1:7*)

STANDING UP

The Bible tells us that our life as Christ-followers requires learning to stand up on our own two feet. It begins in repentance and ends in each of us giving an account of our lives before the Lord on the Day of

Judgment (see *Romans 14:12*). We all need to learn to stand up and take our stand in all matters of life.

WE ARE IN A WAR

We are given a choice to either **join God's side through Jesus Christ** or the enemy's side by not standing up for Jesus. Let us face it – there is no middle ground in this life we have. It is either we are for God or against God.

Some might say that I am exaggerating things, but I am merely speaking spiritual truth. **It is either we do the will of God – which is good, pleasing and perfect – or we don't do the will of God.**

IT IS A PERSONAL CHOICE

Because we are in a war, we should learn to make our own choices. We cannot rely on our pastor to make decisions for us. We cannot rely on our pastor to pull us up to a better relationship with God. Think about it. **Our life as Christians is marked with various decision-making situations where we will be the ones choosing, not others.**

Your salvation by grace through faith is a product of your personal decision to trust in Christ's finished work (see *Ephesians 2:8-9*).

- Your identity as a child of God comes after you personally trusted in Christ and became adopted by God through Him (see *Ephesians 1:5*; *Romans 8:15*);
- Your obedience to the Word of God is your personal choice and no one chooses for you;
- Your growth in your relationship with God is a product of your prayer times, Bible reading, and obedience;
- Your decision to avoid sinning will be your own, even though others will be helping you;
- You alone will give an account to God for all the words you have said and the life that you have lived.

STAND UP

Friend, I encourage you, **let us all learn to stand up on our own two feet, dependent only on the Lord for His strength, wisdom and guidance.** We all have a role to play in this generation where God has put us in. In time such as this (see *Esther 4:14*), **let us give Him glory – personally.**

<https://www.christiantoday.com/article/heres-why-we-should-learn-to-stand-on-our-own-two-feet/92332.htm>

This Month in Moravian History'

"Christian Ignatius LaTrobe (1758-1836)"



This month marks the 182nd anniversary of the death of the Moravian clergyman, **musician and composer**, Christian Ignatius LaTrobe on May 6, 1836. He served the Church in a variety of ways as a talented man from a talented family. His father, Benjamin LaTrobe, was

superintendent of the Moravian Church in England. His mother, Anna Margarete Antes, was the sister of John Antes, gifted American composer and instrument maker. His brother, Benjamin Henry LaTrobe, a renowned architect, designed the United States Capitol.

Christian Ignatius LaTrobe was born on February 12, 1758, at the Moravian settlement, Fulneck, in Yorkshire, England, where he attended school before entering the Moravian boys' school in Niesky, Germany, in 1771. After graduating he remained at Niesky as a teacher before returning to England in 1784. Three years later he was appointed secretary to the Society for the Furtherance of the Gospel, a position he held for 50 years until his retirement in 1834. His son John remarked, "It is rare to meet with an instance in which a man is so exactly fitted to the position he is appointed to occupy." His father was perfect as secretary since he had an "earnest desire to be an instrument for the advancement of Christ's kingdom, yet with no decided predilection for the Christian ministry." In 1796 LaTrobe was appointed secretary of the Moravian Church in England, and began publishing the missions magazine, *Periodical Accounts*. As missions administrator he translated *History of the Mission of the United Brethren Among the Indians in North America* by Loskiel from German into English in 1794. In 1815 LaTrobe made an official visit to the Moravian missions in South Africa, where he planned the founding of a new mission station named Enon. Besides publishing an account of his trip, he also started writing his posthumously published *Letters to My Children* (1851), a collection of essays on a variety

of topics, including the abolition of slavery and his thoughts on church music.

LaTrobe was not only a gifted administrator, but also an accomplished musician and composer. In fact, he was the only Moravian composer to receive wide recognition outside the church in his lifetime. He recalled, "From my earliest infancy, every kind of musical sound immediately attracted my attention." He thanked God for his "genius for music," as he played the violin, viola, violoncello, oboe, French horn, trumpet, trombone, bassoon, clarinet and double bass, besides the organ and pianoforte. During his school days LaTrobe described his musical taste as "bad ... the noble simplicity of our church music and hymn tunes was lost in flourishes and ill-placed decorations, and deformed by long straggling interludes."

Through the intervention of Bishop Spangenberg LaTrobe switched to a simpler musical style where he strove "not to disturb, but to further the devotion of the congregation." In a collection of Moravian hymn tunes compiled for English audiences, LaTrobe stressed simplicity as the "grand source of beauty in church music" which enables one to "feel His divine presence with us." He lamented the "prevalence of depravity" (*i.e.* loud and showy instrumentation) which disturbed the connection to Christ. LaTrobe was a close friend of Franz Joseph Haydn, whom he visited often when the latter visited England. LaTrobe dedicated three piano sonatas to Haydn, in addition to composing clarinet concertos, duets and arias, and more than a hundred vocal pieces.

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The first measures of a tune, composed by LaTrobe, as printed in the tune book he edited (1791).

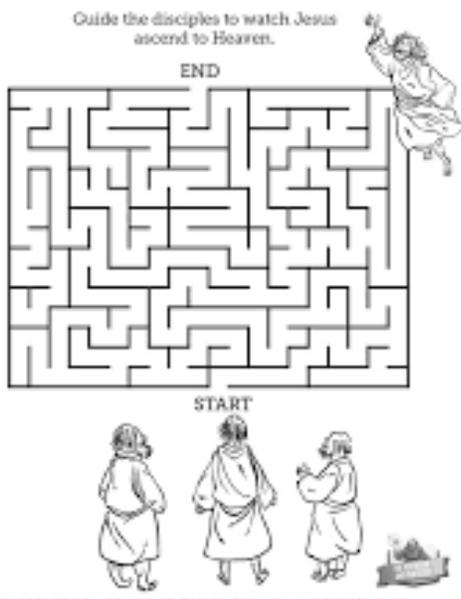
Moravian Archives, Bethlehem, Pa. Issue 64, May 2011

Sources: *Periodical Accounts*; *Dienerblätter*; *Letters to My Children* by C.I. Latrobe, (London, 1851); *Music of the Moravian Church in America*, ed. Nola Reed Knouse, 2008; *Hymn-Tunes sung in the Church of the United Brethren*, collected by Christian Ignatius LaTrobe, [1790?]

Fun Corner

'A FAMILIAR GAME' THIS MONTH - THE LETTER "I" DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S IN YOUR BIBLE? CHOOSE YOUR OWN FROM THE BIBLE USING "I"		
ANIMAL	INSECTS <i>(Leviticus 20:20-23)</i>	INSECTS – Leviticus mentions a number of flying and creeping insects: (eg: locusts, grasshoppers, beetles, ants).
PERSON	ICHABOD <i>(1 Samuel 4:21 & 22)</i>	ICHABOD – Son of Phinehas; grandson of Eli: his name commemorated a tragic crisis in Israel's history, the slaughter of the people and the capture of the ark by the Philistines - the news of which resulted in Eli's death at 98.
PLACE	INN <i>(Exodus 4:24; Luke 2:7; Mark 15:14; Luke 22:11; Luke 10:34)</i>	INN – This concept evolved: In <i>Exodus 4:24</i> it was just the halting place of the caravan; later they became erected as accommodation for travellers; then in <i>Luke 10:34</i> the inn had an "inn-keeper" who attended to the wants of travellers.
THING	INCENSE <i>(Psalm 142:1; Luke 1:9-10; Revelation 5:8, Revelation 8:3-4)</i>	INCENSE – The fragrant fumes that ascended from Incense is symbolic of the prayers of the saints - godly people in covenant relationship with God. Noteworthy: when Zacharias entered the temple to burn incense, "the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense".

THE ASCENSION AND PENTECOST



DO YOU HAVE A RECIPE YOU WANT TO SHARE?



It's Mango season! Why not enjoy this lovely fruit in various forms.

FIVE INGREDIENT MANGO GUMMY BEAR

Delicious gummy bears made from all-natural ingredients.

No added preservatives or additives.

Prep time: 15 mins	Cook time: 1 hr	Ready in: 1 hr, 15 mins
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Serves 6.

Ingredients

- 1 large Mango
- 1/4th cup of Orange Juice
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice freshly squeezed
- 1 to 2 tablespoons granulated sugar adjust to taste
- 3 tablespoons unflavoured gelatin powder

Instructions

1. Chop the mango and add it to a blender. Add orange juice and sugar. Blend until smooth.
2. Place all ingredients in a saucepan and place on low heat. When the mixture is slightly warm, add in the gelatin and whisk continuously until it has dissolved completely. If a few gelatin lumps form, use a spoon to take them out.
3. Pour the hot liquid into a silicon mould, making sure to run the back of a knife over it to end out the liquid in the bear moulds.
4. Refrigerate for at least an hour. The gummy bears are ready when they are no longer sticky and feel firm to touch.
5. To take out the gummy bears flip the silicon mould on a clean surface and gently push out the gummy bears.

Feel free to use whatever mould you have. They look cute in all sorts of shapes. If you don't have a mould you can just put the jelly liquid into a dish and cut out shapes when the jelly is set.

Happy Gummy Bear-ing!

<http://ikneadtoeat.com/five-ingredient-mango-gummy-bears/>



*From the Pastor's
Desk*
Rev. Delroy Burley
"A Moment of Trouble"

When we look around we realise that if life has other names - it is **TROUBLE**, it is **LONELINESS** and **ALIENATION**, it is **SICKNESS** and **PAIN**, it is 'GETTING DOWN IN SPIRIT' from time to time, it is **FINANCIAL NEED**, it is **FEAR** and **ANXIETY**, it is 'HAVING A BAD ATTITUDE'. **Sometimes it is feeling that there is no way out.**

But if Jesus Christ has another name, it is **HOPE**, it is **FAITH**, It is '**POWER TO CHANGE THINGS**' in our lives and get us out of trouble. Why? Because Jesus is very God and very man both of which are without being less of either. He cared for us so much that He renounced the glory of the Godhead and humbled himself to take on our humanness. Jesus understands our human situation because He sat where we sit. He knows and feels our hurt because He was tested and tempted in every way and at every point as we are...yet without sin!

I want each of us reading this to write on your heart and remind ourselves each time **JESUS KNOWS. JESUS CARES. JESUS FEELS. JESUS UNDERSTANDS.** And "by his mighty power at work within us God is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of; infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes" *Ephesians 3: 20.* **This is your strength and your deliverance in time of trouble!**

Prayer

Father we thank You for being to us a source of help in our times of trouble. Help us not to forget Your promises to us for they are new every morning as the sun which shines each day. Be to us strength and a deliverer in all times of our troubles, Amen.

DID YOU KNOW??

- * **MAY is Child Month.** This year's theme is: "**Working Together for the Brighter Future of our Nations' Children.**"
- * Let us remember to **say a special prayer for our children** undertaking the **11+ Common Entrance Exam on Tuesday, May 8th.** During this month our Nation's children will be heavily involved in Worship - daily **Radio and TV Devotions**, and making other presentations within our congregations.
- * Let us also remember in prayer our **Nation - Barbados** - as we count down to **General Elections on Thursday, May 24, 2018.**

EXTRACT:

TWENTY-TWO HELPFUL THOUGHTS ON REARING CHILDREN FOR GOD.



The goal as Christian parents is not to rear a "good kid" or have students who are excelling academically, are great athletes, and so forth, it is to train and equip our children to stay on the road of usefulness to God, to love and serve Him.

1. Make sure to **encourage your children to read biographies and autobiographies of Christians** of the past. It helps them to see how God had worked in other Christians' lives.
2. Make sure your **children hear you pray, and in your prayer let them hear you calling their name to God.** It teaches your children how to pray.
3. Make sure you **show your children how to do personal devotions and that they see you read the Bible and do personal devotions.** Make sure you read and explain the Bible to your children. Your personal, intimate, and real spiritual relationship with God will be the most important influence in rearing your children for God. The second will be conveying to your children the way to have that relationship and for them to have an intimate, personal, passionate relationship with the Lord.
4. You must **pray for your child's heart daily (Proverbs 23:26)** and work at it. Part of getting their heart is to ask questions. You must make time to communicate. You must draw out what is in the heart. Remember that if you lose your child's heart, find out where you lost it and make every effort to get it back as soon as possible. Your child's heart can be lost, hardened, and stolen.
5. Make sure you **put God first in your life and your giving;** explain that all money is God's money, not just 10 percent. Make sure that you explain giving to the Lord to your children, and that your children see you give to the Lord. As your children are given money or work for money, make sure they understand that giving begins at an early age.
6. Make sure **your children see you submit yourself to the Holy Spirit.** Encourage them to submit themselves to the Holy Spirit. As the Lord works in your life, it does not hurt the children to see you come forward in a service and submit yourself more fully to God.

TWENTY-TWO HELPFUL THOUGHTS ON REARING CHILDREN FOR GOD CONT'D

7. Make sure you **share your personal testimony of salvation with your children**. Tell them how you got saved. Pray earnestly for your children to be saved and make sure they understand the gospel. Seek to see your children come to know Christ at an early age.
8. Make sure **your children see you give out gospel tracts to others**. Take them on visitation with you.
9. Make sure **your children hear you give a clear presentation of the gospel to an unsaved person**. Teach your children how to give that presentation.
10. Make sure **your children hear you tell others how much your local Church means to you**. Make sure they understand the importance of faithful church attendance.
11. Make sure **your children hear you and your spouse tell each other that you love each other**.
12. Make sure **your children hear you express gratitude to God for His blessing in your life and family**
13. Make sure you **tell your children you love them often and consistently**.
14. Make sure you **explain Bible truth to your children and make practical application of that truth in the daily activities of life**.
15. Make sure you **explain the great doctrinal truths of the Bible to your children**. It is very important to explain how the Holy Spirit works in your life. Explain what it means to be filled (controlled by the Holy Spirit).
16. Make sure **the emphasis of the church is on teaching spiritual truth to you and your family, upon growing spiritually, winning the lost, and not merely activity orientated or an overall emphasis on music instead of God's Word**.
17. Make sure **you are the most important influence in your young child's life** - guard them from (negative) worldly television influences, worldly music, and worldly peer and ungodly friendship influences. Make sure to not allow your children to start concentrating on the opposite sex at too early an age.
18. Make sure **your life is a testimony of holiness not only at Church but home as well**.



19. Make sure **your children are exposed to education in a Biblical, Godly, Christian, wholesome atmosphere**.

20. Make sure you are **seeking to develop godly Christian character in your children's lives by proper discipline**. A child must learn to obey the first time. A child must learn to never have to be told more than once to obey. Make sure to discipline correctly and consistently. Make sure you, as a parent, pay attention and work at proper discipline. It is your responsibility to teach your child how to concentrate. Make sure you always discipline improper attitude and reaction.

21. Make sure that **you are not living your life daily in ungodly anger, or the spirit of anger** (*Ephesians 4:31-32*). Understand that the Bible says ungodly anger comes from pride, *Proverbs 21:24*. Many Christians are operating in their life daily under the impression they are in fellowship with God and in reality they are running their life in sinful anger out of fellowship with God, *1 John 1:6-10*. Ungodly anger is deceptive, *Galatians 6:7-8*. By doing this, we open up our life to the devil and his destruction, *1 Peter 5:8*. This destruction takes place in our lives, in the lives of our family, and of our children. The essence of the Christian life is to be controlled by the Spirit of God, *Ephesians 5:18*. Make sure you understand that "love is kind", *1 Corinthians 13:4*.

22. Make sure you **understand that you have to develop Godly character in the lives of your children**. The Bible gives at least 49 different character traits. The devil will get interested in their character, and your character. He does not care about you or your children. He has three desires to "steal, kill, and to destroy", *John 10:9-10*. Realize you are fighting the devil for your children, *1 Peter 5:8*. Make sure to have character discussions in your home. Learn to praise proper character in your children (This may be the most important point.) *Proverbs 27:21*. Generally, we do not praise our children or we tend to praise the wrong things - like beauty and achievement, which develops pride. **Praising character in your children develops their accomplishments further without building pride.**

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord..."

(*Psalms 127:3*)

<https://www.wholesomewords.org/pdf/22HelpfulThoughtsOnRearingChildren.pdf>

Greetings, Information & News : From Home & Abroad

ANNOUNCEMENTS TO NOTE

BUILDING EXTENSION COMMITTEE

There has been some progress on the Bathroom project (*to the south side of the Church building*). The roof is on, and support and/or donation of any amount of the following items to complete and secure that entire area would be welcomed (Contributions may be in cash, material or labour).

Qty	Description
Plumbing:	
2	WC Toilets
4	Sinks
Tiling:	
200	1 Foot Tiles (200 sq. ft. tiles)
100	Wall Tiles (100 sq. ft. per Bathroom)
14	Bags of Cement
1	Bag of Grout
Electrical:	
	Specifics are to be advised
Other:	
4	24 x 26 Sash Windows
8	36 x 80 Interior Doors
4	32 x 80 Internal Bathroom Doors
20	2 x 4 8ft. long (treated)
4	2 Gal. of Paints per Bathroom (neutral colours)
36	Sheets Beaded-Ply per Bathroom
2	36 x 38 Sash Windows
2	48 x 50 Sash Windows
1	Door Locks (1 per door)
3	Door Hinges (per door)
1	Wrought Iron Gate

CELEBRATION TIME!!

BIRTHDAYS - MAY

01 – Sis. Tanya Holder
 02 – Sis. Carol-Ann Edwards
 14 – Bro. Cameron Edwards
 16 – Bro. Daniel King
 25 – Sis. Anthea Barrow
 26 – Bro. Thomas King



ANNIVERSARIES - MAY

26 – Bro. David & Sis. Cherryann Ince

HALL-USE REVIEW COMMITTEE

POLICY FOR GUIDELINES GOVERNING THE RENTAL OF THE CUTHBERT PILGRIM MEMORIAL (CPM) HALL ON SUNDAYS

- ❖ The CPM Hall will be available for rental between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- ❖ Preparation for the event will take place on Saturdays, where possible.
- ❖ Any preparation to be done on Sundays will take place **before** 8:30 a.m. or **after** 1:00 p.m. ***Exceptions to this are at the discretion of the Hall Management Committee where it is deemed that there will be minimal disruption.**
- ❖ Music must be lowered by 9:00 p.m., and turned off completely by 11:00 p.m.
- ❖ Events must be concluded by 11:00 p.m. but clean-up will take place after each rental.
- ❖ The event will not interfere with the regular occurrences of Sunday School or Divine Worship.
- ❖ The acceptance of bookings on Sundays remains at the discretion of the Hall Management Committee as with all other bookings. Bookings may be accepted or refused on the basis of suitability.
 - ❖ Bookings may be refused if the date clashes with a scheduled Church event.
 - ❖ Bookings may be refused if the preparation for said event clashes with a scheduled Church event.
 - ❖ Bookings may be refused if they are deemed to conflict with the policies for the use of the CPM Hall, or to be otherwise in conflict with the principles of the Church.

The Hall Management should ensure that adequate time is available for the preparation of the Hall for a second client. Therefore, back-to-back bookings should be avoided.

The policy will be in effect for a trial period of six months after which its effectiveness will be reviewed by the Hall Review committee.

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.

✓ **The new date for the 32nd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province to be held in Barbados is July 5 to 11, 2019.** The Barbados Conference will continue to make preparation for this event. Members and friends of the Moravian Church are asked to support the 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).

✓ **This Newsletter - The Bethlehem Herald** is a monthly publication circulated *via* e-mail. You are invited to be a part of sharing the Word. Send articles 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	246-428-6069
Sis. Mavis Chase	246-428-6258
Sis. Emily Forde	St. Philip Family Care 246-622-1897
Sis. Gracie Maynard	246-428-3678/QEH, C6
Sis. Marjorie Worrell	246-437-1805
Sis. Odessa Haynes	246-426-8663
Sis. Michelle Williams	246-428-7462/430-0900
Sis. Gloria Layne	246-428-7545
Sis. Valrie Quintyne	246-428-1102

❖ Barbados, its Leaders and Citizens & Elections

❖ The family of Sis. Dorothy Waite, and persons grappling with the loss of a loved one.

Financial Status

Target: \$ 9,000 monthly

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

Quota Arrears quoted from April: \$96,444.15

Income for April 2018

\$

Sincerest apologies for the absence of the Financials in this issue of the Herald. Our Church Records are currently undergoing its annual audit.

A NOTE ON FINANCE

(Extract from The Book Of Order, Part II, Chapter 9)

The Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province, derives its income from **Quotas** assessed by P.E.C.; **Freewill Offerings**; & **Interest from Capital Invested** The Treasurer of each congregation within the Conference is required to keep a **Congregation Account** which shall contain items of income and expenditure under the following heads:

- **Income:** Offerings, Congregation Cash and Sundries
- **Expenditure:** Provincial assessments, Conference assessments, and local congregational expenses.

A **Savings Account** shall be established.

A **Trust Account** shall be maintained (gifts and donations kept and used solely in connection with specific purposes identified by the donors).

No large enterprise shall be undertaken **without the approval of Island Conference, Executive Board and PEC.**

First claim on congregational treasury is **Quota.**

Each congregation shall operate a **budget (annually).**

Walk-Up Offerings – Sundays:

1 st	BMC Building Fund	2 nd	Youth With A Mission
3 rd	32 nd Provincial Synod	4 th	BMC Quota Arrears

Thank You to - :

- readers, persons who assisted with the **Palm Sunday** decorations and the spiritual aspect of Divine Worship throughout the **Lenten and Holy Week Season**; and contributors to printing of our **Lenten Devotional.**
- who contributed towards our **Easter Bake Sale.**
- **Sis. Andrea Pitt, Youth With A Mission in Jamaica**, who took time out of a packed short visit to meet with Minister Burley, and also connected with some members of the youth of our congregations; and
- this month's **renters of the CPM Hall** who consented to the use of this month's photo (*above*).
- **the Executive Board of the Barbados Conference of Moravian Churches** who met with the Joint Board at Bethlehem and listened, shared and clarified some concerns on Monday, April 30th.
- **Donors of printing** this month's Herald to share.

Mark Your Calendar - MAY

- **Bethlehem's Hours of Worship:**
 - **Sunday School** : Sundays @ 9:00 am
 - **Divine Worship** : Sundays @ 10:00 am
 - **Choir Rehearsal** every Wednesday from 6:00 am to 7:15 pm
 - **Bible Study (Mid-Week) resumes** (*Mid-Day from 12:00 noon and Evening from 7:30 pm*) every 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays – resuming with **Isaiah 21**.
 - **Prayer & Fasting resumes every 4th Wednesday** (*Mid-Day from 12:00 noon and Evening from 7:30 pm*)
 - **Pastor's Office Hours** : Fridays, 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm (*by appointment*)
 - **Confirmation Class** on Fridays, at 10:30 am
- Assisting with the Worship experience this month:
 - The **Elders' Board** with Cleaning and Preparing the Sanctuary.
 - The **Sunday School** with Readings and Prayer.
- **Women's Fellowship Meetings** every second Tuesday @ 6:00 pm.
- **Liturgical Dance Ministry** on Saturdays at 3:00 pm. All interested persons are invited.
- **Shut-In Communion** will be administered on **Tuesday, May 8th** starting from **10:00 am**.
- The **Funeral Service for the late Sis. Dorothy Waite** will take place on Thursday, May 3rd at Bethlehem at 1:30 p.m.
- The **Board of Elders** will meet at 7:30 pm this month on:
 - **Tuesday after Holy Communion in May** (May 8th); and
 - **Tuesday before Holy Communion in June** (May 29th).
- **Evangelism Outreach Committee** will begin planning this month (**May 10th, 17th, and 31st**)
- **Mothers' Day Service** will be conducted by the Men's Fellowship on **Sunday, May 13th at 10:00 am**. Invite all biological and other mothers - step-mothers, grand and great grand-mothers, adopted mothers, god-mothers, mothers-in-law, and mothers-to-be, come celebrate the gift of Mothers.
- **Family Sunday** will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 20th at 10:00 am**. Invite members of your family and friends. **This will be followed by a shared meal and fellowship in the Cuthbert Pilgrim Memorial Hall hosted by our auxiliary groups.**
- **Bethlehem's Fundraising Concert** under the theme **"Worship God With Music"** to be held on **Sunday, May 27th**, in collaboration with the Church Choir, the Central Bank Choir, among other

invited orchestra groups. **Tickets \$20.00**. Your generous support and effort to raise funds is sought.

- The **Hall Management Committee** will meet on **Thursday, May 31st at 6:30 pm**.
- **Outdoor Worship** on **Sunday, July 15th, 2018** at **King George V Memorial Park** at **10:00 am**. All are invited to join us in worship.

Reminder

- Cost to complete the **Bathroom Project** is approximately **\$32,800** – contributions in cash, material or labour welcomed. **Build a Block cards are available** – We are invited to faithfully support the completion of the Church's Bathroom Project.
- The **Caribbean Moravian Praise (CPM) Hymnal** and the **Liturgy Book, companion to the New Hymnal**, are in use. Cost: \$70.00 (*contact the Treasurer*). The Old Hymnal has been phased out.
- **Membership/Confirmation Class** for persons (**adults and teens**) interested in becoming full members. Registration forms are available at the Church Office.

Announcements

- The **Moravian Voice Broadcast** airs on LIFE 97.5 FM **every Wednesday @ 8:00 pm**. Tune in.
- **Lay Academy** sessions are underway - held on **Mondays 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Calvary Moravian Church**. The **Programme** will take a 2-week break in May. This Module is **"Introduction to the New Testament"**. Group Presentations have commenced. The next Module will be **"Introduction to Christian Counselling"** starting September 3rd, and every Monday from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$50.00. Lay Preachers, members of Boards, Groups/Organisations are all encouraged to share in this period of study and preparation.
- **Congratulations** to the **winners and runners-up** of the **Rev. Rudolph Holder Memorial Shield T-20 Cricket Matches – Dunscombe and Calvary**.
- The Women's Fellowship Barbados Conference will host a **Women's Fellowship Retreat** over the weekend period – **Friday, May 4th and Saturday, May 5th**.
- **Moravian Children's Convention** on **Sat., May 12th at Mount Tabor**. Dress in congregational colours.
- **Conference Flea Market for Synod** will be hosted at Sharon from 9:00 am on **Saturday, May 19th**. Stall space available at \$40.00 - contact the Office.
- **Conference Evangelistic Services** are approaching – (June/July 2018). More details later.
- The next **Conference at Prayer** will be held at **Faith Moravian in July (6 am)**. Let us prayer together.



Church Sports 2018



Another year, another friendly, yet competitive challenge, and by God's grace, another victory! Once again Bethlehem donned their **purple** T-shirts and joined with other congregations across the Barbados Conference to participate in our Annual 'Fun, Sports and Fellowship Day' at the Briar Hall Sports Complex on (Bank Holiday) Saturday, April 28th, 2018. **Second (2nd) Place, A new victory!**

The Commitment and Dedication of the Parade Team	The Focus and Determination of our Team of Athletes
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From the Parade Team, Choreographers & Coordinators
 The **Bethlehem Cheerleading Squad (BCS)** "wowed" all on Fellowship Day. Eleven young girls and their **Hulk Mascot** (a young girl) did not fail to please. A tenacious and determined group, BCS team embraced challenging moves and routines, taking the event to another level in creativity and expression, guided by Charlene and Remington (the main choreographers), and Coordinators - Clauzel and Katrina, and facilitated with the support of the parent-team. **Continued blessings to all!**

From the Team Captain, Bro. Shane Alleyne
"Perseverance seldom fails". We have progressed through the standings and this year we have improved our rank to 2nd place. We are a family! I am confident that if we continue to think of ourselves as such we will continue to fellowship in harmony. **Team Bethlehem - each person's contribution matters, every race, every day. Keep the focus!** Congrats to all who gave their best in whatever form it was rendered – ways too numerous to count! **May God bless you all!**

How We Medalled?
Details of how we medalled will be published in a subsequent issue of the Herald.



Athletes	Zionne, Jade, Kayla, Destiny, Dwayne, Renaldo, Deidre-Ann, Miguel, Daniel, Dimitri, Shane, Caitlyn, Charlene, Raheem, Arielle, Donovan, Jovan, Destiny, Kishanna, Misha, Reneshia Kemar, Romario, Richlyn, Tamia, Deneico, Mya, Joshua, Ashley	2nd Place
Parade	Arielle, Caitlyn, Charlene, Destiny, Jade, Kayla, Kishanna, Misha, Reneshia, Richlyn, Tamia, Lazinga	2nd Place
Tug-O-War	Shane, Kevin, Donovan, Dimitri, Delroy, Cecil, Deneico, Romario, Renaldo, Daniel	1st Place

Words of Encouragement and Congratulations

From the SS-Superintendent, Sis. Anthea Barrow:
Congratulations and Thank You, Team Bethlehem!
 Once again, you have proven that the team's motto should be taken from Philippians 4:13, **"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"**. This verse epitomizes the Bethlehem team, small in numbers but your faith in God gives you the strength to excel every time.
 Our 2nd position in both the parade and the track events would not have been possible without our cheerleaders, choreographers, athletes, coach, team captain, and of course, our supporters.
The camaraderie, team spirit and general behaviour at the Annual Sports and Fellowship Day must also be commended. Congrats and thank you!

From the Minister-in-Charge, Rev. Delroy Burley:
 The success of any achievement in any group depends on the contributions of every member of the team, but some teams work better together than others - where team members have a sense of personal ownership in the group's goal and believe that their contributions are valued. I would like to say as the Minister at Bethlehem that **your contribution on Sports Day was valued**. I want to personally express my gratitude to each person who came out to support **your team, your Church - Bethlehem**, whether it was for the parade, athletics, and/or tug-o-war, or just to support us with your presence. Your input is considered invaluable and uplifting to all of us here at Bethlehem. **May God continue to bless you and your family in your endeavours for His glory.**

Track & Field: Dunscombe 420; Bethlehem 311; Calvary 310; Parade: Dunscombe 24; Bethlehem 22; Clifton Hill 18; Tug-O-War: Bethlehem 1st; Calvary 2nd; Mount Tabor 3rd.