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To Educate & Outreach

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'Succession'

Acts 18:23-28 speaks to us on the topic of Succession. Paul's goal on this journey was to strengthen all the disciples in that region and to make new disciples – much like our mission should be today!

Paul journeyed with Aquila and Priscilla, and this husband and wife team grew in the knowledge of God's Word before parting ways with Paul. They were being prepared by Paul. They later met Apollos who was a Jew and an eloquent preacher. He was full of enthusiasm for God – not at all a false prophet. But he only knew John's baptism. Clearly, though he had lots of zeal, his knowledge was somewhat limited. Aquila and Priscilla heard Apollos speaking and recognised a strength and a need (potential). They therefore pulled him aside and explained the Word of God more accurately. He was being prepared by them. In this Aquila and Priscilla gave us examples we should all follow, and Apollos too, gave an example because he was receptive to correction.

As Christians, we all need to strive for a better understanding of the Word so we can in turn accurately share the Word of God and help build up our brothers and

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sisters. We need to be alert to the needs of our mentees as we strive to build them up, even if it means pulling them aside and offering some direction. We also need to be receptive to correction so we can grow and go on to be more effective. With the help of Aquila and Priscilla, Apollos was enlightened, leading to his growth, and he was better able to spread the Word of God, which was his purpose.

As parents, as Fathers today, we, too, need to be mentors – to pull our children/young people aside and guide them; take them under our wings and demonstrate what is right. We need to educate them accurately on the Word of God so that one day we can confidently send them out on their own, equipped for a purpose – to serve the Lord.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, grant us your wisdom so that we can spread your Word effectively, and, in doing so, serve you better. Grant us the humility to take correction when it is given to us and grant us your heavenly intuition to know who to listen to, and what knowledge to take to heart. Grant us the patience to wait on your call, and the courage to speak the truth regardless of the situation. Please hear our prayer, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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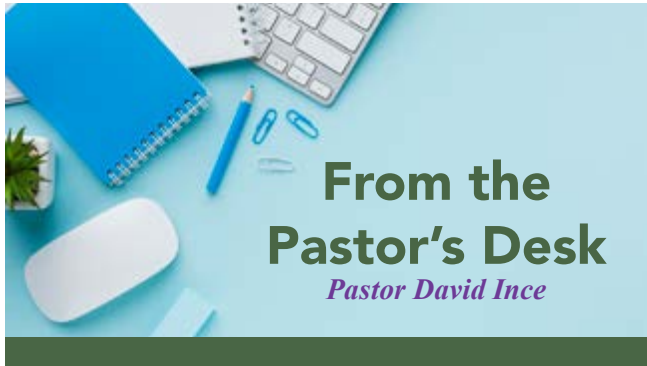
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"Our Lamb has conquered; Let us follow Him"



From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor David Ince

Be Prepared

It is June and with this begins another Atlantic hurricane season. The experts are telling us that this year will be higher than average. With the last four years still in the rear view, what will your response be? For those who are acting responsibly, it is a time to make sure that we are stocking up on the essential supplies and checking that the residential insurance is up to date. If you are a home owner, you should be seeing that needed repairs are being taken care of; and in the event that your residence is not as secure as it should be, looking at locating an appropriate shelter for you and your family. This checklist is one that is increasingly familiar to us here in this region.

In recent times we have also had to consider the threat of earthquakes and tsunamis, and having a plan in place to respond should such an event occur and doing all we can in advance to mitigate against any impact.

What do all of these potential events have in common? We know that at some point in the future whether individually, as a community or as a region, we will have to respond to an impact, and since we do not know the exact day, it is important that we take the necessary steps to prepare ourselves and encourage those around to do the same.

Preparing for potential future events is a natural and responsible attitude, and yet they remain some amongst us who are still woefully unprepared. The writer of the Proverbs warns against such when he writes "The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it." ([Proverbs 22:3](#))

When one sees or is warned about danger ahead and does not take precautions, the writer says they will suffer the consequences. The Bible warns of a coming event with consequences greater than anything we could experience in the here-and-now, especially for those who are unprepared. Like the potential hurricane or earthquake there is not a set date. That event will be the Second Coming of our Lord and Saviour, and Jesus warns us to be ready: "Therefore you also must

be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." ([Matthew 24:44](#))

Let us therefore be prepared and help others also to be ready for Jesus' return. The forecast has been given, the signs are all around what will your response be?

May we all be prepared for this coming hurricane season as we stock up and take the necessary precautions, but more importantly let us be prepared for Jesus' return by receiving the salvation He secured for us through His death, burial and resurrection, and storing up our treasures in heaven where rust or moth cannot corrupt.

Be prepared – Stay ready.

**PUT THIS
on YOUR
CALENDAR!**



**Worship Opportunities:
ONLINE, On-Air & Outreach**

The Government of Barbados has relaxed more of the restrictions under its Management and Response Plan for Barbados. However, there are a number of measures which now need to be put in place before the Church can return to in-person Services. For now, Church remains online as we undertake the necessary preparation for return to the Sanctuary, while mitigating against the risk of spread of the coronavirus, COVID-19.

The Church therefore continues to minister ONLINE, On-Air and through Outreach as we, the membership – the body of Christ – continue to play our part in reaching souls for Christ, in feeding body, mind and spirit, and bringing joy, peace, and healing to lives. You are all invited to worship with the Moravian Church – visit us *via* livestreams from our Facebook pages or *via* YouTube (*via* the following links):

ONLINE

Bethlehem & Faith Pastorate Services:

- Sundays: Divine Worship – 10:00 am
- Wednesdays: Mid-Week Meditation – 12:30 pm.
- Thursdays: Online Bible Study – 7:30 pm

Daily Devotionals:

The **Moravian Daily Text** is read by a different member every morning on our FaceBook pages and YouTube channel.

Bethlehem Moravian Church – livestream on Facebook at 10:00 am, or delayed on YouTube.

- <https://www.facebook.com/BethlehemMoravianChurch/>
- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9N942rVoY3BhyzXOKrR2A?view_as=subscriber



PROVINCIAL REMINDERS

Remember in prayer our Moravian sisters and brothers in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the entire country of the Congo, as they face additional disaster by flood. The Mulongwe river overflowed its banks in the eastern city of Uvira, in mid-April, plunging the city into emergency mode as more than six thousand families were left homeless, with more than 50 persons dead. Twenty Moravian families were among the displaced; thankfully, none died. **Eastern Congo is a Moravian Mission Area** established in 2014.

The **2020 Atlantic Hurricane Season** begins June 1. The forecast is that this will be an above average year of activity which means that more named storms are expected, and the possibility increases for direct impact. This is a good time to ensure that hurricane preparedness protocols are put in place. We prepare for the worst as we pray for the best.

The monthly **Provincial Day of Prayer and Fasting** will be held June 1, 2020. There will be three opportunities for prayer – 5:30 am – Rev. Belinda Manswell-Daniel, 12:00 midday – Bishop Kingsley Lewis, and 6:00 pm – Sis. Karen Challenger-George. The sessions will be facilitated *via* Zoom and the link will be sent out before the day. There is much to pray about so we are encouraged to gather around the altar and intercede before the God who hears and answers prayers.



Faith Moravian Church, Barbados – livestream on Facebook at 10:00 am or delayed on YouTube

- <https://facebook.com/FaithMoravian18>

Calvary Moravian Church – livestream on YouTube or on Facebook at 9:30 am.

- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRkUtJkdfK-HnmTlIK_RYNg
- www.facebook.com/CalvaryMoravianChurch/live_videos/

KIDZ ZONE

Youth/Educational materials will be uploaded for your benefit on Kidz Zone *via* our FaceBook pages and YouTube channel, as well as e-mailed to parents. This includes information on our **Interactive Kidz Zone** session *via* Video Conference. Next Interactive Kidz Zone – Saturday, June 27 at 5:00 pm. The link will be provided.

Sunday School worksheets have been prepared for the children by our Christian Educator. These are available *via* our Facebook pages, and for download *via* www.sharonmoravian.info

“Courage in Crisis” Webinar (*via* Zoom) every **Tuesday and Thursday at 6:00 pm**. These conversations are to help us deal with the stresses and disruptions occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic. Topics: COVID-19 & Me; Fear, Loss & Anxiety; Managing Relationships; Managing pre-existing mental illnesses; COVID-19 & the Elderly; COVID-19 & Children’s Fears. This can be viewed *via* our Facebook pages.

All these links are available *via* the **Sharon Moravian Church** website:

- www.sharonmoravian.info/worship-online

ON-AIR

You are invited to tune in to our **Radio Broadcast – Moravian Voice** on **LIFE 97.5 FM** every Wednesday at 8:00 pm.

Join Rev. Dr. Cicely Athill-Horsford for **Prayer On-Air** *via* **CBC, Q 100.7 FM**, on Tuesdays at 5:10 am

OUTREACH & IN-REACH

Pastoral Care:

Our Ministers continue to extend **pastoral care** as they are available for counselling and prayer *via* **phone and other electronic means**.

Benovelence Ministry - Gift Hampers:

We continue to encourage your support for our outreach efforts to assist persons impacted by the closure of businesses and other financial challenges.

The Moravian Church – Barbados Conference has set up a **SurePay** payment facility to receive **Tithes and Offerings** for the congregations. Payments can be made at any SurePay kiosk or on-line *via* surepaybillsonline.

To give anonymously, Bethlehem's account number is: 1765-1964-0000.

To give through your personal account (so that your contribution may be recorded against your name), please use your SurePay Personal Account Number that will be sent to you. (This number ends with your envelope #).

If you do not have envelopes, but desire to have a Personal Account Number, please contact the Pastors.

TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES THAT CAN HELP INDIVIDUALS, BUSINESSES & THE CHURCH

Business Continuity Model – Prepare, Respond, Recover

COVID-19 came and for many regions of the world there was not a very long time to **PREPARE** in the scheme of things as it was dynamic and evolving prior to reaching shores. When it reached us in Barbados what we knew about it kept evolving, but it was certain that the Nation and the Church had to make a ‘shift’ and **RESPOND**. We can say that COVID-19 helped leaders in many organisations to take great strides in the adoption of some necessary digital-disruptors because the need and benefits became plain to see. Individuals, organisations, including the Church, needed to continue to serve and communicate, to receive and dispense (funds, food, services, and other necessities to meet challenges), etc. whilst being forced in a lock-down situation to operate from home and away from business houses or the Church. Phone contact also became even more important as a means of keeping touch with those who are not fully linked through technology.



My Observation

Like other Churches, our pastorate in response, continued the mission but delivered some things differently. In that ‘shift’ we underwent some digital transformation, skills enhancement and adaptability. Services and Bible Study were rendered online, scripture readings and performances engaged technology in their compilation and delivery, and home visits became phone calls and video calls where practical. Our Ministry to the youth went virtual with Kidz Zone.

Important Analysis

One must say, “*Never let a crisis go to waste*”. As we now get ready for **RECOVERY**, there are many questions the Church needs to consider, but we should focus our analysis:

- What did our members and the community gain and how much of that do we need to keep?
- What did we lose, and what of that do we need to regain?
- What did we re-package, and how much of that packaging do we need to maintain?
- What are the new problems or challenges that we now need to solve or address?
- How can we go about satisfying the needs that have emerged?
- How do we go about building the framework and processes to support the ‘new normal’?
- What resources are needed – is it just availability (here I am use me), finances (tithes, offerings, funding of specific projects), ideas (vision – how about we....., renewed purpose), technical skills (video-recording, web-page development/management), people skills (problem solving, active listening, building teams, flexibility, etc)?



PESTEL Analysis

Restrictions are being lifted, but as individuals, businesses or the Church - before we shift again let us all carry out our own PESTEL Analysis. Not all may apply directly, but let us pause to identify any key external factors that could impact us and our decisions as we move to **RECOVERY**:

- **Political** – e.g. changes in government policy and regime, copyright laws
- **Economic** – e.g. conditions for economic growth; disposable income
- **Social** – e.g. age distribution, family, beliefs, media
- **Technological** – e.g. availability and device types, innovation in processes
- **Environmental** – e.g. (ethical) data-handling practices; any environmental considerations
- **Legal** – e.g. new laws that could positively and/or negatively impact behaviours.



This will help us to understand the environment in which we are going to be operating, and then we would be in a position to appropriately categorise any relevant findings as opportunities or threats to feed into a SWOT analysis.

SWOT ANALYSIS:

Strengths and weaknesses are internal and within our control to change and improve. By working through each category within the SWOT (Strength, Weakness, Opportunity, Threat), we will be able to turn SWOT findings into a solid starting point for strategy formulation as we prepare to **RECOVER**.

- What were the strengths we observed?
- How can we use those strengths to capitalise on our opportunities?
- What are the weaknesses we need to overcome in order to take full advantage of the opportunities we observed?
- How can we overcome those weaknesses?
- How can we use our strengths to overcome external threats?
- Which weaknesses are especially vulnerable to threats, and therefore in need of urgent attention?



These are just a few of the questions we need to ponder as individuals, businesses, even the Church as we now look to resume our in-person experiences. The biggest question we must each ask is – *How Can I Help This Situation?*

Our Moravian Family News



Police Station. As orders grew, from this act of giving to our front-line workers, numerous other orders and requests came from family, friends, businesses. The requests grew sharply to the extent that the assistance of her Mum, Sis. Marva Alleyne had to be co-opted, particularly when an order of 100 masks was requested. (Contact: SkamaCreations, Tel: 247-9040.)

Sis. Shelley Alleyne is not alone in this entrepreneurial spirit. Masks have also been prepared by Sisters Lana Barker and Sabrina Cain of the Faith Moravian congregation. Sis. Lana Barker shared that she makes masks for both adults and children. These entrepreneurs may be contacted via murrbarj@gmail.com for Sis. Lana Barker and via nataliesineadcain@gmail.com for Sis. Sabrina Cain.

Continuous Improvement Endeavours Congratulations Tsedek!

The Provincial family extends heartiest congratulations to Tsedek Roberts, daughter of Rev'ds Mikie and Winelle Roberts, who graduated on May 9, 2020 with a Master of Arts in International Relations and Intercultural Communications from American University. Her graduate research was on Russia-China Entente which was presented to the Office of Policy Planning at the US Department of State.

Extract from: PEC109/20

Entrepreneurship and Innovation in COVID-19



*Sis. Shelley Alleyne
#MaskDiva*

The Mask - continue to be an important PPE in the fight against the spread of COVID-19

From preparing a single mask for a friend in the Mounted Police Troop, Sis. Shelley Alleyne moved to producing and contributing seventeen more for the entire Troop, to an additional twenty donated to the District "B"

Sister Boothe Chase celebrates 81 Years

Pictured here is Sis. Boothe Chase who celebrates 81 years this year on June 4, 2020. Sis. Chase is one of our Shut-In members. She sends greetings to the congregation.



Sis. Boothe Chase



Sis. Shirley Hinds-Oaks

Sister Shirley Hinds-Oaks celebrates 71 Years

Sis. Hinds-Oaks celebrates 71 years on June 4. She says she is happy to be alive and will celebrate this milestone, although socially distant, with us and with her family and friends in the United States of America where she resides.

Fire Prevention Presentation

Continuing on from last issue's highlights from the "Fire Prevention" presentation by the Barbados Fire Service hosted by the Women Fellowship of the Fulnec Moravian Church in March 2020, below are some key points shared on Fire-Fighting:

Taking simple precautions and keeping aware of your surroundings will lower the chances of a fire in your home. Fires can spread quickly when there are no barriers. By closing bedroom doors at night this can be a passive fire protection that offers precious seconds when it matters most.

Fire-Fighting

Two commonly used items in fire-fighting are the Fire Extinguisher and the Fire Blanket. Some important tips when using the Fire Extinguisher are:

- do not panic; and
- remember the acronym: **P A S S**
 - * **P** Pull the pin (hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you and remove the pin to unlock it)
 - * **A** Aim the extinguisher low (pointing the nozzle at the base of the fire. Do not aim for the flames.)
 - * **S** Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly to release the extinguishing agent
 - * **S** Sweep the nozzle from side to side, while aiming at the base of the fire until it is put out.

It is also important to note that **Fire Extinguishers** should be checked regularly, and tested by a professional. Many factors are to be taken into consideration when identifying the appropriate placement of a Fire Extinguisher in any building – office, home, or Church – and professional guidance should be sought.

A **Fire Blanket** is protection for you and a tool to smother a fire. Always ensure that your fists are covered by the edges of the blanket as you move towards the flame, and always gently place the blanket over the flame. Do not throw the blanket onto the fire.

Submitted by Sis. Gena White

*We conclude "Fire Prevention" in the next issue.

Below clip from a Fire Prevention article:
Alcohol hand gel - a potential fire hazard (<[https://www.jprasurg.com/article/S1748-6815\(10\)00151-8/pdf](https://www.jprasurg.com/article/S1748-6815(10)00151-8/pdf)>)
Use, but Use Wisely!

Video: Fire Extinguisher

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=58naKHqpCWo>

Video: Fire Blanket

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aLL4ys-4Eq8>

Birthdays – June

- 04 – Sis. Boothe Chase
- 04 – Sis. Shirley Hinds-Oaks
- 10 – Misha Coppin (Unity Expressions)
- 12 – Bro. Ronaldo Callender
- 13 – Bro. Victor Nelson
- 16 – Sis. Chaka Browne
- 24 – Sis. Cynthia Devonish
- 29 – Rev. Roslyn Hamblin
- 29 – Sis. Louise Williams
- 30 – Bro. Earl Alleyne



Anniversary – June:

- 01 – Bro. Michael & Sis. Pamela Holder
- 13 – Bro. Jerry & Sis. Wendy Evelyn-Knight
- 24 – Bro. Hartnold & Sis. Cynthia Devonish
- 25 – Bro. Cecil & Sis. Clauzel Forde
- 27 – Bro. Ethelbert & Sis. Odessa Haynes



Remember to call and remember in Prayer not only the Sick/Shut-In/Recovering, but also the older members of our congregation who may not be connected through technology, especially during this current global pandemic

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Sis. Gloria Layne	246-428-7545
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*We express
condolence to:*

Sis. Cynthia Pollard and family on the passing of her cousin, **Mrs. Wendy Griffith Watson**, former Principal and first female Chief Education Officer in Barbados.

The Walcott family on the passing of **Sis. Cynthia Walcott**, dedicated member of this congregation and former member of both the Bethlehem Moravian Choir and the Moramus Singers of Barbados, and former Manager of the Cuthbert Pilgrim Memorial Hall.

Sis. Joyce Walters and family on the passing of her husband, **Bro. Coulbourn Walters**

More details will follow.





Family Corner



Hurricane Season – June used to be Too Soon!

Here are some tips to help you and your family stay safe during the Hurricane COVID-Season this year.

First, make sure you and your family are prepared by planning ahead.

Emergencies Supplies:

- Emergency First Aid Kit
- Emergency Food and Water supply
- Emergency Medicine supplies
- Emergency Power sources (from flashlight and batteries to generator and diesel/kerosene oil)
- Safety and Personal Items (e.g. radio, cellphone)
- Important documents, including medical documents, wills, passports, and personal identification
- A Fire Extinguisher [and know how to use one (*see video clip on page 6 for tips*)]

This year you will also need to include in your "Essential Go Kit" items that can help protect you and others for COVID-19, such as hand sanitisers, or bar/liquid soap, two cloth face coverings for each member of the family, except children under the age of 2.

Understand there is a difference this year because of the need to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.

Get your home ready:

- Clean your yard. Make sure there is nothing that could blow around during the storm and damage your home. Move bicycles, lawn furniture, grills, propane tanks, and building materials inside or under shelter.
- Cover up windows and doors. Use storm shutters or nail pieces of plywood to the outside window frames to protect your windows.

Be ready to turn off your power. If you see flooding, downed power lines, or you have to leave your home, turn off the gas, electricity and water.

Unplug or switch off appliances if you have time.

Fill clean water containers with drinking water in case you lose water supply during the storm. You can also fill up your sinks and bathtubs with water for washing.

Do not forget the vehicle:

- Fill your car's gas tank
- Move cars and trucks into your garage or under cover
- Always keep an emergency kit in your car.

When you check on neighbours and friends, be sure to follow social distancing recommendations (staying at least 6 feet) to protect yourself and others.

Do not forget to plan for your pets.

Some tips to help you prepare and lower the risk of infection while staying safe and healthy in a public disaster shelter during COVID-19 season.

- Try to deal with the disaster calmly and confidently as this can be the best support for your children, and others.
- Teach and reinforce everyday preventative actions for keeping healthy with your children. Be a good role model - if you wash your hands often, your children are more likely to do the same.
- Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people outside of your household. Watch your children to ensure they stay at least 6 feet away from anyone who is not in your household.
- Avoid touching your face
- Cover coughs and sneezes, and follow shelter policies for wearing cloth face coverings.
- Do not share utensils
- Avoid sharing food and drink with anyone, if possible.
- Avoid touching high-touch surfaces, such as handrails, as much as possible. If not possible, wash hands or use hand sanitisers containing 60% alcohol immediately after you touch these surfaces.
- Keep your living area clean and disinfect frequently touched items such as toys, cellphones, and other electronics.
- If you feel sick when you arrive or start to feel sick while sheltering, tell shelter staff immediately. Also watch your child for any signs of illness, and tell shelter staff if your child may be ill.

Adapted from: <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/covid-19/prepare-for-hurricane.html>

Trained Counsellors for students are available during this COVID-19 season: counselling@mes.gov.bb

Teen/Youth/Young Adults Corner

Word Search: COMPASSION

COMPASSION MEANS BEING CONCERNED FOR OTHERS

FIND THE WORDS UNDERLINED BELOW IN THE WORD SEARCH:

DO NOTHING OUT OF SELFISH AMBITION OR VAIN CONCEIT, BUT IN HUMILITY CONSIDER OTHERS BETTER THAN YOURSELVES. EACH OF YOU SHOULD LOOK NOT ONLY TO YOUR OWN INTERESTS, BUT ALSO TO THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS."

Philippians 2:3-4

FILL in the BLANKS below

Showing "Compassion" isn't just the right thing to do... It feels good too!

Using the words below, complete the verses.

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| COMPASSION | LORD |
| FORGAVE | HUMILITY |
| GRIEVANCES | CHOSEN |
| ANOTHER | FORGIVE |
| HAVE | GENTLENESS |
| CLOTHE | BEAR |
| HOLY | LOVED |



"Therefore, as God's _____ people, _____ and dearly _____, _____ yourselves with _____, kindness, _____, _____ and patience. _____ with each other and _____ whatever _____ you may _____ against one _____. Forgive as the _____ you."

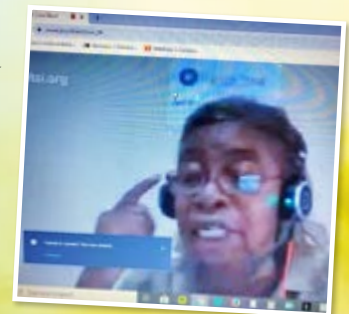
Colossians 3:12-13

Source: More Bible Activities

KIDZ ZONE

Interactive Kidz Zone

The Bethlehem and Faith Pastorate established a Kidz Zone during the Lockdown period as a means of addressing the spiritual needs of our Youth. They were able to access Bible activities *via* FaceBook, as well as *via* their parents' e-mail. In addition, an interactive Kids Zone session was held *via* video conference. The interactive session was presented on Saturday, May 30, and repeated on Monday, June 1 (Public Holiday - Whit Monday) to capture a wider audience. Approximately 15 children took advantage of the interactive Kidz Zone session. Look out for the next Interactive Kidz Zone session on Saturday, June 27 at 5:00 pm.



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"Seek and Submit, Hear and Heed, Imagine and Insight, Focus and Function, Totally Transformed"