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The Rarity of Gratitude

Submitted by: Sis. Miriam Trotman

"And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God" Luke 17: 15

When Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem, He journeyed through the border between Galilee and Samaria; where he encountered ten lepers, one of whom was a Samaritan. The lepers came to Jesus longing to be healed. Without any question as to who was Jew or Samaritan, He healed them and sent them on their way. Ten Lepers were healed. Only one glorified God "And fell down on his face at his feet, giving thanks: and he was a Samaritan" Luke 17:16

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this passage?

For many years, we are dependent on parents or guardians for everything. Yet, few of us ever think of repaying the debt we owe and fail even to say 'thank you'. How many of us are ungrateful to our parents and guardians, and forget that they went through much sacrifice to feed, clothe and educate us?!



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"Our Lamb has conquered; Let us follow Him"

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Very often we are also ungrateful to God. How many times have we asked God to lift us out of a situation and then walked away without saying "Thank You Lord"?! In times of need we pray to Him with great intensity. Then, time passes and we We forget to give Him thanks for forget God. bringing us through numerous struggles difficulties.

Let us be ever mindful of the admonition of the Psalmist: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits" Psalm 103:2

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for all Your loving care and tender mercies. We thank You for guiding and directing us through the rough paths of life. Lord, help us that we may never forget those who assisted us through life, especially parents and guardians, teachers and other mentors. Amen.





From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor David Ince
Independent Christian?

It is the month of

November, and here in Barbados the focus of our collective thoughts is on the subject of independence. It was on November 30, 1966 (also the year of my birth) that we as a nation gained independence from our British Colonial masters; we are now free to make our own laws, chart our own course, to make decisions for ourselves. It is now 53 years later. Can we really say that we are "independent"? And can we ever be truly independent of each other? This brings me to the title of this reflection. Can there be such a creature as an independent Christian - a person answerable "only" to God with no requirement or responsibility to human authority? The answer, to the dismay of many, is "No" Daniel 2:21 - And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. It is God who raises up kings (human leaders) and places governments to rule over us; and Paul in the letter to the Romans instructs us to obey the government of the day (Romans 13:1 - "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God."). This makes it very difficult to obey God if we are actively and aggressively disobeying those he has placed in leadership. The only exception I see in scripture to this arrangement is when that human authority goes against the word of God, as was seen in the Book of Daniel, where Daniel and his friends refused certain foods, did not bow down to the Golden Image or prayed to King Darius.

The second and possibly more important aspect is the fact that as believers we are a part of a greater (and yes, an imperfect) whole called the church or the body of Christ.

- For in fact the body is not one member but many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. And if they were all one member, where would the body be? But now indeed there

are many members, yet one body - Corinthians 12:14-20.

Finally, as believers we are instructed in the Bible to dwell in unity and to have fellowship with each other. So as difficult as it sometimes can be, we are called upon to rely upon each other in love and obedience – Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. (*Ephesians 5:21*)

"What's the verdict?" Can there be an independent Christian?

Happy Independence, Barbados!



Worship Hours at Bethlehem:

- O Sunday School: @ 9:00 am
- Divine Worship: Sundays @ 10:00 am
- Holy Communion every 1st
 Sunday @ 10:00 am
- o Prayer & Bible Study this month at 7:30 pm
- Prayer Meeting, Fasting 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 pm
- Office Hours: Fridays 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Rev. Hamblin is on vacation. Contact Pastor Ince.
- Assisting with this month's Worship experience:
 - The **Elders** with Cleaning and Preparing the Sanctuary.
 - o The **Choir** with Readings and Prayer.
- Liturgical Dance Rehearsals 3:00 pm on Saturdays.
- Learn to Drum 6:00 pm on Fridays
- Holy Communion to Sick & Shut-In November 5th.
- WF Meetings 2nd Tuesday @ 6:00 pm.
- Harvest Breakfast "Giving Thanks to God" on Saturday, November 9th at 8:00 am. Speaker: Rev. Vera Waithe. Contribution Adults: \$30.00, Children: \$15.00. To facilitate a prompt start set-up will be on Friday evening from 5:30 pm. Please assist.
- Harvest Festival Sunday, November 17th at 3:30 pm. Perishables & Non-perishables, Talent and your support welcomed.
- ☐ Joint Board Meeting Tuesday, November 19th at 7:30 pm

Conference-wide Events

- Moravian Voice Broadcast LIFE 97.5 FM every Wednesday @ 8:00 pm.
- Faith's Luncheon Sunday, November 3rd at New Church Site (along Foursquare Road) from 1:00 pm. Contribution: \$60.00 in aid of Building Fund.
- ☐ Mission Festivals:
 - o Clifton Hill Monday, November. 4th
 - o Gracehill Tuesday, November 12th
 - o Fulnec Tuesday, November 19th
- The Church on Roebuck Street 185 years of History and Heritage' A modern dramatisation on Tuesday, November 16th (6:00 pm 9:00 pm) at the Barbados Museum & Historical Society. Adults: \$60.00, Children: \$20.00
- Conference Christingle December 1st at Calvary

FEATURE Christ, the Chief Elder

After its renewal in Germany in 1722, and its Spiritual Baptism there in 1727, the Moravian Church set out on missionary activity from 1732. By 1741 it stretched from Greenland to South Africa. It became the custom to appoint one of the elders within the church to be a chief elder. Such a person had the responsibility for spiritual matters for the entire Moravian Unity and its members. The workload therefore became burdensome. For six years this chief elder had been Leonard Dober, the first Moravian missionary. (He had landed on the island of St. Thomas in the Caribbean on December 13, 1732 with David Nitschmann.)

By the time of the Synod held in London in September of that year (1741), Dober had given notice of his retirement from that office. The Synod therefore set about the appointment of a new chief elder. This they did by Lot. (See footnote for explanation of 'Lot'). But even from among such inspiring elders as Count Zinzendorf, his wife and daughter, Friederich de Watteville (Zinzendorf's best friend), Rosina Nitschmann, August Spangenberg, and David Nitschmann, an appointment could not be secured: the Lot kept saying "No". The Synod paused its agenda and took time for prayer and Biblical reflection on the matter. Since scripture seemed to point them in the direction of Jesus' role as the great shepherd, they asked themselves whether they should be considering Jesus for the office of chief elder and would He accept this. On September 16th they put this question to the Lot and the surprising answer was "Yes".

The Synod was overjoyed at this decision of Jesus Christ as Chief Elder of the Moravian Church and so decided to make a public announcement in all Moravian congregations around the world. Since the means of communication would be slow (by ship), a date was selected to make the announcement. This date was November 13, 1741. Since then this date has been celebrated in the Moravian Church to mark the Proclamation of Christ as Chief Elder.

Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood, Associate Professor of Moravian Theology and Ministry at Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, gives the following significance to this proclamation:

"By proclaiming that Jesus Christ is our Chief Elder, Moravians acknowledge that he is the true head of the church and all that we do should be pleasing to him. It is also a reminder that true leadership is a servant leadership like that of Jesus."

Today, as Moravians we proclaim Christ as Chief Elder and we advance under the banner of our motto, "Our Lamb has conquered: let us follow Him".

Footnote: (adapted from Craig Atwood):

Moravians made important decisions by selecting a lot, the purpose of which was to let God have a direct voice in decisions of the church. The elders would discuss a problem and propose a solution. Then they would pray for divine guidance, and finally they would pull out a slip of paper from a box, often a scripture verse suggesting an answer. If it said "yes," they would go ahead with the decision. If it said "no," they tried to find another solution. Sometimes the lot said "wait," and so they would give the situation a little more time and try again.

On September 16, they asked the Lord if Leonard Dober could stop being Chief Elder and the answer was "yes." They then proposed several persons for his replacement as the chief elder, but the answer by Lot was always "No". Finally the small group of elders decided ask this question: "Whether this signified that the Saviour would himself undertake the office." To their surprise, the lot agreed and in good Moravian fashion, they sang a hymn, "We kiss thee with great tenderness, you elder of the congregation." Jesus Christ had officially accepted the office of Chief Elder through the Lot.

Submitted by Rev. Roslyn Hamblin

November 30. 2019



Barbados: 1966 - 2019 and counting...

Our Moravian Family News

Share your news of our children with our Moravian Family — Academic, Sports, Entertainment, Other.

Contact Bro. Maurice Quintyne.

ROMARIO

PROFILE

GENDER: MALE

AGE: 23

SCHOOLS ATTENDED:

- Christ Church Boys' Primary (now Milton Lynch Primary)
- Queen's College
- University of the West Indies Cave Hill Campus



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Football
- Basketball
- Track

Hobbies:

• Reading & Writing

KEY ACHIEVEMENT

- BSc. Degree

• Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics and Accounting

Subjects Covered included:

- * Auditing * Advanced Accounting Theory
- * Econometrics * Macro & Micro Economics, among athers

Additional Course: * Management Information Systems

RECIPE FOR THE SUCCESS:

Persistence - staying the course.

WHY ECONOMICS AND ACCOUNTS:

I am reasonably good with numbers so it is kind of a good fit.

NEXT STEPS:

Pursuing related full-time employment.

ROMARIO'S ADVICE TO STUDENTS:

Get to know the University – scholarships and plans, facilities, and procedures. Get to know the various facilitators, and the course material. Then, work hard.

Interview questions by Bro. Maurice Quintyne

"Every person you meet knows something you don't; learn from them."

H. Jackson Brown Jr.

KYLE

PROFILE

GENDER: MALE

AGE: 25

SCHOOLS ATTENDED:

- Christ Church Boys' Primary (now Milton Lynch Primary)
- Deighton Griffith Secondary
- Barbados Community College
- Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge - UK



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Boys' Scouts
- Football, Futsal, & Fitness Training

Hobbies:

• Chess & Music

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Chief Scout Award
- Associate Degree in Arts Information Technology & Politics
- BEng. Degree
 - Bachelor of Engineering with Honours Degree in Computer Science

Subjects Covered included:

* Network Routing * Operating Systems * Software Engineering * Digital Security * Internet Services, Data Analytics and the Cloud * Distributed Programming, among others

RECIPE FOR THE SUCCESS:

Focus - take extra interest in what you are doing. Develop yourself in a way that sets you apart from your peers. Build new skills, especially those that supplement what you are looking to do. Very important - Put God First.

WHY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT):

I first studied IT in Secondary School, and programming peaked my interest. I asked my parents to allow me to study it during my school-year, but outside of school. I was successful, continued IT at Barbados Community College, searched long and hard for the type of Degree Programme I wanted to pursue, and the rest is now history.

NEXT STEPS:

Internship, Full-time Job, Master's Degree, Possible specialisation in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning in the future.

KYLE'S ADVICE TO STUDENTS:

Have a plan, preparation is key. Get your priorities straight. Don't just work hard, aim to work smart - remember just because you are doing a lot does not mean you are getting a lot done.

Interview questions by Bro. Maurice Quintyne

STUDY ABROAD

Best Wishes to our **Bro. Darric Taylor Omeir** who has travelled to the United Kingdom (UK) to pursue studies in Occupational Therapy at Coventry University. His sister, **Dayanne**, has started her Masters in Behaviour Analysis at the University of Kent in the UK.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMMES

Congratulations!



DONOVAN

19 YEARS

INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY SUMMER
TEENS PROGRAMME
(ITS FOR TEENS)

Certificates of Achievement





KEON 16 YEARS

Programme Sponsored by: The Community Development Department, Ministry of Youth and Community Empowerment – Barbados (part of the National Summer Camps Programme for 2019)
Venue Attended: St. Christopher Community Resource Centre Period: July 15 to August 23, 2019

The Programme: Online registration was available *via* the Ministry's website www.youthaffairs.gov.bb. Training took place at 23 Community Resource Centres across Barbados. The teens attending each Centre were challenged to work in teams to conceptualise and design different elements of a project promoting Barbadian culture, using the skills acquired through the programme (Computer Graphics, Web Page Design, and Microsoft Office). One representative from each Centre was nominated to present the complete project to a Panel of Judges from the Ministry, vying for first, second, third and fourth place prizes. They learned more about Barbados, and acquired new skills and strengthened others. Commendations to our young people.

Submitted by Sis. Verve Alleyne

Sunday School Orientation Workshop

Sunday School is crucial to the Body of Christ. In preparation for the resumption of our Sunday School Programme, a Sunday School Teachers' Orientation Workshop was held at Bethlehem's Cuthbert Pilgrim Memorial Hall. The Workshop took place on Saturday, September 14th for those persons willing to be Sunday School Teachers, to assist or to serve in the future. Being of service to others is one area of ministry which is critical to the body of Christ - the church. The training emphasised this aspect as a vital characteristics of the Sunday School Teacher - persons willing to serve God by serving others. Some of the areas in which persons can serve God by serving others include, serving your family; giving financially to build God's Kingdom; volunteering in your community; home visiting; teaching; donating supplies, and helping children.

Submitted by Bro. Cecil and Sis. Clauzel Forde

Women's Fellowship Council Month

The Aim of the Barbados Moravian Women's Fellowship is to foster a spirit of sisterhood by uniting women in spiritual fellowship through prayer, education, service and outreach.

The Women's Fellowship Council once again celebrated the month of October with their usual activities. It started with the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the 6th, followed by the Culinary, Arts and Craft Exhibition on the 13th, the Quiz on 21st. It culminated with the Candlelight Service at Mt. Tabor on Sunday the 27th at 5.00 pm. The Theme for the evenings' message was "Live By Love" where the Senior Pastor of White Park Wesleyan Holiness Church, Rev. Esther Willoughby gave us eight (8) recipes of showing true love: Patience, Kindness, Humility, to name a few.

The Fellowships throughout the Conference were responsible for the service on Sunday the 20th. Our very own Sis. Desma Linton brought the message at Bethlehem, focusing on the life of Paul – 'Contentment'. The evening featured a Variety Concert at Calvary where Sis. Claire Edwards sang a beautiful rendition of "My Redeemer Lives." In all it was a great Concert.

The Bethlehem Women's Fellowship received a trophy for first (1st) place in the Quiz, and one for second (2nd) in Culinary, and though this year we did not enter as many exhibits as we usually do, we came third (3rd) overall. Dunscombe was this year's first place winners, followed by Calvary in second place.

Again, I want to say 'Thank You' to all those who supported us in the Quiz; whether through prayers or by gracing us with their presence. Thanks go to Pastor David Ince and Bro. Cecil Forde who journey with us every year, and to Sis. Clauzel Forde who helped with the Quiz. Thanks also go to all the other Fellowship members. May God continue to be with us as we continue our work for the Lord.

Sis. Worrell's contribution this year has been missed. Though she was not well, she still encouraged us to do our craft. She will be deeply missed. May she rest in peace.

Submitted by Sis. Diana Yarde, President, Bethlehem Women's Fellowship

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

The Calvary Moravian Women's Fellowship invites you to a lecture on "Alzheimer's Disease, and the Symptoms of Dementia", at Calvary Moravian Church, on Monday, November 11 at 5:00 pm. The Presenter will be Miss Pamelia Brereton, President of the Alzheimer's Association.



The Passing of a Loved One in the Family

The death (passing from life on this earth to the presence of our Lord and Saviour) of a loved one in the immediate family, close friend or even a colleague can be difficult to accept or to bear. It is particularly difficult to bear when one loses a parent, child or sibling. It is widely felt that the only thing that eases the feelings of loss, sorrow, loneliness, and sometimes actual pain is the nature of the relationship, TIME, and FORGIVENESS (sometimes of self, circumstance, or the deceased, where appropriate).

My family has just experienced the loss of our Centenarian (101-year old) "Aunt" Cynthia Greene to death. Our Church is also experiencing the loss to death of our former Organist, Sis. Marjorie Worrell, who will be missed by all members of our Church. Our condolences are extended to the families of both of our 'Angels'. May they Rest In Peace (RIP) and rise in glory, as they are now in the nearer presence of our Lord and Saviour (1 Corinthians 15: 21 & 22 and Psalm 23).

Both of these ladies were extremely creative women. Sis. Marjorie Worrell was a Teacher for her adult life - teaching at the primary and secondary school levels. We will miss her in many areas of our Church life, especially music, and arts and crafts. Her creative skills were shared with many a young person, as well as with the women in our Bethlehem Women's Fellowship.

'Aunt' Cynthia, a very dear, close family member, was a talented Seamstress, who designed for many a bride and their attendants, as well as being a Hairdresser. Her skills were also beneficial to her wider family. I will miss my aunt's tremendous sense of humour, lovely personality, loving kindness, and family priorities and guidance. We will miss her very much in our family. **R.I.P.**

Submitted by: Sis. Marva Alleyne

Grief

Grief is really a natural and appropriate response to loss or separation – it is actually considered therapeutic. As Christians, our faith gives us hope in the knowledge that death is not the end. The occasion of separation from earth and from us, opens the door to reconciliation with God – that is not death but life! That perspective transforms what might be classified as worldly grief into Christian grief. Although this understanding is true, it does not erase the grief we experience. Be prepared. Sometimes, although time has

advanced, and we feel well on the way to 'moving on', grief will come again from some corner of our mind and take us back like a wave. That is natural! Remember, God is right there with us. He has promised to never leave us nor forsake us. Hold on!

Adapted: Practical Christianity

Special Greetings This Month – November

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BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

01 – Sis. Cherryann Ince 06 – Bro. Ormond McConney 07 – Sis. Analacia Yarde 09 – Sis. Pamela Holder

13 – Sis. Valrie Quintyne 17 – Sis. Katrina Reece-Burley

20 – Sis. Paula Mohamed 20 – Bro. Isaac Greenidge

24 – Sis. Joyce Walters

24 – Rev. Delroy Burley

26 – Bro. Romario Ellis

Anniversary Greetings To:

24 – Rev. Alban & Cynthia St. Hill





Remember in Prayer our Sick/Shut-In/Recovering:

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Sis. Odessa Haynes	246-426-8663
Sis. Gloria Layne	246-428-7545
Sis. Muriel La Forte	246-428-7536



We express condolences to family and friends of the late Sis. Marjorie Worrell (former Organist at Bethlehem). Sis. Worrell passed into the nearer presence of God on Tuesday, October 29, 2019. The Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Sis. Worrell will

take place at the Sharon Moravian Church in St. Thomas on Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 3:00 pm. Please remember in prayer Sis. Worrell's family, friends and our congregation and Moravian community during this period. **PLEASE NOTE**: Transportation will be available from Bethlehem Church on Thursday, leaving at 2:00 pm to travel to the Funeral Service and back.

We also express condolences to the Alleyne & Williams families on the passing of Cleophas St. Clair Neblett - the father of Sis. Rosita Alleyne; the cousin of Sis. Michelle Louise Williams; and nephew of Sis. Louise Williams. The Service was held on Thursday, October 17th, 2019 at Grace Moravian Church in the United States. Please keep them in prayer.

Teen/Youth Corner WORD SEARCH

'HARVEST TIME'

















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GLEAN	HARVESTER	ORANGES
PLENTIFUL	POTATOES	PROVISION
PUMPKIN	REAPING	THANKSGIVING
	VEGETABLES	























Youth Corner Introducing 'Unity Expressions'

The Dance Ministry at the Bethlehem Moravian Church started approximately 10 years. We have all been delighted with the ministry of these little ones ("Jewels" they were called) and have seen those who are still members, grow from tiny tots to teenagers.

Their ministry continues to delight at Harvest, concerts, Mother's Day, Christmas, and at other events both at Bethlehem, and other congregations as time and schedule permits. The dancers also undertook the role of Cheerleaders for Bethlehem at our Annual Conference Sports and Fellowship Day.

This group of children, both individually and collectively, continues to minister in dance and, on occasion, with singing. The members rage in age from 8 years to 16 years. The group is now preparing for our Harvest Programme on 17th November. The group is cohesive, and has undertaken to solidify its mission, role and impact, and is now called "Unity Expressions" (UE). Two members of this group are featured in this publication.



Let us continue to prayer for
our youth
and Youth
Programmes



Name: Misha Coppin

Age: 10 years

Birthdate: 10 June School: Bayley's Primary

Achievements: 1st in Class, Head Girl,

Distinction in Music Theory Grade 1

Date joined UE: March 2017 No of Performances: 10+ Next Performance: Harvest Likes/Hobbies: Singing, Dancing Name: Kiasha Massiah-Toby

Age: 9 years

Birthdate: 24 February School: St. Lawrence Primary Achievement: 3rd in Class

Date Joined UE: September 2019

No of Performances: 0

Next Performance: Harvest Likes/Hobbies: Singing, Dancing,

Running, Eating, Playing games on tablet

Submitted by Sis. Clauzel Forde

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