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THE VOICE OF OUR LAY READERS



Sis Gwenella Benjamin

backgrounds, to work as kingdom citizens during this movement.

Jack Coe, former alcoholic, had taken off with his bare hands a cancerous mole from a woman's face before a crowd of witnesses. Kathryn Kuhlman, a divorced woman whom many churches did not want as their pastor, was used to deliver an unbelieving scientist who had nerve damage in both ears that resulted in his being permanently and completely deaf. God had restored his hearing before a large crowd of witnesses, of whom many were doctors who came just to disprove that the Holy Spirit could not heal. A. A. Allen whose parents were moonshiners (individuals that sold alcohol illegally) was used by God to deliver a man from stomach cancer. At the front of the church, the nurse brought the patient in a bed. He could not swallow anything and thus

he was starving to death. After a simple prayer to God, the man jumped out of his bed and started rejoicing. This miracle was then put to a test before a great crowd of witnesses. A. A. Allen had him eat a sandwich and then had him drink a carton of milk. The patient was able to consume them and thus proved he was completely healed.

These miracles just mentioned were unimaginable, but none could compare to the great Welsh Revival. In 1904, Evans Roberts asked God to deliver 100,000 souls through him. Within six weeks of this request, the mining country of Wales was on fire with the Holy Ghost. Through this insignificant man, God changed the culture of Wales. During the Welsh Revival, alcoholic and gambling establishments went out of business and theatres closed due to low

Brothers and Sisters, St. John chapter 20:21-22 states, 'Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost.'

In the late 1980s and early 1900s, there was a movement of the Holy Spirit to advance the Kingdom of God. He had raised up unqualified, sometimes uneducated and unwanted individuals from unique

Provincial Theme
"Advance the Kingdom:

Thematic Focus
Live as Kingdom Citizens"

Conference Theme
*"Pursuing the Blessing:
Empowered to do Ministry"*

Motto:

In Essentials
Unity

In Non Essentials
Liberty

In All Things
Charity

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attendance. Businesses were closing early so that people would be in time for church. Crime had dropped. The police force reported that they had little more to do than supervise the coming and going of the people to the Chapel prayer meetings. The culture had changed so much that the mules that were used to help in the mining industry could no longer understand the instructions of the miners because the miners had stopped using curse words. The managers had to order a new set of mules to counteract that problem. The Holy Spirit was on fire in Wales.

These were only a few of the citizens called by God during this period. Many more such as Smith Wigglesworth, John Seymour, Alexander Dowie and others were unqualified to work in the Kingdom of God but were qualified through the Holy Spirit for the advancement of the Kingdom. The question then arises as to what was different between the 1900's season and our present season?

One reason was that the medical science was not an exact science. Many of the clinical developments of our present day were still on a trial basis. Moreover, the availability of medicine was not so easy and was often costly for poorer individuals. For many it was either prayer or death. There was no other option but to have faith. On the other hand, in this present day, when we feel a slight pain, our first reaction is to run to the doctor, when our first reaction should be to pray and believe. Sometimes

we may become guilty of having more faith in medicine than in our God.

Moreover, in the early 1900s there were limited distractions for Christians. Therefore, one of the few places where they could socialize in a positive atmosphere was in the church. Communication was based on newspapers and letters. Therefore, in the Christians 'free time they would read the Bible and spend time in prayer. However, in our present day we have access to so many social media. There are Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, Twitter, Periscope and WhatsApp. When we reach home from a long day of work, many of us may try to update our status and observe other people's statuses and vlogs. Hence, by the time we have finished updating ourselves with social media, we are too tired for God. As a result, our armour of God may become a 'bit rusty'.

Finally, our passion has been diverted. Back in the early 1900s, people's passion was for Christ. For example, the people of Wales attended church every day during the period of 1904 to 1905. They lived and breathed church. God was their passion and this was reflected in the business places closing early, and brothels and all other entertainment being abandoned. Currently, for many of us, passions have been diverted to the advancement in our education, our businesses, our talents, social status and many more. Often times, we become so busy dealing with the advancement of ourselves

that we forget or pay little attention to the advancement of the Kingdom of God. God deserves much better than that. He showed us greater love than any of those advancements that we often pursue could give us. He showed his love by giving up his only innocent son to a wicked world so that Jesus could take the keys of hell from the Devil. Jesus did not deserve it, but he did it. It is for this mere reason that our God deserves our passion.

The Holy Spirit has been calling Zion for a long time. He has spoken to us through various individuals. His main message is that he requires more of us. He has been ready to work with Zion for a long time. Now is our season. However, in order for him to work with us and to do great works, we first must desire to be used greatly by him. The Holy Spirit can only use us greatly after we have armed ourselves with the sword of God, which is the Word of God. Most of all, the Holy Spirit desires a personal relationship with each citizen in Zion. If we don't harken to the Holy Spirit, we will never be able to achieve our 2018 Provincial theme by Advancing the Kingdom and by living as Kingdom Citizens.

John 14:12 states, 'Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do.' Zion has great potential. Zion has many gifts stored up in the bellies of its citizens. Zion's altar should be decorated with abandoned wheel chairs, crutches, beds

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Youth Praise Team
ZMC Steel Band

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Dorcas Ministry
Zion Outreach Ministry
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Bible Study
Health Care Team
New Believers Class
Moravian Senior Club
Zion Ushers Ministry
Zion Missions' Team
Multimedia Team

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CONGRATULATIONS

Moving Forward.....50 years – Progress, Endurance, Quality Health Service



Sis Sonia Daly- Finley

As part of the activities commemorating the 50th anniversary of the JNF Hospital, staff members who had given in excess of ten years' service were awarded not only for their length of service, but for the quality of work which they have provided and continue to provide in the Health sector.



Sis Avicia Sweeney

Sister Avicia Sweeney completed her Tertiary Education as of May 2017. She studied at the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus - Jamaica for three years, where she was awarded a Bachelor's Degree (Hons) in Biochemistry with a minor in Food Chemistry.

While at the University, Sister Sweeney was also the Vice President of the St. Kitts and Nevis Association Jamaica and the Public Relations Officer of the University of the West Indies Biochemistry Society. Sister Avicia Sweeney has now returned home where she is employed at the St. Kitts and Nevis Bureau of Standards as a Microbiologist.

The Leadership and members of Zion extend congratulations to Sis Avicia and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

An Awards dinner was convened on 10th March at the Eco Park to honour these individuals. Four (4) members of Zion, **Sisters Sonia Daly-Finley, Domina Christmas-Brisport and Sasskya Archibald and Bro Dwain Archibald** were among the awardees. Sis Sasskya Archibald and Bro Dwain Archibald were unable to attend the prestigious event.



Sis Domina Christmas-Brisport



During the month of February, Black History month, it is customary for the Hope Chapel (Methodist) Church to honour someone from the community for his/her contribution to the Nation. On Sunday 18 February, this year's honouree was **Sis Jillian D. Archibald** for her contribution to netball.



Sis Jillian Archibald

Her journey in this field started at the Girls' High School where she got involved, loved the game and excelled. Her sharp shooting skills earned her selection on the National Netball team while still a student at the school. She represented St Kitts in regional tournaments from 1967 to 1985 and was one of the most feared goal shooters in the region. She also had the honour of being a member of the West Indies Netball team in 1969. She has also coached National Netball teams at both the Junior and Senior levels and is the founding member of the Coca Cola Shamrock Netball Club, a club which has been in existence for forty-seven (47) years and has won numerous championships.

The leadership and members of Zion extend congratulations to Sis Jillian on her recognition by the Church in the field of Sports.



Bro Dwain Archibald



Sis Sasskya Archibald





PEC REPORTS

Hymn of the Month – March 2018

The hymn for the month of March is # 598 – ***O that we all could quite fulfil***. It was written in 1778 in German and was later adapted in 1789 by J. Miller. The tune ***Melcombe*** has been applied to this hymn.

This hymn is intended to be sung as a covenant hymn. The text highlights the Christian ideal that we aspire to as Moravian brothers and sisters, that is, to love each other sincerely. Yet in the opening verse we confess that this is only possible when our hearts have been captured first by Jesus' love. The second develops that theme further by pinpointing the powerful symbolism of members being connected by "heart and hand." As a result, our love for each other is manifested in our walking and working together. Once we journey together then we hold each other accountable ensuring that as members of the faith community we are always ready for Christ's return. The third verse captures and expresses the hope of each member within the Body of Christ. Ultimately, it's the believer's aspiration to see Christ as He is. We await that day when the union begun on earth will be consummated in heaven.

We hope that this hymn will be added to the memory bank as an option for our covenant hymns as we exchange the right hand of fellowship and renew our covenant with each other and the Lord.

Below are the words and music for the hymn of the month for March:

*O that we all could quite fulfil
Our Saviour's testament and will;
To love each other we desire;
Come, sacred love, our hearts inspire.*

*2 We join together heart and hand,
To walk towards the promised land;
For his appearance may with care
Each member day and night prepare.*

*3 Till we the Lord our righteousness
Shall see in glory face to face,
The bond of peace may we maintain,
And one with him, our Lord, remain.*

Rev Dr Mikie Roberts
Provincial Music Director

Walking in Dignity and Respect

It is important for one to keep sharp and informed on a daily basis. On 28 February, one of my Facebook friends posted the following, "**A person in authority must treat you with dignity and respect**". I thought about it for a while and wondered if I have been disrespecting persons or treating them in an undignified way. In my reflection, I came to the belief that I have done my best to treat people with dignity and respect. I pattern my life on Jesus the Christ and therefore seek to encourage, empower and elevate persons at all times. As children of God, we need to seek out the best in each other and celebrate the good things in each.

Dignity means the kind of care, in any setting, which supports and promotes, and does not undermine, a person's self-respect regardless of any difference or, as one person puts it, 'Being treated like I was somebody'.

Dignity refers to **the state of being worthy or honourable**. As human beings, we should treat everyone with dignity. It does not matter whether that person has a lower status, educational qualification, or even belongs to a different class of people. Dignity is treating others in an honourable manner. The individual can have his flaws, limitations, and mistakes. Nevertheless, he should be treated with honor. When treating another person with dignity, it does not denote that we are respecting that person but recognizing that person with worth.

For instance, some people ill-treat the poor. They believe that they have no dignity and can be treated in whatever way

that suits them. This is why they are exploited and abused in most situations. If we treat others with dignity, such a situation does not arise. In other words, we would not exploit and abuse them.

Respect refers to **admiration for someone because of their qualities or achievements**. For instance, we respect people whom we admire such as our parents, teachers, pastors, friends, colleagues, supervisors, etc. In such a situation, we tend to look up to that person, not with the intention of providing a sense of worth as in the case of dignity, but because we admire them.

Respect usually comes from within the individual. It is a way we view another individual. It is not something that can be forced out of another but should come naturally. Respect however, begets respect. We should not look for respect from others if we do not respect them. Unlike in the case of dignity where a person's worth is recognized and acknowledged, here the individual goes a step further and admires. It is this admiration that results in respect.

As we journey ahead through this Lenten Season, let us treat everyone with dignity and respect, regardless of the class, colour, ethnic background, sexual or religious orientation, educational background or skill level. We were all created in the image and likeness of God. It means that all of us ought to reflect God in our walk and our talk. Former British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill said, "**If we open a quarrel between the past and the present, we shall find we have lost the future**". We need to lift up and encourage each other every step of the way.

May I challenge us to want what God wants for us? God wants us to be treated as men and women of dignity and purpose. Indeed, he wants us to treat each other with respect. No one is beyond God's redemption. Jessica Cooper once said, "**When you want what God doesn't want for you, you experience the consequences God was trying to protect you from**".

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PEC REPORTS (CONT'D)

Now more than ever, race, class, and social status are the dividing lines that prevent unity and progress in our world. Paul, addressing the Galatians sought to let them understand that we are one in the Lord, ***“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” Gal. 3: 26-29 NIV***

Let us show respect to each other and treat one another with dignity and respect. God bless you.

Bishop John E. Knight Golden Age Home Facility

In our first article we introduced the Global Moravian Community to the Bishop John E. Knight Golden Age Home Project (JEK Project).



We gave you the history of the project and the difficulties encountered, our vision, status of works and a comprehensive overview of the features of the facility. We provided a rendering of the layout of the facility and told you that the facility had a male and female wing, a day-care centre, a commercial kitchen & laundry and an

extensive courtyard for the residents to explore and do some backyard gardening. We also told you that the project was approximately 80% complete.

In this month’s article we want you to get up close and personal with the facility and have provided some pictures to demonstrate that we are serious and are well on the path to completion.

However, we are in need of your financial support and we are asking for a contribution from you to assist us in completing our project.

Pledge Request

The biblical admonition to honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you (Exodus 20:12) should resonate with each of us because ours is a greying/aging society. The number of seniors who need some type of assistance due to advancing age and related factors is increasing exponentially. Longer life expectancies, greater financial need, health care costs, and isolation from family members exacerbate this problem.

Our mission is “To provide compassionate and affordable elderly care in a purpose-built, supportive and nurturing environment, fostering independence and offering meaningful activities.” The goal is the enhancement of the Antigua Conference of the Moravian Church’s Missionary Outreach Programme and the ability to provide appropriate and affordable care to elderly Moravians within the Conference and other elderly persons residing in or retiring to Antigua and Barbuda.

It has been said that “A nation’s greatness is measured by how it treats its weakest members.” More specifically how we treat our weakest members – the elderly, the sick, the needy, the handicapped and the children - really define who we are, what we value, and how we serve the least among us.

We therefore make an appeal for contributions to break through to the end. There is an urgent need to raise approximately EC\$1,009,000 (US\$375,000). These funds will be deployed as per the following - medical equipment and supplies – US\$50,000, kitchen and laundry – US\$121,000, fixtures and furnishings – US\$200,000. Every contribution, no matter how small, moves us closer to the actuality of the beautiful vision of a purpose built, excellent facility for our elderly and those recovering from major illnesses.

Please visit our website at www.bjkehomeandmission.com for more information and to make your donations. Thank you for being part of God’s mission in the world.

The end is in sight and we need your help to cross the finish line!





SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS



Whether your need is small or great, you are welcome to use God's direct 24-hour hotline — prayer!

His promise is, "Call to me and I will answer you." (Jeremiah 33:3) **This month, let us remember in prayer** the following persons listed below and be reminded that "you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." (Matthew 21:22)

Sisters Laverne Huggins, Gloria James, Carmen Powell (USVI) and Veronica Stevens and Bro Whitley Williams (USA), Brother Allan Pennyfeather (Canada) and Brother Tonito Lee (UK). Sisters Ellenitta Nathaniel, Urlie DeSilva, Dorette Rawlins, Doris Adams, Lydia Roberts, Shirley Douglas, Beverly James, and Eileen Robinson; Brothers Arnold DeSilva, Ernest Christopher, Pedro Douglas, Hashim Bertie and Mr. Walter B Simmonds (St. Kitts).

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

Please remember in prayer our Zion Shut-Ins. Their names are as follows:

Sisters Connie Smith, Brenda Manners, Iris Mc Donald, Eugenie Belgrove-Gumbs, Shirley Phipps, Anita Hobson, and Mavis Deosaw (Overseas).

Brothers Vernon Connor and Peter Byron.



CELEBRATION CORNER



April Birthday Celebrants

1st – Armani Nisbett; 2nd – Sis Carla Taylor-Williams and Bro Arnold DeSilva; 3rd – Sis Aslyn Broadbelt and Bro Quame Williams; 4th – Sis Gennifer Broadbelt and Sis Sharmaine Seaton; 8th – Sis Carmen Davis and Bro Lajuwon Seaton; 10th – Bro Giuseppe Garito, Sis Ingrid Merritt, Sis Winifred Phipps and Sis Avicia Sweeney; 14th – Bro Peter Byron, Sis Findjie Dandressol and Sis Abigail Percival; 15th – Bro MJ Byron; 16th – Sis Doris Taylor; 18th – Sis Gail Gumbs-James; 19th – Sis Lilette (Rosie) Liburd-Lewis; 20th – Sis Tarhia Slack (USA); 21st – Sis Takoya Slack; 23rd – Sis Carol Saddler; 24th – Sis Shelia Pemberton and Sharmaine Archibald; 26th – Bro Mervin Hook Jr; and 29th – Sis Tasia Williams.



April Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

09th Sis Jacqueline Claxton
23rd Bro Terrance and Sis Althea Byron
24th Bro Raphael and Sis Myrna Archibald
30th Bro Valentine & Sis Beulah Morris

COLLEGE PRAYER WATCH



Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him (James 1:12 (NIV)). Studying abroad and being away from family and loved ones is a stressful time for many students. Hence, this is why the Zion Community is asking members of the Congregation to bear up in prayer our student members studying overseas. Their names are as follows:-

UNITED STATES

Sis Ycole BonCamper
Sis Evah Liburd-Barzey
Sis Akila Moore
Sis Tarhia Slack
Bro Christian Nathaniel
Bro Glassil DeSilva
Sis Vicky Liburd

CANADA

Bro Hassanni Lapsey

SINT EUSTATIUS

Bro Mervin Hook Jr

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Sis Junika Berry

JAMAICA

Bro Kyle Bradshaw
Sis Tonya DeSuza

ST. THOMAS, USVI

Sis Jamilla Connor





FOR YOUR CALENDAR— APRIL 2018



LAY READERS CONT'D

Shut-in Communion

Shut-in Communion will be held on **Tuesday 03 April 2018** from **09:30 am to 12:00 noon**.

Church Ministries

- **Girls' and Boys' Brigade** will be on break until school reopens.
- **Moravian Senior Club** meets on Tuesdays at the Methodist Church Hall, Seaton Street, Basseterre from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.
- **Women's Fellowship** meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 5:00 pm.
- **Bible Study** on Tuesdays at 7.00 pm.
- **Mid-week Sunrise Devotions** on Wednesdays at 6:00 am.
- **Prayer and Fasting** on Wednesdays from 6:00am to 6:00 pm.
- **Oasis Moments** resumes 11 April 2018 at 12:00 noon
- **Combined Choir** on Thursdays at 6:00 pm.
- **Praise Team Ministry** on Saturdays at 5.30 pm.

St. Kitts Outreach Centre

The **Moravians** are responsible for ministering at the **St. Kitts Outreach Centre** during the period 23 to 27 April 2018. Members are asked to assist wherever possible.

Week of Rest

The Zion Congregation will be having a week of 'rest and rejuvenation' during the period 02 to 06 April 2018. There will be suspension of all ministries/groups during this week. For emergencies, please contact the Rev Warner at 869-465-1685. All activities resume the week of 09 April 2018.

Zion Missionary 2018

Zion Missionary 2018 will be launched today, Sunday 1st April 2018. During the Service for each month, a colour offering will be taken. Please note the colour offerings which are to be taken monthly from April to December 2018.

- **Green – April and September**

- **Blue – May and October**
- **Purple – June and November**
- **Orange – July and December**
- **Grey – August**

Unity Prayer Watch 2018

As is the custom of our Church, we join the Unity in our Annual Prayer Watch. This year, we have been allocated 11 to 14 April 2018. As a Conference, reflecting on where we are, we deemed it fit to continue our engagement of community.

Wednesday 11 April 2018

- * Zion – 10:59am to 12 noon
- * Oasis Moment – 12:00 noon to 12:50pm
- * Zion – 12:50pm to 6:00pm Prayer Walk in Taylor's (Prayer point: Schools) – 6:00pm to 9:00pm
- * Zion – 9:00pm to 12:00am

Thursday 12 April 2018

- * Estridge/Bethel – 12:00am to 6:00pm
- * Prayer Walk in Keys (Prayer point: With Families affected by Crime & Violence) – 6:00pm to 9:00pm
- * Estridge/Bethel - 9:00pm to 12:00am

Friday 13 April to Saturday 14 April 2018

- * Bethesda/New Dawn – 12:00am to 6:00pm
- * All-Night Prayer Meeting at Bethesda (Prayer point: Church & Country) – 6:00 pm to 3:00am

First Watch (The Evening Watch from 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.)

Second Watch (from 9:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M.)

Third Watch (The Breaking of Day Watch from 12:00 A.M. to 3:00 A.M.)

Your prayers continue to strengthen our mission to take the gospel to people in remote and rural African communities. We continue to reclaim the territory for God as we do good.

and medications. People with missing limbs should be able to come here and see miraculous miracles such as their feet growing back. Zion should be a place where people become delivered from devils just by being in the presence of our church. Zion should be a place where prostitutes, drug addicts and prisoners can come and be saved and be trained to be used in the Kingdom of God. Zion should be a place where the Holy Spirit is allowed to move as he wants and not be stifled. A pastor once said, "We do not know all that God can do, we only know what he has done." Zion do not let this season pass us. Let's lift the lid off the Holy Spirit, avail ourselves to his work, and expect the unexpected. The Holy Spirit can do the unexpected because we know that nothing is impossible for our God to do. It is only then that we would achieve the theme, 'Advance the Kingdom, Live as Kingdom Citizens'.

Sis Gwenella Benjamin



CONGRATULATIONS CONT'D



Sis Nadia Rawlins

Congratulations is extended to **Sis Nadia Rawlins** who recently graduated from Walden University, USA with a Master of Science Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counselling. Sis Rawlins also holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree (Hons) in Psychology.

She wishes to thank the almighty God for the strength and ability to achieve this milestone. She also thanks her family and all other persons who supported her during the journey.





THE JOYS OF EASTER: A REFLECTION

Boom, boom, boom! Boom, boom, boom! With what joy we jumped out of bed at daybreak on Easter Sunday morning! Time to get up and get ready to head off on the 20-minute walk to Zion for the Easter Dawn Service and then the trek to the cemetery. The drums of the Salvation Army Band were eagerly anticipated every year as they beat out the lively rhythm of that famous song:

*Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes.
He arose, a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah, Christ arose.*

That Easter morning ritual would set the tone of joy and rejoicing following the calmer, more somber period of Lent and the mournful sorrow of Good Friday.

Next to Christmas, Easter was the best time of year for the children. Dressed in your Sunday best, anxious to recite your well-rehearsed poems, getting your Easter treats of buns and chocolates, and not forgetting your Sunday School Outing (picnic) on Easter Monday! At a time when there were very few cars on St. Kitts, it was our opportunity for the children of Zion to visit the countryside travelling by truck, and to play on the Estate yards.

Soon, of course, as we got older, we would begin to learn and understand the true meaning and significance of Easter. And what are some of these learnings? Why is Easter not just a period of fun, but a festival that marks a serious turning point in the history of mankind? Easter represents hope, the only hope for a sin-sick world. Without the blood of Christ shed for us at Calvary on the Friday **and then** His Resurrection on Sunday morning, our lives would have no purpose, no hope for Eternity. Just stop for a while to think of how many hymns and songs tell of the blood that Jesus shed on Calvary, but it is His Resurrection from the dead at Easter that validates and gives meaning to His sacrifice on the Cross. The Crucifixion, without the Resurrection, would have been just an act of brutal murder. The Resurrection assures us that we too shall rise if we give our lives to Him.

The Moravian Church here at Zion and elsewhere, like many Christian Churches, has had a rich tradition of Easter music being performed to commemorate the Resurrection. Musical programmes over the years re-emphasized the significance of Easter, which is considered to be the most important Festival of the Christian Church. John Stainer's Anthem for Easter captures the sad pathos of the weeping Mary on that first Easter dawn as she stares at the empty tomb and laments:

They have taken away my Lord and I know not where they have laid Him.

And the question is asked of her:

Woman, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou?

And when she recognizes the risen Lord, what happiness, what utter joy! The choir bursts into joyful song:

*Oh Death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?
Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Hallelujah, Amen.*

The power of the Resurrection is what distinguishes Christianity from all other religions. None of the other world religions can claim to have had a founder who conquered death and rose to life again. And it is this knowledge that Christians must now proclaim to the whole world. Jesus Christ is risen, and He lives forever more. His Resurrection gives us the certainty of eternal life.

We can sing with joy and conviction: *Soon shall the trumpet sound and we shall rise to immortality!*

May the Joy of Easter be with you always.

~ Contributed by Sis Clarita Richards.

Condolences— Reverend Evangelist Lucille Harris



The Pastor and members of the Zion Moravian Church express condolences to the family and friends of **Reverend Evangelist Lucille Harris**, who was called home to be with her Lord on **Thursday 15 February 2018**. She leaves to mourn her husband of forty-five (45) years, Bishop Rudolph Harris, three children, and three grandchildren. She was a spiritual mother to many.

She was the Director of the Regional Women's Ministries of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the West Indies (P.A.W.I.), Assistant Pastor of the Olivet Pentecostal Church (Antigua), Director of the National Intercessory Network (N.I.N.) and Women Winning in the Warfare (W.W.W.) Ministries (Antigua), and ministered throughout the Caribbean, North America and Europe.

We bless the Lord that she was a servant of God who served with distinction. May we support in prayer those whom she has left behind.





MORAVIAN WEEK 2018





YOUTH CONNECTION

STUDY TIPS

The time for external and local school examinations is fast approaching; it is not too early to commence your revision. Attached is a flyer with a few revision tips which can guide you through this important process.

The Leadership and members of Zion will continue to keep the students, be they children or adults in our prayers, for a successful examination period.

Top Study Tips

1 Give yourself enough time to study 	2 Review syllabuses and subject reports 	3 Organise study groups with friends
4 Take regular breaks 	5 Practise on past papers* 	6 Snack on 'brain food'
7 Plan your exam day 	8 Organise your study space 	9 Get plenty of sleep

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INSTRUMENT OF PEACE



Brothers and Sisters, I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ on this blessed and glorious Easter morning.

Easter Sunday is the culmination of Holy Week. Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Let us be joyful and thankful Jesus died for our sins and paved the way for our everlasting life. May His resurrection remind us that *He is always with us* and has *gone to prepare a place for us*.

Christ is risen! Let us be thankful!

Christ is risen! Let us be joyful!

Christ is risen! He is coming again!

As we pause to remember Jesus' life on this Easter Sunday, let us reflect on these words:

*The Lord has promised to prepare
A place in heaven above-
A home where we will always be
With Him and those we love.
~Sper*

This month's featured song is **Low in the grave He lay** found in our Caribbean Moravian Praise as Hymn 117. The song is a powerful reminder that Jesus has conquered death and now reigns forever in our lives.

*1
Low in the grave He lay—
Jesus my Savior!
Waiting the coming day—
Jesus, my Lord!*

*Chorus
Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

*2
Vainly they watch His bed—
Jesus, my Savior!
Vainly they seal the dead—
Jesus, my Lord!*

*3
Death cannot keep his prey—
Jesus, my Savior!
He tore the bars away—
Jesus, my Lord!*

Lyrics: Robert Lowry (1826-1899)
Music: Robert Lowry (1826-1899)
Meter: Peculiar Meter (65.64 with Refrain)

~ Contributed by a VOZ Member



The Leadership and Membership of the Zion Moravian Church express condolences to:

**Sis Iditha BonCamper,
Bro Richard BonCamper,
Sis Ycole BonCamper,
Sis Vincelle BonCamper and
BonCamper Family** on the passing of:

Mrs Rosanna Lucinda Gumbs-Boncamper
(Mother-in-law, Grandmother)

"The Lord is your rock, your fortress and your stronghold."

Brother and Sisters, may the Lord grant you Peace in these trying times.





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resurrection of
our Lord!

**Sunday 01 April 2018
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Watchword for the Week

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who died. 1 Corinthians 15:20

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8.

If you obey the Lord God: Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. **Deuteronomy 28:2-3.**

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead. **2 Timothy 2:8 (NASB)**

Praise be to you, Christ Jesus, author of the resurrected life. You who have overcome the fear and finality of death, keep us ever mindful that you walk with us this day. Make of us blessings in all we do. Amen.



01st April 2018 (Easter)

Pastor: Rev. Hilton J. Joseph

Preacher: Rev Dr. Mikie Roberts

ORDER OF SERVICE

Introit The Choir

Call to Worship:

L: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good
P: **His steadfast love endures forever!**

Hymn # 116 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Litany..... Easter (Part 2) pp. 137 – 139 CMP Liturgy Book

Item of Praise The Choir

Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading: Acts 10: 34 – 43 Sis Carol DeSuza

Ministry in Dance

Scripture Reading: Mark 16: 1 – 8 Bro Norman Gill

Hymn # 131 We Sing His Love (The Trumpet)

Welcome

Hymn # 119 The Strife Is O'er

The Sermon Rev Dr Mikie Roberts

Hymn of Reflection: # 126 *Because He Lives*

Worship in Giving

Offertory Sentence: "The Lord is my strength and my might. He has become my salvation." Psalm 118: 14

Hymn # 121 *I Serve A Risen Saviour*

Prayer of Dedication

Celebration and Notices

Hymn of Preparation: # 567 *Come O My Soul and Sing*



Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Humble Access

Words of Consecration for the Bread:

Hymn# 582 *By Christ Redeemed*

578 *According to thy Gracious Word*

74 *Art Thou Weary Heavy Laden*

Words of Consecration for the Wine:

Hymn # 588 *For The Bread And For The Wine*

580 *My Heart Is Resting O My God*

90 *Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross*

Covenant Hymn

594 *Let Us Share True Peace With One Another*

The Blessing