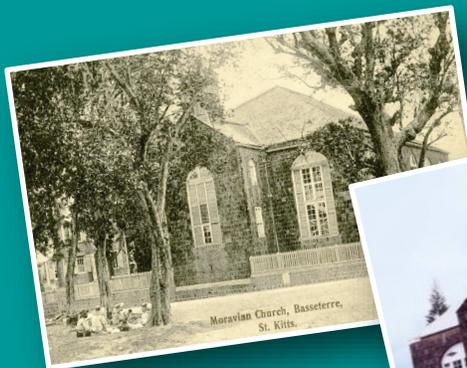


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THE VOICE OF OUR LAY READERS



Sis Tryphena James

Facing the Truth

Greetings My Family, in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus the Christ; the One who loves us with an unconditional and everlasting love.

Every year, the month of June is dubbed Family Month in our Church, throughout the Conference. Activities planned are geared towards promoting the Family, our brothers and sisters in Christ; but who is

family, or considered to be family?

One definition states that "Family is a six (6) letter word with a meaning that is endless and more complex than most things in life. From the onset you can't choose which family you were born into, so you are stuck from the get-go".

But from my experiences in life, and the little that I have learnt, out of the family should come genuine love, trust, care, always looking out for each other, the I got your back kind of stuff. Some friends can even become family more than the blood ties.

Just like it is in our physical families, we have to stop and realize that as a Church, People of Faith, God's Children, We Are Family, and we do not have a say in the matter.

I do not believe that God is concerned about who we think constitutes our Spiritual family. In other words, we do

not get to choose our brothers and sisters in Christ, but we are commanded to love each other.

In St. Matthew Chapter 22, verses 34 to 40, Jesus was questioned by a lawyer about the greatest commandment. Jesus emphatically stated that first, we are to Love the Lord with all our heart, our Soul and mind which is the greatest commandment, and the second is that we should love our neighbour as ourselves, because on these two commandments, hang the Law and the Prophets.

I am certain that when others question our love for God, we respond with a resounding YES, but do we give the same response when the same question is posed about our spiritual family? Are we loving each other with the Agape Love of God, as we are commanded to do?

In my simple understanding, loving someone as I love myself means that I must treat

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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others the way I would like them to treat me. I must rejoice with them in their successes, empathize with them in their hurt and pain, be patient, tolerant and forgiving in their short comings, etc.

WOW! This is a real tall order, but if God himself through Christ Jesus grants me all this and more, then I have no other choice but to do the same. **We all are commanded to do the same.**

The Word of God tells us in 1st John 4:20 “whoever claims to Love God yet hates his brother or sister is a Liar. For whosoever DOES NOT Love their brother and sister whom we have seen, CANNOT love God whom we have not seen”. Love comes from God and we are commanded to exemplify His Love. **It is not a request.**

Believe it or not, whether we like it or not, our Spiritual Genealogy comes from one source, the Main Source, GOD! The scripture tells us in the beginning, when there was no human in this world, God said “Let us make man in our own image”. That is evidence that we all are God's Children; therefore, God expects each and every one of us to Love His children.

As we would say colloquially, no matter how much drama or baggage each of us bring into the family, we are still encouraged to love. Psychologists would tell us that we are to hate what people do, not hate the person. In other words, tackle the issue not the person. But we the Children of God didn't have to wait for any psychologist to give us advice. 1st Peter 4:8, says “*Love each other deeply for love covers a multitude of sins*”. And in my mind, that's where forgiveness begins.

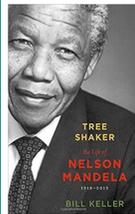
If we as a Christian family are striving to live and reign with Christ we must Love, but we cannot truly love unless we forgive each other. Unforgiveness fractures, disintegrates and ultimately destroys the family structure, but Love gels, unites, thus promotes a healthy family.

Jesus told the young Lawyer that the Law and the prophets are hinged on love, so imagine a world without Love.....totally chaotic, everyone unruly, no semblance of peace.

The Love of God transcends boundaries, including race, religion, societal status and personalities. So, if we are prejudicial in expressing love, especially because persons do

not fit into our cliques or circles, in this time of year, as the Body of Christ, I encourage us to hit the RESET BUTTON of Love, Forgiveness, Peace and Unity.

So my family in Christ, as we are encouraged in the Word of God, let us lay aside the things that so easily trip us up and can cause us to miss out on our heavenly inheritance, and let us run with patience the race set before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus, who is the Author and Perfector of our Faith.



PEC Book Corner

The “TREE SHAKER” is a small but enthralling book written by Bill Keller on the life of Nelson Mandela. It's a 128-page book written in 2008. This short book surveys the life and times of Mandela and explains why he was such a force for change in his native South Africa. Bill Keller

looks back at Mandela's life and gives a clear view of his legacy and brings his remarkable story to a new generation of readers. Keller says that Mandela was a child of Royalty, born and raised to defend tradition. In African Tradition, every name has its unique meaning. The name his parents gave him at birth, ROLIHLAHLA, was the Xhosa word (one of the South African Languages) for “TREE SHAKER”. Mandela says that later in life his people use the word to mean “troublemaker”.

The book Chronicles how in 1964, Mandela and ten (10) other people were on trial for conspiracy to overthrow the Government. Three specific things startled the courtroom at their trial. First, Mandela arrived in traditional Leopard skin cloak of Xhosa royalty to dramatize the fact that he was an African entering a white man's court. Second, “I have fought against white domination, and I have fought black domination”, he told the court. Third, “I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons will live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and see realized. But if need be my Lord, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die.” They were all found guilty and imprisoned. Mandela was 44 years old when he entered prison and seventy-one (71) when he was released on 11 February 1990. He would become South Africa's first black president on May 10, 1994 and became a hero to millions and millions around the world.

The “TREE SHAKER” is a book that will grip your attention from beginning to end.

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Zion Ushers Ministry
Zion Missions' Team
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FAMILY MONTH SERVICE & FUN DAY @GARVEY'S ESTATE (24 JUNE 2018)





PEC REPORTS



Bishop John E. Knight Golden Age Home Nursing Home Facility

Community to the Bishop John E. Knight Golden Age Home Project (JEK Project)

By now you should be very familiar with the Bishop John E. Knight Golden Age Home Project (JEK Project) and we hope that you would have taken the opportunity to visit our website at www.bjekhomeandmission.com. If you have not done so we encourage you to do so now.

For the last four months we have shared with you about the projects' history, the numerous challenges encountered and the services that will be offered at the facility. We also provided a number of pictures to show the progress of the work and hope that you are as excited as we are about this project and how it will serve our community and enhance the Moravian Church's Missionary Outreach Programme in the Antigua Conference.

Please help us to fulfil this divine Christian mandate by making a generous donation to this worthwhile project. This will allow us to get closer to the completion of the construction of the Nursing Home.

We have a duty to the seniors in our community. 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 are exacerbating this problem. Please help us to help them.

Pledge Request

Our Vision is "To be the premier caring ministry for the elderly within Antigua & Barbuda while promoting the health, safety, as well as physical, spiritual, mental and social well-being of our residents."

Our Mission is "To provide compassionate and affordable elderly care in a purpose-built, supportive and nurturing environment, fostering independence and offering meaningful activities."

To accomplish these objectives we need your support; therefore, we are making an appeal for contributions to take us to the finish line. **There is an urgent need to raise approximately EC\$1,009,000 (US\$375,000). These funds will be used 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.bjekhomeandmission.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!

Hymn of the Month June 2018

The hymn for the month of June is # 428 – **Almighty God, our Father**. It was written in 1965 by the late Alma Southwell, from the Barbados Conference.

This hymn opens by drawing us to be joyful in God's presence even as we avail ourselves to the Spirit's leading. In the second verse, we realize that we must acknowledge the many wasted opportunities and seek God's forgiveness

for those times. The third verse commends those who faithfully laboured for the Lord and brings to our attention that we are benefactors of their faithfulness. In the final stanza we utter a prayer for God to strengthen us and renew us for the tasks that lie ahead of us.

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

*1 Almighty God, our Father,
With joy we seek thy face.
Our praise and adoration
Be hallowed by thy grace;
Send down thy Heav'nly Spirit,
Lend thou a gracious ear;
As in thy house we offer
Our sacrifice of prayer.*

*2 For years of waste and folly
We would forgiveness crave;
From pride and self-indulgence
Thy erring children save;
We lay our sins before thee,
Fling wide each fast-closed door,
That we thy wand'ring children
May love thee more and more.*

*3 For all who bravely served thee
In want and great distress;
Who wrought their work before thee
In faith and lowliness;
We who have reaped their sowing,
With them who plant thy word,
With grateful hearts and voices
Now give thee thanks, O Lord.*

*4 Revive thy work amongst us,
Reconsecrate each heart;
That in the years before us
We bear a nobler part.
Feed us with bread celestial;
Kindle within each breast
A holy cleansing fire,
To burn till we shall rest.*

1965. Alma Southwell.

Rev. Dr. Mikie Roberts
Provincial Musical Director

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PEC REPORTS (CONT'D)

21st Anniversary of the Moravian Church in Cuba

Havana, Cuba
May 25 2018

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Twenty-one (21) years ago, in a very humble home in a neighbourhood of the Cerro Municipality in Havana, the foundational work of the Moravian Church in Cuba began; long has been the road traveled since then in the effort to raise on Cuban soil the banner of our beloved Unitas Fratrum.

When we look back on the experiences we have lived in this endeavour, we remember the many efforts we have had to make to move toward our goals, and the difficulties and limitations we have had to face as well as the moments of tension, disappointment and anguish that have not been few on this path, but we also rejoice and praise God in our hearts when we remember the many achievements and triumphs obtained. From that small group in that Havana home, today we are a church present in seven territories of Cuba and increasing the scope of our work and the impact on the life of our people in this particular historical juncture that Cuba is experiencing.

Certainly, much has been achieved. We have reached a presence and we are developing a work and obtaining results that were far from being imagined by that small group of dreamers that set out with the goal of including in the Cuban ecclesial panorama this rich Christian tradition of more than five centuries and, without a doubt, which today shows that the Cuban Moravian work is an evident sign that together with the hard work and fervent dedication of very valuable brothers and sisters of Cuba and the accompaniment of those who, from beyond our borders, have lavished their love and their strongest support, many things are possible! Yes, the hand of the Lord has always been with us because, as

his Word says: "If the Lord does not build the house, the builders work in vain", so again and again we must say: EBENEZER! Therefore, clearly, God has helped us, the Lord has greatly blessed us!

There is still a long way to go, challenges to face, goals to reach so that our work shines more and more with our own light and honours with ever greater excellence the precious inheritance we have received, the spiritual treasures that have been placed in our hands thanks to the total dedication of their lives and the sacrifice of those men and women who in many nations and throughout 561 years have been the face, heart and hands of our church and the architects of this legacy that we receive today.

The Synod last September, with the statutes and resolutions that received the approval of the assembly, outlined guidelines for the path to follow in order to achieve a church with a more efficient organization and work and a greater impact in the Cuban context but for this achievement we must always keep in mind two presuppositions that are fundamental for the advancement in the great work of the construction of the kingdom of God which is the mission of the church of Christ.

First: our communion, the personal communion of our leaders and members and the communion of our groups, with Him who is the author and finisher of our faith and who very categorically told us: "Remain in me, and I in you, ... for apart from me they can do nothing" (John 15: 4 and 5).

Second: our unity in the love of each other because without that unity of love we cannot certainly be the light and the salt that we have been called to be and we will not be able to overcome the many challenges and tasks that await us because only united with the closest bond with our Lord and Saviour and united with fraternal love with our brothers and sisters in this work in which, without love we are

nothing, we can take the Cuban Moravian work to greater heights for the glory of the Most High.

I leave you, my beloved, these texts with my most sincere desire to be inspired in the way ahead: "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved them; remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept the commandments of my Father and remain in his love. These things I have spoken to you, so that my joy may be in you, and your joy may be fulfilled. This is my commandment: love one another". (John 15: 9-11)

"I, therefore, imprisoned in the Lord, beg you to walk worthy of the vocation to which you were called, with all humility and meekness, enduring with patience one another in love, solicitous to keep the unity of the Spirit in you. bond of peace". (Ephesians 4: 1-3)

"Dress yourselves, therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, of tender mercy, of kindness, of humility, of meekness, of patience, enduring one another, and forgiving one another if anyone has a complaint against another. In the way that Christ forgave you, so do you. And above all these things clothe yourselves with love, which is the perfect bond". (Colossians 3: 12-14)

Your brother and servant in the love of Christ, the Lamb who has conquered.

Rev Armando Rusindo

Congratulations

The Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province offers congratulations to the Rev Dr. Jeremy Francis and Mrs. Rena Warner-Francis who were united in marriage on Saturday April 28th, 2018 at the St. Anne's Anglican Church in St. Kitts. We wish them every blessing and pray that they will have a happy married life together.





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, Eileen Mills, Sylvia Samuel, Beatrice Sargeant, Urlic DeSilva, Dorette Rawlins, Doris Adams, Lydia Roberts, Shirley Douglas, Beverly James, Heather Demming and Eileen Robinson; Brothers Ernest Christopher, Pedro Douglas, Hashim Bertie, Alphonso Archibald 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 McDonald, Eugenie Belgrove-Gumbs, Shirley Phipps, Anita Hobson, and Mavis Deosaw (Overseas).

Brothers Vernon Connor and Peter Byron.



CELEBRATION CORNER



1st - Sis Olivia Dias-Taylor; 2nd - Sis Nadia Rawlins; 3rd - Sis Jurnée Woods; 6th - Jayzane Hodge; 7th - Sis Yvanne Jean (Antigua); 10th - Sis Ericah James; 11th - Sis Shirley Douglas, 13th - Bro Darryn James, Sis Patrice Belle and Sis Cindy DeSuza; 14th - Sis Shirley DeSuza; 15th - Sis Margaret Henry; 17th - Bro Jadell Prentice and Sis Althea Byron; 18th - Bro Nigel Mack and Sis Karen DeSuza; 21st - Sis Delia Pemberton; 19th - Sis Juliet Percival and Sis Eugenie Belgrove-Gumbs; 22nd - Bro Ishan DeSuza; 25th - Sis Tonya DeSuza; 27th - Sis Patricia Williams, Sis Beatrice Sargeant and Bro Hilton Clarke; 29th - Sis Kerry Dunrod and Sis Zarina Roberts.

Happy Anniversary



July Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

16th Bro Carl & Sis Eldora Samuel
20th Bro Moise Jean & Sis Yvanne Jean
21st Bro Carl & Sis Rebecca Skeene
25th Bro Valentine & Sis Carla Williams
30th Bro Brenan & Sis Domina Brisport



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 – JULY 2018

Shut-in Communion

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

Church Ministries

- **Confirmation Class** continues every Monday at 4:00 pm.
- **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** continues on Tuesdays at 7.00 pm. All are invited.
- **Mid-week Sunrise Devotions** continue on Wednesdays at 6:00 am.
- **Prayer and Fasting** on Wednesdays from 6:00am to 6:00 pm.
- **Oasis Moments** continues every Wednesday from 12 noon to 12:50 pm.
- **Uprisers - Children's Ministry** meets on Wednesdays at 5:00 pm.
- **Combined Choir** on Thursdays at 6:00 pm.
- **Junior Choir** meets on Fridays at 5:00 pm.
- **Youth Fellowship** meets on Fridays at 7:15 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 **16 to 20 July 2018**. Members are asked to assist wherever possible.

Zion Missionary 2018

Zion Missionary 2018 was launched Sunday 01 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

The walk up offering colour for this month is **Orange**.

Missionary Outreach Sunday

Missionary Each One, Reach One Outreach Sundays will be held every last Sunday of each month, bring someone to church wearing shades of the colour of the offering for each month. This month's colour will be orange.

Missionary Open Air Services

Missionary Open Air Services will be held at the following dates and time:

- Sunday 22 July 2018 at Taylor's (White Picket Fenced Area) to be conducted by the Board of Elders.
- Sunday 23 September 2018 at Market Street/ Soho to be conducted by the men, women and youth of Zion.
- Sunday 14 October 2018 at Taylor's/ Bladen Housing to be conducted by the Board of Stewards.

Missionary Dates to Remember

- Pastor's Pot in collaboration with Elders – Every Friday during July & August 2018.
- Pastor's Walk & Breakfast – 10 November 2018.
- Mentorship Programme Revisited – Month of September 2018.

Moravian Week 2018 Celebration

The Prayer, Praise and Prize Celebration scheduled for Saturday 07 July 2018 at 6:00 am the Bethesda Moravian Lawn has been cancelled until further notice.

Virtual Mentoring Programme

The Rev Cherice Job is offering an 8 week mentoring Programme called "**Living in Purpose**". This is an 8-week virtual programme where you go through the process to identify your purpose and get you on the path to fulfilling your destiny.

This Programme which normally costs US\$400.00 is being offered free to all who attended the Conference.

PEC Notices

The PEC makes the following announcements:

The Rev Anique Elmes-Matthew, Pastor of the New Herrnhut Moravian Church on St. Thomas, in the Virgin Islands Conference, requested and was granted four months furlough from 01 July to 31 October 2018 and two years study leave from 01 November 2018 to 30 October 2020.

The Rev Kirk Barker, Pastor of the Cedar Hall and Cashew Hill Churches in the Antigua Conference, has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the New Herrnhut Moravian Church on St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands Conference, with effect from 01 November 2018.

The Rev Denise Smith-Lewis, Pastor of the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in the Antigua Conference, has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Cedar Hall and Cashew Hill Moravian Churches in the Antigua Conference, with effect from 01 August 2018.

The Rev Algernon Lewis, who is currently on Study Leave, has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in the Antigua Conference, with effect from 01 August 2018.

The Rev Selvin Mc Millan, Pastor of the Chaguanas Moravian Church in the Trinidad Conference will retire from the Pastoral Ministry of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province, with effect from 30 June 2018. We thank Rev Mc Millan for the yeoman service he has provided to God, the Church and the Community. We wish him every blessing in all of his future endeavours.

The Rev Liselle Roberts, Pastor of the Rosehill Moravian Church in the Trinidad Conference, has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Rosehill and Chaguanas Moravian Churches in the Trinidad Conference, with effect from 01 July 2018.

The Rev Catherine Governor, Pastor of the Memorial Moravian Church in the Trinidad Conference, has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Memorial Moravian Church and as Minister of Christian Education in the Trinidad Conference, with effect from 01 July 2018.

Let us remember our brothers and sisters in prayer as they assume their new responsibilities.





UNITY PRINTERS

\$650,000 ECD

Single Level Property

Year Built: 1929

Building = 1900 sq. ft approx.

Land = 5400 sq ft approx.

Kitchen = 90 sq ft approx.

Office = 100 sq. ft approx.

Mezzanine area

Air Conditioning

Galvanize Gable Roof

Fenced yard

Multi-Purpose Building

**For
SALE**

This single floor property is located within the western part of Basseterre, St. Kitts and is located 10 minutes walking distance from businesses. The building has been used for multiple purposes both commercial and religious. The property is currently used as a church; was previously a printery and hosts other community activities. Full infrastructural services such as water, electricity, telephone, sewage, and recent split air condition system are in place.

Exterior masonry wall with faced stone 2 x 6 rafters with T1-11 wood ceiling Galvanized Gable Roof. The interior is spacious and window openings allow adequate ventilation.



Irish Town, Basseterre, St. Kitts



About St. Kitts: St. Kitts is located in the Eastern Caribbean at 17 20 North, 62 45 West, roughly 1,200 miles from Miami, 1600 miles from New York, 4,000 miles from London and about 45 minutes by plane from Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands.



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FATHER'S DAY AT ZION





YOUTH CONNECTION — ONLY BELIEVE

Memory Verse: *Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid; just believe". Mark 5:36 (NIV)*

If you were sick, what would your parents do? If you just had a tummy ache or a headache, they might give you some medicine that they could buy from the drug store and wait to see if it would make you feel better. But what if you did not get better? What if you were so sick that your parents thought you might die? What would they do then? They would take you to the doctor right away! They would do everything possible to help you get well.

Our Bible story is about a man named Jairus. Jairus had a daughter who was very ill. In fact, he was certain that she was going to die, and he would have done anything in his power to help her get well. Jairus was a ruler in the temple and he had heard about how Jesus had been healing many people, so when he saw Jesus, he ran to meet him right away. He fell at the feet of Jesus. "My daughter is sick and is about to die", he said. "Please come and place your hands on her; heal her so she can live".

What did Jesus do? Did he say, "Give the girl two aspirin and if she isn't better by morning, give me a call?" Of course not! Jesus immediately began walking with Jairus toward his house so that he could heal the girl.

As they walked through the streets of town, some men came up to Jairus and said to him, "Your daughter is dead, there is no need to bother Jesus now". Oh no! What bad news. Jairus had found Jesus and they were on the way to heal his daughter -- and now she was dead. Jairus was heartbroken, but Jesus paid no attention to what the people said. He turned to Jairus and said, "Don't be afraid, only believe".

When they arrived at the home of Jairus, there were many people there and they were all crying. Jesus said, "Why are you crying? The girl is not dead, she is asleep". Do you know what the people did? They laughed at Jesus! Can you imagine that? They laughed at Jesus!

Jesus told all of the people to leave and he took the mother and father into the room where the girl was. He took the girl by the hand and said, "Little girl, get up!" Immediately the girl stood up and began walking around the room. Her parents were amazed!

What can we learn from the story of Jairus? In his story we saw how Jairus loved his daughter and would do anything for her. That is even more true of the love of our Heavenly Father. God loves his children and will always do what is

best for them.

Another thing we learn from this story is that with God, all things are possible. Jairus' daughter was dead -- the situation was hopeless! But Jesus said, "Don't be afraid, only believe!" When you face what seems to be a hopeless situation, remember the words of Jesus, "Only believe!"

Prayer: Dear Father, we are thankful for the love that you have for your children. Help us, your children, to remember that all things are possible if we only believe and trust in you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Adopted from www.sermons4kids.com

Word Jumble

Unscramble each word and then place the numbered letters in the numbered boxes at the bottom to reveal the answer.



HNDAS
 6

LVIE
 4 2

DAED
 5 3

CLHID
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1 2 3 4 5 6

PUZZLE CLUES

- Jairus asked Jesus to put his _____ on his daughter. Mark 5:23
- He wanted his daughter to _____. Mark 5:23
- Some men told Jairus that his daughter was _____. Mark 5:35
- Jesus said, "The child is not _____, but asleep." Mark 5:39

Answer: Because of their faith, many people are _____.
Check your answers in Mark 5:21-43 (NIV)





INSTRUMENT OF PEACE



We give thanks to God for His wonderful mercies throughout the 2017-2018 Academic Year. Our students continue to make us proud, and we are forever grateful to God for giving them the strength to press on. Parents and guardians, thank you for your love, support and guidance. Similarly, we must express thanks to our members who are employed in the local educational sector. We are forever indebted to you for your instruction, feedback and your stern words of correction.

As our students transition to vacation mode, we pray that God will protect and guide them as they make choices about positive activities that will add value to their lives. To our youths who would be leaving us to pursue higher education, no matter where your college or university is located, please find a church that you can adopt as a home church. For those who will be returning to local schools in the new academic year, we pray that you would take a more active role within Zion's Youth Ministry. There are many opportunities for you to develop spiritually and interpersonally within Zion. We ask for God's divine and protective hands on your lives.

As parents and guardians, let us build a shield of protection around our future generation. The God we serve is mightier than any problem that will ever confront our youths. May we trust in our omnipresent God who never diverts His eyes from His beloved children. Praises be to our Heavenly Father. May we always adore His name.

This month's submission is titled Zion's Youth. Take some time to reflect on the words that encourage you to stand tall with enthusiasm as you contribute to the future of our nation. **Stand tall! Be a beacon of positive light! We love you!**

*1. As Zion's youth in latter days,
We stand with valiant heart,
With promise shining in our eyes,
Resolved to do our part.
Upon a noble past we build;
The future fills our view.
We face the challenge of our day
And pledge we will be true.*

*2. The truths and values we embrace
Are mocked on ev'ry hand.
Yet as we listen and obey
We know we can withstand
The evils that would weaken us,
The sin that would destroy.
With faith, we hold the iron rod
And find in this our joy.*

*3. Thru test and trial we'll have our fears,
But we will not despair.
We're here to serve a righteous cause;
Truth gives us strength to dare.
We'll love, and learn, and overcome;
We'll sing a joyful song,
As Zion's youth in latter days,
Triumphant, pure, and strong.*

Text: Susan Evans McCloud
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~ Contributed by a VOZ member



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

Sis Aslyn Broadbelt-Warner and Bro Christian Nathaniel and the Broadbelt Family on the passing of:

Pastor Carmen Davis
(Sister, Aunt)

"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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*Sunday 08 July 2018
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*



Watchword for the Week

“- Jesus says, My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness”. 2 Corinthians 12:9

Scripture Readings

Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 124; 2 Corinthians 12:2 - 10; Mark 6:1-13.

You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth. **Psalm 1014:14**

Give us each day our daily bread. **Luke 11:3**

Prayer

Holy source of all our sustenance, nourish and feed our souls with courage and love, our bodies with strength and stamina, and our minds with peace and wisdom. Amen

Sunday 08th July 2018 (7th Sunday after Pentecost)

Youth Sunday

Pastor: Rev. Hilton J. Joseph

ORDER OF SERVICE

Theme: God’s Way – Our Way

Call to Worship *For I know the plans I have for you”, declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”.*
Jeremiah 29:11

Songs of Praise and Worship Praise Team

Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Thanksgiving

Welcome

Birthday/Anniversary Celebrations

Junior Choir Selection

Poem

Musical Rendition

Worship in Giving

Tithes and Offering

Missionary Song *The Truth of the Gospel*

Prayer of Dedication

Ministry of the Word

Hymn #11 *Sing Them Over Again To Me*

Old Testament Lesson Ezekiel 2: 1 - 5

New Testament Lesson St. Mark 6: 1 - 13

Sermon

Altar Encounter

The Anointing

Notices

Closing Song #71 *Jesus Come Today*

Prayer & Benediction

