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242 years of Christian Witness  
The Rev'd Hilton J. Joseph - Pastor  
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## FROM THE PASTORS' DESK



Rev. Hilton J Joseph

Rev. Onita Samuel-Warner

My Family in Christ,

Read and become enlightened with the history of our Church and its mandate of 'go into all the world and preach the Gospel'.

Your in Christ

Rev Hilton J Joseph  
Senior Pastor

On 01 March 2019, we marked five hundred and sixty-two (562) years since our Church was established. This Church has gone through many challenges, especially severe persecution at the hands of the Roman Catholic Church. Persecution forced the Moravian Church underground, but it did not die, for God had a purpose for this Church. The members, who were convinced that God had called this Church into being for such a time as they faced, were never daunted as their persecutors sought to destroy the movement. **They worshipped in Caves, Bushes, in the Forest and any place that was secure enough to prevent the authorities finding out their strategy to worship their God.** They sacrificed time in the dead of the night when others were asleep to worship God. **There was a Thirst, a Desire, a Yearning to worship the living God** and like the Psalmists in Psalm 84 vs: 2, 10 they were saying:

**2 My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. 10 Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a door keeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

In 1722, after the severe hounding and persecution of the Moravian movement, they rose like a Phoenix in Herrnhut

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This month's issue of the Voice of Zion is an article written by the Rev'd Dr Cortroy Jarvis, Chairman of the Moravian Church, East West Indies Province, "Celebrating the Birth of The Moravian Church", marking the 562 years of the Church.

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### Celebrating the Birth of The Moravian Church

01 March 1457 marked the beginning of the Moravian Church in Kunvald, Bohemia in Czechoslovakia. It had its humble beginnings, but since then the Church has mushroomed and spread throughout the world, empowering, elevating, enriching and enlivening the lives of people everywhere. The Moravian Church has long been in the **area of Missions** and continues to touch the life of men and women in a Holistic way. This is a church called out by God and will never die.

EWIP Provincial Theme  
"Advance the Kingdom:  
Thematic Focus  
Live as Kingdom Citizens"

St. Kitts Conference Theme  
"Raising the bar"

Moravian Motto  
In Essentials, **Unity**  
In Non Essentials, **Liberty**  
In All Things, **Charity**

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Zion Ushers Ministry  
Zion Missions' Team  
Multimedia Team  
Outreach Ministry



**FROM THE PASTORS' DESK CONT'D**

Germany, on the estate of Count Nicholas Von Zinzendorf who accommodated them on his property. They crossed the border from Czechoslovakia into Germany.

Today we thank God for the men and women who had the fortitude, tenacity and faithfulness in God and who stood firm on Jesus Christ, in the midst of persecution, death and burning at the stake. Today, we stand on their shoulders and proclaim with conviction: **"Our Lamb has conquered, let us follow Him."** This is a statement that calls all Moravians to rally around our risen and ascended Lamb of God, Jesus Christ. The question is, can the Moravian Church renew and cement its witness or are there threats lurking around the corner to destabilize, dismantle, destroy and devour it?

As we celebrate the 562nd Anniversary of the founding of the Moravian Church Worldwide, one needs to ask, where is the Church and what are the opportunities open to it as it seeks to minister in these times? Can the Moravian Church continue to be effective in these challenging and changing times? If we are honest and value what God has blessed us with we would recognize that God has placed this Church in a position to maximize our gifts and talents to His honour and glory.

As a Church, we must believe that health is wealth. God's desire for His people and indeed His Church is that we prosper and be in health. In 3 John, the word of God declares: **"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."** (3 John 2). This text suggests that God is looking for a Church where wholesomeness, honesty, sincerity, justice and righteousness are the watchwords.

The Moravian Church is founded on Jesus the Christ and owes its very existence to the mercies of God. The central figure around which our Church revolves is Jesus the Christ and hence our acclamation of faith in our motto, **"Our Lamb has conquered, let us follow Him"**.

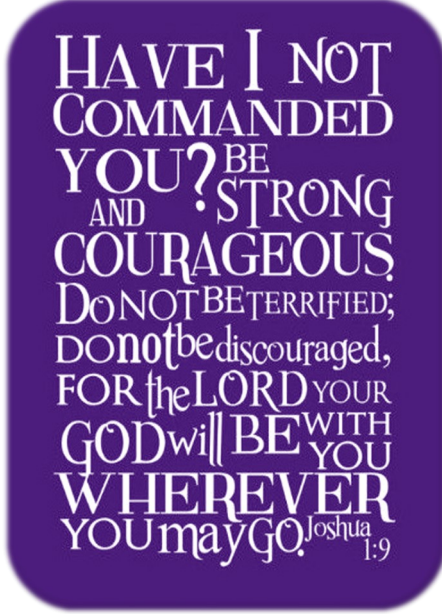
**God has blessed** the Moravian Church with much property, and he expects us to maximize the use of them so that more lives can be touched and won for Him. **The properties ought to be used to generate income to engage in Mission, so that the poor and less fortunate, those who have been displaced, despised and rejected, those who are under-employed and unemployed can be empowered and given a**

**new lease on life. The Moravian Church must not and ought not to commit the sin of having its lands and buildings lying idle when they can generate income to promote God's Kingdom.** The Church therefore had the opportunity to galvanize our members and those who are God fearing, to put their God given gifts, talents and abilities to work in the interest of the development of God's Creation. Our Church can do no less if it is going to continue to be relevant, efficient and effective.

God has also blessed this Church with an abundance of human resource which we must continue to use to His honour and glory. The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province has been endowed with a Staff filled with young men and women who have been called to Ministry to champion the cause of righteousness.

Our human resource is the greatest resource that God has placed into the hands of our Church. As our Staff is empowered, they are charged and challenged to empower the membership; especially our young people and make our church and communities, God's abode. The Moravian Church must maximize the opportunities presented to it by God to point the lost to Jesus Christ.

*Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis*  
Chairman  
MC EWIP PEC





## WHAT GOD'S TRUTH DEMANDS, HIS GRACE WILL PROVIDE

The late British Author and Bible Scholar Leonard Ravenhill once said, "The early church was married to Poverty, Prison and Persecutions. Today, the church is married to Prosperity, Personality and Popularity". You may ask, who was Leonard Ravenhill. He was an English Christian evangelist and author who focused on the subjects of prayer and revival. He is best known for challenging western evangelicalism to compare itself to the early Christian Church as chronicled in the Book of Acts.

Leonard Ravenhill was passionate about everything he did for the Lord. He was not a fanatic. However, he lived the word. Ravenhill came to the understanding that persons, even Christians no longer wanted to make sacrifices or real commitment.

Poverty, Prison and Persecution speak of sacrifice. Sacrifices that were made by persons for a greater cause. In making a sacrifice, the gift must be offered with a pure and sinless heart, that the offering is a thanksgiving to God for his blessing and protection, and that it shows sorrow for a sin and a desire for forgiveness.

Sacrifice is a symbol of Holy Life. Even though God did not desire sacrifice, He did desire the things that sacrifice symbolized, that we should love Him and love others, acting fairly and mercifully. This is not punishment, it is what sacrifice really stands for. A few verses of scripture will suffice:

Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. (1 Samuel 15:22).

The sacrifices of God are a broken (that is, humble) spirit. (Psalm 51:16).

To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice". (Proverbs 21:3).

For I desired Mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. (Hosea 6:6).

Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ...He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:6).

To love the Lord... and to love his neighbour...is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices. (Mark 12:33).

Though you offer me burnt offerings...I will not accept them.... but let justice run down like water, and righteousness like a might stream. (Amos 5:24).

The kind of sacrifices God asks for are the "sacrifices of justice", (Deuteronomy 33:19) of "confession" and "thanksgiving". (Psalm 50:14, 23; 107:22; 116:17).

The Bible ties sacrifice with love, mercy, humility, and justice. But there is *no* direct connection anywhere in the Bible between

sacrifice and *punishment*. Rather, it was a symbol of *communion* with God. The altar was called the Lord's table, upon which the Israelites offered a meal for Him to eat. (Malachi 1:7,12; Psalm 50) In fact, many offerings were grain offerings, which could be eaten, but not in any way punished or killed. Killing and burning the animals is never called a penalty. It was simply the necessary means of preparing the food. Thus, sacrifice was a kind of sacrament or symbolic feast with God.

All of life is about sacrifice. We sacrifice our intellect, time, talent and resources. As parents, we make many sacrifices for the health and welfare of our children.

The Church ought to be a lifeboat for rescuing the perishing and not a cruise ship for pampering the prosperous. There is nothing wrong in being prosperous, but it must not be at the expense of the advancement of God's Kingdom. In fact, the scripture speaks forcefully about being prosperous. "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth" ;(3 John 2).

I firmly believe that if it wasn't for the struggles, we wouldn't have had the strength to face the vicissitudes of life. George Muller testifies, "The only way to learn strong faith is to endure great trials. I have learned my faith by standing firm amid severe testings".

One needs to learn from history or else the same mistakes would be made over and over. However, one's history ought to be a Reference rather than a Residence. Frank JJ Di Pietro in his book, **FIRE ON THE ALTAR**, wrote this on the Moravian Church of the early 18th century, "In an era when missionary outreach was almost non-existent, the Moravians covered the world, going places where most refused to go. They suffered prison, shipwreck, persecution, ridicule, plague, disease, poverty, and death, all to have the honor of being called 'Ambassadors for Christ'. Half a century later, William Carey, the father of modern foreign missions, asked his Baptist brethren, 'See what the Moravians have done? Cannot we follow their example...and preach the gospel to the heathen?' It is said that the small group of people, in twenty years, called into being more missions than the whole Church has done in two centuries.

God is calling us to greater service. Will you yield to his will? Isaiah declares, "I have set watchmen on your walls, O, Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace, day or night. You who call, upon the Lord, do not keep silent, and give Him no rest till He establish, and till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth" (Isaiah 62:6-7).

**Rev Dr. Cortroy Jarvis**  
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## PEC REPORTS

The PEC makes the following announcements:

### Unity Sunday

Sunday 03 March 2019 was Unity Sunday. It was on 01 March 1457 that the Moravian Church was born. We ask for your continued prayers for the work and witness of our Church. A special Unity offering was taken in all Moravian Churches worldwide on that Sunday 03 March 2019 for the continued mission of the church.

### Ordination Anniversaries

#### February 2019

03 February 2009 – Sis Movelle Kellman

04 February 2014 - Sis Onita Samuel-Warner

#### March 2019

13 March 2005 – Bro Patmore Smith

11 March 2011 – Sis Liselle Roberts

### Staff Re-assignment

The PEC has assigned Reverend Kirk Barker to work with the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in the Antigua Conference, with effect from 14 January 2019, until further notice.

### Furlough

The Reverend Belinda Manswell-Daniel, Pastor of the Moriah and Evangel congregations in the Tobago Conference, requested and has been granted four months furlough, with effect from 01 March 2019 to 30 June 2019.

### Consecration

The PEC requested that Bishop, the Rt. Reverend Kingsley Lewis consecrate the Reverend Dr. Patmore Smith as a Presbyter in the Church of God. The Reverend Dr. Patmore Smith is the Superintendent of the Trinidad Conference and a Minister of Music in the Trinidad and Tobago Conferences. The service was held at the Memorial Moravian Church in Trinidad on Sunday 24 February 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

### Provincial Watchword 2019

Each year, the (Unity) that is the Worldwide Moravian Church chooses by "LOT" a watchword for each of the Moravian Unity Provinces, Mission Provinces, Mission Areas and Prospective Mission Areas.

The Provincial Unity Watchword drawn for the Eastern West Indies Province (EWIP) is the one assigned for November 11th, 2019. It reads: **"You will know that I am the Lord; those who wait for me shall not be put to shame"**. Isaiah 49:23. This Text is our guiding principle for 2019. Congregations are encouraged to print on their bulletins and use it as often as possible throughout the year.

### Ash Wednesday: Day of Prayer and Fasting

As we approach and prepare for the 32nd Provincial Synod of the Eastern West Indies Province, the PEC invites all Staff and Members of our Church to participate in a Day of Prayer and Fasting for the Province, but more especially for the Synod. This

will take place on Ash Wednesday 06 March 2019 from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. Prayer points for the upcoming Synod can be but not limited to the following: -

1. All Delegates and Observers as they travel
2. Barbados Conference as it plans
3. Financial breakthrough in Conferences that are challenged
4. The Provincial Board as it guides the process
5. Meeting of Synod, sessions, services and times of fellowship
6. That we may experience a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit
7. That our Church will be Obedient to God's Will and God's Way.

### Adjustment to the 32 Provincial Synod Dates Bulletin #3

At the recently concluded Superintendents Conference, it was agreed to reduce the days for the synod from 12 to 19 to 15 to 19 July 2019. This was due primarily to the projected cost involved in hosting the Synod. It was also decided that Synodals would gather together in each conference on a day set aside to convene the Synod and to receive all the reports. This will be done by video conferencing. ALL Synodals are expected to be in attendance. All Synodals are expected to arrive in Barbados on the morning of Monday July 15, 2019. The Synod Service will be held on Monday 15 July 2019 at 7.00 p.m. The Synod Communion Service and installation of the PEC will be held on Thursday 18 July 2019 at 7:00p.m.

Synodals will be hosted at three venues: -

- a. The Keith Hunte Hall at the University of the West Indies
- b. The Palms Resort, Sunset Crest and possibly
- c. The Divi Heritage, Sunset Crest

The Cost of the Synod has now been set at US\$600.00. ALL FEES should be paid into the Barbados Conference by 31 March 2019 and a receipt of payment forwarded to the Provincial Headquarters. Please take note of the deadline for payments.

Observers can attend and participate in Synod activities. Kindly announce this in all congregations throughout the Eastern West Indies Province.

ALL Completed Registration forms for Synodals should be forwarded to the Provincial office IMMEDIATELY. A final list of all Delegates and Observers must be submitted to the Provincial Headquarters on or before 31 March 2019. Please be reminded that the new 15 to 19 Synod dates are July 2019.

### Ordination to the Diaconate of the Moravian Church

Reverend Daniel Mark was ordained a Deacon in the Moravian Church EWIP on Sunday 13 January 2019 at the Moriah Moravian Church in Tobago at 5:00 pm. The Rt. Reverend Dr. Conrad Spencer was the presiding Bishop and The Reverend Dr Cortroy Jarvis, Chairman of PEC, presented the Candidate to the Bishop.

### Theological Sunday

Sunday 24 March 2019 is Theological Education Sunday. On this day annually we remember in prayer our Warden/Tutor at The



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United Theological College of the West Indies in Jamaica and all of our ministers in training. At present, Sis. Judy Winspeare-Philip of Antigua is our Minister in training at the United Theological College of the West Indies in Jamaica. Our Warden/Tutor is the Reverend Neilson Waithe from Barbados.

On this day we encourage anyone who has heard the Call of God on their life to speak to your Pastor about that Call. The PEC welcomes you and looks forward to hearing from you through the application process after you would have spoken to your Pastor. A special offering will be taken on 24 March 2019 to go towards the continuing Education of our Ministers in Training.

### Condolences

The PEC extends condolence to the following: -

To the Reverend Yvanne Jean and Family, on the passing of her niece Marie Mona Joseph. She passed into the nearer presence of God on Wednesday February 13, 2019 in France. The Funeral Service was held on Wednesday February 20, 2019 at the Evangelical Assembly Church in France.

To the Reverend Erwin Warner and family, on the passing of his Grandfather Mr. Abraham Francis. He passed into the nearer presence of God on Thursday 14 February 2019 in the village of Five Islands, Antigua. The Funeral Service will be held on 12 March 2019 at the Five Islands Moravian Church, Antigua at 2.00 pm.

Let us remember Reverends Jean and Warner and their families in our prayer.

### Congratulations and Best Wishes to Reverend Dr. Mikie Roberts

The Eastern West Indies Province is very proud of the Reverend Dr. Mikie Roberts on being selected as the "Programme Executive for Spiritual Life and Faith and Order" for the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland. He has served well as he sought to use his gifts and ability to honour God and glorify His name. In doing so, he has challenged us all to live as Kingdom citizens.

Probably the most treasured accomplishment for the Reverend Dr. Mikie Roberts is his leadership in spearheading the publishing of the Caribbean Moravian Praise Hymnal and Liturgy Book. This Hymnal is the first one produced by the Eastern West Indies Province since its first mission was founded at New Herrnhut in St. Thomas in 1732. This is a wonderful celebration of God's gifting to him and the entire team of men and women from throughout the Caribbean. The Province owes a debt of gratitude to the entire team for their hard work, dedication and commitment.

The Reverend Dr. Mikie Roberts in his capacity as Minister of Music in the Virgin Islands Conference and the Director of Music in the Eastern West Indies Province of the Moravian Church, never waned in enthusiasm. He tackled every area of responsibility with passion, purpose, poise and precision.

The Provincial Elders Conference (PEC) of Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province is encouraged and very happy for the way how God has led our brother over the years. We are confident that the God who has begun a good thing in him, will bring it to completion.

Every blessing to you Reverend Dr. Mikie Roberts and may God accompany you in all that you do.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Reverend Dr. Cortroy Jarvis  
Chairman of PEC

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As I reflect on all of my life experiences thus far, I have no doubt in my mind now more than ever, that the gifting and callings of God are certainly not irrevocable and irresistible, even though at times they can be delayed or derailed by our own actions, or the actions of others. This has been my guiding principle ever since I surrendered my life fully to God.

Born to parents Christopher and Carol Mark, I am the second of five children that their marriage conceived. During my formative years, I received my primary education as a student of the Golden Lane Government Primary School before moving on to Elizabeth's College where I received my Secondary education.

For as long as I can remember as a child growing up, my siblings and I attended every church that surrounded our community at the time. We went from Salvation Army, Adventist, Pentecostal and finally to Moravian churches where we attended every activity. Therefore, it came as no surprise when I was given the nickname "preacher", due mainly to the way my Parents would dress me for church and Sunday evening Sunday school.

As I struggled to deal with the many challenging issues of life during my early teenage years, the church became my only source of hope, happiness and comfort. As faith would have it, at the age of seventeen (17), I went to live with one of my aunts, Aunty Grace which not only impacted my life physically, emotionally and psychologically, but most important was the spiritual change that came with it.

I remember surrendering my life to Christ in June 2003. However, it was while I was at Provincial Youth Camp on the island of Barbados in 2004, that I actually accepted God's call on my life to participate in active leadership within the church. Even though I was to some extent uncertain or even confused, one thing was certain for sure and that was, God had called.



## CELEBRATION CORNER



### March Birthday Celebrants

05<sup>th</sup> - Sis Latoya Somersall; 02<sup>nd</sup> - Sis Eileen Robinson; 6<sup>th</sup> - Sis Jillian Tudor-Akeem; 8<sup>th</sup> - Bro Orrin Lewis; 9<sup>th</sup> - Bro Lloyd Matthew; 10<sup>th</sup> - Bro Omandey Byron & Bro Bernard Rawlins; 13<sup>th</sup> - Sis Tryphena James & Sis Greta Musgrave; 16<sup>th</sup> - Bro Rudolph Wattley; 18<sup>th</sup> - Sis Jasmine Jeffers; 19<sup>th</sup> - Sis Tonya Watt, Sis Myrna Archibald, Sis Sandra DeSilva; 20<sup>th</sup> - Sis Ava Archibald; 21<sup>st</sup> - Bro Charles Benjamin; 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sis Sheryl Reid-Nisbett, Bro Wilfred Mitcham (93), Sis K'Tusha Liburd; 23<sup>rd</sup> - Sis K'Shanta Reid & Bro Frank Sargeant; 24<sup>th</sup> - Bro Zahmoyah Nisbett, Sis Veangele Williams (USA), Bro Henry Mitcham & Sis Audrey Henry; 25<sup>th</sup> - Sis Doris Powell; 26<sup>th</sup> - Sis Giovanna Greaux & Bro Steve Francis; 27<sup>th</sup> - Sis Deidrea Morton, Sis Hyacinth Gumbs & Sis Tammy Byron; 29<sup>th</sup> - Sis Sasha DeSuza & Sis Kristal Gardner; 31<sup>st</sup> - Sis N'Gozi Nicholls & Bro Sidney Osborne.



7th March ..... Bro Orin & Sis Lilette Lewis  
 18th March ..... Bro & Sis Charles Benjamin  
 31st March ..... Bro Wilmoth & Sis Yvonne Farrell

## 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; Bro Whitley Williams (USA) and Brother Tonito Lee (UK). Sisters Ellenitta Nathaniel, Eileen Mills, Sylvia Samuel, 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 Mc Donald, Eugenie Belgrove-Gumbs, Shirley Phipps, Anita Hobson, and Mavis Deosaw (Overseas).



**Brothers** Vernon Connor and Peter Byron.



## 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 Daria James

### UNITED STATES

Sis Xarielle Blanchette

### ST. THOMAS, USVI

Sis Jamilla Connor

### TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Sis Junika Berry

### JAMAICA

Bro Kyle Bradshaw  
 Sis Tonya DeSuza

### CANADA

Bro Hassanni Lapsey



## MEN'S SUNDAY—17 FEBRUARY 2019

This poem was first read on Sunday 17 February as part of the Men's Sunday Service. It is written by Ashton (Aiden) Davis.

*It's funny we want God to work in our lives,  
But we sit down living a double life,  
We sit down and want to speak things to manifest,  
But only think about the good and forget about the rest.*

*God wants clean vessels to swim through the ocean,  
At the end to give us medals so giving up is not an option,  
God needs clean persons to work in their lives,  
To reach the lost, it's people like us He will utilize.*

*Have you ever realized some of the biggest Bible celebrities of all time,  
Moses, Joshua, Daniel, David, all of these were sinners, they all lied,  
But then God used these men to spread His word,  
To reach the lost, the church and the entire world.*

*You're not too dirty, unclean or worthless  
For God still brought some of the Israelites out of the wilderness,  
Yea, yea I know you'll sit and say "My life's a mess,"  
But He said, "Come unto me just as you are and I will give you rest."*

*Christianity is no joke, nor form of mediocrity,  
So don't play around with God, it's not funny,  
However, He never promised the cross would not get heavy,  
But He promised through His son you'll have victory.*

*I myself have been at the stage that you are at,  
Thinking God can't help me, I was wrong about that,  
Despite what the world may think or say,  
God chose me anyway.*

*We often complain about how big our problems are,  
But forget the kind of God we began serving at the start,  
Tests and trials only come to make you stronger,  
So we just gotta trust Him and hold a lil longer.*

*God will move heaven and earth to come and get you,  
He sent his ONLY Son to save you,  
So why do we worry and fret,  
Instead of leaving it to Him and just forget.*

*If you want God to use you, make yourself available.  
Trust me, He'll be there for you even in trouble the earth will tremble,  
For when we call on Jesus all things are possible  
Remember God is all powerful,  
Just believe and have faith,  
In the end it'll all be worth it!*

*If you were the only sinner on earth,  
Would Mary have given birth,  
Ahh even if it was one,  
Jesus still would have come,  
And you'll ask me how do I know,  
GUESS WHAT? THE BIBLE TELLS ME JESUS LOVES US SO!*

***Penned by: Ashton N. Davis (Aiden)***





# CONVENTION SUNDAY ~ 03 MARCH 2019







## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

**St. Kitts Outreach Centre**  
**The Moravians** will be responsible for ministering at the **St. Kitts Outreach Centre** during the period **25 to 29 March 2019**. Members are asked to assist wherever possible.

### Daily Texts

**Daily Texts 2019** are here in limited quantity so place your orders now.

- \* Large print—\$45.00
- \* Small print—\$40.00

### Basket of Hope

We have opened the Basket of Hope in support of the Dorcas Ministry. We are encouraging persons to bring non-perishable items for this basket to help out the ministry. There is a box at the back of the church in which you are to place the items. Thank you in advance for your help.

### Missionary 2019

On 03 February 2019, Zion launched its 2019 Missionary

colour-coded offering. During each service for the months of February to November, a colour offering will be collected as follows:

- **Green** – February and July
- **Blue** – March and August
- **Purple** – April and September
- **Orange** – May and October
- **Grey** – June and November

The colour for the month of March is **Blue**. We look forward to what God will do this year; our target is **\$50,000.00**.

### Conference Bible Study

Conference Bible Study resumes on Wednesday 27 March at the Bethesda Moravian Church, Cayon at 7:00 pm. The topic will be "What is the Church?"

## PEC REPORTS CONT'D

When I returned to my home congregation of Evangel, I shared my experiences with my pastor. Not long after, I began preaching in my home congregation, then as a lay preacher throughout the Tobago conference and at times even in Grenada, where I was actively involved in Mission work.

This mission proved fruitful in every sense as it was there I met my wife Callisha. We were married on the August 18th, 2018 at Evangel, Tobago. In 2013, I entered the United Theological College of the West Indies and the University of the West Indies, Mona to commence my course of study for the full time Ministry of the Moravian Church. I graduated in 2017 with a Diploma in Ministerial Studies from the United Theological College of the West Indies and a B.A. in Theology from the University of the West Indies, Mona.

I was called to serve as Associate Pastor at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua. This was a good experience. When I am not at Church, you can find me either playing cricket with the boys in my village or having a good lime and laugh with my friends.

As I assume my duties as Pastor at Black Rock and Bon Accord Moravian Churches, I look forward to what God would have us do as a community of faith, called to serve in a changing and challenging world. My prayer is that all of us will avail ourselves to God, join our faith, hands and resources together and impact our communities for Christ in a holistic and meaningful way.

Yours in Christ,  
*Reverend Daniel Mark*

You Ready Fi Lunch??

# PASTOR'S POT mi seh

**Every Friday  
 12 NOON - 2:00p.m.**

**Back of Zion's Preschool**

The Pastor's Pot will commence on 15 March 2019 and every Friday thereafter, until 31 May 2019. Orders can be placed on Thursdays up to 5:00 pm. Menus will be circulated soon.

## The Martyrs of the Buckley's Uprising



"The Martyrs of Buckley's Uprising Ultimate Sacrifice Should Never Go Untold" was the theme selected to mark the 84<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Buckley's Uprising. The St. Kitts-Nevis Rastafari Nyabinghi Theocracy Order continues to lead the celebrations of our local History and more so, this momentous occasion every year on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January.

For the 2019 celebrations, the Rastafari Nyabinghi Theocracy Order, chose to honour two persons – Sis Viola Warner and Sir Probyn Innis. Sis. Warner and her twin brother, Emile Allen Pemberton, now deceased, were but two years of age, when their father was shot from his bicycle. This incident occurred on their birthday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 1935. Eighty-four (84) years later, she is being honoured on behalf of her Dad, Mr. John Allen.



# YOUTH CONNECTION – RESISTING TEMPTATION

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 4: 1-14

**Memory Verse:**

*Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. Luke 4:1-2a (NIV)*

**Sermon Lesson:**

There was a bowl of candy like this one sitting on the coffee table in the living room of Mary's house. Mary's mother noticed that she was looking at the candy and said, "Now, don't you eat any candy until after dinner or you will spoil your appetite". The candy looked so good and the temptation was so great. "Surely just one little piece would not hurt — and mother will never know the difference", Mary thought to herself.

Have any of you ever had an experience like that? Here is another story which might sound familiar.

"Put away your books and take out one sheet of paper and a pencil", the teacher said. "We are going to take our weekly spelling test". Johnny had an empty feeling in the pit of his stomach. He knew that they were going to have a spelling test today, but he watched TV last night instead of studying for the spelling test and he was not ready for the test. As the test began, Johnny looked around the room and realized that he had a clear view of Sally's paper. "It would not hurt if I look at Sally's paper just this once", Johnny thought to himself. "I promise — I'll never do it again and nobody will ever know".

All of us have faced temptations such as these, haven't we? Did you know that Jesus was tempted just as we are? The Bible tells us that Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert where he was tempted by the devil for forty days. Do you know what Jesus did when the devil tempted him? He answered him with Scripture!

Jesus had not had anything to eat for forty days. He was hungry, and Satan knew he was hungry, so he said to him, "If you are really the Son of God, turn these stones into bread".

Jesus could have easily done what Satan suggested, but he didn't. Instead, he answered, "It is written, 'Man does not live by bread alone'".

Then the devil took Jesus up to a high place and showed him the worldly kingdoms below. "All of this belongs to me", he said. "If you will bow down and worship me, I will give it to you".

Jesus answered, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only'".

Next, the devil took Jesus to Jerusalem and led him up to the highest point on the temple. He said to Jesus, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here. God will send his angels to rescue you".

Again, Jesus quoted the Scripture, "Do not put the Lord your God

to the test".

Do you know what the devil did? He gave up! He said, "I'll come back and try another day".

I want each of you to have a piece of candy from this bowl. I am not going to tell you not to eat it until after dinner, but as you eat it, I want you to think about what we have learned in our Bible lesson today. Satan tempted Jesus just as he tempts you and me. Jesus resisted Satan's temptation, and we can too, by answering him with Scripture.

**Prayer:**

*Dear Father, help us to learn what the Bible teaches us to do so that when the devil tempts us, we can do what Jesus did—answer him with Scripture. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

## Multiple Choice Quiz

*Choose the word that best matches the definition*

1. To feel a need or desire for food  
A. hungry B. thirsty C. tired D. tempt
2. A small rock  
A. boulder B. mountain C. world D. stone
3. A food made of flour and water, shaped into loaves, and baked  
A. pizza B. pie C. bread D. stone
4. To try to get someone to do wrong  
A. worship B. tempt C. angel D. hungry
5. To show a strong feeling of love and respect for God  
A. devil B. angel C. worship D. tempt
6. A heavenly being, often shown as a human figure with a halo and wings  
A. fairy B. devil C. temple D. angel
7. The evil ruler of Hell, and enemy of God  
A. angel B. world C. devil D. hungry
8. The entire Earth and all the places and things on it  
A. space B. moon C. world D. galaxy



## INSTRUMENT OF PEACE

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters,

May this Lenten period be a time of renewal, re-commitment, and restoration.



As I prepared for the upcoming Lenten Season, I reflected on God's mercy and grace, and the reflective words in 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 12: 20 & 21 resonated with me: "Serve the Lord with all your heart; and do not turn aside after useless things that cannot profit or save." Samuel, like others in the Bible, has admonished us to put our efforts into giving adoration to God and lessen our attention on worldly things that cannot offer salvation. Samuel is right! So often we find ourselves so busy with our daily responsibilities that form part of our various spheres in life—family, career, and social activities that we forget or minimize the significance of God's goodness in our lives. Thus, during the Lenten Season as we seek to truly appreciate the many sacrifices of Jesus Christ's 40-day desert journey, let us pledge to be more mindful about how we can serve Christ more wholeheartedly. In so doing, we might have to dedicate less time to the activities/things that are not in keeping with serving God to the best of our abilities.

To focus on this pledge, we share a prayer and the song *I am Happy in the Service of the King*. This is our prayer: *Father God, we come to you asking for guidance as we seek to bring honour to your name and serve more productively in your earthly kingdom. Lord God, numerous times we find ourselves paying significant attention to useless things that sidetrack us from our critical relationship with you. As such, we lose sight of your glory. Help us Lord to be meaningful instruments as we spread your love and focus more on the important things that support your guiding light.*

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

***1 I am happy in the service of the King.***  
*I am happy, oh, so happy;*  
*I have peace and joy that nothing else can bring,*  
*In the service of the King.*

***Chorus:***  
***In the service of the King***  
***Every talent I will bring;***  
***I have peace and joy and blessing***  
***In the service of the King.***

***2 I am happy in the service of the King.***  
*I am happy, oh, so happy;*  
*Thro' the sunshine and the shadow I can sing,*  
*In the service of the King.*

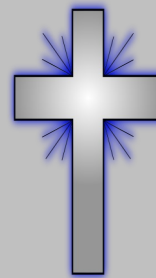
***3 I am happy in the service of the King.***  
*I am happy, oh, so happy;*  
*To His guiding hand forever I will cling,*  
*In the service of the King.*

***4 I am happy in the service of the King.***  
*I am happy, oh, so happy;*  
*All that I possess to Him I gladly bring,*  
*In the service of the King.*

***Author: Alfred Henry Ackley, 1912***  
***Music: Bentley DeForest Ackley***

~Contributed by a VOZ Member

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



**Sis. Iditha BonCamper and Family** on the passing of: -

**Mr. Anthony (Tony) BonCamper**  
 (Brother-in-law)

**Sis. Marilyn Cotton and Family** on the passing of: -

**Ms. Yolande Bassue**  
 (Sister)

**Sis. Sylvia Benjamin, Sis. Sandrine Benjamin and Family** on the passing of: -

**Mr. Reginal Thomas**  
 (Brother, Uncle)

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

Brothers and Sisters, may the Lord grant you peace in these trying times.



## MORAVIAN DAILY TEXT FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



### Watchword for the Week

*Be one who believes in Christ will be put to shame.*  
**Romans 10:11**

### Prayer

*God of forgiveness, we confess to you all the ways we have fallen short of desire for our lives. God, we lift up to you the ways we have failed ourselves, our loved one, and You. Give us the strength and endurance to turn from our failures and return to you. In Jesus' name we Pray Amen*

## Sunday 10th March 2019 ~ First Sunday in Lent

**Senior Pastor: Rev. Hilton J. Joseph \* Associate Pastor: Rev. Onita Samuel-Warner**

### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### Call to Worship

#### Songs of Approach

- *This is the Day that the Lord has Made*
- *I Will enter His Gates with Thanksgiving in my Heart*
- *From the Rising of the Sun*
- *Lord Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary*

#### Prayer

#### Sentences

God, in this season of Lent

**We quiet our souls**

That we may see more clearly the one our hearts long for

**We ask, seek, and knock**

That our prayers may be answered

**And our longing fulfilled**

We acknowledge that so much of faith-life involves waiting

**for the voice of God to speak**

For the Spirit of God to move for the fullness of

**Your kingdom to come**

For Christ's return for the world to be made new

**For justice and peace to become ordinary**

For love to become the world's motivation

**We acknowledge that even as we wait,**

You are working redeeming the earth

Redeeming people confirming Your love.

As Christ waited three days in a tomb

**So do we wait for resurrection life.**

We wait in faith, ‘

**That You are even now giving us new life.**

We wait in hope for the Lord.

**All creation waits for the Lord. Amen**

*Fran Pratt 2017*

#### Welcome/Greetings/Fellowship/Birthdays/Anniversaries

#### Litany for First Sunday in Lent

**Hymn: ..... At The Cross, Where I First Saw The Light**

#### Ministry of the Word

Old Testament Lesson ..... Law Book of Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Ministry in Song ..... Junior Choir

New Testament Lesson ..... Gospel of Luke 4:1-13

**Poem: ..... Lent Calls**

**Sermon ..... Bro Jermaine James**

#### Altar Encounter

**Song: ..... Me Alone Inna De Wilderness**

#### Worship in Giving

**Offertory Sentence:** *“If anyone would tell you the shortest, surest way to happiness and all perfection, he must tell you to make it a rule to yourself to thank and praise God for everything that happens to you”. William (https://www.wow4u.com/qthankfulness/)*

**Chorus: ..... I will not suffer, I will not beg for bread**

#### Prayer of Dedication

**Concerns of the Congregation (Notices)**

**Closing Song ..... In Christ Alone**

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