



THE ZION MORAVIAN CHURCH
 (Established 1777) 239 Years of Christian Witness



THE VOICE OF ZION

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Provincial Theme
Fulfilling the Mandate

The Thematic Focus
Advance the Kingdom!
 (Developing God's Church –
 Teaching, Reprimanding,
 Empowering)

Foundation Text
Acts 1: 8
Matthew 28: 16-20
Romans 15:20
2 Timothy 4:2

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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From The Pastors' Desk



Rev Hilton J Joseph



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My Family in Christ,

In the movie 'Son of God', an American Epic Biblical drama film produced by Mark Burnett and Roma Dawney, released in February 2014, Simon Peter (played by Darwin Shaw) said after Jesus' ascension, "My brothers, my sisters, we have work to do".

In essence the similar sentiments should resonate in us as the body of Christ as we enter into the post Easter/ Resurrection Season: "We have work to do".

Featured in this month's issue of *From the Pastor's Desk* is an article written by the Chairman of PEC, Rev Dr Cortroy Jarvis, entitled **Advance the Kingdom in the Midst of Terror.**

In the Gospel of John 20:21 – the reading for Sunday 03 April 2016 – Jesus said to the

disciples "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." This command was our Lord commissioning the faith community to continue the work God sent Him to do.

Read and digest!

Rev Hilton J Joseph
 Pastor

Advance the Kingdom in the Midst of Terror

Two days into Holy Week 2016 terror struck in Brussels, Belgium. Suicide bombers aligned to ISIS detonated bombs at the Airport and the main Train Station in Brussels. When the dust subsided, 34 persons were killed and over 200 injured, some very badly. What could have caused such a wicked act on innocent persons? Can one still be bold enough to continue to Advance the Kingdom in the midst of terror?

Throughout the ages, the Gospel of Christ has continued to be proclaimed, and people all over the world have been saved. Today, it is our turn to share that same message, which offers forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life to all who believe. No other religion has a leader who overcame death. How can one keep silent about the most important event that ever happened in spite of the brutal acts of terrorism world over?

Jesus' resurrection should also direct and motivate our mission. Christ, speaking to His disciples, said to them, "As the Father has sent me, I also send you" (John 20:21). Having seen the risen Lord and being filled with His Spirit, those first Christians spread the message of salvation throughout the Roman world. The impact of their witness was so great that they were described as "men who have upset the world" (Acts 17:6).

In 1 Corinthians 15: 13-17, the apostle Paul gives us a glimpse of the resurrection's importance by describing what would have happened if Jesus had not been raised. Our Easter celebrations would be a big lie, and our faith would be worthless.

To be continued



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Ministries Within The Church

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Ministry In Music

Zion Junior Choir
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Zion Senior Choir
Zion Combined Choir
Zion Gospel Singers
Praise & Worship Team
Youth Praise Team
ZMC Steel Band

Other Church Ministries

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

The Moravian Senior Club: The First Five Years

The Moravian Senior Club has launched a series of activities to mark the fifth anniversary of its founding.

In February 2011, Sis Doris Adams invited a few senior members of the Zion congregation to a meeting to discuss the formation of an organization that would provide an avenue for seniors, both males and females, to meet and fellowship together and spend some of their free time in constructive ways that would help them remain active and engaged in wholesome activity in their senior years. The need for such an organization was clearly recognized, but there was no blue print to show how it would function. Through prayer and discussions, it soon became clear that God was guiding and directing the path to follow as obstacles were removed and new ideas gave life to the project.

Instead of being an organization for Zion seniors only, as originally had been thought, it soon became apparent that we were being called to establish an ecumenical ministry for Christian Seniors. In seeking a venue for our meetings we turned to the Methodists, whose Church Hall on Seaton Street was not being utilized during the day. They not only agreed to let us use their premises free of cost, but some of their members were inspired by what we were setting out to do and eagerly joined the group. As information about the Club spread, members from other denominations joined – Anglicans, Baptists and various other Pentecostal churches; and not only from Basseterre either. We have members who attend regularly from as far as Tabernacle, Saddlers and so on.

The Club meets once a week, on Tuesday mornings, from 10:00 a.m. until noon, at the Methodist Church Hall, Seaton Street and engages in a wide ranging programme of activities to meet the varied interests of its members. There is a devotional component; there are age-appropriate physical exercises; there are word games and board games; there are field trips to places of historical and cultural interest; guest speakers on topics of relevance to the group and so forth. Membership is open to persons, male and female, aged 55 and over, who are either fully or semi-retired. Current membership is just over 90. A warm welcome is extended to anyone wishing to join the group.

As the first of their Fifth Anniversary Celebrations, members of the Club attended morning worship at the Wesley Methodist Church on Sunday 14 February. As this coincided with the observance of Valentine's Day, the members appropriately rendered a medley of songs centered on the theme of God's love for mankind. After the church service the group went to lunch together at a restaurant in Frigate Bay.

The next activity planned to mark the 5th Anniversary was a Coastal Boat Ride on Easter Monday, when club members along with their families and friends took a picnic-cruise aboard the Prince DeVonte J. Other activities will be announced as the year progresses. The Fifth Anniversary Celebrations will culminate with a Church Service at the Zion Moravian Church on Sunday 23 October, 2016.

As more and more of our citizens are benefitting from improved medical care and therefore living long after retirement, it is important that services be provided to improve on their quality of life, and keep them active and engaged for as long as possible. Many seniors live alone as their children have grown up, moved out of the family home or even moved abroad. The Moravian Senior Club is a ministry that provides an opportunity for seniors, both male and female, to make new friends and to fellowship with their peers, share experiences and even engage in new activities that stimulate the mind, keep the body active and reaffirm their spiritual ideals.

The Moravian Senior Club held its annual general elections on Tuesday 1 March 2016, for members to serve on the **Executive Committee**.

The following persons were elected to serve for a period of one year.

⇒ **President:** Bro Dr Sam Rawlins

⇒ **Vice President:** Sis Clarita Richards

⇒ **Secretary:** Sis Pamela Brookes

⇒ **Assistant Secretary:** Sis Joyce Burgundy

⇒ **Treasurer:** Sis Gwen Webbe



A Moment in History

The Zion Moravian Church

The Zion Moravian Church is a solid structure at the point where College Street and Victoria Road meet. Perhaps its most impressive feature is its very tall windows. Its interior is modest and uncluttered.

In 1774, while on a visit to England, the American born lawyer, John Gardiner, met with Moravian representatives Benjamin La Trobe and John Wollin. Having gone through a politically strenuous time in St. Kitts, Gardiner was growing disenchanted with both the secular and ecclesiastical authorities on the island. He had already heard of the results achieved by the Moravian missionaries on Antigua and asked that they would consider a similar venture in St. Kitts. He promised access to his own plantation and any other assistance they might require. Bishop Mack of St. Croix was sent to St. Kitts to assess the situation. His report was encouraging.

In 1777 John Daniel Gottwalt of Germany and James Birkby were sent to start the mission. They arrived in Antigua in April and stayed there for six weeks to acquaint themselves with working among the enslaved. They finally arrived in St. Kitts on Sunday 14 June 1777 accompanied by Peter Browne of the Antigua mission. On arrival they were shocked to find that, in Basseterre, the Sunday was not kept as a day of rest and prayer, but instead all kinds of business was carried on.

Gardiner took them to his estate in Trinity where Browne preached to the enslaved.

Eventually Gardiner introduced them to the Commander-in-Chief of the island and secured a house for them in College Street. Meetings took place on Sundays and weekdays and alternated between Basseterre and Palmetto Point. Planter opposition was soon laid to rest when it was realised that the missionaries were not encouraging rebellion but rather insisted on obedience and duty. They even had enslaved



workers serving them.

In December of that year, the missionaries offered the enslaved an alternative to the revelries that took place on the streets and the estates yards and a significant number chose to attend service on Christmas Day and Old Year's night. During 1778, Brother Gottwalt visited a number of estates between Basseterre and Sandy Point but most services continued to be held in Basseterre.

Meetings specifically for children were started and the congregation continued to grow. The first baptisms took place on the 14th November 1779.

St. Kitts was invaded and captured by the French in 1782. This meant that the island was then under Roman Catholic, French rule. There was some concern for the safety of the Moravian missionaries and plans were set in place to evacuate them to St. Croix. However, Gardiner, who was still their patron, had been appointed attorney general by the French governor and the missionaries continued to enjoy

the good will of the new regime.

On the 29th March 1785, the missionaries gave up the house that had been hired for them and moved into a small building also in College Street. It had been bought for them by the Church. Two years later a large stone wall was erected to protect the house from the torrents that came down College Ghaut when the rains were heavy. Later a manse was built on the site, but the exact date is not known.

In 1788 the congregation numbered 200 and a bigger place of worship was being

sought. The Mission Board's approval was obtained and the foundation stone was laid on the 21 May 1789 and the church was consecrated on the 11 October of the same year. As the congregation in Basseterre grew, plans were started for activities further afield in Cayon and Sandy Point. Lack of staff hampered the spread of the mission to the various communities, but in 1825 Sunday schools were started in Basseterre and Cayon, and students including the children of the enslaved, were taught how to read.

Emancipation was declared in 1834 but the enslaved on St. Kitts met the event with hostility as they resented the four-year apprenticeship period that was to follow. Among those arrested for creating a disturbance were members of the church although the missionaries did not encourage rebellion.

By welcoming the enslaved into their congregation, the Moravian Brethren offered them an opportunity to attend church as the enslavers did and to learn reading and writing. As a result, by the following year it was recognised that an even bigger place of worship was required especially as the old building had also been subjected to hurricanes, flooding and earthquakes and was in desperate need of repair. A yellow fever epidemic delayed the start of work on the new structure especially after four missionaries died in quick succession.

On the 4th December 1837 the foundation of a new school was



PEC Reports

A Sneak Preview of the Moravian Church

For over five centuries the Moravian Church has proclaimed the gospel in all parts of the world. Its influence has far exceeded its numbers as it has cooperated with Christians on every continent and has been a visible part of the Body of Christ, the Church. Proud of its heritage and firm in its faith, the Moravian Church ministers to the needs of people wherever they are. The name Moravian identifies the fact that this historic church had its origin in ancient Bohemia and Moravia in what is the present-day Czech Republic. In the mid-ninth century these countries converted to Christianity chiefly through the influence of two Greek Orthodox missionaries, Cyril and Methodius. They translated the Bible into the common language and introduced a national church ritual. In the centuries that followed, Bohemia and Moravia gradually fell under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of Rome, but some of the Czech people protested.

The foremost of Czech reformers, John Hus (1369-1415) was a professor of philosophy and rector of the University in Prague. The Bethlehem Chapel in Prague, where Hus preached, became a rallying place for the Czech reformation. Gaining support from students and the common people, he led a protest movement against many practices of the Roman Catholic clergy and hierarchy. Hus was accused of heresy, underwent a long trial at the Council of Constance, and was burned at the stake on 06 July 1415.

Organized in 1457 The reformation spirit did not die with Hus. The Moravian Church, or *Unitas Fratrum* (Unity of Brethren), as it has been officially known since 01 March 1457, arose as followers of Hus gathered in the village of Kunvald, about 100 miles east of Prague, in eastern Bohemia, and organized the church. This was 60 years before Martin Luther began his reformation and 100 years before the establishment of the Anglican Church.

According to Gregory the Patriarch, considered the founder of *Unitas Fratrum*, what made a Christian was not doctrine or what he or she believed, but that a person lived his or her life according to the teachings of Jesus Christ. He described these first Moravians as “people who have decided once and for all to be guided only by the gospel and example of our Lord Jesus Christ and his holy apostles in gentleness, humility, patience, and love for our enemies.” (Rican, *History of the Unity*)

By 1467 the Moravian Church had established its own ministry, and in the years that followed three orders of the ministry were defined: deacon, presbyter and bishop.

Growth, Persecution and Exile

By 1517 the Unity of Brethren numbered at least 200,000 with over 400 parishes. Using a hymnal and catechism of its own, the church promoted the Scriptures through its two printing presses

and provided the people of Bohemia and Moravia with the Bible in their own language.

A bitter persecution, which broke out in 1547, led to the spread of the Brethren’s Church to Poland where it grew rapidly. By 1557 there were three provinces of the church: Bohemia, Moravia and Poland. The Thirty Years War (1618-1648) brought further persecution to the Brethren’s Church, and the Protestants of Bohemia were severely defeated at the battle of White Mountain in 1620.

The prime leader of the *Unitas Fratrum* in these tempestuous years was Bishop John Amos Comenius (1592-1670). He became world-renowned for his progressive views of education. Comenius, lived most of his life in exile in England and in Holland where he died. His prayer was that someday the “hidden seed” of his beloved *Unitas Fratrum* might once again spring to new life.

Renewed in the 1700s

The eighteenth century saw the renewal of the Moravian Church through the patronage of Count Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf, a pietist nobleman in Saxony. Some Moravian families fleeing persecution in Bohemia and Moravia found refuge on Zinzendorf’s estate in 1722 and built the community of Herrnhut. The new community became the haven for many more Moravian refugees.

Count Zinzendorf encouraged them to keep the discipline of the *Unitas Fratrum*, and he gave them the vision to take the gospel to the far corners of the globe. 13 August 1727, marked the culmination of a great spiritual renewal for the Moravian Church in Herrnhut, and in 1732 the first missionaries were sent to the West Indies where the Mission was started in St. Thomas, (Danish West Indies at the time), it is now U.S. Virgin Islands.

Today there are more than one million members of the Moravian Church in the world. Most of them live in eastern and southern Africa, in places like Tanzania, Burundi, Malawi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Zambia and South Africa. Other major Moravian centers are the Caribbean area (U.S. Virgin Islands, Antigua, Barbados, Tobago, St. Kitts, Jamaica, Suriname, Guyana, Honduras and Nicaragua). In addition, there are significant Moravian populations in the United States, especially in Winston-Salem, New York, Wisconsin and Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, USA. There are now twenty-three (23) Unity Provinces, four Mission Provinces and thirteen (13) Mission Areas of the Unity.

The Moravian Church in the Eastern West Indies Province is comprised of 6 Conferences and operates on eleven (11) islands including St. Maarten which is shared with the Suriname Province.



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Hymn of the Month March 2016

Last week, Christians worldwide joined the joyous celebration of Eastertide. It was that time when the central message of the resurrection of Christ was sounded abroad. Believers everywhere echoed the proclamation – ‘*The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!*’ So as we transition from Lent to Easter, our hymn of the month for March is, ***Thine Be The Glory***.

This hymn was written by Edmund Budry in 1884 and is sung to the tune ***JUDAS MACCABEUS***. This melody complements the text of the hymn and helps us to grasp the military imagery of Christ as the conqueror over death. This entry was a new addition to the current hymnal.

The text of the hymn fully captures the substance of our faith as Christians. In the opening stanza, we ascribe praise and honour to the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by rising from the dead, has demonstrated that He has conquered humanity’s most feared enemy – death.

The opening couplet which is the central message of the hymn is repeated as the refrain. By so doing, we cannot overlook this fundamental idea that all glory belongs to Christ, who has won for us an eternal victory over death. Bearing that in mind, then those who are followers of Christ need not be afraid of whatever may come our way. Because of Christ’s resurrection, the Church has been given a triumphant song to sing which resonates that death “hath lost its sting.” Once we embrace by faith this message, then unlike Thomas, who walked in doubt, we can be released from the grips of doubt. Instead, we can testify that because our faith is anchored in the Christ who conquered death, then we too shall be one day victors and conquerors over death. Below are the words and music for this hymn:

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.*

Rev Dr Mikie Roberts
Director, Provincial Hymnal Committee.

***Thine be the glory, risen conqu’ring Son;
Endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won.***

*Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let His church with gladness hymns of triumph sing.
For our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.*

*No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of Life!
Life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conqu’ors through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.*

1884. Edmond Budry.

Unity Prayer Watch 2016

The Eastern West Indies Province will participate in the Unity Prayer Watch from Midnight March 31 to Midnight April 14, 2016. The Schedule was as follows:

- ⇒ Grenada from Midnight on 01 April to 12.01 am 02 April 2016
- ⇒ Tobago from 12:00 am on 02 April 02 to 11:01 am 03 April 2016
- ⇒ Trinidad from 11:00 am on 03 April to 12.01pm 04 April 2016
- ⇒ Barbados from Midday on 04 April to 12.01 am 06 April 2016
- ⇒ Virgin Islands from Midnight on 06 April to 6:01am 10 April 2016
- ⇒ St. Kitts from 6:00 am on 10 April to 6:01 pm 11 April 2016
- ⇒ Antigua from 6:00 pm on 11 April to Midnight 14 April 2016

Conferences were asked to observe the time allotted for our members to engage in the unbroken prayer chain. This prayer meeting began on 13 August 1727 when the Moravian Church had its Pentecostal experience. The Church was so much on fire that the Prayer meeting lasted for 100 unbroken years. Let us therefore encourage our members to be in prayer, as we continue to seek God’s guidance and direction for our Church and indeed our lives.

Condolences

The Rev Dufferin Culpepper passed into the nearer presence of God on 07 February 2016. Rev. Culpepper was a wonderful Servant of God who served well in many conferences, including the St. Kitts Conference as superintendent and pastor of the Zion Moravian Church

The Funeral service was held on Friday 19 February 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Calvary Moravian Church in Barbados. Interment was at the Mount Tabor Cemetery. Let us remember his family in our prayers





Moravian Week



Staff Members Cutting Church Birthday Cake - Black Tie Affair

The Moravian Church worldwide (Unitas Fratrum) celebrated 559 years of work and witness on 6 March 2016. In commemoration of the same, the St. Kitts Conference had one week of celebration from **29 February to 6 March 2016** under the theme **Retelling our Story, Remembering our Struggles, and Recognizing our STRENGTH (God)**.

Moravian Week was launched on **28 February** during the Sunday morning service held at each of the five churches within the Conference. There was also a Ministry/Pulpit Exchange. At 4:00 pm, the Conference participated in the Prayer for the Nation Service at the Independence Square.

On **29 February**, a Panel Discussion on “Ministry: Our Story, Our Struggle, Our STRENGTH” was held at Bethesda at 7:15 pm, providing perspectives from the pulpit (Rev. Hilton Joseph), the pew (Sis. Orvis Mills and Bro Delon Browne), and the public (Rev. Deslyn Belle-Watson). It was chaired by Sis. Belinda Bart.

A Moravian Birthday Gala was held at the Zion Moravian Church at 7:15 pm on **1 March**. It was an evening of melody with the singing of songs that reminded us of where we came from and our strength in God. All in attendance were dressed in their best. There was a cocktail on the lawn following the service; we were serenaded by EBJ Harmonics on the pan.

On **2 March**, the Moravian Church St. Kitts Conference led the Lenten Devotions at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at 11:45 am, which was organized by the St. Kitts Christian Council.

A Cultural Expo entitled “Ah Kittitian Mi Be” was held at Estridge on **3 March** at 7.15 pm. It featured performances by both Moravians and non-Moravians and ended with a Fashion Show that exhibited lovely African wear provided by Adorn Boutique, Port Zante. Tasty Cultural Food was on sale during the Expo, none of which exceeded \$5.

A Bonfire was held for the Youths at the Bethel Moravian Church Lawn on **4 March**. The youths engaged in several old-time ring games, at the end of which they were given marshmallows to roast in the bonfire and eat. They were also given hamburgers and hot dog sandwiches.

5 March was a day of Prayer & Fasting, beginning with the Monthly Conference Prayer Meeting at the Keys Community Centre at 7:00 am and ending with participation in the National Prayerade and Rally at 4:00 pm.

Moravian Week 2016 concluded on **Sunday 6 March** with the Unity Sunday Service of Thanksgiving at the Bethesda Moravian Church. Persons complied with the request to wear Black and African print. The service began with a drum call – an exercise that alerted our ancestors to spiritual and special gatherings on the plantations.

All aspects of this service were linked to the theme of Moravian Week 2016. Pastor Elva Richards – Associate Pastor of the Zion, Estridge, and Bethel Pastorate – was the Preacher. The topic of her message was **Be Rooted and Grounded in the Word of God**. The focal points were:

- Be REAL
- Have a desire for ONENESS
- Be OBEDIENT
- Be TEACHABLE
- Be ENERGIZED, EMPOWERED, ENCOURAGED
- Have a DELIGHTFUL and DEDCATED spirit

As Moravian Week is ended, may we continue to share the news that “Our Lamb has conquered; let us follow Him” and create our own history.



Mid Week Lenten Service at the Catholic Church



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, and Veronica Stevens (USA). Brother Tonito Lee (UK).

Sisters Rahmona Casey, Helen Woods, Ellenitta Nathaniel, Urlie De Silva, Dorette Rawlins, Eileen Robinson, Mary Mac Lachlan, Beverly James and Gloria Thompson and Brothers Ernest Christopher, Hashim Bertie, Allan Pennyfeather, Washington Archibald, Earl Julius, and Basil Byron (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, Shirley Phipps and Mavis Deosaw (Overseas).

Brothers Vernon Connor, Arthur Thompson, and James Phipps.

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
Bro Withley Williams
Bro Zaavan Hobson
Bro Christin Scarborough
Bro Glassil DeSilva
Sis Vicky Liburd
Sis Akila Moore

CANADA

Bro Hassanni Lapsey
Bro Alester Thomas

SINT EUSTATIUS

Bro Mervin Hook Jr

JAMAICA

Bro Kyle Bradshaw
Sis Avicia Sweeney

Celebration Corner



April Birthday Celebrants

1st - Bro Amani Nisbett, 2nd - Sis Carla Taylor-Williams, Bro Arnold DeSilva, 3rd - Sis Aslyn Broadbelt, Bro Quame Williams, 4th - Sis Gennifer Broadbelt, 5th - Bro Brian Mc Lachlan, Bro Lajuwon Seaton, 8th - Sis Charmaine Seaton, Sis Carmen Davis, Sis Gloria Thompson, 9th - Bro Earl Brotherson Jr, 10th - Bro Giuseppe Garito, Sis Ingrid Merritt, Sis Avicia Sweeney (Jamaica), 13th Sis Danielle Wiggins, 14th - Bro Peter Byron, Sis Findjie Dandressol, Sis Abigail Percival, Sis Shiloh Archibald, 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, Sharmaine Archibald, Sis Avonelle Phillip, 26th - Bro Mervin Hook Jr, and 29th - Sis Tasia Williams.



April Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

09 April Sis Jacqueline Claxton
18 April Bro Errol and Sis Louvina Maynard
23 April Bro Terrance and Sis Althea Byron
24 April Bro Raphael and Sis Myrna Archibald
30 April Bro Valentine & Sis Beulah Morris



For Your Calendar

Joint Board

There will be a meeting of the Joint Board on Monday 04 April at 05:30 pm.

Shut-in Communion

Shut-in Communion for the Zion, Ebenezer & Bethel Pastorate (Basseterre to the Grange (Ottley's will be held on Tuesday **05 April** and from Phillips to Parson Village on Tuesday **12 April 2016** staring at **9:00 am**, respectively.

Church Ministries

- **Girls Brigade** on Mondays at 5:00 pm
- **Bible Study** on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.
- **Junior Choir** on Fridays at 5:00 pm.
- **Youth Fellowship** on Fridays at 7:15pm
- **Youth Choir** on Saturdays at 3:00 pm
- **Combined Choir** on Saturdays at 4:15 pm
- Parents and confirmands are asked to note that **Confirmation Class** will be held on Monday 04, 11, 18 and 25 April 2016.

St. Kitts Outreach Centre

The **Moravians** will be responsible for ministering at the **St. Kitts Outreach Centre** during the month of **April 2016**. Members are asked to note that the dates will be given in a subsequent notice. Members are asked to assist wherever possible.

Men's Ministry

All men are reminded of Men's Ministry on **Sunday 17 April 2016**. Bring a brother to Church with you.

Oasis Moments

Come, join us for Oasis Moments: a lunch time moment of Worship, Word and Prayer. Come and be refreshed and receive strength to continue this journey of life. every Wednesday in the month of April. from 12 noon to 12:50 pm.

Zion Vestments

The Zion Vestments Committee is still seeking funds to offset the cost of two sets of vestments. Members can donate individually, as a group or as a family. Please see any member of the Committee for more details.

Missionary 2016

Zion Missionary 2016 will be launched on Sunday 3 April 2016. During the Service a colour offering will be taken. Please note the colour offerings which are to be taken monthly from April to November 2016.

- April & August – Green Offering
- May & September – Blue Offering
- June & October – Purple Offering
- July & November – Orange Offering

Family Month

Zion Family Month 2016 will be held from 8 May to 26 June 2016. Stay tuned for more information.

Fundraiser - "Island Flavours"
The **Executive Board of Conference** presents a fundraiser entitled **"Island Flavours"** A Taste of the Islands (featuring St Kitts, Jamaica, Guyana and Dominican Republic) in **June 2016**. Stay tuned for more details.

Oasis Moments

The Zion Moravian Church
(Victoria Road)

presents

A Mid-Week, Lunch-Time Service
12:00 pm to 12:50 pm

Wednesdays
6th, 13th, 20th & 27th April 2016.

Are you thirsty, tired and trampled? Come to the Oasis!!!

At the Zion Moravian Church,
Victoria Road, Basseterre

Telephone: (869) 465-2402

"Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him."

MSC (Cont'd)

- ⇒ **Assistant Treasurer:** Sis Margaret Benjamin
- ⇒ **Registrar:** Sis Mavis Frederick
- ⇒ **Assistant Registrar:** Sis Viola Fraites
- ⇒ **Public Relations Officer:** Sis Margaret Hodge
- ⇒ **Assistant PRO:** Sis Rita Adams
- ⇒ **Member Representatives:** Sis Hyacinth Gumbs & Bro Charles Benjamin
- ⇒ **Ex-Officio Member (Past President):** Sis Vanta Archibald.

Sis Clarita V. Richards OBE



70+ Celebrant



Moravian Church and she has never left. She was confirmed at Zion and has been a member ever since.

She is a single parent with five children, namely, Calvin Brookes, Sandra Lapsey, Austin Buchanan, Dora Buchanan and St. Clair Buchanan.

Sister Sylvia Veronica James was born in Marshall Alley, Basseterre on 16 February 1945. She later moved to The Village, then in 1967, she moved to Market Street where she still resides.

Sis James stated that she was not always a Moravian. She was baptized at the Wesley Methodist Church, but the late Sis Elsinia Brookes invited her to the Zion

The Leadership and members of Zion wish to congratulate Sis James on attaining this milestone. We acknowledge Sis James' regular attendance at church and the contributions thus far to the church. May God continue to bless and guide you.





Welcome and Congratulations



The Leadership and members of Zion extend congratulations to **Sis Aslyn Broadbelt-Warner and Bro James Warner**, who exchanged marriage vows on 26 December 2015, at the Battle Hill Community Moravian church in New Jersey, United States of America. The officiating minister was Pastor Lilette I. George and

for God's favour on your life as you perform in your role with integrity and honour to uphold law and order. We thank God for the support of your family, friends and Church family throughout your periods of study both locally and regionally. May blessings flow through your life. *To God be the glory!*



**Welcome to Zion
Kalonji Devonje Immanuel Ryan and
Tylor Arvon Amiel Brotherson**

Bro Christian Nathaniel, the bride's son, was the organist. Also participating in the ceremony were children/grandchildren/son-in-law of the bride and other relatives of both parties.

As a couple embarking on this significant milestone in your lives, may you always remember to look towards God for Guidance and Blessings. May you also find time to reminisce on that well known chorus *'Bind us together, Lord bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord bind us together in Love'*.

'Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven'. Matthew 19 vs 14.



The Leadership and Members of the Zion Moravian Church extend sincere congratulations to **Sis Zenra Ferdinand**. Sis Zenra recently graduated from the Colonel Ulric Pilgrim Officer Cadet School in Guyana. We proudly note that Sis Zenra is the first female from our Federation to graduate from this school. May God continue to cover her as

she proudly serves in the St Kitts & Nevis Defence Force.

We pray that your service would be one of distinction as you assist in maintaining peace and stability in our nation. We pray

On Sunday 31 January the Leadership and members of Zion welcomed into the church through Infant Baptism **Kalonji Devonje Immanuel Ryan**, as presented by his parents Sis Berecia Ryan and Kalonji Harris. Also welcomed into the Church was **Tylor Arvon Amiel Brotherson**, son of Sis Ashley Herbert and Bro Earl Brotherson Jr.

The leadership and members of Zion wish to congratulate the parents of these children and wish to remind both parents and god-parents of their obligation to bring the children to church on a regular basis.



Youth Connection

“Believe it or Not”

There is a very interesting book. It is called “Believe It or Not” and it was written by Robert Ripley. Mr. Ripley enjoyed collecting strange and amazing bits of information which, although they seem unbelievable, were true. He first published his amazing facts as cartoons in the newspaper, but they became so popular that they were published in book form, made into radio and television programmes, and there is even a chain of “Believe It or Not” museums within the United States. Here are examples of some of the amazing things you will find in his book.

Joann Barnes, a fifteen-year-old from California, once swung sixty-eight hula-hoops on her body at the same time! Can you believe that? I cannot even keep one hula-hoop going. I think I would have to see that to believe it!

Here is another. A man by the name of James Cook once had a chicken that laid a perfectly square egg. Now, I have seen white eggs, brown eggs, even spotted eggs, but I have never seen a square egg. Have you? I think I'd have to see it to believe it!

Here is one yet another. The world’s largest hotdog sausage was over 3000 feet long, weighed 885 pounds, and took 103 butchers to carry it? Now that's a lot of baloney! I do not know if you will believe that or not. In fact, this book is filled things that are very hard for us to believe. But do you know what? If it is true, it is true, whether we believe it or not!

On the Sunday that Jesus rose from the grave, he appeared to a group of his disciples. One of the disciples, whose name was Thomas, was not with them. When the disciples told Thomas that they had seen Jesus and that he was alive, Thomas said, “I won't believe it until I see it with my own eyes. I want to put my finger in the nail-prints in his hands -- and place my hand where the spear was thrust into his side”.

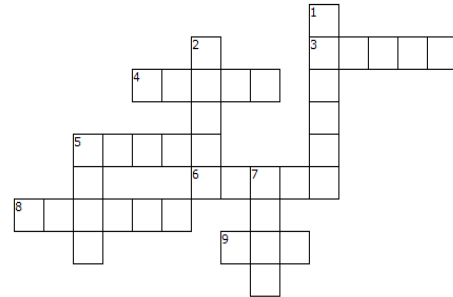
A week later, Thomas saw Jesus. Jesus invited Thomas to touch his hands where the nails had been. He told Thomas to put his hand in the wound in his side. Then Thomas believed! Jesus said to him, “because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed”.

A lot of people today still do not believe that Jesus really rose from the grave because they have not seen him with their own two eyes. Do you know what? It is true whether they believe it or not! You and I have never seen Jesus; we have to accept him by faith. The question is, will you believe it -- or not?

Heavenly Father, help us to accept by faith that Jesus has risen from the grave and that he is alive. Help us to believe, because it is true, whether we believe it or not. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3. To be in a state of pleasure, satisfaction, joy or delight
4. Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war
5. To be undecided or unbelieving that something is true
6. The body parts at the end of the arms
8. Not open
9. To break God's law

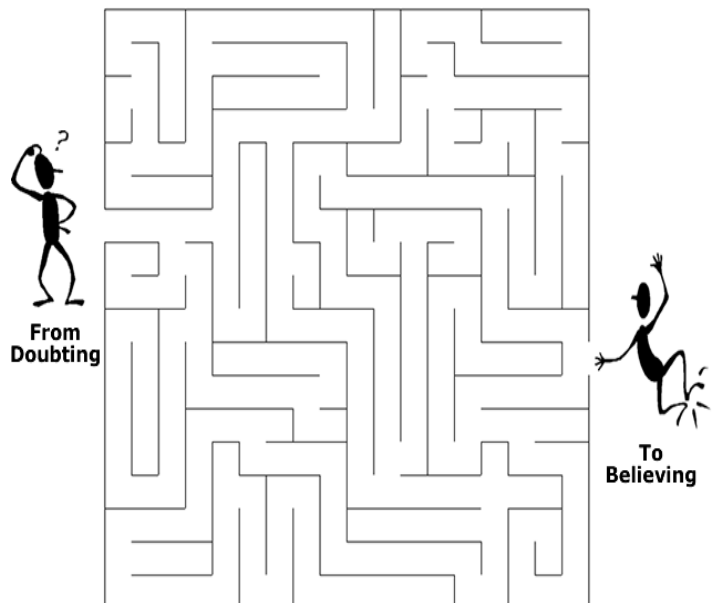
DOWN

1. The disciple who would not believe without seeing
2. To believe in something for which there is no proof
5. An entrance into a building or room
7. A thin piece of metal with one pointed end and one flat end which you hit with a hammer

PEACE	DOOR	HANDS	FAITH	HAPPY
NAIL	THOMAS	CLOSED	SIN	DOUBT

Maze Puzzle

Stop doubting and believe!





Instrument of Peace

Black Is My Story



*And thanks to the singing of chants, and the beating of drums,
African culture and heritage was preserved with fun,
Boom, boom, boom, from Africa we come!*

*Determined, relentless and bursting with creativity,
Through me they have left their legacy,
To empower the people, of my country.*

*My family, your family,
The underpaid protagonists of Caribbean History,
That's how I know, Black is my story!*

From time to time, I am inspired to feature local artistes (poets, composers etc.) as part of my monthly contribution. It is with this in mind, that I hereby feature a poem written by Ms Sonia R Boddie, the current St Kitts CARICOM Youth Ambassador. As you read it, take some time to reflect on how far we have come as a people. Let us not forget the struggles of our forefathers to get us to this point in our history and development as a nation. Let peace abound in our beautiful Federation of St Kitts and Nevis. Be inspired! Be a blessing to someone today!



BLACK IS MY STORY *Written by Sonia R. Boddie*

*Black is my story,
From West Africa, to St. Christopher,
Journeyed the forefathers of you, you, you and me.*

*After many gruelling weeks on the high sea,
Tired and woebegone they came,
To the shores of Sugar City.*

*Up to Pall Mall Square to know their destiny,
Cargo of prime slaves to be auctioned,
To the bidder with the highest currency.*

*Sold to estates like Belmont, Buckley's and Estridge,
Father, mother and children separated,
To face a life of misery, in bondage.*

*Through sunshine and rain, endlessly they slaved,
Satisfying Massa's request, one by one as they came,
Negroes toiling to make, planter rich and famed.*

*The Buckley's Riot of the 1930s,
Proved our ancestors had stamina and integrity,
So they rejected Massa's salary offer, of mediocrity.*



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

Sister Mavis Frederick and Family on the passing of:

Ms Linta Anita Cannonier
(Sister)

Bro Recaldo Brotherson and Bro Earl Brotherson Jr, Sis Alberta Brotherson and the Williams Family on the passing of:

Brother Earl Brotherson Snr
(Father)

"Blessed are those that mourn, for they shall be comforted." Brothers and Sisters, may the Lord be your refuge and strength during your period of grief.



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The Voice of Zion...
Empowered to do Ministry



A Moment in History (Cont'd)

laid in Basseterre and it was opened on the 16 October of the following year. Finally, on the 16 June 1841, Governor Cunningham laid the foundation stone for the new church which welcomed worshipers for the first time on the 30 April 1842.

Twenty (20) years later the organ was installed. Henry Booth who came to St. Kitts to install the one at St. George's was a guest at the Moravian Mission House, next to the church. He found the setting very pleasant and

described his bedroom as *very large and comfortable with a bed in the middle surrounded by a mosquito curtain, inside which I have not been able to find a way.* Booth arrived before the new organ, and had a long wait during which he kept busy by repairing other organs on the island. The one at Zion was his first job. He found that rats had wreaked havoc on it and it required a lot of time and patience to make it sound healthy again. Meanwhile he enjoyed the hospitality of the Rev William Mumford and

his wife, at whose table he learnt and enjoyed the local cuisine.

Before a year had passed an earthquake had again caused damage to the building but the greatest disaster came in January 1880 when Basseterre was flooded by torrential rains that fell in the space of just a few hours.

To Be Continued

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Sunday 03rd April 2016 (Second Sunday after Easter)

Pastor & Celebrant: Rev Hilton J. Joseph * Associate Pastor: Sis Elva Richards
Worship Leaders: Bro Sidney Osborne and Sis Tryphena James
ORDER OF SERVICE

Watchword for the Week:

Jesus says, "peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I sent you." John 20:21

Praise and Prayer

Call to Worship

Songs *I Serve a Risen Saviour*
..... *Because He Lives*

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving
The Congregation at Prayer

Songs *Will Your Anchor Hold*
..... *There Shall Be Showers of Blessings*

Ministry of the Word

O.T. Lesson Psalm 25: 1 – 22
N.T. Lesson James 5: 13 – 18

Sermon

Altar Encounter

Moments of Intercession

Song *I Am Healed By The Word of God*

Worship in Giving

Tithes & Offering, Bus Ministry, Youth Bottle, Free Will Offering, Voice of Zion, Windows Project

Prayer of Dedication
Welcome and Celebration

Preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Song *I Surrender All*

The Sacrament of Communion

The Invitation
Prayer of Humble Access
1st Eucharistic Prayer
Hymn #490 *Break Thou the Bread of Life*
Words of Institution of Bread
Hymn #215 *Hushed Was The Evening Hymn*
Hymn #213 *I love the Lord He Lent an Ear*
Hymn #214 *My God Accept My Heart Today*
2nd Eucharistic Prayer
Word of Institution of Wine
Hymn #111 *Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now*
Hymn #108 *With Hearts and with Voices*
Instruction
Covenant Hymn #522 ... *We Who Here Together Are Assembled*
The Blessing