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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



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My Family in Christ,

This month's issue of From the Pastor's Desk is an article written by the Chairman of PEC, Rev Dr Cortroy Jarvis, entitled "When Trouble Invades Our Space".

As children of the Most High, advancing his Kingdom here on earth, trouble has a way of invading our spaces. This article instructs us turn to His Word, as it contains all we need to overcome trouble and move on to doing God's will. Read and be blessed.

Yours in Christ,
Hilton J Joseph
Pastor

**When Trouble Invades
Our Space**

Trouble has a way of giving us a rude awakening. As I write this article, it is important to know that we do not have to go and look for trouble. Sooner or later it will come and visit us. We must therefore be on our guard at all times. It is critical therefore as we hold in focus our Provincial theme, "Advance the Kingdom", that we use the keys to the Kingdom in every circumstance of life.

When life begins to tumble in; when trouble comes; when there seems to be a new crisis every day and when it appears that all of our dreams are shattered, what can we do? How should we, as the people of faith, indeed the people of God respond? Is there a word of encouragement upon which we can pin our hopes/ lives? Is this pinning like a pie-in-the-sky situation or is it anchored in a faith that will not shrink?

The writer of the book of Philippians 4:19 assures us of the comfort we can find in

our God. He declared, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (KJV). We can also find in God's word the advice and encouragement we need. The book of Job was written specially to deal with human suffering and how one can triumph over adversity.

Job was faithful to the Lord when he lost all of his possessions and finally all his 11 children in one fell swoop. It couldn't have been easy for the man of God to face and "stomach." The scripture tells us that he remained steadfast. He never wavered. He never harboured any doubts as to the justice of his God. Even when his friends criticized him for what they considered his blind faith; even when his wife said to him, "Dost thou still retain thine integrity? Curse God and die" (Job 2:9 KJV); it was then that Job showed that his faith was not a fickle, blind thing. He hammered home the importance of faith in God; that it was a living faith that

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Liberty

In All Things
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was able to withstand any crisis, any situation. William Bathurst penned in 1831, the hymn: "Oh for a faith that will not shrink". Allow this hymn to speak to you in your moment of crisis; in your darkest hour.

*Oh, for a faith that will not shrink,
Though pressed by every foe,
That will not tremble on the brink
Of any earthly woe!*

*That will not murmur nor complain
Beneath the chastening rod,
But, in the hour of grief or pain,
Will lean upon its God.*

*A faith that shines more bright and clear
When tempests rage without;
That when in danger knows no fear,
In darkness feels no doubt.*

*Lord, give me such a faith as this,
And then, whate'er may come,
I'll taste, e'en here, the hallowed bliss
Of an eternal home.*

The book of James presents Job as an example of endurance for all who experience suffering to see and consider. **"As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Indeed, we call blessed those who showed endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful". (James 5:10-11 NRSV).** Earlier in the book, James encourages the following, **"My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing". (James 1:2-4 NRSV).**

Job must have experienced what Moses endured. He looked to the eternal reward rather than just the immediate problems in his life; **"By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the**

reward". (Hebrews 11: 24-26 NRSV). His endurance and perseverance paid off. Job 42:12 declares, **"The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys".** It suggests that Job would have triumphed even if he had not been blessed in this life.

When life hits you an "upper cut" to use a boxing term, the endurance of Job should give you hope and encouragement. If you are ever tempted to give up when troubles come, remember the Job's crisis and how he triumphed over his ordeal. James says, **"If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you"** (James 1:5 NRSV).

When trouble invades your space, you are never alone. God will cover, protect and keep you. The story is told of two Angels who were on a Journey. They stopped to spend the night in the home of a wealthy family. The family was rude and refused to let the angels stay in the mansion's guest room. Instead the angels were given a small space in the cold basement.

As they made their bed on the hard floor, the older angel saw a hole in the wall and repaired it. When the younger angel asked why, the older angel replied, "Things are not always what they seem."

The next night the pair came to rest at the house of a very poor, but very hospitable farmer and his wife. After sharing what little food they had, the couple let the angels sleep in their bed where they could have a good night's rest.

When the sun came up the next morning the angels found the farmer and his wife in tears. Their only cow, whose milk had been their sole income, lay dead in the field.

The younger angel was infuriated and asked the older angel: "How could you have let this happen? The first man had everything, yet you helped him", she accused. "The second family had little but was willing to share everything, and you let the cow die."

"Things are not always what they seem," the older angel replied. "When we stayed in the basement of

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MORAVIAN WEEK 2017 - CELEBRATING 240 YEARS IN ST. KITTS



Motorcade—Tracing our steps Palmetto Point to Bethel



Motorcade (Cayon Street) on route to Bethel



Moravian Birthday Gala—Church Service @ Bethesda



Psalm Alive @ Zion



Bible Study @ Bethel - Who are the Moravians



Pastors at the Gala @ Bethesda





PEC REPORTS

Ash Wednesday March 01, 2017 Let the Lenten Season Begin

As the fun of the Trinidad and Tobago carnival and Mardi Gras in New Orleans wind down, Christians around the world gear up for the holy season of Lent. This year, the 40-day spiritual period of solemn reflection begins on March 1. Lent is a period of time between Ash Wednesday and Easter that is geared towards spiritual purification, meditation and penance. It lasts around 40 days, not including Sundays, drawing from the 40 days Jesus fasted in the desert before starting his ministry.

Lent is practised by most Christian denominations, including Moravians, Roman Catholics, Anglicans, Presbyterians, Methodists, Salvationists, Lutherans, Pentecostals and many others. The focus of the season is on spiritual growth. The focus is not supposed to be on one's self, but one's relationship with God. Oftentimes Christians choose to take on something during Lent, like reading more of the Bible or completing daily devotions.

Fasting is a traditional part of Lent, but not everyone does it. Its purpose is to symbolize penance, remorse for one's sins. This can also be done by giving up a luxury or by completing acts of charity. In the Roman Catholic Church, there is a tradition that the only meat Catholics eat during Lent is fish.

For most protestant churches Lent concludes on the Holy Saturday or the day before Easter. For Roman Catholics, however, it concludes on Holy Thursday/Maundy Thursday -- the day before Good Friday, which is the Friday before Easter.

Finally, what are the major days of Lent?

Ash Wednesday: Marks the beginning of the Lenten season.

Palm Sunday: The Sunday before Easter, Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. On that day, the crowd put palm branches on the ground beneath the feet of the donkey Jesus was riding.

Maundy Thursday: Also, known as Holy Thursday, this day focuses on the last supper Jesus had with his disciples, before he was arrested.

Good Friday: Also, known as Black Friday, this day commemorates the crucifixion and Jesus' death. On this day, many Christians will also do the stations of the cross, which include fourteen (14) prayers and moments of reflection regarding fourteen (14) events leading up to Jesus' death.

Easter Sunday: This day recognizes the resurrection of Jesus Christ and is a triumphant day for Christians, serving as a reminder of the Christ's conquering of death and the forgiveness of sins.

As you begin the Lenten season, may you engage each moment, confident of the Spirit's enabling. May you journey with Jesus through pain and suffering, always keeping before you the goal and blessed joy of Easter.

Hymn of the Month – February 2017

Our hymn for the month of February is # 248 – *Redeemed by the precious blood of the Lamb*. It was written by the late Roman Catholic Priest, Father Barry Chevannes. This hymn originally appeared in the Caribbean ecumenical supplementary hymnal – *Sing A New Song No. 3* which was published by the Caribbean Conference of Churches.

The primary message of this hymn is the acknowledgement of the redemption which is ours because of the finished work of Jesus Christ. This hymn captures the truth of 1 Peter 1: 18, 19 which says, "*For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life you inherited from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or spot.*" The value of our redemption is priceless especially when we reflect on how we have been redeemed and what we've been redeemed from. In this hymn, Chevannes addresses both of these issues directly. For example, we've been redeemed by Jesus' blood and by his touch. In the second verse, we see that we were sentenced to die and that Satan, our accuser, was taking delight in our condemnation. That state of deprivation is depicted in the third verse where we are unable to help ourselves and truth be told, also incapable of saving ourselves. Each stanza ends with a proclamation of praise as we give thanks for being eternally redeemed.

As we enter into the Lenten season and recall our Lord's suffering and death, might this hymn serve as a timely reminder that we have been redeemed by the precious blood of the Lamb of God – Jesus Christ!

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

- 1 *Redeemed, by the precious blood of the Lamb,
Redeemed, by the touch of a Saviour's hand,
Redeemed, we were saved and sanctified,
Redeemed, Alleluia, Redeemed!*
- 2 *Redeemed, when in sin and condemned to die,
Redeemed, an ol' Satan was standin' by,
Redeemed, we were saved and sanctified,
Redeemed, Alleluia, Redeemed!*
- 3 *Redeemed, when in sorrow and nearly drown',
Redeemed, on a broad road, darkness-bound,
Redeemed, we were saved and sanctified,
Redeemed, Alleluia, Redeemed!*
- 4 *Redeemed, by the precious blood of the Lamb,
Redeemed, by the touch of a Saviour's hand,
Redeemed, we were saved and sanctified,
Redeemed, Alleluia, Redeemed!*
- 5 *Redeemed, by the precious blood of the Lamb,
Redeemed, by the touch of a Saviour's hand,
Redeemed, we were saved and sanctified,
Redeemed, Alleluia, Redeemed!*

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Adapted: Barry Chevannes d. 2010

Furlough

The Rev Andrew Roberts of the Barbados Conference requested and was granted Furlough from 01 February to 30 May 2017.

Unity Watchword for 2017

The Provincial Board of the European Continental Province has according to custom drawn a Watchword for each province and undertaking of the Unity.

The Watchword drawn for the Eastern West Indies Province for the year 2017 is the one drawn on 18 December 2016 taken from Psalm 105: 08, "He is mindful of His covenant forever, of the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations" (NRSV). This Text is to be used as often as possible throughout the year as a reminder of God's faithfulness and promise to us.

The Moravian Church EWIP Education Symposium

As a Church, we have a rich history, particularly in the area of education. We have lost some grounds, but we believe that God is calling us to continue to be the salt of the earth and light of the world. The symposium was held over the period 07 to 09 March 2017, at the Provincial Headquarters, Cashew Hill, St. Johns Antigua. Facilitators included Dr Vaneer Goodwin, the Rt Rev Dr Conrad Spencer, Bishop of the Province and university professors from the United States, St. Thomas, St. Croix and Jamaica.

Condolences

The PEC expresses sympathy on the passing of **The Rev William R.A. Osborne**, who passed into the nearer presence of God at home in the presence of his loving family, on Thursday 09 February 2017 in his 90th year.

The Rev William R.A. Osborne (Bill/Randall) as he was known, was born on the island of Barbados W.I. and raised in various islands; St. Kitts, Montserrat, Antigua, and in Guyana, where he lived for many years before migrating to Canada. He was predeceased by his parents Rev William and Mable Osborne.

The Rev William R. A. Osborne served the Lord at The British Methodist Episcopal Church, New Dawn Moravian Church, and Yorkminster Park Baptist. He was the faithful representative of the British Methodist Episcopal tradition on the Governing Board of The Canadian Council of Churches for many years. His ecumenical passion enriched us all. He was also the recipient of the Ecumenical Award of the Order of St. Lazarus Toronto.

The Rev William R. A. Osborne will be dearly missed by his loving wife Madge Osborne of 54 years; his daughters Ingrid Osborne and Darlene Osborne-Lawrence; grandchildren Kane and Rayne Lawrence; son-in-law Anton Lawrence; the Osborne and Blanchett Family, and many other Church Family and

friends.

Let us remember his family in our prayers.

Unity Prayer Watch 2017

The Eastern West Indies Province will participate in the Unity Prayer Watch from 12.01 am 03 April to 12.00 midnight 15 April 2017.

The Schedule is as follows:

Conference /Mission	From	To
Grenada	12:01am. 03 April 2017	8:00 am. 03 April 2017
Tobago	8:00 am. 03 April 2017	8:00 am. 05 April 2017
Trinidad	8:00 am. 05 April 2017	8:00 am. 06 April 2017
Barbados	8.00 am. 06 April 2017	8.00 pm. 08 April 2017
Virgin Islands	8:00 pm. 08 April 2017	8:00 am. 11April 2017
St. Kitts	8:00 am. 11 April 2017	12:00 Midnight 12 April 2017
Antigua	Midnight 12 April 2017	Midnight 15 April 2017

Conferences are 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 Pentecost experience. The Church was so much on fire that the Prayer meeting lasted for one hundred (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.





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 and Bro Whitley Williams (USA), Allan Pennyfeather (Canada) and Brother Tonito Lee (UK). Sisters Rahmona Casey, Ellenitta Nathaniel, Urlie De Silva, Dorette Rawlins, Doris Adams, Lydia Roberts, Shirley Douglas and Beverly James; Brothers Ernest Christopher, Pedro Douglas, Hashim Bertie, Basil Byron 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, Shirley Phipps, Anita Hobson, Eileen Robinson and Mavis Deosaw (Overseas).

Brothers Vernon Connor, Arthur Thompson, Washington Archibald, Basil Byron, St. Clair Byron and James Phipps.



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, 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

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
Bro Zaavan Hobson
Bro Christin Scarborough
Bro Glassil DeSilva
Sis Vicky Liburd
Sis Tarhia Slack

CANADA

Bro Hassanni Lapsey

SINT EUSTATIUS

Bro Mervin Hook Jr

JAMAICA

Bro Kyle Bradshaw
Sis Avicia Sweeney
Sis Tonya DeSuza





TEENAGE PREGNANCY

– DOES AGE REALLY MATTER?

The sight of a young girl with a ‘big belly’ is a fairly common one in the Caribbean. A United Nations Report (2013) indicated that the Caribbean has one of the highest teen pregnancy rates in the world, with the countries of Belize, Guyana, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica and St. Vincent and the Grenadines having the highest rates. With a rate of about ninety-nine (99) teen births per year, the figures for St. Kitts-Nevis are not as high as other countries in the Caribbean. Still, pregnancy among teens remains just as much a public health concern here as for other countries in the region.

Why is teenage pregnancy a concern? If a girl is biologically able to become pregnant, does her age really matter? Numerous studies show that, while teenage girls may be able to conceive and deliver a baby, teenage pregnancy carries numerous risks for both parent and child:

Teen Pregnancy – Risks to the Baby

Low Birth Weight - Teenage mothers gain less weight during pregnancy than older mothers, and are more likely to deliver a baby with low birth weight, i.e. under 5.5 lbs. Low birthweight is associated with several infant and childhood disorders and a higher rate of infant mortality. These babies are also more likely to have organs that are not fully developed, which can result in complications, such as bleeding in the brain, respiratory distress syndrome, and intestinal problems.

Premature Birth and Stillbirths – Teenage mothers are more likely to deliver prematurely, compared to older mothers. Babies born prematurely are at risk of health complications, and death. Stillbirths (the birth of a baby who has died) are also twice as common in teenage mothers, compared to those of adult age.

Lack of Prenatal Care - Teenage mothers, many of whom hide their pregnancy for many months, are less likely to get prenatal care - which is important in monitoring the health of the fetus and the mother. According to the American Medical Association, babies born to mothers who do not have regular prenatal care are four (4) times more likely to die before the age of one (1) year. Teenage mothers may also be more likely to engage in risky behaviours during pregnancy, such as smoking, drinking, and unprotected intercourse, further endangering the health of the fetus.

Lower Quality of Caregiving – Teenage parents often lack the maturity to cope with the demands of parenting, resulting in emotional problems such as stress and depression, and a lower quality of caregiving overall. Children born to teenage mothers are less likely to receive proper nutrition, health care, and cognitive and social stimulation, and are more likely to be

abused and neglected.

Teen Pregnancy - Disadvantages for the Mother

Pregnancy Complications – Teenage mothers, particularly younger ones, have higher rates of prolonged labour, complications (such as preeclampsia) and death during pregnancy, than mothers in their twenties and early thirties.

Anemia - Teenage mothers are more likely to develop anemia, i.e. abnormally low level of red blood cells, during their pregnancy. Anemia can cause problems for both the mother and baby, including increased risk of premature birth and difficulties during labour and delivery.

Postpartum Depression - Teenage pregnancy, which is often an unplanned and challenging event, puts the mother at an increased risk for postpartum depression. Teenage mothers are roughly twice as likely to have postpartum depression compared to adult mothers, according to a May 2014 article in ‘BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth’.

Interrupted Education – Teenage pregnancy often results in a girl’s education being interrupted or terminated altogether, resulting in poorer job prospects and less financial stability for mother and child.

Interrupted Development – Adolescence is a time of self-development – when teens focus on socializing/having fun, furthering their education, and learning about themselves and life. Pregnancy may short-circuit this process of self-development, since the teen may now be responsible for caring for another human being, even before she has completed the process of development, herself.

Relationship Instability -The stress of early pregnancy and child-rearing may contribute to the breakdown of the teen’s relationship. Fathers who were present at the time of birth may leave the unit, resulting in the mother bearing the burden of parenting alone. Teenage marriages are also very unstable. These marriages are twice as likely to end in divorce, compared to unions of those who have already reached the age of twenty-five (25).

While many teenage mothers and their children fare well, the above issues show that teenage pregnancy is risky for both mother and child. Additionally, since teenage mothers and their children do not live in a vacuum, these risks carry over to society as well. A higher rate of teenage pregnancy may mean a higher rate of social problems, such as poverty amongst women, single parent households, parents who are stressed and unable to cope, and children who are abused, neglected, or simply not

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well cared for.

Teen pregnancy, therefore should not be looked at as just 'having children at a younger age', but a public health concern that needs to be addressed. Parents, teachers, counsellors, and other youth workers can assist by educating youth about sexual health and contraception (including abstinence as being the only 'guarantee' against pregnancy), and by making certain contraceptives accessible where appropriate. While the focus of this article was on young mothers, since they are disproportionately affected by teenage pregnancy, the significant role of young men in contributing to teenage pregnancy (e.g. refusing to wear condoms) should not be ignored. Sexual education efforts should focus on both adolescent boys and girls, and the ways that they can avoid becoming teenage parents.

An understanding of the factors that put teens at greater risk for pregnancy can also help in the fight. Some of these factors are: poor parental supervision, poor communication between parent and teen, father absence, family history of teenage pregnancies, teens' lack of knowledge of contraception and sex, association with sexually active peers, low attachment to or involvement in school and lack of positive future goals. Controlling for these risk factors can also help to reduce teenage pregnancy rates, for the betterment of society.

*Jeweelen Manners-Woodley
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The Moravian Senior Club recently elected a new Executive Committee. The Committee is as follows:

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FOR YOUR CALENDAR ~ APRIL 2017

Shut-in Communion

Shut-in Communion will be held on Tuesday 04 April 2017 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Church Ministries

- **Confirmation Class** on Monday at 4:00 pm.
- **Girls' Brigade** on Mondays at 5:00 pm.
- **Boys' Brigade** on Mondays at 5.00 pm.
- **Moravian Senior Club** meets on Tuesdays at the Methodist Church Hall, Seaton Street, Basseterre from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.
- **Women's Fellowship** meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 5:00 pm.
- **Bible Study** on Tuesdays at 7.00 pm.
- **Mid-week Sunrise Devotions** on Wednesdays at 6:00 am.
- **Prayer and Fasting** on Wednesdays from 6:00am to 6:00 pm.
- **Oasis Moments** - This ministry resumes on Wednesday 26th April at 12:00 noon. All are invited.
- **Uprisers' Children's Ministry** on Wednesday at 5.00 pm.
- **Junior Choir** on Fridays at 5:00 pm.
- **Youth Fellowship** on Fridays at 7:15 pm.
- **Youth Choir** on Saturdays at 3:00 pm.
- **Combined Choir** on Saturdays at 4:00 pm.
- **Praise Team Ministry** on Saturday at 5.30 pm.

St. Kitts Outreach Centre

The Moravians will be responsible for ministering at the **St. Kitts Outreach Centre** during the period **24 to 28 April 2017**. Members are asked to note the dates and to assist wherever possible.

The New Moravian Hymnals - "Caribbean Moravian Praise"

The New Moravian Hymnal "Caribbean Moravian Praise" is still available at \$100.00. If you have not yet collected your copy, please see Stewards Allison Belle-Archibald and Jill Archibald to do so.

Men's Ministry

All men are reminded of Men's Ministry on **Sunday 16 April 2017**. Bring a brother to Church with you.

Hospital Visitation

Members are asked to notify the office of persons who are hospitalised. Also, persons who are discharged from the hospital are asked to call and notify the office that they are at home.

Zion Lenten Open Air Services

Our series of Lenten Open Air Services continues on Wednesday 05 April at Corner of Shear Lane and Central Street, starting at 7:00 pm. All are invited to come and share as we spread the good news of the gospel in word and food hampers.

Moravian Senior Club Family Fun Day

Join the Moravian Senior Club on an **Easter Monday Coastal Cruise** aboard the *Prince De Vonte J*. Pack your picnic lunch and bring all your family and friends. **Monday 17 April 2017** from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. Scenery, music, fellowship and fun. Tickets available from members of the MSC at \$50.00 for adults; children under 12 pay \$25.00.

Youth Ministry Picnic

The Zion Youth Ministries will be hosting a Picnic Day on **Monday 17 April 2017** at South Friars Bay, near Carambola from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Rest & Rejuvenation Week

The Congregation will be having a week of 'rest and rejuvenation' during the period **17 to 21 April 2017**. A time of rest and rejuvenation to return to doing work of the Most High. There will be suspension of all ministries/ groups during this week. For emergencies, please contact the Pastor at 869-663-5255. Also, please note that the Conference Office will be closed from 14 to 20 April 2017.

Zion Small Business Sunday

Our 1st Zion Small Business Sunday will be held on **Sunday 23 April 2017** at 9:30 am under the theme. "God Gives Us the Power to Create Wealth". All persons who have a small business are encouraged to register with Bro Leon Bass immediately after service or call the office at 869-465-2402/ 869-663-5255. We look forward to having you on-board.

Passion/Holy Week Services & Readings

Holy Week Services begins on Sunday 09 and concludes on Sunday April 16 April 2017. The schedule is as follow: -

- Palm Sunday 09 April at 8:00 am - Palm Sunday March from Circus to the Church.
- Palm Sunday Service - 09 April at 9:00 am – Rev Hilton Joseph
- Palm Sunday 09 April at 6:00 pm – Board of Stewards (Rev Hilton Joseph)
- Monday 10 April at 7:00 pm – Bible Study (Sis Hazle Williams)
- Tuesday 11 April at 7:00 pm – Women's Fellowship (Bro Wycliffe Morton)
- Wednesday 12 April at 7:00 pm – Lay Leaders (Sis Avonelle Phillip)
- Thursday 13 April at 7:00 pm – Board of Elders (Rev Hilton Joseph)
- Friday 14 April at 9:30 am – Youth Ministry (Sis Gwenella Benjamin)
- Easter Sunrise Service Sunday 16 April at 5:00 am – Rev Hilton Joseph
- Easter Morning Service Sunday 16 April at 9:30 am – Men's Ministry – Rev Hilton Joseph

Please note that as a preparatory session for all, we will meet on **Saturday 08 April at 3:30pm** for those involved.





YOUTH CONNECTION - THE FAMILY OF GOD

For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you. Galatians 3:26-29 (NLT)

Do some of you remember what a membership card to the public library looks like? Do you have a library card? If you do not already have one, you should get one. One of the great things about a library card is that it is available to everyone. It does not matter if you are young or old. It does not matter if you are a boy or a girl. It does not matter if your skin is red, brown, yellow, black, or white. It does not matter where you were born or who your parents are. Everyone is welcome.

Another great thing about the library is that once you become a member, you are entitled to all the benefits and services that the library provides. You can check out books and videos -- even music on a CD. You can go to the library and read magazines and newspapers. You can even use the computer.

Oh, by the way, do you know how much it costs to join the library? Nothing! Membership is free!

You know, that is a pretty good picture of what it is like to be a member of the family of God. The Bible tells us that when we trust in Jesus and are united with him in baptism, we all become the children of God. It does not matter if you are a boy or a girl. It does not matter what colour your skin is. When we become a part of the family of God, we are all brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus.

The Bible also tells us that when you belong to the family through Christ Jesus, you are entitled to all the benefits of being a child of God. All the promises that God has made in His Word belong to you! Isn't that great?

Oh, by the way, do you know how much it costs to become a part of the family of God? Nothing! It is a gift of God!

Dear Father, we are thankful that we can become your children through faith in Jesus Christ. We are thankful that it does not matter whether we are girl or boy – rich or poor. We are thankful that in Christ we all become one. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

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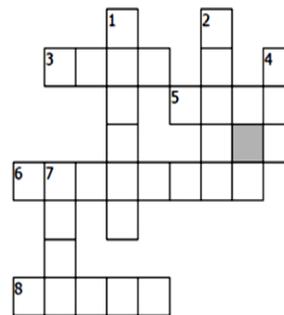
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HEIRS	CLOTHED	FEMALE	JESUS	FREE
SLAVE	SONS	MALE	JEW	PROMISE
ONE	FAITH	BAPTIZED	GREEK	CHRIST

CROSS WORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- A person who is not owned or controlled by someone else
- A man or boy
- Persons between birth and youth
- A native or inhabitant of Greece

DOWN

- A woman or a girl
- A person who is owned by someone else and works for them
- A member of a race of people whose religion is Judaism
- One who receives wealth or property from a parent

JEW	FEMALE	SLAVE	MALE
HEIR	GREEK	CHILDREN	FREE





INSTRUMENT OF PEACE - TRUST AND OBEY



There are **so many times we doubt that God is on our side.**

We start thinking that maybe we might have done something wrong to upset God. As a result, we find ourselves reflecting deeply about life and its many challenges and trials. We also worry about our immediate family and friends and the many setbacks that we

can count in our lives. How many times persons have promised to do things for us and then fail to do so? How many times have we stopped living a Christian life and stopped attending church because we felt as though God had forsaken us?

All in all, we should be ever so grateful that our God is a **forgiving God**. When we falter, He is willing to make changes in our lives and help us to get back on the correct track. He is the God of understanding, reconciliation, restoration, forgiveness and healing. Repeat the following lines:

- He understands all of our pains and pressures of life.
- He reconciles all of our differences.
- He restores us and sets us on the right path.
- He forgives all of our sins.
- He heals those who are broken-hearted.
- Finally, He guides all of our footsteps.

Put your **TRUST** in God today. He is ready to give you an opportunity to reconnect yourself with Him and the world. As you reflect on this meditation, let us review the following song and reminisce on God's wonderful connection within our lives.

May the God we serve, light our paths and illuminate our hearts to serve Him more each day. Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your grace and mercy. Let God be praised. Amen.

Trust and Obey

1. *When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.*

Refrain

- Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*
2. *Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh or a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.*
 3. *Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,*

But is blessed if we trust and obey.

4. *But we never can prove the delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows, for the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.*

5. *Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey.*

John H. Sammis, 1887

~ Contributed by a VOZ Member



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

Bro Chesil Hamilton, Rev Adelyn Binta M'Gonela and Family on the passing of:

Ms Ideta Storrod
(Cousin)

Bro Sinclair Byron, Bro Peter Byron and Family on the passing of:

Sister Vernice Byron
(Wife, Sister-in-law)

Sis Sonia Hector and Family on the passing of:

Mr. Keithley Hector
(Brother)
Nevis

The Lord is your rock, your fortress and your stronghold." Brother and Sisters may the Lord grant you all Peace in these trying times.





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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

the mansion, I noticed there was gold stored in that hole in the wall. Since the owner was so obsessed with greed and unwilling to share his good fortune, I sealed the wall so he would not find it". "Then last night as we slept in the farmer's bed, the angel of death came for his wife. I gave him the cow instead. Things are not always what they seem."

Sometimes that is exactly what happens when things do not turn out the way we expect them. If you have faith you just need to trust that every outcome is always to your advantage. You just might not know it until sometime later. When trouble invades your space, trust God. He is the Pilot and lover of our souls.

Rev Dr Cortroy Jarvis
Chairman, PEC



Sunday 02nd April 2017 (5th Sunday in Lent)

Pastor and Celebrant: Rev'd Hilton J. Joseph

Worship Leader: Bro Sidney Osborne

Liturgist: Sis Delyth Christmas

ORDER OF SERVICE

Watchword for the Week

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.
Psalm 130:5

Pre-service Songs

Introit

Call to Worship Psalm 130

Hymn In Christ Alone

..... On Christ The Solid Rock I Stand

..... My All in All

Prayer of Adoration Sis Sharon Huggins

Litany for Lent Sis Delyth Christmas

Welcome & Greeting Time:

Hymn # 30 You Are Wonderful, You Are Marvelous

Ministry of the Word

OT Lesson Ezekiel 37:1-14 Bro Wycliffe Morton

NT Lesson ... St. John 11:1-45 ... Sis Allison Belle-Archibald

Ministry of the Choir

Sermon **Rev'd Hilton J. Joseph**

Altar Encounter

Worship in Giving

*Tithes & Offering, Bus Ministry, Youth Bottle, Missionary Offering (Blue)
Free Will Offering, Voice of Zion, Windows Project*

Prayer of Dedication Sis Gwenella Benjamin

Birthdays & Anniversary & Notices

**Pastoral Prayer and Preparation for the
Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Hymn # 184 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Song of Preparation # 211 Just As I Am

The Invitation

The Sharing of Peace #597..... We Are One In The Spirit

Words of Consecration for Bread

Hymn # 162 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hymn # 163 Hark, My Soul, It Is the Lord

Hymn # 165 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Words of Consecration for Wine

Hymn # 272 My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

Hymn # 273 All the Way My Saviour Leads Me

Hymn # 265 Shackled by a Heavy Burdon

Covenant Hymn # 450 Blest Be the Ties That Binds

The Blessing