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Provincial Theme
Fulfilling the Mandate

The Thematic Focus
Step Out in Faith

(Developing God's People –
Relinquishing Fear; Focusing
on God)

Foundation Text:
Matthew 14:23-33;
Luke 5:1-11

Conference Theme
Pursuing the Blessing:
Empowered to do Ministry

Motto
In Essentials - Unity
In Non Essentials - Liberty
In All Things - Charity

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK REV HILTON J JOSEPH



Rev Hilton J Joseph

His sermons condemned the sins of the priests. He mocked the authority that some priests claimed for themselves when they called their parishioners “knaves” and declared, “We can give you the Holy Ghost or send you to hell.”

“These priests deserve hanging in hell,” shouted Hus, for they are “fornicators”, “parasites”, “money misers” and “fat swine.” “They are drunks whose bellies growl with great drinking and are gluttons whose stomachs are overfilled until their double chins hang down.”

My Family in Christ,

This month's issue of “From the Pastor's Desk” is a continuation of the article written by the Chairman of PEC, Rev Dr Cortroy Jarvis, entitled **Are There Lessons we can learn from the Life of John Hus?**

I hope that as you read you will be encouraged and apply to your life the lessons learnt from the Life of John Hus.

May God continue to bless us all.

Yours in Christ,
Hilton J Joseph
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Are There Lessons we can Learn from the Life of John Hus? (Continued)

In 1408 the subject matter of some of Hus' sermons was made grounds of complaint to the archbishop. In 1405 for example, he denounced alleged appearances of the blood of Christ on communion wafers as an elaborate hoax.

Hus spoke against simony, the practice of buying spiritual offices. He condemned Prague's wealthiest clergy. He referred to them as the Lord's fat ones. He condemned the priests for charging fees for providing the sacraments. The other clerics began to become bitter against Hus.

Finally, enough was enough. Archbishop Zbynek moved against Hus. A man without true spiritual sensitivity, Zbynek was embarrassed by Hus and so took steps to silence him by moving against the supporters of Hus who began to preach without church permission.

Hus objected and confronted the Archbishop. “How is it that fornicating and otherwise criminal priests walk about freely, while humble priests are jailed as heretics and suffer exile for the very proclamation of the Gospel?”

More embarrassed than ever, Zbynek sought for a religious ally against Hus in the person of the pope. He begged help from Alexander V, one of the three rival popes then contending for

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authority in the church as part of the Great Schism (1378-1417).

In a swift response from the Pope, Hus was forbidden to exercise his priestly functions in the diocese while his case was being considered. Meanwhile a Papal bull was issued condemning the teachings of John Wycliffe and ordering his books burned which was done on 16 July 1410.

Hus spoke out against the book burning saying, "I call it a poor business. Such bonfires never yet removed a single sin from the hearts of men. Fire does not consume truth. It is always the mark of a little mind that it vents its anger on inanimate objects. The books which have been burned are a loss to the whole people."

Unmoved and unrepentant, Zbynek excommunicated Hus on 02 May 1411. In 1414 John Hus was summoned to appear at the Council of Constance in Germany, which had been convened to resolve the schism in the church and to suppress heresy.

Having been promised a safe conduct from Holy Roman Emperor Sigismund (1368-1437), Hus thought he might manage successfully to defend his beliefs. His friends warned Hus not to go to the meeting but Hus was determined.

Writing to a friend he joked, "The goose is not yet cooked and is not afraid of being cooked." The word "Hus" means goose in the Czech language. It was a tragic mistake.

Hus was called upon to recant and to promise not to teach his doctrines, whereupon, he refused categorically. He was condemned by the council and then mocked. Finally, Hus was sentenced to be burned at the stake.

Accompanied by a multitude, Hus was pushed through the streets of Constance to the place of death. He was bound to the stake with a sooty chain wrapped around his neck. Wood was piled to the chain. While being prepared for burning, he was given one last chance to recant. The crowd waited in silence and then Hus spoke:

"God is my witness, the principle intention of my preaching and all of my other acts or writings were solely that I might turn men from sin. And in

that truth of the Gospel that I wrote, taught, and preached in accordance with the sayings and expositions of the holy doctors, I am willing gladly to die today."

On 06 July 1415, the crowd gasped in amazement at the holy boldness. The signal was given. The executioner stepped forward and put a torch to the pilings. As the flames leaped upward Hus died singing, "Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on me."

The manner of his death must not be forgotten. The emphasis on holiness of life and true spirituality would become part of the lasting legacy of John Hus upon his followers through one group known as The Bohemian Brethren and later as The Moravians.

They became the first Protestant group in Europe to publish a hymnbook. Their influence one day touched the life of a young missionary to the American colonies named John Wesley, who later founded the Methodist Church. Returning to England after ministering in Georgia and feeling like a failure, Wesley was amazed by the Moravians. They sang while their ship was almost broken up in a storm. His desire to know more of their faith led him to one of their meetings at Aldersgate where he was converted to Christ.

If there is a lesson to be learnt, it is that sometimes what we say and do in time has far reaching repercussions after our lives are over.

Only eternity will reveal how much good has been done in life and how far reaching our legacy will be. Without John Hus the life of John Wesley would have been far different.

As a theologian, Hus helped restore a biblical vision of the church, one that focused on Christ's teachings and example of purity.

Moreover, his stress on preaching and the universal priesthood of believers became hallmarks of the later Protestant Reformation. He also encouraged congregational hymn singing, writing many songs himself. For Czechs, Hus was not only a spiritual leader but also a focal point of national inspiration in the centuries following his death.



From The Pastor's Desk (Continued)

While we usually consider Luther's act of nailing his 95 theses on the chapel door of the Church of Wittenburg to be the beginning of the Reformation, the fact remains that God began the work of reformation long before the days of Martin Luther.

Two men are called "Pre-reformers" by historians: John Wycliffe of England and John Hus of Bohemia. Perhaps to call them pre-reformers really does them no injustice; but they were more than pre-reformers; they were re-formers in the truest sense of the word, perhaps Hus even more than Wycliffe. The reformation of the church in the 16th century would have been impossible without them.

The two men were different. Wycliffe was first of all a scholar for whom preaching was secondary. Hus was above all a preacher, and scholarly studies were subordinate to preaching. The dusty library was Wycliffe's home; the pulpit was Hus'. Wycliffe laboured all his life for reform and left no movement which continued the official Reformation. Hus started a movement of reform that not only lasted to the Reformation, but has come down to the present in almost pure form, primarily in the Moravians. Wycliffe's teachings were almost identical to those of Luther and Calvin; Hus, apparently, was never able to

condemn the Roman Catholic's corruption of the Lord's Supper. Wycliffe reflected all his life the middle class gentility of his upbringing; Hus, after the pattern of Luther, was of rough peasant stock. Wycliffe, it seems, did not know what it meant to laugh; Hus could banter and joke with his students even while lecturing. Wycliffe went to the grave in peace; Hus was burned to death on a martyr's pyre. But God used them both.

It is said that in Luther's famous debate with John Eck at Leipzig, Eck charged Martin Luther with being a Hussite, because Luther appealed to the supreme authority of Scripture. Luther was not sure about this, but spent the noon break reading what Hus had written. At the beginning of the afternoon session he surprised everyone by loudly proclaiming: "Ich ben ein Hussite!" (I am a Hussite). May the Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province, hold fast to the ideals of righteousness and that the cross of Christ be lifted high for the world to see.

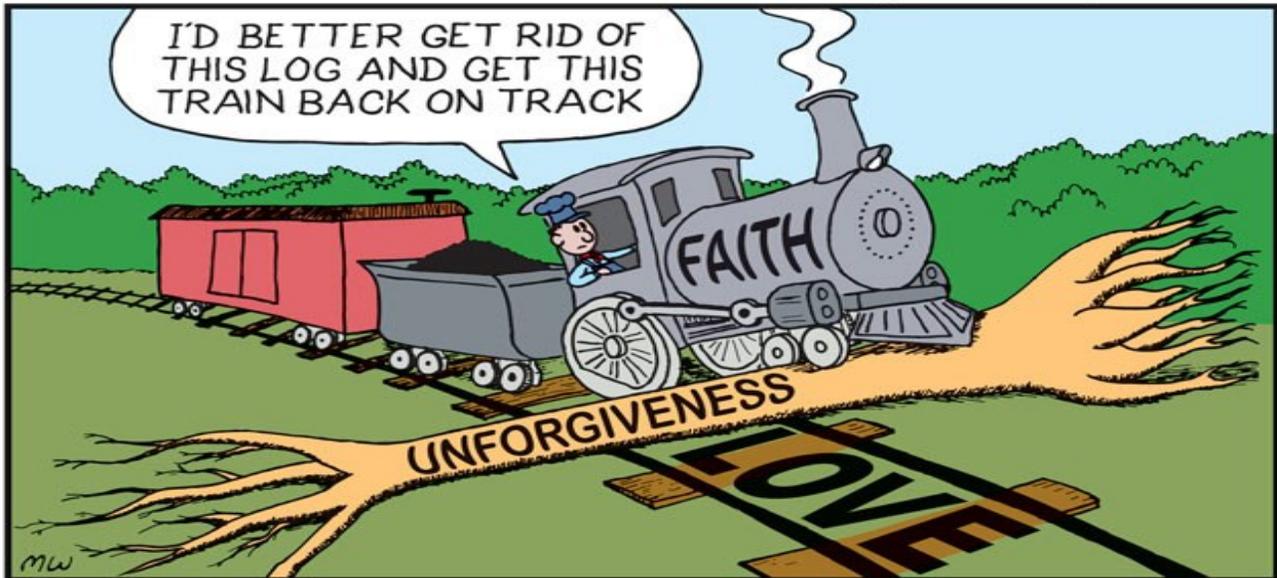
Rev Dr Cortroy Jarvis
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Joyful Toons

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A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.
- GALATIANS 5:6 NIV



PEC Reports

The PEC makes the following announcements:

Staffing

Sister Hyacinth Taylor, Missionary, will come to the end of her assignment in Grenada on 15 August 2014. The Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province is eternally grateful for the unselfish and dedicated service rendered by Sis Taylor. We pray God's continued blessings upon her as she seeks to be faithful to His leading in her life.

Rev Devon Mannix, Pastor of the Moriah and Evangel Congregations in the Tobago Conference, has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Grenada Mission, with effect from 15 August 2014.

Rev Nigel Daniel, Pastor of the Cedar Hall and Cashew Hill congregations in the Antigua Conference, has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Spring Gardens and Bethesda Congregations in the Tobago Conference, with effect from 01 August 2014.

Rev Belinda Manswell-Daniel, Pastor of the Gracebay and Urlings congregations in the Antigua Conference, has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Moriah and Evangel congregations in the Tobago Conference, with effect from 01 August 2014.

Pastor Moise Jean has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Cedar Hall and Cashew Hill Congregations in the Antigua Conference, with effect from 01 August 2014.

Pastor Yvonne Jean has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Gracebay and Urlings congregations in the Antigua conference, with effect from 01 August 2014.

Pastor Erwin Warner has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Bethesda and New Dawn Congregations in the St. Kitts Conference, with effect from 01 August 2014.

Pastor Catherine Governor has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the L'Anse Noire Congregation and Minister of Christian Education in conjunction with all other members of staff in the Trinidad Conference, with effect from 01 August 2014.

The Rev Winston Jones, Pastor of the Bethlehem congregation and the St. Phillip Fellowship, has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Bethlehem congregation, with effect from 01 September 2014.

The Rev Roslyn Hamblin has accepted a call to serve as Pastor to develop the St. Phillip Fellowship, with effect from 01 August 2014.

The Rev Mikie Roberts requested and was granted furlough from 16 June to 09 October 2014.

The Rev Eulencine Christopher has been appointed Acting Superintendent of the Virgin Islands Conference with effect from 01 September 2014. Please remember our sister in prayer as she responds to the call of God and prepares to assume this new responsibility.

On behalf of the Province, the PEC expresses heartfelt gratitude to the outgoing Superintendent of the Virgin Islands Conference, the Rev Dr Winelle Kirton-Roberts.

Book of Order

Copies of the New Book of Order are now available and can be purchased from the Provincial Headquarters for EC\$20.00 or US\$8.00 or BDS\$16.00 or TT\$48.00. The Book of Order has been revised and updated with all the new resolutions from the 30th Provincial Synod held in St. Thomas in 2012.

Condolences

The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province expresses condolences to former Missionary Olga Baird-Joefeld and the Rev. Julie Joefeld-Parris on the passing of their brother and uncle respectively. Apostle Bertril Baird passed into the nearer presence of God on 29 May 2014 in Trinidad. The home-going services for Apostle Bertril Baird took place on 12 and 14 June 2014 respectively at:

- The Calvary Road Deliverance Tabernacle in Bon Accord, Tobago, and
- The Faith Revival Ministries, 15–18 El Dorado Road, Tunapuna, Trinidad.

Congratulations

The PEC offers congratulations to Sis. Jovanca Lewis-Smith, wife of Rev Dr Patmore Smith, who recently graduated from the Robert R. McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science at Northwestern University in Evanston Illinois, with a PhD in Civil Engineering. Sis Smith's dissertation was entitled "Characterization of Ultra High-Performance Concrete for Impact Resistance Structures".



PEC Reports (Continued)

Sis Patricia Layne MBE, a member of the Sharon Moravian Church in Barbados, was honoured in the Queen's Birthday List 2014 and was awarded the Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE), for services as the private secretary to successive Governors-General and Acting Governor-General of Barbados.

The Moravian Church congratulates Sis. Alincia Williams-Grant who was elected as President of the Senate of Antigua and Barbuda. Sis. Williams Grant is a Member and Treasurer of the Judges Hill congregation in Antigua. The last President of the Senate, Sis Hazelyn Francis, who served for 9 years until 2014 is also a Member of the Moravian Church from the Green Bay Congregation in Antigua. As a Church, we would like to say thanks to Sis Hazelyn Francis for her committed service to the nation of Antigua and Barbuda.

Hymn of the Month for July 2014

For July, as was the case in June, the hymn of the month is a new hymn that is not in the current hymnal. It is the hymn **I'll praise the Lord with all my heart** and was written by Sis Edris V Roberts, a member of the Spring Gardens Moravian congregation in the Antigua Conference. Sis. Roberts has served the Moravian Church at the congregational level and was also actively involved for many years in the ecumenical movement through her leadership in the Antigua Christian Council. She is recognized as an accomplished hymn writer having written numerous hymns over the years for many special occasions as well as the various liturgical seasons of the Christian Church.

The tune *Bishopthorpe* has been chosen as the tune of choice for this hymn. The text of this hymn calls us to praise the Lord in every circumstance and situation in life. It is a message that is biblically based and timeless in that the hymn invites us to look beyond the difficulties that we may encounter and to keep focused on the God who ultimately controls all of our lives. At its core, the hymn beckons us to see that our praise of God cannot be based on how we feel. Neither should our praise be limited to those seasons of our lives when everything is going as planned and when all is well. Rather, it pushes us to embrace what the Psalmist declares in Psalm 34: 1 when he exclaims, "***I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.***" So as we enter fully into this 2014 hurricane season when the threats of storms are real, may the words of this hymn serve to anchor our faith in the God with whom all possible. This hymn challenges us to praise God without restraint and to do with an "in spite of" attitude. When we do our faith is strengthened. Be-low are the words for this hymn:

*I'll praise the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul and might,
I'll praise Him in the darkest hours,
And in the sunlight bright.*

*I'll praise Him when the showers fall,
And when the earth is dry,
I'll praise Him when the flowers bloom,
And when thy fade and die.*

*I'll praise the Lord with all my heart,
He gives me joy and peace,
And even when my heart is sad,
My praise shall never cease.*

*I'll praise Him, my Deliverer,
My Saviour and my friend,
Because for me He gave His life,
I'll praise Him to the end.*

*I'll praise the Lord with all my heart,
I'll bow before His face,
I'll honour and adore my King,
He gives me strength and grace.*

*I'll praise the Lord with all my heart,
I'll praise His holy name.
I'll praise the Lord, He changes not,
He is fore'er the same.*

Mikie Roberts (Rev)
Chair, Provincial Hymnal Committee

Joke Box

Female Intuition

One day, three men were trekking through a jungle when they came across a violent, raging river. They had no idea how to cross. So the first man decided to pray:

'Please, God, give me the strength to cross this river.' Immediately he grew enormous muscles in his arms and legs, and he managed to swim across the river in a couple of hours, nearly drowning twice.

The second man saw this and he prayed 'Please, God, give me the strength AND the tools to cross this river.' A boat appeared from nowhere, and he battled across the river in an hour, nearly capsizing twice.

The third man saw this and prayed 'Please, God, give me the strength, the tools AND the intelligence to cross this river.'

Immediately he turned into a woman. She looked at the map, walked upstream a hundred yards, and crossed over the bridge to the other side.



Sterling Contribution in the Vineyard of God

Bro Carl & Sis Rebecca Skeene



Bro Carl and Sis Rebecca Skeene

Brother Carl Skeene was born at St Elizabeth in the Brighton District near Santa Cruz. Upon completing his academic education in Santa Cruz at the age of sixteen, he joined his father on his animal farm. Bro Carl indicated that he had no interest in making a career of animal farming and at the age twenty, he migrated to Wolverhampton, England to seek for a better way of life, like many Caribbean islanders during that era.

Growing up in Jamaica and also during his residency in England, Bro Carl worshipped in the Anglican Church. He indicated that he was christened and confirmed in the Anglican Church and had fond memories of his days as an Altar boy.

In England he tried several jobs until he found one to his satisfaction. His first job, which was in a foundry, lasted for nine months. From there he moved on to Bradford in West Yorkshire, where he worked in a Wire Factory for three years. At this juncture, the Wire Factory was taken over by a multi-national USA based company, which sold part of the business and sectioned it off into various subsidiaries. Bro Carl indicated that he was assigned to the frozen goods subsidiary, which he had little interest in.

At this point he returned to Jamaica to visit his parents and on his return to England, he sought other means of employment, which he found at the Postans, a paint company. He remained in this company for ten years until it was taken over by the Evode's company. This company ceased making wet paint, giving preference to making industrial powder coating; its assets were later sold out to the Fuller company (an American based company). The company continued making powder coating and later opened another division, the bonding division. Bro Carl was trained to manage that division, which he did for sixteen years until 2005 when he retired. His perseverance and faith in God took him through that journey, until he found the area of

employment which gave him satisfaction.

In 1982, Bro Carl met Rebecca Blake of Tabernacle, St Kitts, who was also residing and working in England; in 1984 they were joined in marriage. The Union produced three children and four grandchildren, who are still residing in England, but visit St Kitts at least once per year.

Bro Carl indicated that he started visiting St Kitts with his wife from 1990. From that first visit, he fell in love with St Kitts and promptly announced to Sis Rebecca **'we will be living here when we retire'**. In response, Sis Rebecca responded **'no way'** but the facts speak for themselves. In 1996, they invested in property in St Kitts and commenced visiting on an annual basis. On those annual visits, Bro Carl and Sis Rebecca also searched for a place of worship; Bro Carl was a devout Anglican and Sis Rebecca a Methodist. In making their choice of worship, the couple alternated between the Zion Moravian Church and the Tabernacle Methodist Church. In the final analysis, they found that Zion presented them with the spiritual lift which they were seeking then and continue to obtain to this day: **'to God be the Glory'**. Bro Carl also indicated that during their search, they felt very comfortable at Zion as they were welcomed and accepted by the congregation.

Upon retirement, Bro Carl and Sis Rebecca returned to St Kitts in May 2005 to take up full residency on the island and to Zion, their adopted home church, where they have both found areas of ministry in which to make their contributions over the past nine (9) years.

Bro Carl has been making his contribution in the Ushers' Ministry from 2011, realizing that this is the area in which the Lord wanted him to serve. Initially with much encouragement and guidance from Sis Ellenitta Nathaniel, the then leader of the Ushers' team, Bro Carl assumed the leadership of that Ministry from 2013, due to the professionalism and zest which he has portrayed in this Ministry. He stated that he has found this area of service very rewarding.

Bro Carl views the Usher's Ministry as a very responsible Ministry, one in which the Usher could bring others into the church and the system, primarily by setting a Christian example for others to follow. He indicated that ushering is not only for the more mature members of the congregation, but also an avenue whereby the young people could be brought into the church. Since obtaining leadership of the Ushers' Ministry, Bro Carl has successfully recruited some of the Church's Youth in this Ministry.

He finds the ushers very helpful; they willingly substitute for each other at short notice and are very reliable. The ushers make their contribution during the regular worship services, funerals



John Hus (Jan Hus) Celebration



Rev Jeremy Francis delivering the message of the day

In the Moravian congregations worldwide, the Sunday closest to 06 July is celebrated in memory of the martyrs of the Church of which John Hus was the first. The year 2014, marks the 599th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of John Hus (pronounced 'Yan Hoose' in Slavic; Hus means 'the goose' in English).

Hus was born in the village of Husinec in the Kingdom of Bohemia on 06 July 1369. He was encouraged by the monks in the monastery where he went to school to become a priest. He later travelled to Prague, attended the University of Prague and became a priest of the Roman Church in 1402.

John Hus was a brilliant preacher and forceful speaker. Being an educated man he could read the Scriptures in Latin and translate it in Slavic to the common people. He realized that the Roman Catholic Church's practice was not in accordance with the teachings of Jesus and he actively spoke out against the worst abuses of the Roman Church of the day. He was destined to head the movement for reform in the Roman Church through his teaching and beliefs which called for:

- ◇ A higher level of morality among the priesthood as financial abuses, sexual immorality, and drunkenness were common among the Roman priests.
- ◇ The preaching and Bible reading in the common language, and for all Christians to receive full communion. At that time, laypersons only received the bread during communion service; only priests were allowed to receive the wine.
- ◇ Opposition to the sale of indulgences. These were documents of personal forgiveness from the Pope which were sometimes sold for exorbitant prices to raise funds for Crusades. Salvation is found through faith in Jesus Christ and not in buying indulgences from the Church.
- ◇ Opposition to the relatively new doctrine of Papal infallibility when Papal decrees contradicted the Bible. He

asserted the primacy of the Scriptures over church leaders and councils.

For his beliefs, John Hus was branded a heretic of the Roman Catholic Church and executed at the stake by fire on his birthday, 06 July 1415.

He died for his belief and through his actions, helped in the creation of the Moravian Church, the Unitas Fratrum (Unity of Brethren).

His legacy today for us Moravians is based on four principles. They are:

- ◇ The Bible is the only source of Christian doctrine.
- ◇ Public worship is to be administered in accordance with the teachings of the Scriptures and on the model of the Apostolic Church.
- ◇ The Lord's Supper is to be received in faith, to be doctrinally defined in the language of the Bible, and every human explanation of that language is to be avoided.
- ◇ Godly Christian life is essential as an evidence of saving faith and is of greater importance than the dogmatic formulation of creed in all details.

On Sunday 06 July 2014, the Moravian Church St. Kitts Conference gathered for worship at the Ebenezer Estridge Moravian Church in Mansion to celebrate the life and work of John Hus. We also met to re-affirm his principles as Moravians and to continue his legacy, which was passed down to us by his followers the Hussies, who later became Moravians.

Rev Jeremy Francis' message was entitled, "May I take those for you?" Scripture reference: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30.

To a burdened church and a burdened soul, Jesus is saying, "Can I take those for you?" Rev Francis listed four offers which Jesus made to the people of that generation and which are still applicable today. They are:

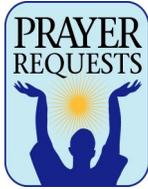
- ◇ The offer to leave the familiar. A call for us to make a move and one that is purposeful and definitive. (vs. 28)
- ◇ The offer to drop your bags. Allow Jesus to become your baggage handler. (vs. 28)
- ◇ The offer to have Peace of mind. A Call to remember that the bags are still yours even though someone else is carrying your bags. Jesus gives you rest and peace of mind. (vs. 29)
- ◇ The offer which is already paid. Jesus is your burden bearer. Yoke yourself in God. (vs. 29-30)

As we celebrate the life of John Hus, let us remember to stand for what we believe in and depend on God, for He is the burden bearer.

Contributed by Sis Desarie Williams



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 Desdemona Henry, Dorette Rawlins and Pearl Lewis and Brothers Ernest Christopher and Earl Brotherson (St. Kitts).

Sweet Hour of Prayer

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



Sisters Connie Smith, Elaine Osborne, Nora Godwin, Winifred Phipps, Brenda Manners, Mavis Deosaw (Overseas) and Abdelita Glasford (Barbados). **Brothers** Vernon Connor 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 Shanelle Sargeant
Sis Lanelle Sargeant
Bro Withley Williams
Bro Zaavan Hobson
Bro Dujon DeSuza
Bro Glassil DeSilva
Sis Vicky Liburd
Sis Tonya Watts
Sis Akila Moore
Bro Christin Scarborough
Sis Y'Cole Boncamper

ST THOMAS USVI
Sis Nadia Francis

UNITED KINGDOM
Sis Giovanna Matthew-Mattenet

TAIWAN
Bro Lindbergh Belle

CANADA
Bro Alester Thomas



Celebration Corner



August Birthday Celebrants

1st Sis Florence (Dolly) Tweede, 2nd - Sis Carelle Samuel (USA), 5th - Sis Eldora Samuel (USA), 7th - Sis Delyth Christmas, 8th - Sis Althea Jean (Antigua), Sis Kimberly Phipps and Bro William Hughes, 10th - Bro Carl Samuel Sr, Bro Carl Greaux Jr, 11th - Sis Kerine Webbe and Sis Goldha Franks, 13th - Sis Desarie Williams, 18th - Sis Shauntel Somersall, Sis Kendra De Silva, Sis Nekisha Challenger-Liburd. 19th - Sis Aziah Warner, 20th - Sis Cherice Gardner, 22nd - Bro Joseph Tudor, 27th - Sis Y'Cole Boncamper (USA), 29th - Sis Rita Adams, Sis Joycelyn Connor (St. Thomas).



August Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

Bro Neil & Sis Emelita Paul 06 August
Bro Rudolph & Sis Danielle Wiggins..... 06 August
Bro Samuel & Sis Ellenitta Nathaniel 08 August
Bro Glenroy & Sis Lydia Blanchette 08 August
Bro Charles & Sis Cassandra Blake 26 August



For Your Calendar

August 2014

The **Youth Fest Committee** wishes to thank all those who contributed in making this year's Fest a success. The Evaluation will be held on **Monday 04 August 2014** at Friars Bay. The bus will be leaving the church yard at 10:00 am.

Bible Study will be on break during the summer and will resume in September.

Youth Fellowship will be on break during the months of July and August and will resume in September.

The **Zion Youth Choir** meets every **Saturday** at **3:00pm**. Members are asked to take note and to be punctual.

Shut-in Communion will be held on **12 August 2014** at 9:00am.

The **Moravians** will be responsible for ministering at the **St. Kitts Outreach Centre** from **18 to 22 August 2014**. Members are asked to note and assist wherever possible.

All men are reminded of **Men's Ministry Sunday** on **17 August 2014**.

A special offering for the **Zion Bus Ministry** will be taken on **Sunday 17 August 2014** during the morning's worship. Please give generously to this vital church ministry.

Copies of the **2013 Emancipation Concert Collector's Item DVD** are available at the church office at a cost of EC\$40. However, you are welcome to give a love offering of \$50. Persons purchasing five (5) or more copies will be entitled to a special price of \$30 each. This DVD makes a great gift to relatives abroad.

The **Kingdom Prayer Hotline** is available for all who are desirous of prayer. The following are the numbers that persons may call for prayer: **662-2007, 662-8007, 662-6007, 662-7007, 766-6577, and 766-6579.**

Copies of the new **EWIP Moravian Church Book of Order** are now available and can be purchased from the Church Office for **EC\$20.00**. There are only **21** copies available.

The **Installation Service and Holy Communion** for the new Pastor of Bethesda and New Dawn Pastorate, **Bro Erwin Warner** will be held at the **Bethesda Moravian Church** on **Sunday 10 August 2014** at 4:00 pm. All are invited.

Confirmation Class will commence in September once there is the available resources and all forms are returned to the Church's Office.

Bible Wordsearch

"Eve"

Bible Word Search, Vol. II: Women In the Bible



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| CHILDBEARING | HUSBAND | SERPENT |
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| CURSED | LEAVES | SHAME |
| DESIRABLE | MOTHER | SLEEP |
| FEMALE | NAKED | SUITABLE |
| FIG | PAIN | TAKEN |
| FLESH | PREGNANT | WIFE |
| FRUITFUL | REALIZED | WOMAN |



ZION MORAVIAN CHURCH

Presents

EMANCIPATION CONCERT 2014

'RISE UP, O MEN!'

Sunday 03 August 2014 at 7.00 pm

Tickets: \$20 Children under 12 - \$10 at the door



Youth Connection

Zion Youth Fest 2014 Opening Service in Photos



Instrument of Peace

Living by Faith

What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. – James 2:14-17 NIV

“God will never, never, never let us down if we have faith and put our trust in Him. He will always look after us. So we must cleave to Jesus. Our whole life must simply be woven into Jesus.”

–*Mother Teresa (Awarded Nobel Prize for Peace, 1979)*

In this month's feature, we share the well-known song **Living by Faith**. In a simple, yet impactful way, the song reminds us of what we ought to do in order to conquer daily challenges. Sometimes our faith is tested and we are probably inclined to think that God has left us. However, He has promised to be with us at all times. Hence, no matter what comes our way, we have to remain resolute that His grace is sufficient. Let us all continue to walk in faith and pray that God would show favour on our lives.

This song was written by Robert Emmett Winsett (15 January, 1876 - 26 June, 1952). He was an American composer and publisher of Gospel music. Winsett was born in Bledsoe County, Tennessee, and graduated from the Bowman Normal School of Music in 1899. He founded his own publishing company in 1903, and his first publication, Winsett's Favourite Songs, quickly became popular among the Baptist and Pentecostal Churches of the American South. Pentecostal Power followed in 1907; that year Winsett completed postgraduate work at a conservatory. He settled in Fort Smith, Arkansas, continuing to compose gospel songs, of which he would write over 1,000 in total.

Living By Faith

1.

*I care not today what the morrow may bring,
If shadow or sunshine or rain,
The Lord I know ruleth o'er everything,
And all of my worries are vain.*

Refrain:

*Living by faith in Jesus above,
Trusting, confiding in His great love;
From all harm safe in His sheltering arm,
I'm living by faith and feel no alarm.*

2.

*Though tempests may blow and the storm clouds arise,
Obscuring the brightness of life,
I'm never alarmed at the overcast skies—
The Master looks on at the strife. [Refrain]*

3.

*I know that He safely will carry me through,
No matter what evils betide;
Why should I then care though the tempest may blow,
If Jesus walks close to my side. [Refrain]*

4.

*Our Lord will return for His loved ones some day,
Our troubles will then all be o'er;
The Master so gently will lead us away,
Beyond that blest heavenly shore. [Refrain]*

Evening Light Songs, 1987 (Timeless Truths)

Moravian Daily Text

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Watchword for the Week

The Lord is good to all, and His compassion is over all that He has made. Psalm 145:9

Sunday 03 August

Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

I will punish the people who rest complacency on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will He do harm." **Zephaniah 1:12**

Sleep, awake! Arise from the death and Christ will shine on you. **Ephesians 5:14**

Mighty God, forgive us for our apathy and lack of faith towards both You and our fellow human beings. Help us to stand stronger in the face of the world and witness to Christ in both word and deed. Amen





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The Voice of Zion...
Empowered to do Ministry

Give thanks to
the God of heaven
His love endures
Psalm 136:26 forever

Sterling Contribution in the Vineyard of God (Continued)

and special events in the Church's calendar. The congregation always looks forward to those Sundays when the Ushers' team consists solely of men.

Bro Carl also willingly assists in various areas: he actively lends his support to organized fundraisers, such as Father's Day and Festiva de Noel luncheons, both in terms of selling tickets and the physical work required to execute these fundraisers.

On Mondays, he assists his wife, Sis Rebecca in taking lunches from the St Christopher Outreach Centre to Zion's shut-in members.

Sis Rebecca was a member of the Zion Senior choir and is currently an active member of the Dorcas Ministry; this latter Group reaches out to the sick and shut-in members of the church. During the Group's visit to the sick, they try to brighten their day by singing and praying with

them; while on their visit to the elderly shut-ins, the Group goes a step further, by taking gifts such as toiletries and food items to these individuals. They also take cards and bouquets to these individuals on the celebration of their birthday.

Bro Carl's advice to the Church's Youth was 'to keep their head high, obey their parents or guardians and adults in general, and God would bless them for it'.

May God continue to bless and strengthen Bro Carl and Sis Rebecca as they make their contributions in God's Kingdom. The leadership of the Church and the Newsletter committee thank you Brother and Sister for the contributions which you have made and will continue to make. We wish you health and strength as you continue to make your contributions.

~ Divine Worship & Holy Communion ~

Sunday 3 August 2014 (8th Sunday After Pentecost)

Pastor & Celebrant: Reverend Hilton J Joseph * Worship Leader: Sis Delyth Christmas

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional Hymn
Introit
Call to Worship
Hymn #329 *God Moves in a Mysterious Way*
Hymn..... *I'll praise the Lord with all my Heart*

Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Thanksgiving
Item of Praise Zion Senior Choir

Ministry of the Word

OT Lesson Isaiah 55:1-5 Sis Desarie Williams
NT Lesson St. Matthew 14:13-21 Bro Carl Greaux Jr
Sermon **Rev Hilton J Joseph**
Altar Encounter

Worship in Giving

*Tithes & Offering, Bus Ministry, Youth Bottle,
Free-will Offering, Voice of Zion, Windows Project*

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

Song *Cover up All My Sins
Let Me Start All Over*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation
Prayer
Hymn #231 *I Love the Lord*

1st Eucharistic Prayer
Distribution of Bread
Hymn#327 *Jesus Lover of My Soul*
Hymn #322 *Is Jesus My Strong Salvation*

2nd Eucharistic Prayer
Distribution of Wine
Hymn #331 *Begone Unbelief*
Hymn #172 *Through the Love of God*

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Song of Covenant #420 *What Brought Us Together*
The Blessing