



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



THE VOICE OF ZION

A Monthly Communication of the Zion Moravian Church

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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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Rev Hilton J Joseph

My Family in Christ,

This month's issue of "From the Pastor's Desk" features an article from the Chairman of the Provincial Elders Conference (PEC), Rev Dr Cortroy Jarvis, entitled, "Bearing the Torch with Pride".

My Church Family, may you be blessed as you re-familiarize yourself with this very important aspect of our Moravian Heritage and allow the Holy Spirit to come upon you as it did to our Moravian bothers and sisters of Herrnhut.

May our Lamb continue to grant us freedom, cover us and keep us in unity.

Yours in Christ
 Rev Hilton J Joseph
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From The Pastor's Desk

Bearing the Torch with Pride
 13 August 2016 will mark the 289th year since the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on a disorganized, disenchanted, disheartened and disjointed Moravian Community in Herrnhut. The Community had been torn apart by infightings, jealousy, greed and a lust for power. Their division had nothing to do with their love for God and Him crucified. On 13 August at Bertlesdorf Chapel, the Holy Spirit transformed their outlook on life for good. It brought a Unity in their midst that they had never experienced before. It was out of this that the Moravians began to send Missionaries throughout the world, beginning with David Nitschmann and Leonard Dober in 1732 in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, formerly Danish West Indies.

A Moravian historian wrote that Church history abounds in records of special outpourings of the Holy Spirit, and verily the thirteenth of August 1727 was a day of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We saw the hand of God and His wonders, and we were all under the cloud of our fathers baptized with their Spirit. The Holy Ghost came upon us and in those days great signs and wonders took place in our midst.

He continues that from that time scarcely a day passed but what we beheld His almighty workings amongst us. A great hunger after the Word of God took possession of us so that we had to have three services every day, viz. 5.00 and 7.30 a.m. and 9.00 p.m. Every one desired above everything else that the Holy Spirit might have full control. Self-love and self-will, as well as all disobedience disappeared and an overwhelming flood of grace swept us all out into the great ocean of Divine.

The Moravian brethren had sprung from the labours and martyrdom of the Bohemian Reformer, Jan Hus. They had experienced centuries of persecution. Many had been killed, imprisoned, tortured or banished from their homeland. This group had fled for refuge to Germany where the young Christian nobleman, Count Ludwig Zinzendorf, offered them asylum on his estates in Saxony. They named their new home Herrnhut, 'the Lord's Watch'. From there, after their baptism in the Holy Spirit, they became evangelists and missionaries.

Fifty years before the beginning of modern Foreign Missions by William Carey, the Moravian Church had sent out over one



From the Pastor's Desk (Cont'd)

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Ministries Within The Church

Leadership

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Zion Youth Ministry

Youth Fellowship
Sunday School
Girls' Brigade
ZMC Dancers
Feed My Lambs

Ministry In Music

Zion Junior Choir
Zion Youth Choir
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

hundred (100) missionaries. Their English missionary magazine, Periodical Accounts, inspired William Carey. He threw a copy of the paper on a table at a Baptist meeting, saying, 'See what the Moravians have done! Cannot we follow their example and in obedience to our Heavenly Master go out into the world, and preach the Gospel to the heathen?'

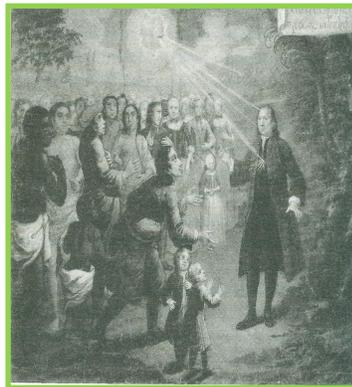
That missionary zeal began with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Count Zinzendorf observed, "The Saviour permitted to come upon us a Spirit of whom we had hitherto not had any experience or knowledge. ... Hitherto we had been the leaders and helpers. Now the Holy Spirit Himself took full control of everything and everybody".

One result of their baptism in the Holy Spirit was a joyful assurance of their pardon and salvation. This made a strong impact on people in many countries, including John and Charles Wesley, who later championed the establishment of the Methodist Church.

In 1736, John and Charles Wesley sailed to America as Anglican missionaries. A company of Moravian immigrants was also on the vessel. During a terrible storm, they all faced the danger of shipwreck. John Wesley wrote in his journal: "At seven, I went to the Germans. I had long before observed the great seriousness of their behavior. Of their humility, they had given a continual proof by performing those servile offices for the other passengers, which none of the English would undertake;

for which they desired and would receive no pay, saying, 'It was good for their proud hearts', and 'their loving Saviour had done more for them'. And every day had given them occasion of showing a meekness, which no injury could move.

If they were pushed, struck or thrown down, they rose again and went away; but no complaint was found in their mouth. Here was now an opportunity of trying whether they were delivered from the spirit of fear, as well as from that of pride, anger and revenge.



An Artist's depiction of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on 13 August 1727

In the midst of the Psalm wherewith their service began, the sea broke over, split the mainsail in pieces, covered the ship and poured in between the decks, as if the great deep had already swallowed us up. A terrible screaming began among the English. The Germans calmly sung on. I asked one of them afterwards: 'Were you not afraid?' He answered, 'I thank God, no'. I asked: 'But were not your women and children afraid?' He replied mildly: 'No, our women and children are not afraid to die'.

In Georgia, John Wesley sought spiritual counsel from the Moravian Bishop, A. G. Spangenberg. Back in England in 1738, the Wesley brothers became intimately acquainted with the Moravians, especially Peter Boehler who later became a leading Moravian bishop.

As men and women of faith in the Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province, what has gone wrong? Where is the passion to pass the baton that was handed over to us? Can we say that we are still bearing the torch that fell from the hands of those who gave their lives for the cause of Christ? Can we not recapture the passion that we once had? Where is the love for God that once burned within us? I want to challenge us as we embark upon the 43rd Unity Synod in Jamaica from August 12-19, 2016, to allow the words of the song writer, Frank Houghton to reignite that fire within us. Frank Houghton, in his song, "Facing A Task Unfinished" declares:

***We bear the torch that flaming,
Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives,
proclaiming
That Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same mission,
The same glad message ours,
Fired by the same ambition,
To Thee we yield our powers.***

***O Father who sustained them,
O Spirit who inspired,
Saviour, whose love
constrained them
To toil with zeal untired,
From cowardice defend us,
From lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine***



A Evening of Thanks to Pastor Elva

Resplendent in a brown, turquoise and olive green African gown, Pastor Elva Richards was ushered into the sanctuary of the Ebenezer (Estridge) Moravian Church by dancers from the Zion, Ebenezer (Estridge) and Bethel Pastorate. On Sunday 24 July 2016, an awaiting throng of members, friends and well-wishers of the Moravian Church St. Kitts Conference, other invited guests and dignitaries, sat in eager anticipation of the afternoon's proceedings. The dress code of green, African and cultural print was aptly chosen as they were favourites of Pastor Elva. Many had come to the appreciation service with mixed emotions of gratitude to her for all she had done, joy at the new opportunities awaiting her and sadness at the thought of losing her as an integral part of their congregations and the Conference.

The service was filled with songs and passages which were favourites of Pastor Elva and gave a glimpse of her love, appreciation and devotion to God. One by one, members of the Pastorate to which she was assigned as the Associate Pastor and members of the Conference expressed their love and gratitude to her. Expressions were offered through dance, music, scripture readings, words of kindness and presentation of gifts. Although most of the items were done as tributes to Pastor Elva, they were also reassuring and uplifting to those in attendance. In his sermon, Rev. Dr. Errol Connor, Vice Chairman of the Provincial Elders' Conference of the Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province, reminded us that life cannot be reduced to just events and circumstances, but that in all things we must trust that God always has a better plan for our lives. He said that Faith makes things possible, not easy, and that even though we become discouraged at times, we must remember that the Word of God tells us in Romans 8:28 that "...all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose". He also encouraged us to have faith in God and be faithful in ministry.

In response to the outpouring of love, Pastor Elva expressed with humility and reverence that all the glory belonged to Almighty God and that in all things she hoped for her life and ministry to reflect the words of the chorus of the hymn: **I, The Lord of Sea and Sky**.

As a Pastorate and Conference, we wish to say thank you Pastor Elva; you are loved and you will be deeply missed.

Contributed by Sis Lilette L. Lewis (Rosie)





PEC Reports

Hymn of the Month July 2016

It is with a sense of joy that I share this great news that the hymnals have been shipped and the long journey from China to the Caribbean has begun. To God be the glory! If all goes as planned, the books should be in the region by the end of July. For the month of July, I wish to draw attention to the hymn *Spirit of faith, be thou my guide*. In the new hymnal it is #335 and was written in 1846 by Anne Brontë. The name of the applied tune is *ARMAGH*. This hymn is just one example of the many hymns that profoundly captures and expresses spiritual truths. Yet for whatever reason, many hymns like these have remained unknown and unsung during our worship experience. One of the primary goals of these monthly articles is to address and correct this shortcoming within our congregations across the Province.

Faith is foundational to Christian living! It is so vital an ingredient in our spiritual growth that Hebrews 11: 6 states it boldly, "...*It is impossible to please God without faith...*" This hymn is centred on the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer. However, from the outset, it addresses the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of faith. It is within that vein that we then see a series of actions that are accomplished when we allow ourselves to be under the total control of the Spirit of faith. So when we allow the Holy Spirit to hold our hands and to be our guide as we journey through this life, the results are clearly evident: we are comforted by an abiding presence; our gaze shifts from the toils of earth to the bliss of heaven; we are empowered to live beyond the mundane experience of earth; even in the face of pain and death, we can still be joyful; and because of the guidance of the Spirit of faith, ultimately we will be shepherded to taste first-hand the joys of a heavenly home.

I pray that as we sing the words of this hymn that our faith in God will be strengthened. Might we surrender ourselves to the Third Person of the Trinity so that the work of God's Spirit will continue to be perfected in our lives. Then the world will see the results of believers who are being guided by the Spirit of faith. Below are the words and music for the hymn of the month for July:

1
*Spirit of faith, be thou my guide!
 O clasp my hand in thine!
 And never let me quit thy side;
 Thy comforts are divine.*

2
*Pride scorns thee for thy lowly mien:
 But who like thee can rise
 Above this toilsome, sordid scene,
 Beyond the holy skies?*

3

*Meek is thine eye, and soft thy voice,
 But wondrous is thy might,
 To make the wretched soul rejoice,
 To give the simple light.*

4

*And still to all who seek thy way
 This mystic power is given,
 E'en while their footsteps press the clay,
 Their souls ascend to heaven.*

5

*Through pain and death I can rejoice,
 If but thy strength be mine;
 Earth hath no music like thy voice,
 Life owns no joy like thine.*

6

*Spirit of faith, I'll go with thee,
 Thou, if I hold thee fast,
 Wilt guide, defend and strengthen me,
 And bear me home at last.*

1846. Anne Brontë.

Status Update on Caribbean Moravian Praise Hymnal

The historic publication of the first Caribbean Moravian Hymnal – Caribbean Moravian Praise – is near completion. Upon completion of the hard cover hymnal, each congregation will also receive a database that will contain a reference to the hymn tunes. In this database the music for the new hymns will be provided. However, in cases where the tune for the hymn is unchanged the actual music for that hymn will not be provided. Instead the database will indicate the name of the tune and the number of that hymn in the current music edition. By so doing, it is our desire that the new hymns will soon be incorporated into the congregation's hymnal repertoire since the tunes will be at the congregation's disposal.

Work on the musical edition has been ongoing and is in the advanced stages. It is hoped that its completion should be finalized within 12 – 16 months. The compilation of the musical edition entails giving attention to some details that are not required in the words only edition of the hymnal. For example, in addition to the authors and translators index, there must also be added an index for hymn tunes and composers as well as the alphabetical listing of the hymn tunes. Furthermore, we have to once again negotiate with international copyright holders to secure permission for the printing of the tunes for the hymns that are still under copyright.



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Mindful that this process may be lengthy, the provision of the hymn tune database will therefore serve as a temporary but necessary measure until the musical edition of the hymnal is completed.

The other component of the provision of worship material for the Province that has also begun is the production of the Liturgy Book. We anticipate that this volume will be published locally. It will contain the revised Liturgies, Litanies and Orders of Public Worship. The publication of this volume will be the second worship resource we intend to have available within the Province. We anticipate that it will follow not too long after the publication of soon to be released words only hymnal.

The final phase of the work that will be engaged will be the provision of the Hymnal and Liturgy books in an electronic downloadable format. There have been numerous requests for the materials to be presented in this format and we are seeking to meet that request.

However, we currently do not possess the resources (financial and human) to give attention this matter.

In summary, there are four phases to the overall mandate of the Provincial Hymnal and Liturgical Committees:

- (1) Hard copy words only Hymnal;
- (2) Prayer Book with Liturgies;
- (3) Musical Edition Hymnal; and
- (4) Electronic Format of Hymnal and Prayer Book.

Unity Synod 2016

The year 2016 has begun, and for the Moravian Unity it means that we have seen the beginning of an important year, namely the year of the 43rd Unity Synod of the Moravian Church Unitas Fratrum (the 27th Unity Synod of the Renewed Church). It is our task to keep the Unity Synod in our prayers during the coming months!

The Unity Synod is scheduled to be held from 12 to 19 August 2016 at the Hilton Rose Hall Resort & Spa, Rose Hall, Montego Bay, St. James, Jamaica.

Staff Changes

The PEC makes the following announcements:

The Rev Alicia Ross-Floyd has accepted a call to serve as Associate Pastor of the Nisky Moravian Congregation in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, with effect from 01 July 2016.

The Rev Adelyn Mgonela, presently serving as Superintendent of the Trinidad Conference and Pastor of the Memorial congregation, has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Estridge and Bethel congregations in the St. Kitts Conference with effect from 05 August 2016.

The Rev Catherine Governor, presently serving as Pastor of the L'Anse Noire congregation and Minister of Christian Education in the Trinidad Conference, has accepted a call within the Trinidad Conference to serve as Pastor of the Memorial congregation, in addition to her role as Minister of Christian Education, with effect from 05 August 2016.

The Rev Dr Ulston Patmore Smith, in addition to his role as Minister of Music in the Trinidad and Tobago Conferences, has accepted a call to serve as Acting Superintendent of the Trinidad Conference with effect from 05 August 2016.

Sis Elva Richards, presently serving as Associate Pastor of the Zion, Estridge and Bethel congregations in the St. Kitts Conference, has accepted a call to serve as Associate Pastor of the Spring Gardens congregation in the Antigua Conference with effect from 05 August 2016.

All Staff Members within the Trinidad Conference will share in the Ministry of the L'Anse Noire congregation.

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

Mathematics Enrichment Programme

The PEC is presently hosting a Mathematics Enrichment Programme for 4th or 5th form student in Antigua to sharpen their skills in Mathematics. The Mathematics Enrichment Programme runs from 08 to 19 August 2016 and classes are being held at the Tim O'Reilly Auditorium on St. John's Street, St. John's, Antigua from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. The lecturers include Antiguan born Dr Vanere Goodwin and the Rt Rev Dr Conrad Spencer; both are professors of Mathematics. The course fee is XCD \$110.00. The committee organizing the event has give concession to households with two or more students enrolled in the Programme.

PEC Meeting

The PEC met in the St. Kitts Conference from 21 to 23 July 2016.

Staff and Spouse Retreat

The first Provincial Staff and Spouse Retreat convened from 29 July to 02 August 2016 on the island of St. Maarten.



Inter-denominational Sports



Condolences



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

Sis Ellenitta Nathaniel, Bro Christian Nathaniel and Nathaniel Family on the passing of:

*Mr Charles Oliver Lawrence
(better known as John Lawrence)
(Uncle and Great Uncle)
(in England)*

Sis Heather Merritt and the Merritt Family on the passing of :

*Ms Annie Merritt
(Mother)*

Bro Chessley Williams, Sis Hazel Williams, Sis Breanna Williams and Family on the passing of:

*Ms Eartha Williams
(Aunt)*

Sis Sonia Bridgewater and the Bridgewater Family on the passing of:

Ms Jamilla Francis

“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.

THE LORD IS GOOD,
A STRENGTH AND
STRONGHOLD
IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE;
HE KNOWS
(RECOGNIZES, HAS KNOWLEDGE
OF, AND UNDERSTANDS)
THOSE WHO TAKE
REFUGE
AND TRUST IN HIM
NAHUM 1:7



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 Brother Whitley Williams (USA), Brother Allan Pennyfeather (Canada) and Brother Tonito Lee (UK).

Sisters Rahmona Casey, Helen Woods, Ellenitta Nathaniel, Urлие De Silva, Dorette Rawlins, Eileen Robinson, Mary Mac Lachlan and Beverly James and Brothers Ernest Christopher, Hashim Bertie, Washington Archibald, 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



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, 11th - Sis Kerine Webbe and Sis Goldha Franks, 13th - Sis Desarie Williams, 18th - Sis Shauntel Somersall, Sis Kendra De Silva, Sis Nekisha Challenger-Liburд, 19th - Sis Aziah Warner, 20th - Sis Cherice Gardner, 22nd - Bro Joseph Tudor, 27th - Sis Y'Cole Boncamper (USA), and 29th – Sis Rita Adams, Sis Joycelyn Connor (St. Thomas)



August Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

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



For Your Calendar

Shut-in Communion

Shut-in Communion will be held on Wednesday 10 August from 9.00 am .

Church Ministries (On break until September)

- **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 7:15 pm
- **Youth Choir** on Saturdays at 3:00 pm
- **Combined Choir** on Saturdays at 4:15 pm

St. Kitts Outreach Centre

The Moravians will be responsible for ministering at the **St. Kitts Outreach Centre** during the month of **August 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 the third Sunday of each month. However, there will be a break in August; see you in September.

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 was launched on Sunday 01 May 2016. During the Service, for each month a colour offering will be taken. Please note the colour offerings which are to be taken monthly from August to December 2016.

- May & September - **Green Offering**
- June & October - **Blue Offering**
- July & November - **Purple Offering**
- August & December - **Orange Offering**

Moravian Daily Text

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Watchword for the Week:

Jesus says, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Luke 12:32

Sunday 07 August 2016

Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16; Luke 12:32-40.

But where are your gods you made for yourself? Let them come, if they can save you, in your time of trouble. Jeremiah 2:28

You have one instructor, the Messiah. Matthew 23:10

O merciful Saviour, thank you for your grace. Dear Lord, help us to live in joyful praise of all your mighty works. Help us to see your trustworthy hand at work in our loves, in our church and in our world. Amen.



Oasis Moments

*The Zion Moravian Church
(Victoria Road)*

presents

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

See you in September!

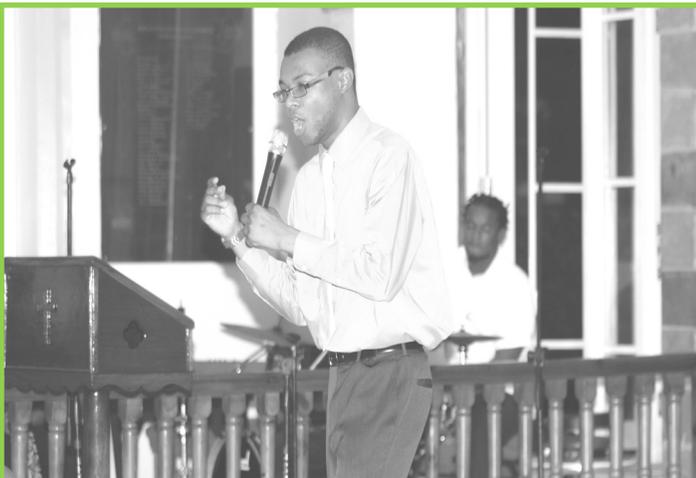
*Are you thirsty, tired and
trampled? Come to the Oasis!!!*

**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."*

Emancipation Concert 2016 Photos





Youth Connection

A Fool and His Money

Do you like to watch game shows on television? I have always been a big fan of TV game shows. One of my favourite game shows of all time is a show called “Let’s Make a Deal”. On that show, contestants would be given a chance to trade a prize that they had already won for a prize that was hidden behind curtain #1, #2, or #3. Sometimes they would win a great prize, but sometimes they would end up with a worthless prize. Let us play the game so you will see how it works.

To begin the game, I have a prize for someone. I have a prize for someone who made their bed this morning. Did anyone here make their bed this morning? Oh great! Here is a prize for you. (Give a treat to the child you have chosen ahead of time.) Now, I have a deal for you. You can keep the treat I have given you, or you can trade it for what is in box #1. Before you make your decision, I will tell you that one of these boxes has a nice prize. The other two do not. Do you want to trade? You do? Great, give me back the treat.

First, let’s see what is in box #3. (Open box #3 to show a gag prize.) Now we know that the prize is in box #1 or box #2. You have what is in box #1, right? I have another deal for you. You can keep what is in box #1, or you can trade it for what is in box #2. Do you want to trade for box #2? You do? Great! You now have what is in box #2. First, let’s see what is in box #1. (Open box #1 to reveal another gag prize.) Great! You have won the prize! (Open box #2 and give the child the prize.)

That turned out quite well, didn’t it? Unfortunately, it does not always work that way in real life. Sometimes people go through life making deals and trying to build up more and more wealth. They think that the more money and possessions they have, the happier they will be.

Jesus warned about that. He said, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” He then told the story of a man whose land had produced so much grain that he had no place to store it. Even though he had plenty, he wanted more, so he decided to tear down his barns and build bigger ones. Jesus said the man was a fool, for when his life was over, he would leave everything behind. He would leave this world with nothing.

Life is not a TV game show and God doesn’t make deals. God has promised to supply all of our needs, but He has not promised to fulfill every selfish wish. “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed.”

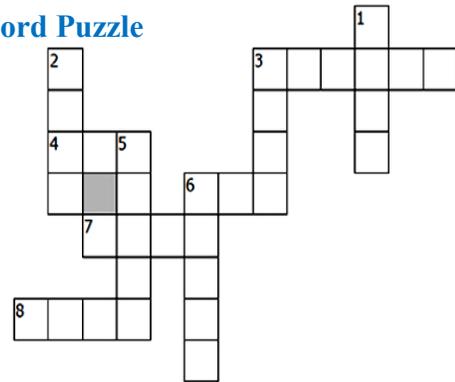
Prayer

Dear Father, help us to be content with the blessings which you so generously give us and help us to be on guard against selfishness and greed. Amen.

Memory Verse

Then He said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions”. Luke 12:15 (NIV)

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3. A person you know, like, and trust
4. To make a request for something
6. A piece of furniture for sleeping
7. A movable structure used to close off an entrance to a room
8. A device operated by a key and used to keep a door from being opened

DOWN

1. To look for something
2. To talk to God
3. To locate something by searching for it
5. To stike a series of blows with your fist, as on a door
6. A food made from flour mixed water and other ingredients, then baked in an oven

LOCK	FIND	FRIEND	PRAY	DOOR
BED	SEEK	KNOCK	ASK	BREAD

Word Search

P R A Y Y B S L E F X E B P H
 U K I N G D O M L T S P D Q A
 A Y Z A U B Q Q S E E E R X L
 U Q B S B U R W F Z A A E G L
 O R R K P U J I U R Z D C K O
 O N E O L F N P I P I A Q H W
 T A A P X A A F V I X E M M E
 E M D E D M F T W T F S N U D
 M E C N H R D O H N L F B D W
 P P K K R N E G R E S M Y Y U
 A V N I I Q I C C G R T C D Y
 T N O F U N J C E S I N S A O
 I J C W D K S D G I J V Q I A
 O Q K I F B E K P I V J E L A
 N M M W N M J J P V W E M Y P

FIND	PRAY	OPEN	TEMPATION	FRIEND
SEEK	FATHER	NAME	KNOCK	RECEIVE
MIDNIGHT	DAILY	TEACH	LEAD	BREAD
SINS	KINGDOM	HALLOWED	FORGIVE	ASK

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Youth Connection Cont'd

Decoder Puzzle

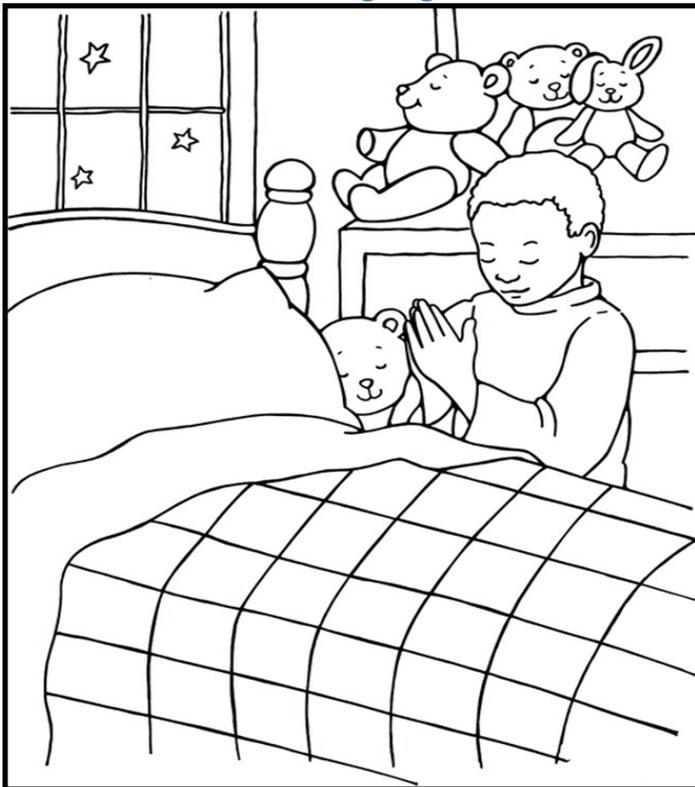
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- 7-13-11-13-17-9-13 _____
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- 19-25-24 _____
- 22-7-19-2 _____
- 25-13-13-24 _____
- 10-17-6-12 _____
- 4-22-13-6 _____
- 24-6-4-11-24 _____

KNOCK	SEEK	OPEN	RECEIVE
PRAY	TEACH	FIND	ASK

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

Colouring Page



Instrument of Peace

Negro Spirituals are generally Christian songs which were composed by enslaved Africans. Like any other musical genre, there are different types of Negro Spirituals. Some of them are very slow and solemn, while others are more rhythmic and bold. No matter which type is sung, a general feeling of gratitude to our ancestors is most often evoked, ultimately warming our minds and hearts. There is no doubt that many of them offer words of inspiration and consolation through some of the most trying and troubling times. In some of these songs, the words are so fitting to our own situations and circumstances, that one cannot help but become moved to carve new, more progressive paths in our lives and encourage others to do likewise.

Meanwhile, we give thanks to our forefathers. We give thanks to our Moravian missionaries who made a meaningful impact in relation to the educational foundation and well-being of our enslaved brothers and sisters. We give thanks for our heritage. We give thanks for our development and progress throughout the years. Praises be to God!

This month's contribution is titled *Study War No More* in commemoration of our Emancipation Day Celebrations (01 August 2016).

From "American Negro Songs" by John W. Work, 1940

Study War No More

*I'm going to lay down my sword and shield
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside
Going to lay down my sword and shield
Down by the riverside
Ain't going to study war no more
I'm going to put on my long white robe
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside
I'm going to put on my long white robe
Down by the riverside
Ain't going to study war no more
I'm going to talk with the Prince of Peace...*

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The Voice of Zion...
Empowered to do Ministry

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

From the Pastor's Desk Cont'd

*errands send us
To labour for Thy sake*

Some people have a knack for making others hungry to know God. I know a few people who, when I'm done talking with them, make me want to know and love Him more. I treasure those people. They don't try to be religious. They don't attempt to be spiritual. They simply are themselves and in the process radiate the presence of God. Many of them have been through dark valleys yet they still carry a hopeful, persistent, passion and love about them.

God is calling us to come up higher with him. He is challenging us to so live that others will be drawn to Him. Jesus, in the sermon on the mount, made a most powerful point which we

should carry on our foreheads every day. He declared in Matthew 5:14-16: "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven".

May the 13 August event breathe new life in us. Are you willing to continue to bear the torch?

Rev Dr Cortroy Jarvis
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Sunday 07th August 2016 (Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost)

Pastor & Celebrant: Rev Hilton J. Joseph
Worship Leader: Rev Hilton J Joseph
ORDER OF SERVICE

Watchword for the Week:

- Jesus says, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Luke 12:32



The Drum Call

Psalm33:12- 22

Hymn # 574 *O God our Help in Ages Past*

Black National Anthem *Lift Every Voice and Sing (Vs 1)*

Song *Glorious Freedom*

Let us Pray Freedom Prayers

Ministry of the Word

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 118:1-5
Bro Wilmoth Roberts

New Testament Lesson 1 Peter 2:10-17

Sis Louvina Maynard

Sermon **Rev Hilton J Joseph**

Pastoral Prayer

Worship in Giving

Prayer of Dedication

Notices

Closing Song *The Right Hand of God*

Prayer & Benediction

Black National Anthem
..... *Lift Every Voice and Sing (Vs 2 & 3)*

