



THE ZION MORAVIAN CHURCH
 (Established 1777) 238 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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From The Pastor's Desk

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Church Spurgeon

A job is at your choice; a ministry is at Christ's call. In a job you expect to receive; in a ministry you expect to give. In a job you give something to get something; in a ministry you return something that has already been given to you. A job depends on your abilities; a ministry depends on your availability to God. A job well done brings you praise; a ministry done well brings honour to Christ."

A ministry done well brings honour to Christ.

My family the ministry that we do is for the glorification of Almighty God and therefore we are encouraged to do it to the best of our ability. When we fail to do our best for God, it's like an insult to the redemptive work of Jesus Christ on Calvary's cross. Only what we do for Christ will last. Scripture admonishes us to not store up treasures where rot and moth can find it but to store up treasures in heaven (Matthew 6:19-20).

Family, a few evaluative questions for your personal reflection:

- Is God satisfied with your worship?
- Why do you attend church?
- If you were to die today where would you spend eternity?
- What is your purpose here on earth?

As shared in the last issue of VOZ, it is the leadership's intention to do more practical work to advance the Kingdom of God here in the Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis. Since Charity begins at home, for the first five months our focus will be on practical ministry within the walls of Zion – *Outreach to those in our reach.*

Therefore we have as a guide the following theme: **“Proclaiming our Divine Heritage, Enlarging our Territory”** where we use the four sub-focuses of our Provincial Mission Statement to guide us: By the grace of God, we seek to be faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ; without distinction, we use all that we possess to call all peoples to the truth of the gospel through **Worship, Evangelism, Discipleship and Service.**

Worship: John 4: 8, 23-24

Worship is our response to the pardon and grace offered to us by Almighty God, the One who sits on the throne. He is the centre of worship. All of creation bow before the Holy Other offering Praise as a token of gratefulness. We are aware that if it was not for Him who is immortal, invisible, the only wise God, we would be non-existent, inoperable, with no sense of purpose,



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Ministries Within The Church

Leadership

Board of Elders
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Zion Youth Ministry

Youth Fellowship
Sunday School
Girls' Brigade
ZMC Dancers

Ministry In Music

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

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

From The Pastor's Desk (Cont'd)

ceasing to 'be'. However, because of God, 'I am'.

I share with you the following from my personal reading for your reflection.

Serving in your Church Ministry

by Paul E. Engle and Randall D. Engle

"Worship is entertaining God. Worship celebrates God's greatness and his love for us. Worship receives God's word as it comes to us through the Bible, the sacraments, (or ordinances), and Jesus Christ. It's clear that God desires and enjoys our worship and that God created all things to praise....

Of all God's creatures, humans were created with a special role. Biblical authors hardly know how to express just how valuable we are to God other than to say that we were crowned with glory and honour and made just below the angels (Ps 8:5).

Worship is explosive and life-changing when we see it, not as a means to entertain us but as a way to bring attention to God.... When we gather for worship, then, our attention should naturally be directed to God. Several times, when describing worship, the Bible's writers observe God at the centre of worship. This makes sense for worship exists to praise God, the One seated on the throne (Rev 4:2). Worship does not first of all exist for us but for God.

Home Work

- **Read Isaiah 6 – The prophet's vision of heavenly worship**
- **How does it compare and contrast with John's description in Rev 4:5?**
- **Do you spot any similarities or differences?**

In the next issue I will share on Evangelism so let us look for more practical ways to advance the Kingdom.

Election Results

Since we last met through this avenue we have had elections for Synod. The 31st Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province (EWIP) will be held in Antigua at the Jolly Beach Resort, 10-16 July 2015. The results are as follows:

- Sis Delyth Christmas
- Sis Belinda Bart
- Bro MJ Byron

Persons desirous of attending Synod can do so in the capacity of an Observer (**Airfare \$331.91 US, Hotel Accommodations, \$700.00 US**). Application forms are available at the Church Office and should be filled out and returned to the office by **04 February 2015**.

Further, during our Church Council held on 21 January 2015, Sisters Delyth Christmas and Gwenella Benjamin were elected to represent our Congregation at Island Conference. Please keep our representation to Island Conference and Synod in our prayers.

As a congregation we say thanks to Bro Chesil Hamilton and Sis Myrna Archibald who served as representatives to Island Conference for the past six years.

SIGNS SEEN NEAR CHURCH

"God so loved the world that He did not send a committee."

"Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!"

"When down in the mouth, remember Jonah. He came out alright."

"Sign broken. Message inside this Sunday."

"Fight truth decay-study the Bible daily."

"How will you spend eternity-Smoking or Non-smoking?"

"Dusty Bibles lead to Dirty Lives"



Cloud of Witness

This monthly feature is to re-tell the stories of ordained Pastors who served in the Eastern West Indies Province in recent past. It is intended to inform us of the life and witness of these ministers and their spouses so that we can better appreciate the sacrifices they have made. Moreover, it is hoped that both the ordained and unordained will be inspired to continue our ministry diligently knowing that our labour will never be in vain in the Lord.

The following biography of The Right Reverend George Oliver Maynard (D.D.) 01 August 1934 to 11 September 2005 was submitted by his children Mark and Joy Maynard.



Bishop Oliver Maynard was born on 01 August 1934 in Bridgetown, Barbados. His father was headmaster for the Moravian School. Bishop Maynard lived on the church premises with his parents and four siblings. In 1952, he graduated from Harrison College, a high school set up by British planters, and went to work for a telegram company, called Cable and Wireless. Bishop Maynard was sent to British Guiana by his superiors as a representative of the company. His task was to ensure that the lines of communication were kept open between British Guiana and England. While there, Bishop Maynard saw overt poverty for the first time. Many of the indigenous people were either foraging through garbage for food or sleeping on the sidewalks. It was at this time he felt the need to do something for these desperate people.

In 1953, Bishop Maynard began **studying** theology at the Theological Seminary and University College of the West Indies in Jamaica. He graduated in 1957, (Magna Cum Laude), and on 17 July of that same year, was ordained a minister of the Moravian Church. The ordination took place in Barbados.

Bishop Maynard was twenty-three. After his ordination, he went to Tobago, then Trinidad where he taught at Queen's Royal College. From there, Bishop Maynard travelled to south Trinidad, to teach in St. Andrew's Theological College.

In 1960, Bishop Maynard married Daphne née Smith. Their union produced two children, Joy and Mark. Bishop Maynard and his family moved to Antigua where he was the Pastor of the Spring Gardens Moravian Church and also Secretary of the Provincial Elders' Conference (PEC), in 1960 - 61.

In 1961, the world Council of Churches offered scholarships to "third world" theologians in an effort to have them study in larger Universities of the world. Bishop Maynard was offered said scholarship to study abroad. Bishop Maynard felt strongly that the Moravian Church needed to know its history and development. The church needed to know where it was heading from its missionary status.

Many of the churches were unsure where they stood because of their independence from Britain and Germany. In 1963, Bishop Maynard returned to Antigua, after being elected to the position of Chairman of the Province of the Eastern West Indies. He served three terms from 1961 to 1969.

In 1964, Bishop Maynard represented the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province on the Board of Governors and the Education Council of Union Theological Seminary. This board was made up of Moravians, Methodists, Presbyterians, Congregationalists and Disciples of Christ, U.S.A. Together, they negotiated with Calabar Theological

College (Baptists), St. Peter's Theological College (Anglicans), and the University of the West Indies to become the United Theological College of the West Indies and the Faculty of Theology of the University of the West Indies with the full authority to confer degrees in theology on successful graduates.

Bishop Maynard was granted a scholarship from the Moravian Church to study at the Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He spent many hours in the archives researching the history of the Moravian Church. In 1967, Bishop Maynard received his Doctor of Divinity upon completion of his work.

In 1969, Bishop Maynard wrote [A History of the Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province, 1732 - 1914](#). This book outlines the development of the province from its beginning to 1969.

In 1969, he was elected Bishop of the Moravian Church and was also Chairman of the P.E.C. His consecration was a historical event for two reasons. Not only was he the youngest Bishop at the age of thirty, he was also the first West Indian to become Bishop in the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province.

In 1970, Bishop Maynard and his family moved to Canada. They first lived in Grand Proire, Alberta and then Calgary, Alberta. In 1982, Bishop Maynard and his family relocated to St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands where he pastored at Memorial Moravian Church. In 1982, Bishop Maynard also wrote his second Book entitled [The Moravian Church Among the Churches: Pioneer in the Oecumenical Task: 1732 - 1982](#). He was commissioned by the P.E.C. to write the book in celebration of the 250th anniversary of Moravian Missions.

In 1984, Bishop Maynard and his family relocated to Antigua. As chairman of the P.E.C., once again, he represented the Moravian Church in the Caribbean as a Commissioner, with the Commission



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working for peace with justice and reconciliation. It was during this time that the civil war was taking place in Nicaragua and Honduras.

In 1987, Bishop Maynard returned to Canada. He first stayed in Southdown, Aurora, Ontario, then studied African and Native Indian Mythology at Wycliffe College, Toronto, Ontario. He also remarried (Doreen).

In 1989, Bishop Maynard was Pastor for the United Church in Holland Landing, Ontario for a four year probationary period. In 1993, he was received into the United Church and accepted a call to Kirkland Lake, Northern Ontario.

Bishop Maynard pastored the Trinity United Church from then until his retirement in 2001. He relocated to Mississauga, Ontario at that time.

During Bishop Maynard's "retirement" he took on the task of revising Edmund De Schweinitz' Book, "The History of the Unitas Fratrum". Almost 300 pages were typed prior to his passing. He was Supply Minister and Advisor to New Dawn Moravian Church. Bishop Maynard preached his last sermon at New Dawn a few weeks, also, prior to his passing.

Bishop Maynard was an avid musician. He played the piano and organ. Bishop Maynard sought no recognition for all the work that he accomplished and the book that he had written. He was a man of integrity, respect, dependability and trustworthiness. Bishop Maynard was a humble servant of God.

60th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of John Hus

06 July 2015 will mark the 600th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of John Hus. In keeping with the historical significance of this celebration which will be observed throughout the Moravian Unity, the PEC proposes that the Eastern West Indies Province (EWIP) participate in celebrating the legacy and memory of John Hus.

The PEC proposes the following:

Date of celebration Sunday 05 July 2015

Proposed theme Courage to Stand

Celebration format.....Conference Combined Worship Service

Worship and Music Resources:

- * 600th Anniversary Hymn
- * Introit and anthem
- * Special Anniversary Litany and suggested hymns

* A short (10 minutes) dramatic presentation by the youth

It is hoped that these resources will be provided by 01 April 2015 or before. Information will be forwarded to you from time to time.

The PEC proposes that the celebrations in Antigua be varied due to the 31st Provincial Synod. The Opening Service of Synod will be held on the morning of Sunday 12 July 2015 and emphasis will be placed on the John Hus Anniversary during the service.

On 05 July 2015, the congregations in the Antigua Conference, as they celebrate Holy Communion, should place some emphasis on the John Hus Anniversary.

Death of Sister (Sis) Megan Gibbs

The PEC has received news that Sister (Sis) Megan Gibbs, the wife of the late Reverend (Rev) Rudolph Gibbs, died in a hospital in London, England. Sister Gibbs passed into the nearer presence of God on Monday, 22 December 2014.

Sister Gibbs and her family served with Rev. Gibbs in the St. Kitts, Antigua and Barbados Conferences of the Moravian Church. Let us remember the family in our prayers as they mourn the passing of Sis Gibbs.

Congratulations

The PEC offers its congratulations to:

The Rev Nigel Daniel who graduated from Oasis University in Trinidad on 30 November 2014, with a Masters Degree in Organizational Leadership. The Reverend Daniel is Pastor of the Spring Gardens and Bethesda congregations in the Tobago Conference of the Moravian Church.

The Rev Mikie Roberts who graduated from Birmingham University in England, with a PhD degree on 12 December, 2014. His thesis was entitled: "Hymnody and Identity: *Congregational singing as a construct of Christian Community Identity.*"

The Rev Dr Mikie Roberts is the Provincial Director of Music, Minister of Music in the Moravian Church, United States Virgin Islands (USVI) and Associate Pastor of the Memorial Moravian Church in St. Thomas.

PEC and Superintendents' Meeting

The PEC will convene its first meeting for 2015 during the period



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03 to 04 February in Antigua.

In addition, the Superintendents Conference for 2015 will take place in Antigua from 05 to 06 February 2015.

Please bear up the members of the PEC and Superintendents in prayer.

Hymn of the Month January 2015

It is almost impossible to believe but here we are once again giving God thanks and praise for the dawn of another year. It's 2015! With the start of a new year we tend to do two things. First, we look back and remember the past and second we tend to look ahead with anticipation to the future. In looking back, we are often tempted to recall the moments of failure where things didn't go as we had planned. However, we can also choose to dwell on the many ways that we have been blessed over the years of our lives. Rather than engaging in one or the other, it is healthy to do both for by so doing we see that in spite of our failures God has remained faithful to us. It is with a sense of conviction that God's presence will abide with us continually that we can boldly step ahead into the unknown future.

The hymn of the month for January captures this sense of deep gratitude to God for all that God has done in the past while at the same time expresses a faith that declares that God will continue to journey with us. The hymn is *O how kindly hast thou led me* and was written by Thomas Grinfield in 1836. In our current hymnal it is #32 and the tune that has been designated is *STUTT-GART*. In this hymn we are reminded of the many ways that God has been leading, blessing and providing for believers throughout their lives. This litany includes food, clothing, shelter and friends. But in this hymn, we also recall those moments when God would have to chasten and discipline us. After all Hebrews 12:6 says "*For the LORD disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child.*" Once we accept the Lord's chastening, then we also accept that even God's discipline is an expression of his eternal love for us. We are confident that God's provision will remain with us throughout our lives and that God's presence will lead and cover us continually in this life's journey even to that day when we go to be with the Lord in heaven. Below are the words for the hymn of the month of January:

*O How kindly hast thou led me,
Heavenly Father, day by day!
Found my dwelling, clothed, and fed me,
Furnished friends to cheer my way!*

*Didst thou bless me, didst thou chasten,
With thy smile, or with thy rod,
'Twas that still my step might hasten
Homeward, heavenward, to my God.*

*O how slowly have I often
Followed where thy hand would draw,
How thy kindness failed to soften!
How thy chastening failed to awe!*

*Make me for thy rest more ready,
As thy path is longer trod;
Keep me in thy friendship steady,
Till thou call me home, my God!*

Rev Dr Mikie Roberts
Director
Provincial Hymnal Committee

Signs seen near church

The following are actual signs found on church property:

"No God – No Peace. Know God – Know Peace."

"Free Trip to heaven. Details Inside!"

"Try our Sundays. They are better than Baskin-Robbins."

"Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!"

An ad for St. Joseph's Episcopal Church has a picture of two hands holding stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments are inscribed and a headline that reads, "For fast, fast, fast relief, take two tablets."

When the restaurant next to the Lutheran Church put out a big sign with red letters that said, "Open Sundays," the church reciprocated with its own message: "We are open on Sundays, too."

"Have trouble sleeping? We have sermons – come hear one!"

A singing group called "The Resurrection" was scheduled to sing at a church. When a big snowstorm postponed the performance, the pastor fixed the outside sign to read, "The Resurrection is postponed."

"People are like tea bags – you have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are."



Black History Month

<https://msp.unca.edu/bhm>
<http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month>

WHAT IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH?

Black History Month, or National African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history.

ORIGINS OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. That September, the Harvard-trained historian **Carter G. Woodson** and the prominent minister **Jesse E. Moorland** founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by black Americans and other peoples of African descent. Known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the group sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The event inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures.

Did You Know?

The National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP) was founded on February 12, 1909, the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

In the decades that followed, mayors of cities across the country began issuing yearly proclamations recognizing Negro History Week. By the late 1960s, thanks in part to the Civil Rights Movement and a growing awareness of black identity, Negro History Week had evolved into Black History Month on many college campuses. President Gerald R. Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to “seize the opportunity to honour the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavour throughout our history.”

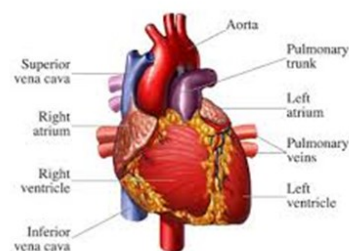
Since then, every American president has designated February as Black History Month and endorsed a specific theme. Each year

beginning on 01 February, an entire month of events is planned nationwide honouring the history and contributions of African Americans. The theme for 2015 is "**A Century of Black Life, History and Culture.**"

Did You Know?

Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history.

HEALTH TIPS



Let's get one thing crystal clear: You need a strong heart.

Where matters of the heart are concerned, things sometimes get melodramatic. However, when it comes to loving your own heart, it's best to drop the drama. Romance may have made the heart the metaphorical centre of love, but as far as your body is concerned, it's the centre of health.

Heart Facts

The heart is not located on the left side of the chest. It's actually in the centre of your chest between your lungs.

An adult woman's heart weighs about 8 ounces; a man's about 10 ounces.

The average human heart beats more than 2.5 billion times over 70 years.

Your blood vessel system is 60,000 miles long, but your blood only takes about 20 seconds to circulate throughout the entire vascular system.

The adult heart pumps about 5 quarts of blood each minute - approximately 2,000 gallons of blood each day - throughout the body.

Source: GNC promotional leaflet on Heart Health



SENIOR CHOIR'S 2014 CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME





For Your Calendar

February 2015

Shut-in Communion

Shut-in Communion (**Basseterre to Cayon**) will be held on **Tuesday 03 February 2015** commencing at **9:00 am**. We apologize for the change in date.

Bible Study

Bible Study resumes on **Tuesday 24 February** at **7:00 pm**. All are invited.

Zion Youth Ministry

Youth Fellowship meets on **Fridays** at **7:15pm**

Girl's Brigade meets every **Monday** at **5:00 pm**.

Junior Choir meets on **Fridays** at **5:00 pm**.

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

Feed My Lamb Ministry

Parents and guardians are asked to note that owing to the time change in school hours for the students of the Basseterre High School (BHS), classes for Feed My Lamb Ministry will be divided into two sections. BHS students will meet on Sundays during the period in which Sunday School would normally be held; other students will continue to meet on Mondays at 4:00 pm.

St. Kitts Outreach Centre

The Moravians will continue ministering at the St. Kitts Outreach Centre in February 2015; the exact dates will be announced shortly. Members are asked to take note and assist wherever possible.

Men's Ministry

All men are reminded of Men's Ministry Sunday on **15 February 2015**. Invite another brother to church and let's worship the Lord our God Almighty.

2014 Emancipation Concert DVD

Copies of the 2014 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 three (3) or more copies will be entitled to a special price of \$30 each.

Lay Academy 2015

The Moravian Church St Kitts Conference presents Lay Academy 2015 for all existing Lay Preachers and new candidates. Classes started on **22 January 2015** at the Bethesda Moravian Church. New candidates are asked to contact their respective Pastor.

Lenten Season Deeper Life Services

Our Lenten Season Deeper Life Services start on **Ash Wednesday 18th February** with a combined service at Estridge at 7:00 pm.

Services will continue every Wednesday for the following five weeks:

- Wednesday 25th February 2015 at 6:00 pm – Rev. Hilton Joseph
- Wednesday 4th March 2015 at 6:00 pm – Rev. Jeremy Francis
- Wednesday 11th March 2015 at 6:00 pm – Pastor Mark Hodge
- Wednesday 18th March 2015 at 6:00 pm – Rev. Deslyn Belle-Watson
- Wednesday 25th March 2015 at 6:00 pm – Rev. Devere Nugent
- Thursday 26th March 2015 at 6:00 pm – Rev. Devere Nugent
- Friday 27th March 2015 at 6:00 pm – Rev. Devere Nugent

Holy Week Services will then follow:

- Palm Sunday 29th March at 8:00 am – march from Circus
- Palm Sunday 29th March at 9:00 am – Rev. Devere Nugent
- Palm Sunday 29th March at 6:00 pm – Senior Club – Rev. Devere Nugent
- Monday 30th March at 7:00 pm – Board of Stewards; Sis. Moyia Francis
- Tuesday 31st March at 7:00 pm – Senior Choir; Sis. Isilin Lewis

- Wednesday 1st April at 7:00 pm – Youth Ministries; Sis. Gwenella Benjamin
- Thursday 2nd April at 7:00 pm – Elders Board; Bro. Carl Greaux
- Friday 3rd April at 9:30 am – Sunday School Teachers; Rev. Hilton Joseph
- Sunday 5th April at 5:00 am – Pastor & Pastoral Team; Rev. Hilton Joseph
- Sunday 5th April at 9:30 am – Rev. Hilton Joseph

STEWARDSHIP CORNER



Opportunity for Giving

Thank you for your donations towards the special offering – My Gift for the King. We collected a total of \$17,365.24 as at 25 January 2015.

Voice of Zion Newsletter Contributions

Please note that your financial contributions towards this ministry are greatly appreciated. This monthly publication bears a cost and we continue to ask for your support in this regard. **Your contributions can be made at any time, but if you wish, you can donate during the month of your birth or wedding anniversary.** Please submit your monetary gifts at the Church's office. We look forward to your continued support.

Windows Project

Thank you for your contributions thus far which have allowed the installation of five windows. We currently have **\$34,380.12** set aside and would like to resume this project with the installation of three windows in 2015.



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, Ellenitta Nathaniel, Dahlia John, Dorette Rawlins, Jillian Musgrave-Archibald, Althea Byron 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, 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 Y’Cole Boncamper
Sis Evah Liburd-Barzey
Bro Withley Williams
Bro Zaavan Hobson
Bro Dujon DeSuza
Bro Glassil DeSilva
Sis Vicky Liburd
Sis Tonya Watts
Sis Akila Moore
Bro Christin Scarborough

CANADA

Bro Alester Thomas
Bro Hasani Lapsey

ST THOMAS USVI

Sis Nadia Francis

UNITED KINGDOM

Sis Giovanna Matthew-Mattenet

THE NETHERLANDS

Sis Asha DeSuza

TAIWAN

Bro Lindbergh Belle

JAMAICA

Sis Avicia Sweeney
Bro Kyle Bradshaw

SINT EUSTATIUS

Bro Mervin Hook Jr



Celebration Corner



February Birthday Celebrants

2nd - Sis Surya Rogers, 3rd - Bro Chesil Hamilton, 4th - Bro Ira Wattley, Sis Marilyn McDowell, 6th - Sis Vicky Liburd (USA), Bro Wilmot Broadbelt, 7th - Bro Merja Phipps, 12th – Sis Shaline Welcome, 13th – Srs Ticoyah and Tryah Harris, 15th - Sis Vernis Byron, 16th - Srs Sylvia James and Veronica James, Bro Recaldo Broadbelt, 17th - Sis Cheryl Godwin, 19th - Sis Viola (Ann) Chumney, 21st - Bros Ajani Nisbett and Alphonso Archibald and Sis Jeanille Osborne, 22nd - Srs Laverne Huggins and Micheline Dandressol, Bros Kenneth Gumbs and James Thompson, 23rd – Sis Iona (Joycie) Caines, 24th - Srs Tamrah Roberts and Allison Belle, Bros Jason De Silva and Stafford Myers, 25th - Srs Judith Byron and Shernel James, 26th - Srs Evah Barzey and Seana Benjamin-Mack



February Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

14th Bro Allen & Sis Carmen Davis
25th Bro Julian and Sis Judith Byron



Youth Connection

Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 233

Matt.2:17-3:4

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John the Baptist

ANGEL BAPTIST
 BELT CHILDREN
 EGYPT DESERT
 HAIR DREAM
 HEROD GALILEE
 HONEY HEAVEN
 ISAIAH JEREMIAH
 ISRAEL JOSEPH
 JOHN KINGDOM
 JUDEA LEATHER
 LIVED LOCUSTS
 LORD NAZARETH
 PATHS PREPARE
 RACHEL PROPHET
 RAMAH REIGNING
 REPENT SPOKEN
 TOWN STRAIGHT
 VOICE WARNED
 WAIST WEEPING

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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For example, F → → ↓ = Q

Puzzle #1

1. S ← ← ↑ = _____
2. G ↓ ↓ ← = _____
3. L → ↑ ↑ ↑ = _____
4. O ↑ ↑ → = _____
5. F → → ↑ = _____
6. J → → → = _____
7. V ↓ ↓ ← = _____
8. Z ↑ → ↑ → = _____
9. P ← ← ↑ = _____
10. Q ↓ ← ← = _____

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

Jesus said, "I am _____"

Do you know where this verse is located?

Doublepuzzle 1

DAAM

PLSOGE

IETR

REAGV

GIHH

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Instrument of Peace

When you are tempted, He will also provide a way out.
1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV)

One of my favourite songs about God's grace is **He Giveth More Grace** – a song which was written by Annie Johnson Flint and arranged by Hubert Mitchell. I particularly like the last two lines in verse 2 which give us the assurance that “(Line 3 - *When we reach the end of our hoarded resources, Line 4 - Our Father's full giving is only begun.*” I recently read that the writer of this song lost both of her parents before she was six years old. During her adolescent years, she became afflicted with arthritis and soon after she was unable to walk and use her fingers properly. She always dreamt of becoming a composer and pianist, but had to forego this plan because of her disabilities. Most importantly, Flint did not give up but resorted to writing poetry by using her knuckles on a typewriter.

Flint's lesson is an applicable one – **PRESS ON SAINTS and KEEP YOUR FAITH IN JESUS.** We have a Heavenly Father who supplies all of our needs – be it mercy, grace, love, faith or hope. Let us continue to run this earthly race with endurance, confidently putting trust in Him because He can provide all of our answers. Sometimes it seems as though we are constantly battling problems. However, I am happy to share that God continuously blesses us and never leaves us to face the battles alone.

As you meditate and sing this song, receive His mercy and grace to help you in your time of need. **The next time your faith is being tested, remember His grace is sufficient. Let us prayerfully lay hold of God's grace and execute His will for our lives.**

Praise God! Be blessed!

*He giveth more grace as our burdens grow greater,
 He sendeth more strength as our labours increase;
 To added afflictions He addeth His mercy,
 To multiplied trials He multiplies peace.*

Chorus:

*His love has no limits,
 His grace has no measure,
 His power no boundary known unto men;
 For out of His infinite riches in Jesus
 He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again.*

*When we have exhausted our store of endurance,
 When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,
 When we reach the end of our hoarded resources
 Our Father's full giving is only begun.*

He Giveth More Grace

*Fear not that thy need shall exceed His provision,
 Our God ever yearns His resources to share;
 Lean hard on the arm everlasting, availing;
 The Father both thee and thy load will upbear.*

~Contributed by a VOZ Committee Member

Moravian Daily Text

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Watchword for the Week — *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. Psalm 111:10*

Sunday February 1

Deuteronomy 18:15–20; Psalm 111:1 Corinthians 8:1–13; Mark 1:21–28

See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him. **Isaiah 40:10**

Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you. **Revelation 15:4 (NIV)**

Heavenly Father, you are our strength. Without you we are helpless. You negotiate for us in our trials, showing us the way and giving us peace. We praise you with great thanks, God, for your mercy and grace. Amen.

SIGNS SEEN NEAR CHURCH

"Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world."

"Our arms are the only ones God has to hug His children."

"It is unlikely there'll be a reduction in the wages of sin."

"Do not wait for the hearse to take you to church."

"If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns."

"If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again."



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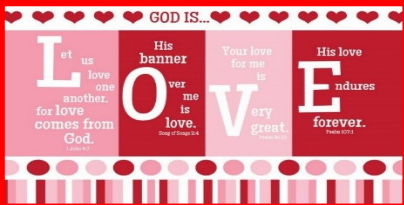
God's Great Love

God's love for us is so deep that we have a hard time comprehending it. It reaches down to us through the darkness of this sinful world, even though we are hopelessly undeserving. The Bible says that before God created our planet, He had decided to display His love for us through His Son's death on the cross (1 Peter 1:20; Revelation 13:8).

In my imagination I look back over time and see the Lord raising mountains to majestic heights, cutting valleys for flowing rivers, and stretching out vast plains. I envision Him creating the mighty oceans and beautiful lakes. Then I see Him pause and reflect on the goodness of His creation. He gazes at that part of the world where His Son will be born. He knows that Jesus will be rejected and crucified. With a sweep of His hand He could obliterate the world and spare His Son from the agony of the cross. But He doesn't.

Because of God's love, the Son came to earth and was slain. On Calvary He died to pay the penalty for our sins. **In John 3:16 we read, God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Oh, how great is God's love for us! Eternal life is made possible by God's eternal love.**

~Written by Dave Egner (Source: Our Daily Bread)



Sunday 1st February 2015 (4th Sunday after Epiphany)

Pastor & Celebrant: Rev Hilton J Joseph * Worship Leader: Sis Tryphena James
ORDER OF SERVICE

Watchword for the Week

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. Psalm 111:10

Recorded Music

Call to Worship

Hymn 31Praise My Soul The King Of Heaven

Chorus.....The Lord Reigns

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving

Song.....Fill My Cup Lord, I Lift It Up Lord

Ministry of the Word

Old Testament: Jonah 1.....Sis Desarie Williams

New Testament: Mark 1: 21-28.....Sis Gwenella Benjamin

Solo

Sermon.....Rev Hilton J Joseph

Altar Encounter

Prayer of Supplication

Hymn 265.....O Jesus I Have Promised

Worship in Giving

Windows Project - \$18,000 per Window

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Tithes, Sacrificial Giving & Youth Bottle

Prayer of Dedication

Church Concerns and Celebrations

Preparation for the Sacrament

Song.....Channels Only Blessed Master

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

Prayer

Hymn 139.....Jesus The Very Thought Of Thee

1st Eucharistic Prayer

Distribution of Bread

Hymn 147.....O Saviour The Truest The Best Of All Friends

Hymn 149.....Love Divine All Loves Excelling

Hymn.....Hark My Soul It Is The Lord

2nd Eucharistic Prayer

Distribution of Wine

Hymn 153.....It Is A Thing Most Wonderful

Hymn 152.....The King Of Love My Shepherd Is

Hymn 71.....How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Covenant.....You're My Brother You're My Sister

The Blessing