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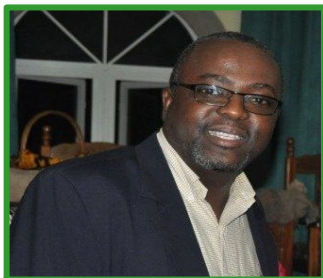
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Rev Hilton J Joseph

My Family in Christ,

'God Is All Sufficient For The Coming Year' has captured my heart. As we stand on the threshold of 2017 with all of the possibilities and uncertainties, we march forward not forgetting the pains or the joys of the past year but committing to allowing these experiences to form the bedrock for 2017.

The hymn line above redirects our thoughts to the fact that we can depend on the sufficiency of God as we go forward.

God knows the plans that He has for us in this year and beyond, therefore, I encourage us to trust Him; as we trust Him and as we wait for His ultimate return, we are called to engage in making His name known throughout the length and breadth of the Federation.

As a Church, we will be guided by the Provincial Theme "*Advance the Kingdom: Use the Keys*" which the Chairman of the Province outlined in the article "From the Pastor's Desk" for our reflection. Read and be ready to use those keys.

During this month of January, our focus will be on prayer as we seek clarity from God pertaining to the Ministry for 2017.

As of February, we will resume our feature, "*I am a Church Member*". On behalf of my wife, Sharon, our families, the

Leadership of historical Zion, I wish for you a New Year guided by the Spirit of God. May the God of all gods bless you abundantly as you engage and encounter the all-sufficient God.

Yours in Christ
Hilton J Joseph, Pastor

New Year Is Like a New Sunrise of Hope

New Year is like a new sunrise of hope, of prosperity, of happiness. It is like a new beginning of thoughts, of words, of actions; it's like a new day of energy, of strength, of ideas. It is like a bunch of whole new things, of friends and of love. As you enter into the New Year, remember that life may not always give you the second chance, so be grateful to God that you are alive to see another year of happiness, wealth, prosperity and joy. I

Provincial Theme
"Advance the Kingdom"

Thematic Focus
"Use the Keys"

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

encourage you to discover new joys, embark on new journeys and give more meaning to your life in 2017.

The Provincial Theme for 2017 is ADVANCE THE KINGDOM. The thematic focus is USE THE KEYS. The key words are Advance and Kingdom. The word Advance is defined as to go or move something forward, or to develop or improve something.

Kingdom commonly refers to: A realm ruled by a king or queen. A **realm** is a community or territory over which a sovereign rules; it is commonly used to describe a kingdom or other monarchical or dynastic state. Advance the Kingdom here is specifically referring to the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is the spiritual domain over which God is sovereign.

When one examines Scripture, two definitions will suffice:

Romans 14:17 *“For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit”* (through relationship with the person of Jesus).

Secondly, 1 Corinthians 4:20 *“For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power”*.

Chris Whitely says, *the kingdom of God is the increase in Jesus’ government (rule) in every situation where there has been loss because of the*

enemy. On the other hand, RT Kendall says, *the kingdom of God is the rule of the ungrieved Spirit in the life of a believer.*

The question is: *“How does the Kingdom advance?”* *Two passages come to mind. They are: Matthew 18:4 “Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven”* and *Acts 19:20 “So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily”*. In the Acts passage, the context is the transformation of Ephesus through the gospel.

Both texts from Matthew and Acts represent the increase of the rule of Jesus. The point is this: to see the government of Jesus rooted within a culture, community or city it has to take root in people’s hearts. Transformation takes place one person at a time. It means that as we seek to advance the Kingdom, we must never count out anyone for no one is beyond God’s reach. In addition, we are here only through the mercies of God, not because of any goodness of ours or on our part.

The challenge is we might see the fruit of Kingdom transformation or we might not. But either way only in eternity we will see the full harvest that one act of love or a single, seemingly insignificant Spirit-led, kingdom decision can have. That’s the lesson from **Hebrews 11:32-40**

32 “And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. 35 Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. 36 Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37 They were put to death by stoning; [e] they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— 38 the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground. 39 These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, 40 since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect”.

Faith is not convincing God to give us a better life or that we can escape suffering by serving Jesus. Within the life

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CONGRATULATIONS...

“The future is as bright as the promises of God”.



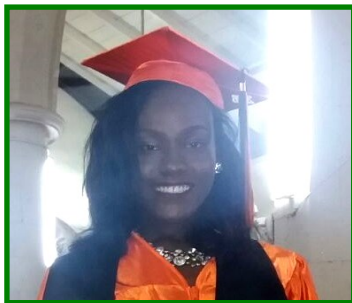
On Wednesday 30 November 2016, Sis Nihzoni graduated from the Washington Archibald High School with eight Caribbean Secondary Examination Certificate (CSEC) subject passes and also became a member of the school’s 7 Up Club (for students who have attained seven (7) CSEC subjects or more). Sis Nihzoni was also

awarded **“The Deputy Principal’s Award of Resilience”** for students who have exhibited dedication and commitment in rising above obstacles. We are extremely proud of her achievements and wish her continued success. We extend congratulations to her mother, Sis Shauna Henry-Dublin and her extended family. Sis Nihzoni, continue to blaze the trails and leave your footprints in the educational pathways of our beloved Federation. We are certainly proud of your accomplishments thus far. Blessings and love from the Zion family. ***Great is thy faithfulness!***



Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established. ~Proverbs 16:3

We are proud of you Sis Findjie Dandressol.



We extend best wishes and congratulations to Sis Findjie and by extension, her supportive circle of loved ones. Sis Findjie is now a proud graduate of the Washington Archibald High School, having successfully attained eight CSEC subject passes; thereby cementing her admission to the prestigious 7

Up Club. Additionally, she was the proud recipient of two awards, namely, **“The Kereece Nisbett Award for Commendable Performance in Home Economics Management”** and **“His Excellency, The Governor General Award for Hard Work and Dedication”**. It is fitting to note that Sis Findjie relocated from Haiti when she was eight years

old. Her educational journey has been one with many challenges, but with dedicated teachers and the support of her family and friends, she has certainly made significant strides over the years. During a recent Sunday morning service at Zion, she presented tokens of appreciation to our very own Sisters Emileta Warner-Paul and Sonia Hector, two teachers who have contributed to her success. Sis Findjie, continue on this path and make us all proud.



Congratulations Philmon Roberts!



We express heartfelt congratulations to **Bro and Sis Wilmoth Roberts** and family on Philmon’s recent accomplishment. Philmon graduated from the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College (CFBC) and was named the **2016 State Scholar (St Kitts -Nevis)**. He also copped the award for the Most

Outstanding Performance in Natural Sciences. Philmon offered ten (10) subjects and obtained ten (10) Grade 1 Passes in Caribbean Studies, Chemistry Units 1 and 2, Communication Studies, Computer Science Units 1 and 2, Physics Unit 1 and 2, and Pure Mathematics Units 1 and 2.

Philmon attends the Immaculate Conception Co-Cathedral (Catholic Church in Basseterre) with his mother, Sis Euphemia Brice-Roberts and his siblings and worships at Zion occasionally with his parents.

We wish him every success with his future academic pursuits. Philmon, we look forward to hearing more positive stories about your endeavours. May God continue to bless your educational plans.



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PEC REPORTS

Christmas Message from The Rt. Rev Dr. Kingsley Lewis and The Rt. Rev. Conrad Spencer, Episcopi Fratrum

In the hustle and bustle of the world, we yearn to hear once more the message of the angels:

*Glory to God in the highest
And on earth peace
Goodwill toward men! (Luke 2:14)*

But what will Christmas be for each of us? Grandparents, Parents, children, grandchildren, uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews all have great dreams of Christmas. Whatever those dreams might be we pray that we encounter the Christ whose birth we celebrate and that we experience the peace and goodwill that His Coming represents.

There isn't anything as powerful as a wrapped gift under a tree at Christmas. It stretches our imaginations as we anxiously await the hour to open the mysterious package. However, as we unwrap the sacred narratives of our faith, we get a glimpse of what to expect each year in the neatly wrapped package of Bethlehem. It is the same gift as last year, and it is the same gift for everyone. That gift is Jesus Christ, the enfleshment of the Word – a gift of divine love and grace.

This gift is immeasurably precious and priceless. It is the gift for the salvation of all, wrapped and lying in a manger. Here we are all offered God's Christmas gift that changes the world. The gift that redeems us from the blemishes of sin; purifies us to become the People of God and equips us for the redeeming work of the Kingdom of God. St. Paul says that God sent Jesus Christ to be our Saviour, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. (Titus 3:7)

Ordination to The Diaconate of The Moravian Church EWIP

Sister Elva Richards, presently serving as Associate Pastor of the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua, will be ordained a Deacon on Sunday 15 January 2017. The service will be held at the Memorial Moravian Church in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands at 4.00 pm. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Conrad Spencer will be the Presiding Bishop.

Brother Delroy Burley, presently serving as Pastor of the Bethlehem Moravian Church in Barbados, will be ordained a Deacon on Sunday 22 January 2017. The service will be held at

the Sharon Moravian Church in Barbados at 6.00 pm. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Kingsley Lewis will be the presiding Bishop.

Let us remember our Sister and Brother in our prayers as they prepare to take their Ordination vows.

Study Leave

The Rev. Algernon Lewis, upon the completion of his Furlough on 14 December, will proceed on Study Leave from 30 December 2016 to 30 June 2018.

Provincial Theme

The Provincial Theme for 2017 is, "**Advance the Kingdom: Use the Keys**". Pastors and Ministry Groups are asked to use the prescribed Provincial Themes as a guide when considering suggested themes for events and activities.

New Lay Member of PEC

Bro. Anselm Richards of the Tobago conference was duly elected as the new Lay Member of PEC. The Election of Bro. Richards was done by mail ballot following the passing of Bro. George Ramsay. He received the required 2/3 majority vote. We are thankful to God for leading us through this process and we commit Bro. Richards and the entire PEC into His care.

Superintendent's Conference 2017

The 2017 Superintendents Conference will be held at the Provincial Headquarters, Cashew Hill, Antigua from 31 January to 01 February 2017. Superintendents will travel to Antigua on 30 January and leave on 02 February 2017.

PEC Meetings 2017

The meetings of PEC scheduled for 2017 are as follows:
02 to 03 February 2017 - Antigua
27 to 30 April 2017 - Trinidad
20 to 23 July 2017 - St. Croix
05 to 08 October 2017 – Tobago

Termination of Employment

The PEC, after prayerful consideration, has decided to terminate Rev. Camille James' employment with the Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province, with immediate effect.

The Eastern West Indies Province is appreciative and very thankful for Rev. James' service to the Moravian Church and wishes our sister every blessing in all of her future endeavours.



PEC REPORTS

Congratulations

The Eastern West Indies Province is pleased to congratulate Ms. Shanna Challenger on her graduation from the University of the West Indies Cave Hill Campus. She has successfully completed her Bachelor's Degree in Ecology with honours. She is now gainfully employed in an exciting project as the Redonda Restoration Programme Coordinator, in charge of conserving one of Antigua's offshore islands.

Ms. Challenger is the daughter of Mrs. Deborah Challenger and the late Rev. Romeo Challenger. We shall keep her in our prayers.

Sharon Moravian Church

The Sharon Moravian Church in Barbados was lit up in the colours of the Barbados Flag for their 50th Anniversary of Independence on 30 November 2016. The Rev. Ezra Parris is the pastor for the Sharon Moravian Church in Barbados.

Hymn of the Month – December 2016

December ushers us into the Advent/Christmas season. Our hymn of the month for December is #41 from **CMP**. This hymn was written in 1972 by Sis. Edris Roberts, a Moravian from the Antigua conference. It is a Christmas carol which is often referred to not by the first line of the hymn but by the name '*He is Sleeping*.' However, the hymn begins with the line '*The sky is aglow*'. The melody was composed by Sis. Roberts herself, but the harmonic arrangement was done by the late Sis. Isalyn C. Richards. The name of the assigned tune is **NEWTONPEARL**.

What makes this hymn intriguing is the use of contrast as a poetic device. From the opening stanza to the closing, we are invited to open our imagination in order to relive the events of the birth of Jesus. The details surrounding that moment when God became flesh are presented in a novel format. The melodic shape of the hymn makes it a lullaby. But what is most striking are the contrasts between the sleeping infant and myriad of events taking place all around him. We are acutely aware of these throughout the hymn. In many ways, it reads as a moving stage in which the back drop is in perpetual motion. For example, we envision a starlit night; singing angels; a disgruntled guard; worshipful astronomers; and an angry king. Yet even as the scene shifts and there is both chaos and wonder at the miracle that God has become flesh, this child does only one thing – He is sleeping!

But this sleeping infant is no ordinary child. This sleeping infant is "God's dear Son." And so even as our attention is fixed on

this sleeping child we are also reminded that there will come a day when we too will bow at his feet in humble adoration. There is also a subtle message of hope that lies in the hymn. We can also find a place of peace, rest and quietness in the midst of life's turmoil. In a sense, we are led to believe that even when the enemy of God seeks to undo the work of God that our faith in God should lead us not to worry but rather to be at peace and even be able to sleep.

Psalm 127: 2 expresses it well, "*God gives sleep to those he loves.*"

I hope that as we sing this carol our imaginations will be enthralled by the skillful use of the contrasting images in this hymn. Further, might the message of this blessed Advent/Christmas season be heard in a fresh way as we sing this hymn.

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

*The sky is aglow with a bright, shining light,
But He's sleeping.
And angels are chanting their praises tonight,
While He's sleeping.
In the air, everywhere, there is peace on earth.
Glory to God for the dear Saviour's birth!
And Joseph and Mary with wonder and mirth, gaze
While He's sleeping.
No room in the inn! they are told by the guard,
But He's sleeping.
He sleeps in a manger on straw for a bed,
Yes, He's sleeping.
The Wise Men bow low as they lay at His feet,
Gold, Frankincense, and that ointment, so sweet,
The Shepherds, they haste to the manger to greet Him
While He's sleeping.
King Herod is wroth! The Messiah is come,
He is sleeping.
King Herod, your plot cannot harm God's dear Son,
He is sleeping.
For men will look up, and He'll answer their call,
Kings will bow down, at His feet they will fall,
He's the King of the world,
and the Saviour of all men,
He is sleeping!*

1972. Edris M. V. Roberts

Rev. Dr. Mikie Roberts
Director, Provincial Hymnal Committee



SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS



Whether your need is small or great, you are welcome to use God's direct 24-hour hotline — prayer!

His promise is, "Call to me and I will answer you." (Jeremiah 33:3) **This month, let us remember in prayer** the following persons

listed below and be reminded that "you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." (Matthew 21:22)

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



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

CELEBRATION CORNER



January Birthday Celebrants

2nd – Sis Clarita Richards, 3rd – Sis Wanda Pitt, Sis Mary Morton, 4th - Sis Casandra Blake, Victor Payne, Kareem Glasford, 5th - Sis Lennecia Pitt-Rogers, 7th – Sis Jamilla Connor, 10th - Bro Pedro Douglas, 12th - Bro Moise Jean (Antigua) and Bro Everett Freeman, 13th - Bro Richard Boncamper, 19th - Bro Dean Warner and Sis Aleah Nisbett, 24th – Alana Dunrod, 25th - Sis Valdene Henry, Ian Godwin, 27th – Sis Diandra Gumbs, 28th Sis Viola Warner, 29th - Sis Kalia Powell, Bro Carl Skeene and Sis Sonia Hector, 30th - Bro Nigel Williams and Sis Valdene Casey, 31st - Bro James Archibald and Sis Amanda Bridgewater and Sis Tamara Liburd



January Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

02nd January Bro Kevin & Sis Kendra DeSilva
04th January Bro Wilmoth & Euphemia Roberts
06th January Bro Leroy & Sis Adlyn Warner
30th January Bro Norman & Yvonne Gill

COLLEGE PRAYER WATCH

God is watching over you. I know because I asked Him to

Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him (James 1:12 (NIV). Studying abroad and being away from family and loved ones is a stressful time for many students. Hence, this is why the Zion Community is asking members of the Congregation to bear up in prayer our student members studying overseas. Their names are as follows:-

UNITED STATES

Sis Ycole Boncamper
Sis Evah Liburd-Barzey
Sis Akila Moore
Bro Zaavan Hobson
Bro Christin Scarborough
Bro Glassil DeSilva
Sis Vicky Liburd
Sis Tarhia Slack

CANADA

Bro Hassanni Lapsey

SINT EUSTATIUS

Bro Mervin Hook Jr

JAMAICA

Bro Kyle Bradshaw
Sis Avicia Sweeney
Sis Tonya DeSuza

BARBADOS

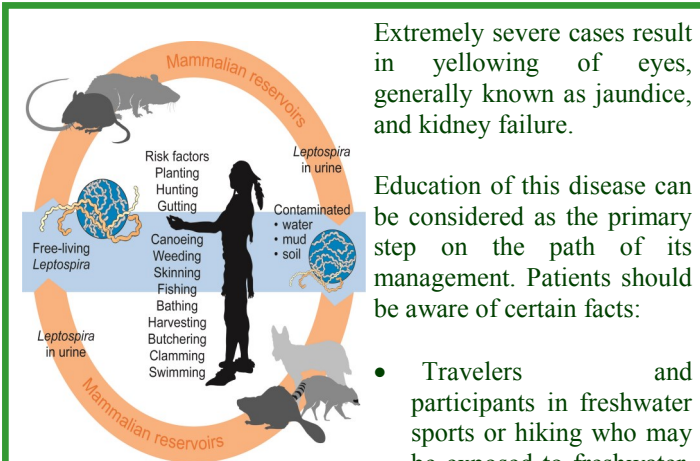
Sis K'Shanta Reid



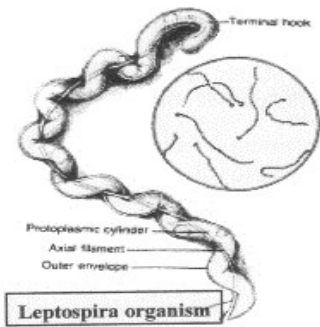


WHAT IS LEPTOSPIROSIS?

FOR YOUR CALENDAR



Leptospirosis is a spirochete bacterial infection associated mainly with rodents (rats) in settings of poor hygiene and agricultural occupations. The bacteria is typically transmitted by exposure to bodily fluids of an infected animal or exposure to soil or freshwater contaminated with urine of an animal considered to be a carrier.



Leptospirosis expresses itself with symptoms such as high fever of rapid appearance, headache, painful eyes made worse by light, chills, dry cough, generalized muscle pain, but predominant in calf muscles and lower back and nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

Extremely severe cases result in yellowing of eyes, generally known as jaundice, and kidney failure.

Education of this disease can be considered as the primary step on the path of its management. Patients should be aware of certain facts:

- Travelers and participants in freshwater sports or hiking who may be exposed to freshwater, soil, mud and vegetation are at high risk. Information about the destination should be investigated before hand and the appropriate precautions taken.
- One should avoid environment that is potentially contaminated with animal urine, especially in rodent infested areas.
- Avoid swallowing water from rivers while swimming,
- Avoid drinking sodas from tins for which the top has not been cleaned prior to use.
- Always store food in a clean environment.

Always remember your Health is your Wealth and it is better to be proactive rather than reactive.

~ Contributed

Shut-in Communion will be held on Tuesday 10 January 2017 from 9:00am to 12:00 noon.

Church Council will be held on Wednesday 11 January 2017 at 6.00 pm.

- Church Ministries**
- **Confirmation Class** resumes on Monday 06 February at 4:00 pm.
 - **Girls Brigade** on Mondays at 5:00 pm.
 - **Bible Study** resumes on Tuesday 07 February at 7.30 pm.
 - **Mid-week Sunrise Devotions** on Wednesdays at 6:00 am.
 - **Oasis Moments** resumes on Wednesday 08 February at 12:00 noon.
 - **Junior Choir** on Fridays at 5:00 pm.
 - **Youth Fellowship** resumes on Friday 20 January 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 **January 2017**. Members are asked to note that the dates will be given in a subsequent notice. Members are asked to assist wherever possible.

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

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

Prayer & Fasting
 As a congregation we will be observing a day of **Prayer and Fasting** once per week. This will be observed on Wednesdays from 6:00am to 6:00 pm. Members are asked to join in any of the two services that will be held during the course of that day. That is, the Mid-week Sunrise Devotions at 6:00am and the Oasis Moment at 12:00 noon.

Boys' Brigade
 A group of men from our congregation has risen to the challenge of mentoring our young boys through the Boys' Brigade Programme and as such the 5th St Kitts Boys Brigade will begin in January 2017.

Through this medium a clarion call is being echoed for all parents with young boys ages five to twelve years to register to be a part of this exciting ministry.

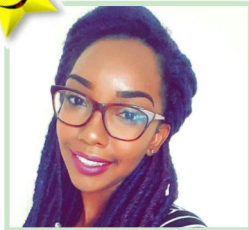
Registration forms are available from the office or Bro Damon Baucus, Bro Walter James or Bro Wycliff Morton.



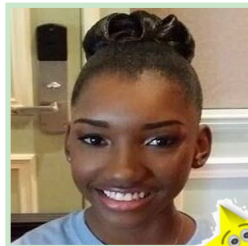
CONGRATULATIONS CONT'D

Congratulations Takoya and Tarhia Slack

The Leadership and members of Zion wish to extend congratulations to Sister Takoya Slack and her younger sister Tarhia Slack who have both excelled academically during the academic year 2016.



Sister Takoya, a second year student at the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College placed fourth in the Caribbean Region in the CAPE Performing Arts examinations which she wrote in June 2016, as a first year student. She continues to be a role model for the Youth of Zion, particularly to the Junior Choir which she continues to conduct beautifully.



Congratulations are also in order for **Sis Tarhia** who made the Honour Roll in her school in Maryland where she now resides.

Rising Stars at the Washington Archibald High School

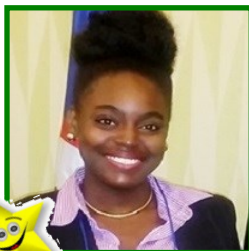
Congratulations to the following students:



Bro Giuseppe Garito ~ 2nd Form

* *2015-2016 Principal's List (Students who pass all of their subjects for the entire school year)*

* *Honour Roll*



Sis Dahneira Hodge ~ 5th Form

* *The 2015-2016 Kelsick, Wilkin and Ferdinand Award for Effective Speaking*



Sis Daria James
~ 4th Form

* *2015-2016 Principal's List*

* *Honour Roll*

* *1st place in 3A1*

* *The 2015-2016 Dauna Manchester Award for Morals, Values and Excellence*

Rising Star at the Basseterre High School

Congratulations to:



Sis Kadeema Blanchette
~ 5th Form

* *1st place in 4G1*

From The Pastor's Desk Cont'd

of faith there are varying experiences. Some might see fruit, while some not. Some must endure the very thing others escape from. Either way faith is required and should be commended as is enunciated in **Hebrews 6:12**, "And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore".

In summary, how is the Kingdom advanced?

1. Love God with all your heart;
2. Love the people God has entrusted to you; and
3. Be the best person you can be and allow your light to shine to point others to the Kingdom.

I don't think God calls Christians to imitate Superman or to be Supermen, but I do think there are some parallels in our missions. We are not called to build kingdoms. We are just called to advance the good Kingdom that is already established. That is God's Kingdom. We cannot extend God's reign, but we can help people understand what it is like to live under His reign. We can invite them into the joy of God's Kingdom through our words and actions.

~ *Rev'd Dr Cortroy Jarvis*





NEW YEAR'S PRAYERS



Our Father and Our God, as we stand together at the beginning of this New Year, we confess our need of your presence and your guidance as we face the future. Lord, you alone know what it holds for us, and you are the only One who can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So, help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, to trust You and seek Your will for our lives during this coming year. We pray for protection over each and every family. We ask for Your hand to cover us and keep us from the evil intent of the enemy. We pray that you would be a hedge around us to protect and defend us.

May we continue to make a difference in this world. And so Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this New Year, and look forward to it with faith and expectancy. In Jesus' name, Amen.

~ Sis Allison Belle-Archibald and Family



Heavenly Father, we thank You that You make all things new. That you have allowed the good times along with the rough times in our lives for the past year, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on Your grace day by day.

We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of the way in this New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and give us a deeper desire for you above everything else. We ask that you will open doors that need to be opened and close doors that need to be shut.

We pray for Your all sufficient wisdom, for Your never failing strength and power to be with us as we journey along the unseen road ahead of us. Jehovah God, keep us far from the snares and traps of temptations and any other device, plan and strategy of the enemy orchestrated to cause confusion and destruction in our lives and the lives of our family, that You would be a barrier to surround us. Lord we pray for discernment, insight and foresight beyond our years, to know Your voice and Your ways. Lord, remove all distractions that would cause us to sway to the left or right, but cause us to be consistent and faithful in our prayer life and private time. Help us not to be self-absorbed in our day to day activities and forget who you are.

Mighty God, we speak to every fear, worry, pride and selfishness that want to wreak havoc over our lives for this coming year and we command them to be powerless in the Mighty Name of Jesus. We bind every spirit of disease and sickness that comes from the deep abyss and render them defenseless against your people in Jesus Mighty name.

May we be lovers of truth, and may the fruit of Your spirit be evident in our lives - Your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Shine Your light in us, through us, over us as You continue to raise up a standard within us for this upcoming year.

To You be glory, the honour and the praise in this New Year, and forever, in Jesus' name, Amen.

~ Bro Chessley, Sis Hazel Williams and Family





SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMME 2016





INSTRUMENT OF PEACE

Because He Lives



My Family, Happy New Year!

We give God thanks for the past year, and we ask Him for strength to face the upcoming challenges in 2017. Let us join with the psalmist in saying, **“In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.”** (Psalm 31:1).

Additionally, let us join with Frances Havergal, who penned the following verse (vs. 4) in the well-known hymn *Standing at the portal*:

*He will never fail us, He will not forsake;
His eternal covenant, He will never break,
Resting on His promise, what have we to fear?
God is all-sufficient for the coming year.*

May your New Year be filled with joy, lots of love, financial blessings and good health. Have a promising and fulfilling New Year.

I pray that the following scriptures and song will be a blessing to your hearts as you pray earnestly for a blessed year. **To God be the glory!**

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:18-19

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. Proverbs 16:3

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

Because He Lives

*God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!*

Chorus

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone,
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!*

*How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he brings;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives!*

*And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!*

~ Contributed by a VOZ Member

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

Bro Raphael Archibald and Family, Sis Eileen Mc Lachlan, Sis Sonia Daly-Finley and Family, Sis Olette Thomas and Family, Sis Michelle Lake and Family on the passing:



Mr. William (Manny) Edwards
Antigua - (Cousin)

Sis Tryphena James and Family, Sis Cheryl Reid and family, Sis Amadyne Reid, Tescelle Reid and Tomeka Reid-Lewis and Family on the passing of:

Mr. Antonio Reid
(Brother, Uncle)

Brother Nigel Williams and Family on the passing of:

Mrs. Constantia Viola Hicks
(Stepson)

Sis Greta Foreman, H. E. Sir Tapley Seaton, QC and the Godwin Family on the passing of:

Mr. Clive Foreman
(Husband, Brother-in-Law)

Bro Michael Woods, Sis Carlene Woods, Sis Carmen Rawlins and Family on the passing of :

Sis Helen Woods
(Mother, Aunt)

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





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The Voice of Zion:

70+ CELEBRANT



Sister A. Frances Williams was born in Tabernacle on 04 December 1927; the third child of six (06) siblings. She attended the Estridge Moravian Church until she relocated to Dorset Village, Basseterre where she began to worship at the Zion Moravian Church.

Sister Williams was joined in marriage to the late John Williams; the union produced six (06) children namely Elwyn, Gordon, Irma, Iditha, Hiram and Alistair (deceased). Sister Williams continues to give God thanks and praise for the many blessings he has bestowed upon her thus far.

The Leadership of Zion and members of the Voice of Zion newsletter congratulate Sister Williams in attaining this milestone and with God's help may she continue to live a life of service to Him.



Sunday 08th January 2017 (Epiphany & Confirmation)

Pastor: Rev'd Hilton J. Joseph

Worship Leaders: Rev'd H.J. Joseph & The Pastoral Team

ORDER OF SERVICE

Watchword for the Week

"Arise, shine for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you". Isaiah 60: 1



Pre-Service Songs

Procession of Candidates, Leadership and Pastoral Team

Hymn 256: *Come We That Love the Lord*

Hymn 250: *My Jesus I Love Thee*

Litany for Confirmation (Page 5: *Almighty God ...*)

Ministry of the Word

- Old Testament ~ Proverbs 3:1-17
- New Testament ~ Romans 8:1-2, 31-39

Sermon **Rev'd Hilton J Joseph**

Litany for Confirmation cont'd (Page 5: *With Heart and Mind ...*)

Worship in Giving

*Tithes & Offering, Bus Ministry, Youth Bottle,
Purple Envelope (My Gift for the King)
Free Will Offering, Voice of Zion, Windows Project*

Song: *Jesus Take My Hand*

Celebrations & Notices

Pastoral Prayer – Call to Recommitment

Hymn 290: *O Jesus I Have Promised*

Benediction

