



THE ZION MORAVIAN CHURCH
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THE VOICE OF ZION

A Monthly Communication of the Zion Moravian Church

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From The Pastors' Desk

Provincial Theme
Fulfilling the Mandate

The Thematic Focus
Advance the Kingdom!
 (Developing God's Church
 – Teaching, Reprimanding,
 Empowering)

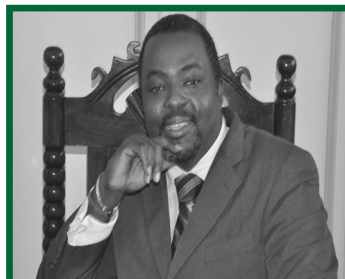
Foundation Text
Acts 1: 8
Matthew 28: 16-20
Romans 15:20
2 Timothy 4:2

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



Pastor Elva R Huggins

Greetings my Family in Christ,

The plan/goal of Satan is to destroy the Church of Jesus Christ. "The enemy comes to steal, kill and destroy..." (John 10:10). This month's issue of *From the Pastors' Desk* features an article from churchleaders.org.

Yours in Christ
 Hilton J Joseph

SEVEN WAYS SATAN WILL SEEK TO ATTACK YOUR CHURCH THIS WEEKEND.

- 1. He wants to infiltrate your church with false teaching.** The enemy invades the church through false teachers who appear on the outside as "servants of righteousness" (2 Cor. 11:13-15). It's almost easy to do, actually, if we have little accountability for those who teach and lead.
- 2. He wants to divide your church.** From the time that

Adam turned on Eve in the Garden and blamed her for their sin (Gen. 3:12), Satan has sought to create division. And congregational division seldom begins corporately—it begins when one believer blames another believer for something.

- 3. He wants your church to ignore sin.** He knows that the church that tolerates sin fails to portray the holiness of God and the transforming power of the gospel. In fact, even our prayers are nullified by our sin (Isa. 59:1-2).

- 4. He wants your church to "do church" with little or no prayer.** The disciples did that once, when they tried to cast out a demon without praying (Mark 9:14-29). Our churches are no less foolish, though, when our prayer is more about filling a spot in the order of service than about expressing dependence on God.

- 5. He will try to snatch the**

Word from nonbelievers who hear it. That strategy shouldn't surprise us, of course. Jesus told us that would happen (Matt. 13:18). What we need to realize is the intensity of the battle in somebody's heart when the gospel is preached.

- 6. He wants your church to expect God to bless them always.** The blessing of prosperity is a popular assumption among believers today, but the Bible doesn't bear out that teaching. Job walked with God, and he lost everything he had at first (Job 1-2). Paul was God's apostle extraordinaire, and still God refused to free him from a thorn in the flesh (2 Cor. 12:7-10). Our responsibility is to trust Him when the blessings are hard to find.

- 7. He wants your church members to remain unchanged after this weekend.** He doesn't mind if we gather as long as we don't really listen to the gospel. He doesn't even mind our preaching against sin as long as it's somebody else's sin. He's not alarmed if we have great fellowship as long as that fellowship is self-centered and inwardly focused. And he doesn't get stressed if we have a "powerful worship service" as long as our life on Monday is unchanged.



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Ministries Within The Church

Leadership

Board of Elders
Board of Stewards

Zion Youth Ministry

Youth Fellowship
Sunday School
Girls' Brigade
ZMC Dancers

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

Sterling Contribution in the Vineyard of God



Sis Myrna Archibald

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.
Philippians 4 vs 13

I was born and raised in Gingerland, (formerly referred to as the 'Bread Basket' of the island and by extension the Federation) Nevis. I grew up in a Christian home, where attendance at church and Sunday School was an essential part of my life. I was baptized and confirmed at the St George's Anglican Church, Gingerland, Nevis.

At a very early age, I learnt to assist in the work of the church. I was a member of the Young People's Association, a Sunday School teacher and a member of the Girl Guides Association. Although I was not a member of the choir, I accompanied my aunt to the weekly choir practice and during the choir practice, I brain-stormed with my age group on areas where we could assist in the Church. I also assisted the 'collectors' in the distribution of weekly envelopes and other notices to church members; this exercise involved quite a bit of walking

(sometimes miles) as transportation was a luxury then and the church's membership was widely scattered. However, these distances dwarfed in comparison to the five miles (from Charlestown to Gingerland) which I had to cover when I had to attend after-school detention classes. Coordination of Fairs/Bazaars, concerts etc., was also an area in which I assisted.

Although I was Anglican, my religious education was not restricted to that church; I recall walking approximately one mile with my friends to attend Sunday School conducted by Mr Charles Freeman (Sis Rhoda's dad) or Mr. Victor Swanston, both of whom were Pilgrim Holiness leaders. Maybe the guitar music and the cymbals attracted us. I recall the various non-denominational outdoor programmes which were organized in the villages in which I participated during Easter, Whitsuntide and Christmas. The benefits were twofold: strengthening of the bonds between the community members, both adults and

children, while focusing on the significance of the seasons in the Church's calendar.

It was not all school and church; I had to undertake my share of household chores. In Nevis, particularly in the area in which I resided in Gingerland, householders owned more than a house lot; they owned approximately one or more acres of land. My grandparents were no exception; they had enough land for the planting of fruits and vegetables and raising of animals and fowls to generate income for the household. I assisted in the reaping of the fruits and vegetables to facilitate sale to the 'turn-hands'; planted, picked, cleaned and 'bagged' the sea island cotton for sale to the ginnery and assisted in looking after the animals and fowls. There was a corn mill which was located at the Hardtimes Estate, which was in close proximity to our residence. I assisted in taking the dry corn to the mill for conversion into cornmeal.

At an early age, I learnt the value of sharing. Householders in the community and beyond shared their crops, fish (from Indian Castle) and meat on a regular basis. Farmers returning with their produce from Nevis Peak always made a stop to share some of their produce. It was also the norm for one of my uncles to bring home a friend to share his lunch when his friend didn't have any.

Educational Background and Employment

My Primary School education was obtained at a Private School located at Pond Hill in Gingerland. This school which was located about a mile from



Sterling Contribution in the Vineyard of God (Cont'd)

my residence was owned by Mrs. Sylvene Rawlins. At the age of 11, I wrote the entrance examination and successfully gained entrance to the Charlestown Secondary School. On the first day at that school, tragedy struck; my mother died in the evening. It was an agonizing period for me because I was not able to see her before she died and she was not able to see me transition to the Secondary School. She died at the Alexandra Hospital, which was a few yards from my school, but since it was the first day at a new school, I didn't want my transportation to leave me stranded.

I am grateful for the support of my family and friends who assisted me in getting through this difficult period. My grandparents and other relatives funded my Secondary School education; at that time there was a fee for secondary education. I was an only child, but my grandparents had seven children (five males and two females); we all lived together.

On leaving school, and having acquired the required number of General Certificate of Education (GCE) subjects, I started my teaching career at the Gingerland Primary School. I soon moved on to the Teachers' Training College in St Kitts; my practical teacher training evaluation was undertaken by Sis Elva Kitson. I graduated from the College with a distinction in Mathematics, (a subject area which has always been a challenge in schools) and as a result I was transferred to the Charlestown Secondary School to teach Mathematics. I also

taught History and English Language at that school. In 1976, when I married Bro Raphael Archibald, I moved to St Kitts and taught Mathematics and English Language at the Junior High School (now the Washington Archibald High School). The late Rev Leon Matthias officiated at our wedding service at the Bethesda Moravian Church. On taking up full residency in St Kitts, I changed my church membership to my husband's family church, the Moravian Church.

I continued to improve on my academic qualifications by attending the Washington Archibald Business School, where I studied Accounting and the University Centre where I studied Economics and Sociology. It was these areas of study together with my Mathematics, which determined my future career path, as I branched off into the Business field when I embarked on a University Education. I attended the Mona Campus, Jamaica, where I obtained a degree with Honours in Management Studies and later I graduated with an Executive Masters Degree in Business Administration with the emphasis on Finance from the Cave Hill Campus, Barbados.

While in University, I didn't forget to find time for worship. Sometimes I attended worship at the University Chapel, Mona Campus and also off campus. In Jamaica, the closest church to campus was the Catholic Church, which many of my then newfound Dominica friends attended. Sometimes I

accompanied the United Theological College of the West Indies (UTCWI) students who had preaching assignments off campus. These were not restricted to any denomination, sometimes the students needed support; there were three Kittitians attending UTCWI at that time.

Other areas of Employment

After successful completion of my Undergraduate Degree, I returned to the Junior High School. After a few years, I received a transfer to the Inland Revenue Department, but moved on after a few years to the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB), where I worked in excess of twenty years, initially assigned to the Bank Supervision Department (BSD). During my tenure at the Bank, I also acted as Director of the Human Resources Department and was appointed Director of the Support Services Department.

It was at this institution that I learnt the value of Teamwork and Time Management. As a Bank Supervisor, the job entailed visiting the commercial banks in the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) area. Whether I travelled as a team member or team leader, I learnt to appreciate the views of others, acknowledge and accept different personalities and cultural backgrounds. The learning process continued at the ECCB, through various training programmes and workshops at the other Regional Central Banks, the Federal Reserve Bank in the United States of America and to a lesser extent the Bank of

England. These training programmes further enhanced my writing skills and knowledge base; there were always reports to be presented. It was while working at the ECCB that I pursued studies for the Executive Masters Degree in Business Administration.

I was not just a career professional, I had a family; the marriage union produced three children, two sons and one daughter, who are now grown career professionals. My husband, who was also a career professional, and I, both shared the responsibility for the children's upbringing and education. We are also blessed with three grandchildren, two grand-daughters and one grandson.

Areas of Contribution at Zion

- Under the Ministries of the Reverends Elroy Christopher and Algernon Lewis, I performed the role of Treasurer for Zion. During that period, I noted an anomaly, whereby the Treasurer was not considered part of the Stewards Board and had no voting rights, although he/she was expected to attend all Stewards Board meetings. This concern was brought to the relevant authorities' attention and a decision was taken to include the Treasurer as a Member of the Stewards Board, with full voting rights. I then became a Member of the Stewards Board.
- My second stint as a Member of the Stewards Board was under the Rev Hilton Joseph. One of the



PEC Reports

Clouds of Witnesses

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 biography of Rev William Austin Osborne was submitted by his Son, Rev Randall Austin Osborne.

The Rev William A Osborne was born in St. Kitts, West Indies on 22 June 1881. His father, Henry Richard Osborne, born 1837, was married to Sarah Anne Carty. This union produced several sons and two daughters.



In short and most pertinent are my father, William Austin Osborne, my uncle Allan Wall Westerby Osborne (also a Moravian Minister) and my aunt Helen Osborne, life-long organist at Bethesda Moravian Church, St Kitts.

My dad attended Buxton Grove Theological Seminary, now a Girls School in St John's Antigua and graduated in 1910. While awaiting a call to the ministry he taught at Estridge Moravian School

until he was called to Tobago in 1913. Until this age that adage still appears traditional as starting ground.

Rev Osborne served in Tobago until he was called to Clifton Hill, Barbados (possibly 1924) and married the lady who attended Spring Gardens Antigua while he was attending the same Church. He married Mabel Zenobia Dash on 09 June 1925.

My father, I am told, was called to Emmaus, St John in 1926. He was called to Greenbay, Antigua in 1930 and served there until 1941 when he answered the call to Emmaus Moravian Church, St John.

In 1948 he was transferred to Tabernacle Moravian Church, Beterverwagting, British Guyana, South America. Then in 1955, he was stationed at Queenstown Moravian Church.

After a short illness he was taken to Georgetown hospital where he was called home to be with his Lord. He had two sons, Rev William Randall Austin Osborne and Henry Samuel Osborne. Henry was born in St Thomas, USVI on 16 December 1929 and died in Antigua in May 1930.

The Office of the Bishop

The constituted orders of the ministry in the Moravian Church (Unitas Fratrum) are those of Deacons, Presbyters and Bishops.

The Unitas Fratrum was persecuted and suppressed in the 1620s but not extinguished.

The Renewed Unitas Fratrum received the episcopacy as an inheritance from the Ancient Unitas Fratrum.

Today we regard the episcopacy in the Moravian Church in a different way from that of the Ancient Unitas Fratrum. Formerly, a Bishop had a Church-governmental and administrative function. In our day, however, this function is not necessarily linked to the Episcopal office.

We hold to the understanding, common both to the Ancient and Renewed Unity, that only Christ is Head of the Church and pastoral oversight is exercised in responsibility to Him.



**Bishop Elect
Rev Dr Conrad D Spencer**

A Bishop of the Moravian Church is consecrated to a special priestly pastoral ministry in the name of and for the whole church.

The Office of Bishop represents the vital unity of the Church and the continuity of the Church's ministry, although the Moravian Church does not place emphasis on any mechanical transmission of the apostolic succession. The office and function of a Bishop is held for life and is valid throughout the Moravian Church as a whole, and as such is not tied to any Diocese or Province. Hence, a Bishop never retires his Episcopal office. It also follows that there can be more than one Bishop within a Province, each having equal status.

A Bishop as a Bishop has responsibility primarily for providing pastoral care to pastors and the Church and assisting the Church in its faithfulness to Christ and the Gospel. A Bishop has a special duty of intercession for the Moravian Church, and also for the Church of Christ as a whole.



PEC Reports (Cont'd)

Hymn of the Month

The opinion of a Bishop (Bishops) shall customarily be sought and given due consideration and weight in matters of doctrine and practice.

A Bishop represents the Church in the act of ordination. Only Bishops have the right to ordain or to consecrate to the various orders of the ministry, but only when commissioned to do so by the Provincial Elders Conference (PEC) or the Synod.

A Bishop, however, has the right to decline a commission to ordain should he/she wish to do so.

The Synod of the Bishop's Province may also add administrative responsibility by electing him/her a member of the Provincial Elders Conference (PEC).

Hymn of the Month October 2015

October we will focus our attention on a hymn that was written by the Rev. Dr. Ulston P. Smith, a Moravian pastor serving as Minister of Music in the Trinidad and Tobago Conferences. The hymn is ***I WILL FOLLOW JESUS CLOSELY*** and the accompanying tune is ***WILDIN***. Though the primary images in this hymn lends it to being labelled as a communion hymn, its message extends beyond just a single form of worship as captured in a communion service.

This hymn is an invitation for us to follow closely the Lord Jesus. And as we contemplate how this might be accomplished, we are reminded that this is possible through our sharing in the body and blood of Christ. Through this sacred meal, several things happen: we are nourished; we are satisfied; we are victorious; we are made secure. Beyond what is accomplished in us, our relationship with each other is also impacted directly because of our decision to accept the invitation to follow Jesus. Most notable is that we adopt an attitude of love rather than one of judgement. In the final stanza we are called to embrace the truth that our following Jesus will not only have a positive outcome among our brother and sisters. Because of our decision to follow Jesus, our sphere of influence will extend to a hurting world where we become instruments of God's healing.

So as you share at the Lord's Table might this hymn be a timely reminder of the invitation that "whosoever will may come." Allow the message of this hymn to reinforce our commitment to follow Jesus and to follow closely. Below are the words and music of this hymn:

I Will Follow Jesus Closely
*I will follow Jesus closely,
 Follow to the very end.
 There is nothing sweeter to me
 Than our Lord the Living Bread.*

*Bread of Heaven feed me full
 So my soul is satisfied.
 Nourish now my human yearning
 For the cleansing of thy blood.*

*Blood of Jesus, pain and sorrow;
 Blood that gave the victory;
 Plunge me deep within thy vessel;
 Never more again to leave.*

*Thee O Lord with full salvation
 Gave to us the gift of grace;
 Let us now in this communion
 Consecrate ourselves once more.*

*More of You, O blessed Saviour,
 When in sin we lose our way;
 Help us not to judge each other,
 Only love as you would do.*

*Love it is th' eternal witness,
 Sister, brother please comply;
 Heal the world that hurts and perish;
 Follow Jesus crucified.*

The Moravian Church
 Eastern West Indies Province

Invites you to
 The Consecration of
The Rev. Dr. Conrad David Spencer
 To the Office of Bishop
 on
 Sunday, November 22, 2015
 at
 The Spring Gardens Moravian Church
 St. John's Street
 St. John's, Antigua

four o'clock in the afternoon
 (4:00 p.m.)



The Provincial Elders
 Conference Congratulates

the Moravian Church
 Barbados Conference
 on its 250th Anniversary,

A Service of Thanksgiving
 was held at the Sharon
 Moravian Church
 on 27th September 2015
 at 5:00pm



Zion Moravian Scholarship Programme

The Moravian Church is committed to helping its members by providing scholarships to students entering high school. The Church believes strongly in providing service to the community, and financial aid to those who are in need.

The main objective of the Scholarship Programme is to provide scholarships to needy, but intelligent students who are active members of the Moravian Church St. Kitts Conference, who attend school regularly and continue to obtain good grades.

In January 2015, a committee was set up by Rev Hilton Joseph to prepare guidelines and create an application form to be used for the scholarship programme. The members of the Zion Moravian Scholarship Committee are, Sis Aslyn Broadbelt, Sis Emelita Warner-Paul, Bro Wycliffe Morton, and Sis Blondell Franks.

The five Scholarship nominees for 2015 are students who have entered the first form at one of our high schools. They received vouchers to purchase uniforms, shoes, books and other school equipment and materials.

The students are:

Sis Alyssa Nisbett – Zion
 Bro Raheem Williams – Estridge
 Bro Jadell Prentice – Zion
 Bro Lajuwon Seaton – Zion
 Sis Janella Belle – Bethel

The committee also assisted Sis Alisha Dunrod with a partial scholarship. Alisha Dunrod did not receive a full scholarship as she was not a grade six student and was already attending the Verchilds High School.

We expect that the winners of this scholarship will show respect for themselves and others, obey the school rules and attend Church and Sunday School regularly, and should also be involved in their school's extracurricular activities and church activities.

The students must continue to show diligence in school work at all times and they will be periodically monitored and assessed through the term performance reports. They will also be assigned mentors.

The scholarship recipients from the Zion congregation received their "Certificate of Scholarship" on 27 September 2015, during the morning worship. The certificates were presented by the Associate Pastor, Elva Huggins, who was assisted by Sis Emelita Warner Paul.

The other two recipients received their certificates at their home church, Bethel, and Estridge.

Sis Franks extended congratulations to the students, on behalf of the Leadership of the Zion Moravian Church and the Scholarship Committee, and wished them God's blessings and academic success for the future.

One of the scholarship recipients, Bro Lajuwon Seaton, thanked the church and the Scholarship Committee for the assistance he and the other students received.

~ Sis Blondell Franks

Sterling Contribution (Cont'd)

programmes which I tried to initiate in 2012, but which didn't materialize under my stewardship, was that of the establishment of a Scholarship Fund for intelligent and financially challenged young members of the church. I drafted a criteria document and suggested a possible source of funding. Although the idea didn't come to fruition in 2012, I am pleased to note that my dream was realized in September 2015; there is now a functioning Scholarship Fund at Zion.

- Other areas of service included being Zion's Synod Treasurer for the 2009 and 2015 Synods; Church Usher and Member of the Church's Island Conference. I also assisted with fund-raisers and serving of meals to the elderly and indigent at the St Kitts Outreach Centre. For the past six years, I have been the Chairperson of the Voice of Zion Magazine, which to date has a very wide readership both hard copy and e-copy. The six Founding Members remain intact, despite challenges which we continue to overcome through the help of the Almighty God.

I wish to commend the Church's management under the leadership of Rev Joseph, for the various opportunities which have been created within the Church for bringing the Word of God to the Youth as well as the adults and also for allowing participation by both groups in the various services.

For the Youth, I wish to advise that we live in an ever-changing environment; the opportunities in the Church and the society in general are enormous. There are also challenges which you will have to overcome; all the experiences will not be mountain top experiences, there are times when you would be in the valleys. Remember God's promise in Isaiah 43 vs 3, **'When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers they shall not overcome thee'**. For the adults, continue to be a shining example for the Youth, let your actions speak louder than your words.



For Your Calendar

Shut-in Communion

Shut-in Communion for the Zion, Ebenezer & Bethel Pastorate will be held on Tuesday **03 November**(Basseterre to Mansion) and Wednesday **04 November** (Tabernacle to Sandy Point).

Church Ministries

- **Confirmation Class** continues every Monday at **4:00 pm.**
- **Girl's Brigade** meets every **Monday at 5:00 pm.**
- **Bible Study** continues every **Tuesday at 7:00 pm.** The theme for the next two weeks is "Praying with Power".
- **Junior Choir** meets on **Fridays at 5:00 pm.**
- **Youth Fellowship** meets on **Fridays at 7:15 pm.**
- **The Zion Youth Choir** meets every **Saturday at 4:30 pm.** Members are asked to take note and to be punctual.
- **The Zion Combined Choir** meets every **Saturday at 3:00 pm.**

St. Kitts Outreach Centre

The **Moravians** will be responsible for ministering at the **St. Kitts Outreach Centre** from **09 to 13 November 2015.** Members are asked to take note and assist wherever possible.

Men's Ministry

There will be no Men's Ministry Sunday in November since the Worship Service for Chief Elders Conference will be held on 15 November 2015.

Missionary

Our target for this year's Missionary Festival is \$30,000.00. To date, we have collected \$15,145.47.

The leadership presents another strategy for helping to meet our Target: 25 Families at 238 (in honour of Zion's 238th year of work and witness) = **\$5,950.00**

Missionary Letters per Families have been prepared for distribution. Please see ushers for your family's copy. **Zion... We can do it !**

Chief Elders Conference 2015

The Moravian Church St Kitts Conference proclaims the celebration of Jesus Christ our Chief Elder through a Conference dubbed "**IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH**" with a focus on "... *Though the heat is on*" as we "*struggle to mirror the Chief Elder's mandate*" from **11 to 15 November 2015.**

A **Leaders' Retreat** will be held on **14 Nov 2015** as follows:

- Children's Retreat (12 years and under)
- Youth Convocation: '**STAND**'

Adults, you have a choice of which session you can partake in:

- My Devotional Life: Maintenance or Sustenance?
- Bible: A convenient tool or a constant study?

Come and celebrate that Jesus Christ is Master, Head, Leader and Chief Elder. Come and participate in thanksgiving and study of the Word. Come and be renewed in reflection and commitment.

"But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way" John 4:23

• Single Registration

◇ **Adult:** without T-Shirt – \$50; with T-Shirt – \$70

◇ **Children/Adolescents:** without T-Shirt – \$30; with T-Shirt – \$50

- **Group Registration** (includes T-shirts) \$160 for 4 persons. If group is larger than four, each person additional to the group of four will pay \$50.)

For more information call 869-465-2402.

Congratulations

The Leadership and Members of the Zion Moravian Church extend heartiest congratulations to **Bro and Sis Steve Francis** and **Bro and Sis Antonio Dandressol** on their recent Exchange of Vows.

Bro and Sis Francis we give God thanks that He has brought you together at this time and pray for generous blessings upon your lives. We encourage you to maintain your marital bond



Bro & Sis Steve Francis

with strong pillars of faith, love, peace, forgiveness, patience, trust and understanding. Always remember to make time to pray together and let God direct your plans. In closing, we share the following scripture as you experience this transition: (Proverbs 3:5-6), "**Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto**

thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." We extend blessings encircled with love, good health and compassion to your immediate family.

Bro and Sis Dandressol we encourage you to stay focused on what should truly matter in your marriage - God, your family, communication strategies, trust, commitment and genuine love and concern. As you create an awe-inspiring image of pleasant memories, we look forward to celebrating with you on other important milestones.



Bro & Sis Antonio Dandressol

May God's grace and favour keep you in the good times and the challenging ones as well. We ask for God's watchful eyes over your decision-making processes as you step forward in faith. May you be blessed with love and happiness

with each passing day. **God, we pray earnestly for showers of blessings upon our dear brother and sister. To God be the glory!**



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 Rahmona Casey, Ellenitta Nathaniel, Julia Hodge, Urlie De Silva, Dorette Rawlins, Shirley Phipps, Gloria Thompson and Kerry Dunrod and Brothers Dawud Byron, Ernest Christopher, Earl Brotherson, Basil Byron and Sydney Bridgewater (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, 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 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

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

Sis Asha DeSuza

SINT EUSTATIUS

Bro Mervin Hook Jr

JAMAICA

Bro Kyle Bradshaw
Sis Avicia Sweeney

Celebration Corner



1st - Sis Daria James, 3rd - Bro Rio Warner, 6th - Bro Hashim Bertie, 12th - Sis Chioma Henry, Bro Hasani Lapsey, Sis Nadia Francis, 14th - Bro Stevan Francis & Sis Charlene Warner, 16th - Sis Emelda James-Christopher, Sis Dian Sargeant, 21st - Sis Akila Moore (USA), 23rd - Sis Arlene Herbert, Bro Tonito Lee (UK), 25th - Sis Annette Hodge, Bro Gerron Dore, Sis Cleovona Mitcham, 26th - Sis Kadeema Blanchette, 27th - Sis Sandra Byron, 28th - Sis Caroline DeSuza, Sis Marilyn Liburd, Sis Vivian Morton, 29th - Sis Vernesia Williams and 30th - Sis Dalila Woodley.



09th November Sis Helen Woods
15th November Bro Ernest & Sis Emelda Christopher
20th November Bro Oliver & Sis Abdelita Glasford
21st November Bro Pedro & Sis Shirley Douglas



Dyslexia

Editor's Note: We recently had the opportunity to gain a better understanding of Dyslexia from one of our church members who was recently trained in this area. Dyslexia is a common learning difficulty that affects the way in which the brain processes written and verbal language. It is often associated with one's inability to read properly, but can also be evident in one's difficulty with writing, spelling and even speaking. **This article was contributed by Sis Keimon Archibald, the Owner/Manager of Kebabies Child Development Centre in Bird Rock, St Kitts.**

Dyslexia

What is Dyslexia? (*Definition by the Dyslexia Institute). Dyslexia is a specific learning difficulty that hinders the learning of literacy skills. This problem with managing verbal codes in memory is neurologically based and tends to run in families. Other symbolic systems, such as mathematics and musical notation, can also be affected. Dyslexia can occur at any level of intellectual ability. It can accompany but is not a result of lack of motivation, emotional disturbance, sensory impairment (one of your senses is no longer normal) or meagre opportunities (lacking in quality or quantity). The effects of dyslexia can be alleviated by skilled specialist teaching and committed learning. Moreover, many dyslexic people have visual and spatial abilities which enable them to be successful in a wide range of careers.

What are the possible negative consequences of Dyslexia?

- Dyslexia can be very frustrating and demoralizing since so much in life and in school depends on having effective reading and writing skills.
- People with dyslexia can feel undervalued or unfulfilled if they can't access the same opportunities and gain the same recognition for their talents as those who are not dyslexic.

- A lack of self-confidence, low self-esteem, or behavioural difficulties more generally can arise as a consequence of dyslexia, if it is not recognised and addressed.
- Poor reading skills can have an effect on children's development of vocabulary and general knowledge since so much new information is encountered through books.



What kinds of specific difficulties are usually seen in dyslexia?

- Most dyslexic people have difficulties working with the small units of sound that make up spoken words, and in understanding how those sounds map onto letters.
- Some dyslexic people find it difficult to recall the names of things quickly; they have a difficulty in "word-finding" or show slow naming speed. This means reading is often slow, and it may also lead to some difficulties in spoken expression.
- Most dyslexic persons have poor short-term memory; they often remember events well, and can often retain details and facts for a long period, but they have difficulty remembering lists or spoken instructions they have just heard.
- The difficulty with short term memory (which is often called working memory) can affect comprehension of

spoken and written language, many aspects of mathematics and organizational skills in general.

What can be done about it?

There are two keys to overcoming the effects of dyslexia:

- Early identification and structured language teaching (Multi Sensory link). A wealth of evidence shows that structured teaching of literacy skills is most beneficial at an early age. At all ages, it is possible to improve literacy skills by using appropriate methods, but it is much easier to make a difference at an early age.
- Compensatory Strategies: In adulthood, and in the later stages of schooling, the key to success is through an understanding of the individual pattern of strengths and weaknesses and of the consequences of that for learning and working in different ways. This enables the dyslexic person, and those who teach and support them to develop coping and compensatory strategies.
- Please note that the best chances of success are when direct structured teaching and compensatory strategies are used in combination; either one on its own is not likely to work.

At what age can Dyslexia be identified?

Risk signs for dyslexia can be identified as young as 4 years old, but parents/guardians are usually advised to wait until formal reading instruction has started. By age 7, it is usually possible to know whether or not someone is dyslexic. Hence, early detection is important.

Can Dyslexia be cured?

No, dyslexia is life-long, but the effects of dyslexia can be minimised by targeted, structured literacy teaching.

Strengths of people with dyslexia:

- Dyslexic children are often creative

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Youth Connection

MCSC Sunday School Rally

The theme, *Advancing the Kingdom: Revisiting the Mandate* was the backdrop for the 2015 Moravian Church St. Kitts Conference, Sunday School Rally. The scene on 27 September 2015 was one of excitement and anticipation and resembled that of a high school pep rally. Members, students, teachers, pastors, family, friends and invited guests converged on the grounds of the Bethesda Moravian church to be a part of the rally and all that it entailed. The afternoon began with the Moravian roll call procession as the Sunday School departments from each of the five congregations marched into the sanctuary to the singing of “Moravians for Jesus” dressed in their church’s colour. The roll call was followed by a time of praise and worship led by the Conference Youth Psalmist Ministry team. Words of welcome were offered by the conference Superintendent, Rev. Hilton Joseph. Among the attendees was Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis, Chairman of the Provincial Elders Conference (PEC) who was visiting the island.



The basis for the rally was to instill in the youth of the conference that they too have a role to play in the missionary process. They were asked to set aside one dollar (\$1) per day for the months of August and September which would be their contribution to the ingathering at the rally. Under the directorship of Rev. Erwin Warner and the Christian Education Department, the Conference Sunday School (Missionary) Rally was birthed. As each of the Sunday Schools’ representatives took to the podium to declare their pledge and amounts collected thus far, the groups were encouraged to cheer and give shouts of praise to God for what He was able to do in and through them. The pledges and donations received were, Zion \$700.00, New Dawn \$800.00, Bethesda \$1202.85, Estridge \$600.00 and Bethel \$585.00.



Throughout the afternoon, the youth of the conference played a vital role in the rally from reading scripture and offering prayers to ushering and serving. They even wrote and performed the theme song for the rally entitled, “Revisit the Mandate”. The keynote address was given by Prophet Eliyah Welcome who at the age of 18 felt the call of God on his life to bring God’s Word to the nations. He reminded us that the mandate has power and authority, it requires that we know the Word for ourselves and it calls us to be different; others must know that we represent Christ.

The afternoon culminated with a traditional Moravian Love Feast of bun and local drinks while the attendees fellowshiped with one another on the lawn.

Contributed by Sis. Lilette Liburd-Lewis



For Your Calendar cont'd

Women’s Fellowship Annual Take-Away Dinner

The Zion Women’s Fellowship will be having its Annual Take-Away Dinner on **20 November 2015** from **7:00 pm to 10:00 pm** on the church’s compound. Tickets are available at **\$20**.

2015 on Friday **11 December** at the **St. Kitts Marriott** at **7:00 pm**. **Cost – \$60.00**. You are invited to be a part of this gala affair. **Our Youth—Our Tomorrow**.

Combined Pastorate Service

There will be a Combined Pastorate Communion Service and a Luncheon for the Elderly on **Sunday 13 December** at **9:30 am** at the **Estridge Moravian Church**.

Zion Youth Awards Banquet

The Zion Youth Fellowship presents Youth Awards Banquet



Instrument of Peace

In the Moravian Church of the St Kitts Conference, the Sundays during the months of October (latter half of October) and November are usually reserved for Harvest Thanksgiving Services and Cantatas. It is against this backdrop that we hereby contribute the following tribute titled “**Worthy of Praise and Thanks**”. Notwithstanding these special Harvest Services, let us always be mindful that our individual expressions of thanks and praise for “The Harvest” should be done throughout the year on a consistent basis. Thanks be to God for his faithfulness. He is an awesome God.

Worship Leader: It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High. (Psalm 92:1)

Worshippers: *To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night. (Psalm 92:2)*

Worship Leader: We give thanks O Lord for the work of Your hands.

Worshippers: *We call upon Your name giving praise and thanks for the wonderful things on this earth.*

Sing: We Gather Together

*We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.*

Worship Leader: Father of all creation, You have blessed us in so many tangible ways. We see the manifestation of Your blessings daily. From the fresh produce from the farms to the many by-products that are processed from our fruits and vegetables—we give thanks. We thank you for the many financial, health/physical and spiritual blessings that are evident in our lives and our ‘walk’ with You. We are eternally grateful for Your hand of mercy on our respective families. We are forever blessed to be able to call on You through an open prayer line. Lord, we thank you with open hearts.

Worshippers: *We are also grateful for the sun, rain, fertile lands and rich seas. We express thanks to the many farmers (including livestock farmers) and fishermen who labour long hours in our hot, tropical weather to ensure that we have food on our tables. We rejoice with grateful hearts and thank them for their perseverance and passion for farming and fishing.*

Sing: Sowing in the Morning

*Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.*

Worthy of Praise and Thanks

Refrain:

*Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves;
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.*

Worship Leader: O clap your hands, all ye people, shout unto God with the voice of triumph. (Psalm 47:1)

Worshippers: *Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises. (Psalm 47:6)*

All: Let us go forth proclaiming the greatness of God’s work. We give praise and honour to our Creator for all of the gifts in our environment. We pray for our increased faith so that we would continually give thanks even when all our needs are not met. O Lamb of God, help us as we strive to become better stewards of Your gifts that have been entrusted to us. May we be more giving to those who are less fortunate, thereby following Your outstanding example of love for all people. Bless us Lord—we adore Your name. We serve You in humility. Amen.

Sing: What a Mighty God We Serve

*What a mighty God we serve (2x)
Angels bow before Him
Heaven and earth adore Him
What a mighty God we serve*

~ Contributed by a VOZ Committee Member

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



**Sis Gail Gumbs-James, Sis Daria James,
Bro Glenford & Sis Linda Gumbs and
the Gumbs Family** on the passing of:

*Ms Maria D’abreu-Panton
and
Mr Perry Gumbs*

The **Henry Family** on the passing of:
Sis Desdemona Henry

Bro Ira Wattley and family on the passing of
*Jaedyn Wattley
(a 22-dy old son)*

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



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Dyslexia (Cont'd)

thinkers and highly imaginative and may excel in drama, art, or music.

- Many dyslexic children have superior reasoning abilities that can be observed when they play games of strategy, build with construction materials, and solve complicated puzzles.
- Dyslexic children often have a high-level of understanding if new concepts are read to them. This skill also enables them to acquire a large listening vocabulary.

In closing, it is important for parents/guardians to work closely with their child's teachers to ensure that the appropriate strategies are being employed at school and at home. We should always be mindful that

children with Dyslexia do not in any way lack intelligence or have a carefree attitude (including laziness). Dyslexia is a learning condition that requires specialized learning strategies (at school and at home), ongoing support and love from all stakeholders. Coping with Dyslexia is a team effort that requires patience and commitment. It is our hope that our society would become more tolerant of individuals with this learning difficulty.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information or to seek clarification on any of the aforementioned sub-headings. Thanks to the Voice of Zion for this platform to highlight Dyslexia.

Sunday 01st November 2015 - All Saints Day

(Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost)

Celebrant & Pastor: Rev Hilton J Joseph and Worship Leader: Bro Sidney Osborne

ORDER OF SERVICE

Watchword for All Saints

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb! Revelations 7:10

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship.....Psalm 24

Hymn #30.....O Worship The King
R. Grant

Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving

Song.....O Lord My God
Stuart K. Hine

Prayer of Petition and Intercession

Ministry of the Word

Old Testament.....Isaiah 25:6-9

New Testament.....John 11:32-44

Worship in Songs

Teaching on the Brotherly Agreement – Clause #3

Hymn of Reflection #471.....Thine Forever God Of Love
Mary F. Maude

Worship in Giving

Song.....Victory In Jesus
Eugene M. Barlett

Prayer of Dedication

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Church Concerns

Preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn #200.....Just As I Am Without One Plea

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

Prayer of Humble Access

First Eucharistic Prayer

Hymn #521.....Like The King Of Salem

Words of Institution for the Bread

Song.....Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees

Hymn #525.....My Shepherd Is The Lamb

Hymn #198.....Heal Us Immanuel

Instruction

Words of Institution for the Wine

Hymn #539.....My Heart Is Resting

Song.....There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood

Instruction

Second Eucharistic Prayer

Covenant Hymn #420.....What Brought Us Together

The Blessing