



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

My Family in Christ,
 As I sit to write this preface, the following poem entered my mind:
Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy, the praises of my God shall still, my heart and tongue employ.

Perhaps it's because it is the first day of the tenth month, a sobering reminder that time waits on no human being and therefore we are challenged again by the words of Psalm 90:12, "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (NIV).

In numbering our days, we are challenged to make sure that our lives count and to this end, the thoughts of Christian living occupy our mind. We are called to imitate Christ our Lord.

To this end, for the four Sundays in October, the leadership of the Conference

will be engaging our congregations in the teaching of the Brotherly Agreement. It is my prayer that we will be encouraged to keep the faith and empowered to grow our faith so that God's Kingdom may be advanced through us.

This month is Cancer Awareness Month with a special focus on Breast Cancer. We therefore will be joining our brothers and sisters and different stakeholders who will be making efforts to heighten the awareness of this disease. As such, this Conference, will join in the "Walk for the Cure" this evening at 5:15.

On Sunday 11 October, it will be Pink Sunday – we are to wear something pink to service to be a part of the awareness effort. Please note the schedule of colours for each day of October (an initiative of the Bethesda/ New Dawn Pastorate – see page 7).

Finally, this month is our Discipleship Month and we will therefore be engaging in a series of Visitations and Open-Air Services (see notices for details). Anyone who desires to be a part of the Visitation Team, please speak to either me or Pastor Elva Richards-Huggins. Of course we need to 'bathe' these activities in prayer.

Prayer is key. To this end we are invited to join the Conference at a Movie Outing to view "War Room". I encourage all who believe in prayer to join us on Sunday 11 October at Caribbean Cinemas at 3:30 pm for a showing. The cost is only twelve dollars (\$12).

Be blessed and covered.

Yours in Pastoral Love
**Hilton J Joseph &
 Pastor Elva R Huggins**

The Brotherly Agreement
 The spiritual heirs of John Hus had suffered persecution for generation. The remnants of the Unitas Fratrum, later called Moravians sought and found refuge on the estate of Count Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf in 1722. By 1727 dissensions had sprung up within the community. There existed various feuds and grudges among this group of



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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
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Zion Missions' Team
Multimedia Team

From the Pastors' Desk (Cont'd)

Christians who had found a place to live in peace and openly worship God. As a result of the bickering, Count Zinzendorf addressed the community on the great and wonderful blessedness of living together in Christian Unity. The outcome of this was the community confessing their disagreements and making a promise to live in love and simplicity. When they did, their community became a community that truly lived for Christ.

That experience resulted in a document called the *Brotherly Agreement*. This document was given to each member to read, if they agreed they signed. The document was not intended to be forced on the congregation.

The *Brotherly Agreement* also known as *The Moravian Covenant for Christian Living* has been a guide for Moravian congregations from 1727 and is still relevant today. It is not intended to be forced on congregations, rather it is an Agreement that members are encouraged to enter into voluntarily.

As we seek God's will for our lives in these last days, let us return to the *Brotherly Agreement* and like our forefathers let us confess our disagreements, make a promise to live in love and simplicity and truly live for Christ.

The Brotherly Agreement

- The Triune God as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the only source of our life and salvation; and this Scripture is the sole standard of the doctrine and faith of the Unitas Fratrum and therefore shapes our

life.

- The Bible shall be our constant study: We shall read it with prayer for the influence and teaching of the Holy Spirit.

- We will faithfully attend the service in the House of God and any special services that may be held in connection with our Church. We will be diligent in private prayer and will practise and encourage family worship.

- Realizing that we have been called into fellowship with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and being desirous that we shall be recognized as His followers, we shall conscientiously abstain from all amusements which would be inconsistent with the Christian life. We will avoid gambling of every kind.

- Knowing that fornication, drunkenness and all other sins of the flesh are condemned in the Word of God, we will determine by His grace to live pure and morally upright lives.

- Covetousness, dishonest practices in trade and willful deceit are evils which are hindrances to the life of the Christians. These we will seek to avoid in our daily dealings with others.

- We will earnestly oppose all superstition, obehism and "false revivalism".

- We will avoid envy, malice, revenge, strife, quarrelling and evil speaking. We will seek to be truthful and endeavour to live in the

spirit of peace and good will to others, remembering that lying, profane language, such as swearing, abuse, unclean talk and all other sins of the tongue are contrary to the Spirit of Christ.

- We acknowledge that it is our duty to obey the laws of the land in which we live, and we will endeavour to promote good citizenship.

- We will endeavour to settle our differences with others in a Christian manner and only seek the aid of the courts of the law as a last resort and with the sanction of our ministers.

- By our industry, sobriety and thrift, we will endeavour to erect proper houses and maintain good homes.

- As parents and guardians we will bring up our children in a Christian manner and endeavour to secure for them the advantages of good education.

- We believe it to be our duty as Christians to care for our aged parents and helpless members of our families, and at the same time to exercise public charity as it may be within our power to bestow.

- As stewards of the gifts of God, we will support the spread of the Gospel at home and abroad by means of our tithes and freewill offerings.

*The Moravian Church
Eastern West Indies Province*



PEC Reports

Moravian Ministers Covenant Day... It's a New Season. It's a New Day

Each organization has its own culture. It is important that each person who becomes a member of the organization seek to understand why the organization does what it does. Many times persons get lost and feel isolated in the organization of which they have become a part because they never took time to understand the dynamics and the culture that has kept and propelled the organization over the years.

The Church is no different. Today, 16 September 2015 marks 274 years since the Moravian Church began to celebrate Ministers Covenant Day. It is a time when Moravian Ministers gather together to pray for, encourage, support and fellowship with one another. At such times, they renew their Covenant with each other and the Lord. It was during a Synodal Conference in London on 16 September 1741, that Jesus Christ was recognized as Chief Elder of the Brethren's or Moravian Church; however, the announcement of Jesus Christ as Chief Elder was not made until 13 November 1741. September 16 is therefore a very special day for Moravian Ministers worldwide. On such a day, the Joys of Ministry are celebrated and Woes of Ministry are reflected upon, to see what can be done to make the Servant of God more effective.

The Minister operates in several roles. Of vital importance though, the Minister is Priest, Preacher, Teacher, Pastor, Evangelists, Counsellor, Spouse and Parent and the like. How does the Minister bring balance to all the roles he/she is expected to perform without experiencing Burnout? The Minister is human and must seek at all times to remember who he/she represents.

The Minister as Priest is a very important role. The Jewish Religion gave birth to Christianity, and however hard we may try, we cannot successfully and completely separate the two. The religion of Israel was fundamentally a sacrificial one and the

Priests, beginning with Aaron, played a significant role. They were the ones who were selected and consecrated to preside at the sacrificial altar, to represent the people before God and to intercede on their behalf. This was but a foreshadowing of the coming of Christ who was himself the sacrificial Lamb as well as the Great High Priest. It is only through him that we have redemption from sin and reconciliation with God.

The Ordained Minister is a humble representative of Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest; a person who is chosen and commissioned to maintain not the sacrificial life to the Old Israel, but the sacramental life of the Church, the New Israel.

The emphasis that we place on the Priesthood of all believers, where each believer has free access to God, does not negate the Priesthood of the Ordained person.

Apart from maintaining the sacramental life of the Church, the Ordained Minister has another important Priestly function and that is to intercede and pray on behalf of the Flock and indeed, of all humankind. Jesus Christ the Great High Priest, whose humble representatives we are, said in His High Priestly prayer:

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one - I in them and you in me - so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me”. (John 17:20-23).

As Priests, Ministers of the Church are by the very nature of Ordination, required to pray for believers and non-believers alike.

The Minister as Priest must be a praying person, who prays with and for people, by holding up before God the members of his/her congregation and all those who are in need. He/she ought to bear the members on his/her heart and to love them as God loves us.

As Ministers of the New Covenant I encourage us to lift high the cross of Christ in our daily living. Let us walk alongside each other as colleagues and friends and determine to strengthen each other and the ministry which God has entrusted to us.

As we celebrate another Ministers Covenant Day, let us allow Christ to breathe afresh upon us. Let us commit ourselves to working more closely with each other as we forge ahead to advance God's Kingdom. Allow our Code of Ethics to help us refocus as we celebrate.

Let Us Pray Together for the People of Dominica

The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province, sympathizes with the Government and people of Dominica on the destruction of life and property brought on by Tropical Storm Erika on Thursday 26 August 2015. We are saddened by the number of lives lost from the onslaught of the storm and our prayers go out to all of the affected families. The latest news received is that over twenty (20) persons are confirmed dead and several unaccounted for.

There is a saying that *“when your neighbour's house is on fire, wet yours”*. What happened to Dominica could have occurred in anyone of the Islands. Let us not take God's favour for granted. God has been good, but sometimes we become very ungrateful.

What can we do to help and alleviate some of the stress and pain of our brothers and sisters in Dominica? While we wait on the Government and people of Dominica to indicate their most pressing needs, we can



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begin to get into action to help. The writer of Ecclesiastes 10:19 declares, "**Bread is made for laughter, and wine gladdens life, and money answers everything**".

A special offering was taken Sunday 13 September 2015 to assist our brothers and sisters in Dominica in their recovery efforts.

All monies collected to the Province were to be forwarded Office by 20 September 2015 for transmission to the people of Dominica.

Day of Prayer for Widows of Ministers

Sunday 20 September 2015 was the Annual Day of prayer for the Widows of Ministers in the EWIP. On that day we remembered the following persons in prayer:

- ⇒ Frances John - Tobago
- ⇒ Margaret John - Tobago
- ⇒ Dorothy Graham - Barbados
- ⇒ Ida Brown - Antigua
- ⇒ Deborah Challenger - Antigua
- ⇒ Myrtle Miller - Virgin Islands

Hymn of the Month - September 2015

September signals the start of another school year. With students and teachers heading back in the classrooms, parents too resume their daily routine after a long summer. This includes getting the children up and out of the house to beat the early morning traffic. In the next few weeks, after-school activities will be in full swing as the academic year picks up speed. And before you know it is time for Christmas break. As our children head back to school whether it is at the primary, secondary or tertiary level our hymn of the month of September is # 645 – **IN OUR WORK AND IN OUR PLAY** written by W. C Piggott. The suggested tune is **BUCKLAND**.

The six verses of this hymn explore the many experiences that our youth will confront as they are engaged in the process

of being formally educated. The central message of this hymn is for them to always be mindful of the presence of Jesus in all that they do, be it work or play. At the same time, we see represented in the hymn an image of a human Jesus who enjoyed a balanced life as a youngster. He was a student himself in that he was taught the skill of carpentry by his early father Joseph. But we do not only see the student Jesus, we also are confronted with an image of a playful Jesus. Life cannot be all work and no play! With the example of Jesus set before us, the hymn shifts in tone and becomes intercessory in nature. Our children now voice a prayer in which they are seeking the help of Jesus in keeping a similar balance between their educational pursuits and moments of relaxation as they play. This prayer embraces having a correct attitude even in sports activities whether win or lose. There is also the all important element of asking for a mind that is teachable and alert.

In the month of September, might we sing this as a prayer for our children and youth as they embark on the 2015 – 2016 school year. Might this hymn be a reminder to them that in all of their learning to keep two goals before them: (1) academic excellence and (2) attaining the ultimate goal of eternal life that Jesus offers.

Below are the words and music of this hymn:

*In our work and in our play,
Jesus, be thou ever near;
Guarding, guiding all the day,
Keep us in thy presence dear.*

*Thou, who at thy mother's knee,
Learned to hearken and obey,
Then, work done, ran happily
With the children to their play.
And by Joseph's bench did stand,
Holding his edged tools, as he
Guiding them with skillful hand,
Made a carpenter of thee;*

Help us, that with eager mind

*We may learn both fact and rule,
Patient, diligent and kind
In the comradeship of school.*

*Help us, too, in sport and game
Gallantly to play our part;
Win or lose, to keep the same
Dauntless spirit and brave heart.*

*May we grow like him in grace,
True in mind and pure of soul,
Meeting life with steadfast face,
Run its race and reach the goal.*

Rev Dr Mikie Roberts

Director, Provincial Hymnal Committee

Condolences

The Moravian Church EWIP expresses sympathy on the passing of Ms Clarice Browne, the Aunt of Rev Dr Cortroy Jarvis. Sis Clarice Browne passed into the nearer presence of God on Sunday 23 August 2015, in Antigua. The Service of Thanksgiving to mark her life and witness was held on Thursday 10 September 2015 at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church at 2:00 pm.

The PEC expresses sympathy on the passing of Sis Eureka Ramsay, the mother of Bro George Ramsay. She passed into the nearer presence of God on Sunday 30 August 2015 in Barbados. Sis Ramsay was 104 years, 10 months, 12 days and would have been 105 years old on 18 October 2015.

The funeral service was held on Friday 11 September 2015 at the Sharon Moravian Church in Barbados.

Let us remember the families in our prayers.





Caring for Our Elderly Parents

Effects of Ageing on the Individual, Family and Community Populace

First I want to commend the Moravian Church for its wisdom in recognising the importance of Family and all of the various categories that comprise the family, and most importantly that the church has recognised the need to “bring to the table”, so to speak, the issue of **CARING FOR OUR ELDERLY PARENT**; this group upon which this society has been built. It is this group of persons on whose shoulders we have stood and continue to stand so that we have been able to achieve the heights which some of us can CLAIM today.

I have come to this discussion today as a researcher and academic. My knowledge of older persons and their care is based on the research which I do, and the discussions I have with older people I meet. As a researcher I have been able to look at the issues, not only in one place e.g. Trinidad, St. Kitts or Jamaica, but I am able to compare and contrast what I see and experience with the experience of other countries near and far.

In so doing, I have come to know that it is not only here in St. Kitts and Nevis or in the Caribbean that persons, social agencies and government have been considering issues of the “Care of the Elderly parent”. This issue is now a major agenda matter worldwide, mainly because of the demographic transition, that is that shift in the population which has taken place worldwide in the past several decades, first in the developed countries and then in the developing countries, to one degree or the other.

This demographic transition refers to the situation in which:

- There is a reduction in overall mortality and
- A reduction in fertility.

This means that more persons get the

opportunity to live into old age. A reduction in fertility means that fewer children are born to each woman; families are no longer ten (10) or thirteen (13) children, but 2 to 4 children.

What then happens is that the proportion of older persons in the society then increases significantly. However, because we are by then having fewer children, there will be a shift in the “dependency ratio”; this means that there will in theory be fewer younger persons to older persons and if we follow that logic; fewer persons to care for the older person when the time comes for such care to be given.

All of this then takes us to some of the very critical issues which must be raised in any discussion of “The Care of the Elderly parent”.

The first question we might ask might be: Whose responsibility is it to take care of the elderly parent?

The first and logical answer is the children!!!

When I was a child (many decades ago), I used to frequently hear people say, “CHILDREN ARE AN INSURANCE FOR THE FUTURE”. I very rarely hear people say that any more. Maybe that has to do with the reality which now exists.

As Caribbean people, many of us invest very heavily in our children. Responsible parents try to do the best for their children, by providing them with an education or a trade or a skill or whatever it is they believe will enable the children to become independent and so be able to contribute to the society and bring up a family. Unfortunately, this is not always the case and we see the negative outcome of this “less than good” child rearing raising its ugly head when the parents become elderly and sick. What goes round comes round!!

Fortunately many children make good use of the investment which their parents have

made in them and indeed are ready and available when it is time to care for their elderly parents. Sometimes though, despite the investment and the “willingness in spirit” of these children, for reasons which we can readily understand, the care just does not seem to be there, and NOTE that I have said “DOES NOT SEEM” and I will explain.

As Caribbean people we are very much a migratory people. WE MOVE ABOUT; our CHILDREN, also MOVE ABOUT and when parents become elderly, they might find that they are in a different country /a different place from that which their children LIVE. So when the time comes for the management/ the care of the elderly, the parents are in one place and the children are in another.

It is for this very reason that families need to discuss/need to plan what will be the care arrangements/ the provisions for the care of the elderly parent. Who will do what? Where will this care take place? This has to be discussed long before the parent becomes ill or is in need of supervisory care. This discussion does not have to be FINAL and complete, but it needs to take place. If it does not, quite likely there will be serious confusion and misunderstanding and “bad blood” among the children when the parent suddenly becomes ill or some other CRISIS occurs.

Throughout the Caribbean life expectancy is now in the 70s. By this I mean the average age is about 70. Naturally many persons live on to the 80s and 90s and a large number of these persons stay reasonably healthy into the high 70s and are able to manage themselves well into these years.

However, throughout the region we see significant number of cases of the chronic diseases such as: diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, strokes and cancers. These conditions are the main cause of morbidity and mortality in the region and St. Kitts (and Nevis) have more than their fair share of cases of diabetes and hypertension.



Caring for Our Elderly Parents (Cont'd)

Health

Once the older person becomes ill, then the need for care becomes more URGENT. (The business of the in-depth health care will be covered by the other panellist) and I too will make additional comments on this during the discussion.

Loneliness

Before we get to the business of serious ill health, there is something which we need to look at when we consider matters which relate to the CARE OF THE ELDERLY PARENT. In a number of surveys which I have conducted over time in the region elderly persons/ elderly parents although not in serious ill health have complained of "being lonely". Some have even stated "It is the loneliness which is killing us". The loneliness was painful for them and even some of those who lived with family complained of feelings of loneliness.

This is where the family and indeed the community could "step in" and find ways of preventing our elderly parents/elderly persons from having to experience this "terrifying loneliness". Imagine in some situations, although only 16 % or so lived alone 33 % of the older persons complained bitterly about being lonely!!! As adults with children, we need to set the example. If we do not make time for our aged parents, how will our children know what is expected of them.

Clearly, we need, as family members, as community, to be more thoughtful and caring of our elderly citizens/ parents. We should seek to be more inclusive. We do not need to PARK our elderly citizens in a corner. Even young family members in the home could become more involved in ensuring that there is meaningful interaction with the elderly grand parent or other elderly person. School children could become involved with the elderly in their communities. Maybe this is already happening here. Such programmes exist elsewhere.

The ideal should be more intergenerational

interaction. This is what we should be aiming for. YOUNG PERSONS COULD LEARN SO MUCH FROM THEIR ELDERS AND ELDERS COULD ALSO LEARN ABOUT THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES/ NEW ISSUES IN THE SOCIETY FROM YOUNGER PERSONS.

Care Giving For The Chronically Ill Elderly

I could not conclude my presentation without making some reference to the care of elderly persons for whom "cognitive changes" have become their reality. Here I'm making reference to ALZHEIMER'S disease and other DEMENTIAS.

Alzheimer's disease is not "something that any of us would wish for ourselves or for our elderly parents, but unfortunately "older age" is the "key risk" factor for Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, so I need to briefly say something about this condition.

As some of you already know, we now have an Alzheimer's Association of St. Kitts and Nevis. We have been in existence for almost a year. Our main aim is to create a greater awareness of the disease in the society. We also aim to help caregivers to learn more about the condition and some of the best practices which exist worldwide in the care of persons with dementia. We also seek to help family members to learn more about the disease which will enable them to cope in the situation of dementia in their elderly relatives.

Briefly put, Alzheimer's disease is a disease of the brain. It is not a psychiatric or mental condition. MEMORY LOSS is usually the first notable sign. I should add immediately that not all cases of memory loss will be Alzheimer's disease as memory loss might be an indication of other conditions such as:

- Problems with the thyroid
- Anaemia
- Vitamin deficiency

It is therefore very important that the elderly relative seeks a proper diagnosis from a PHYSICIAN who is familiar with Alzheimer's disease.

I will end now on this NOTE that CARING FOR AN ELDERLY PARENT, whether the person has dementia, severe diabetes, chronic heart disease or a stroke, is very difficult work! No matter how much we love or respect the chronically ill elderly parent that care can become very difficult and even burdensome if the care has to be given by only **one** person.

I would therefore like to conclude on this note, We need to "share the caring" as caring for a sick elder person, twenty four hour daily seven days a week (24/7) is much too much for one person.

Family members need to get together and agree as to how such responsibilities will be met and share the BURDEN.

Some have time and some have money, but even those with time will need a break. If those with money have absolutely NO time then the money can be used to help to provide MUCH NEEDED RELIEF for the main care giver; so she/ he can have a weekend off or two weeks or some other "time off" as the need arise. Even those with no time should "make time" once in a while. Where necessary and where possible the elderly could be checked into "day care". This also gives the caregiver a break to catch themselves and recover somewhat from care-giving STRESS which could be a whole topic on its own. Therefore I'll end by reminding us that we need to "share the care" when it comes to our elderly parents.

Before I go I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who wishes to learn more about Alzheimer's and other dementias, to visit us at one of our regular Alzheimer's Association meeting.

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For Your Calendar

Shut-in Communion

Shut-in Communion for the Zion, Ebenezer & Bethel Pastorate (Baseterre to Mansion) will be held on Tuesday **06 October 2015**.

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 is "Fulfilling the Mandate".
- **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**.

Walk for the Cure

The Moravian Church will be joining the CIBC Breast Cancer Awareness "Walk for the Cure". The Walk will be held on Sunday 04 October 2015 from the Circus to Frigate Bay at 5:15 pm. The cost is \$15.00 Moravian Dollars if you sign up with the Church. This entitles you to a T-shirt and a water bottle. Proceeds goes to the St. Kitts Cancer Society. Please assemble by the Circus for 4:15 pm.

Breast Cancer Awareness Sunday

Sunday 11 October is Breast Cancer Awareness Sunday. The colour for the day is **pink**.

Pastorate Youth Sunday

Sunday 11 October is also **Pastorate Youth Sunday** (Zion, Estridge & Bethel). Joint Youth Service will be held at Zion. This will be followed by a Youth Luncheon.

St. Kitts Outreach Centre

The **Moravians** will be responsible for ministering at the **St. Kitts Outreach Centre** from **12 to 16 October 2015**. Members are asked to take note and assist wherever possible.

Men's Ministry

All men are reminded of Men's Ministry Sunday on **18 October 2015**. Invite another brother to church and let's worship the Lord our God Almighty.

Missionary

For the month of October, the Zion Congregation will be collecting a purple offering (\$20.00), all towards our Missionary Festival. Our target this year is \$30,000.00. To date, we have collected \$11,931.47. Where will Zion's Missionary funds go?

- \$6,000.00 to EWIP Province
- \$2,100.00 to St. Kitts Conference
- \$3,600.00 to the New Dawn Building Fund
- \$2,400.00 to Trinidad Memorial Conference
- \$4,000.00 to Grenada Mission
- \$5,000.00 to Zion Scholarship Fund
- \$6,900.00 to Zion Local Missions (Dorcas Ministry)

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**

- 10 Individuals at 238 = **\$2,380.00**
- 100 x \$50.00 = **\$5,000.00**
- 100 x \$25.00 = **\$2,500.00**

Special Envelopes will be given to facilitate these offerings. The time period for these donations is 06 September to 29 November 2015.

Also, Missionary Letters per Families have been prepared for

Bethesda and New Dawn Pastorate



Cancer Awareness Month 2015

#WeStand

Date	Cancer	Colour
1 st	All Cancers	Lavender
2 nd	Bladder Cancer	Yellow
3 rd	Brain Cancer	Grey
4 th	Cervical Cancer	White & Teal - Attend Walk for a Cure with CIBC
5 th	Childhood Cancer	Gold
6 th	Gallbladder Cancer	Kelly Green
7 th	Esophageal Cancer	Penwinkle
8 th	Head and Neck Cancer	Burgundy/Ivory
9 th	Kidney Cancer	Orange
10 th	Leiomyosarcoma	Purple
11 th	Breast Cancer	Pink - Evening of Praise, Prayer & Pink
12 th	Leukemia	Orange
13 th	Ovarian Cancer	Teal
14 th	Appendix Cancer	Amber
15 th	Lymphoma	Lime Green
16 th	Melanoma	Black
17 th	Multiple Myeloma	Burgundy
18 th	Prostate Cancer	Light Blue - Light Blue Jog & Walk
19 th	Colon Cancer	Blue
20 th	Lung Cancer	White
21 st	Liver Cancer	Emerald Green
22 nd	Pancreatic Cancer	Purple
23 rd	Testicular Cancer	Orchid
24 th	Stomach Cancer	Penwinkle
25 th	Cancer Survivors	Plum -
26 th	Sarcoma Bone Cancer	Yellow
27 th	Thyroid Cancer	Teal/Pink/Blue
28 th	Uterine Cancer	Peach
29 th	Carcinoid Cancer	Black and White
30 th	Support a Friend	Wear a colour of a cancer for a family/friend
31 st	All Cancers	Distribution of Food Packages Lavender



distribution. Please see ushers for your family's copy. **Zion... We can do it!**

Harvest Festival

Our Annual **Harvest Festival** takes place on Sunday 25 October with Divine Worship at 9:30 am to be followed by the Cantata. Lunch will also be on sale. More information will be given by way of Church Notices

Discipleship Month

October is dubbed **Discipleship Month** throughout the Pastorate. A series of visitations and Open Air Service are being planned to commemorate the

Month. Visitations will take place on Fridays from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. Two Opening Air Services will be held. The Schedule is as follows:

- Upper Market Street on Sunday 18 October at 6:30 pm.
- Dorset Park on Wednesday 28 October at 6:00 pm.

Movie Sunday

The Conference goes to the Movies on Sunday 11 October 2015 to watch "War Room". The cost is \$12.00 per person. Please



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 and Gloria Thompson and Brothers Dawud Byron, Ernest Christopher, Earl Brotherson 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 McDonald, 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



October Birthday Celebrants

1st - Bro Mervin Phillip, Sis Louise Godwin-Tannock (Bermuda), 2nd - Sis Catherine Hawley-Pennyfeather, 4th - Sis Dontricia Belle, Bro Shaquan and Sis Shaquanna Bridgewater, Bro Hasani Caines, Sis Janvanel Caines, 6th - Bro Patrick Mitcham, 7th - Sis Je'neah Henry, 8th - Sis Vivian Rawlins, Sis Verona Newton, Romaine Belgrove, Jordan Taylor, 10th - Sis La Tonya Weeks, Sis Chelsea Amory, 11th - Sis Linet Matthew, 12th - Sis Lenora Mack, 13th - Sis Eulalie Berridge, 17th - Bro Carl Osborne, 24th - Rev Algernon Lewis, 26th - Bro Stephen Claxton, 30th - Sis Shakira Casey-Pitt.



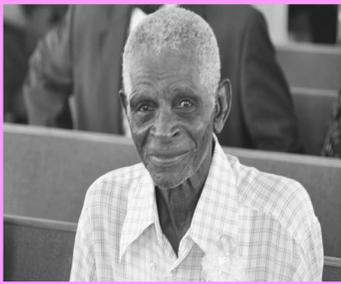
October Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

25th October Bro Walter & Sis Tryphena James
26th October Bro Trevor & Jeweelen Woodley



70+ Celebrant

Brother Ashton Wenchon Mitcham



Brother (Bro) Ashton Wenchon Mitcham was born on 28 August 1931 at Brightons in St. Mary's Parish, but grew up in Newtown. He now resides at Upper College Street.

Bro Mitcham indicated that he was not always a Moravian member; he was christened in the Cayon Anglican church, but later attended the Zion

Moravian Church, where he was confirmed by the Rev. Peter Gubi.

It was Rev Gubbi who also conducted the marriage ceremony between himself and Sis Edith Ann Mitcham on 27 September 1962. The marriage produced four children, Joicelyn, Wenchon Nathaniel, Junie and Floretta Saunders. Sis Edith Mitcham died on Bro Mitcham's birthday on 28 August 2003.

Bro Mitcham indicated that over the years he has done much work at the church. He is a builder and was responsible for building the church's first bathrooms, he also assisted in

repair work in the interior of the church. According to Bro Mitcham, 'anything they needed I was always there'. He was also an usher and a member of the Men's choir. All of these functions were performed under Rev. Peter Gubi. Any payment he received from the church for work undertaken, he returned a portion for the work of the church. Bro Mitcham was always willing and is proud of the work he has done.

Bro Mitcham's advice to the Youth is that they should understand that the world has conflicts and they should be willing to take advice from the adults, because they will not

lead them in the wrong path. He also stated whatever they are being taught, they should learn it because the work must go on; they are the future. He also stated that the Youth should speak positive things.

The Leadership and members of the Zion salute Bro Mitcham for having attained this milestone in life. We acknowledge his regular attendance at Church and his past contributions to the Church. May he continue to put his trust in God who has kept him safe thus far.



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Breast Cancer is the second most common kind of cancer in women. About 1 in 8 women born today will get breast cancer at some point. Cancer is a broad term for a class of diseases characterized by abnormal cells that grow and invade healthy cells in the body. Breast Cancer starts in the cells of the breast as a

group of cancer cells that can then invade surrounding tissues or spread (metastasize) to other areas of the body.

Cancer begins in the cells which are the basic building blocks that make up tissue. Tissue is found in the breast and other parts of the body. Sometimes, the process of cell growth goes wrong and new cells form when the body doesn't need them and old or damaged cells do not die as they should. When this occurs, a buildup of cells often forms a mass of tissue called a lump, growth, or tumor.

Breast Cancer occurs when malignant tumors develop in the breast. These cells can spread by breaking away from

the original tumor and entering blood vessels or lymph vessels, which branch into tissues throughout the body. When cancer cells travel to other parts of the body and begin damaging other tissues and organs, the process is called metastasis.

Breast Cancer is a disease in which malignant (cancer) cells form in the tissues of the breast. The damaged cells can invade surrounding tissue, but with early detection and treatment, most people continue a normal life. Many women can survive breast cancer if it is detected and treated early. A mammogram – the screening test for Breast Cancer – can help find Breast Cancer early when it is easier to treat.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a chance to raise awareness about the importance of early detection of breast cancer. Make a difference! Spread the word about early detection, mammograms and encourage individuals, families, organisations and communities to get involved. Therefore, I encourage all to take part in the various planned activities for the month, become educated and support our sisters in their "race for a cure."

For more information, you can check online at <http://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/breast-cancer-facts>.





Youth Connection

A Backpack Fill of Worries

Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens. Psalm 68:19

School started on 07 September and I am sure most of you are back into your daily routine. I know that most of you use a backpack to carry all of your school supplies and books back and forth to school. I see some children with backpacks that are almost as big as they are! Sometimes their backpacks are so loaded with all those heavy books that it is just about more than they can carry; therefore, some parents have resorted to give their children backpacks on wheels to alleviate the weight of the backpacks off their backs.

Life is a lot like that too. Sometimes we have some pretty heavy burdens that we try to carry around with us. Some of you may be worried that you won't have any friends in your class, or that the other kids won't like you, or that you just won't fit in. Maybe some of you are worried that you won't have the right clothes or new uniforms. Maybe you are still wearing "Spiderman" or "Hello Kitty" t-shirts and all the other kids are wearing "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" or "Dr Mc Stocking" t-shirts. Maybe some of you are worried that you might not be able to do the work in your new grade and are afraid you might fail. Those can be pretty heavy problems to carry around with us.

Well, I have some good news for you! You do not have to carry all those worries around with you! The Bible tells us that God will carry those burdens for us. So, if you started school this semester with a load of worries and problems, this morning you can give them to Jesus. He will carry them for you.

Prayer

Lord, we are thankful that we do not have to carry the heavy burdens of life around on our backs. This morning we give them to you. Amen.

Adopted from Sermons4kids.com



For my yoke is easy and
my burden is light.
Matthew 11:30

Word Search Puzzle

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Coloring Page



Thank you, God, for helping me.



Instrument of Peace

If I Can Help Somebody

In St Kitts and Nevis, **the month of October is celebrated annually as the Month of the Elderly and Breast Cancer Awareness Month.** As a church community, these two celebrations are also important to us. First, they allow us to give God thanks in a special way to our senior members (hereafter seniors) for their invaluable contributions to our society and church. Second, we get an opportunity to offer prayerful support and love to those who are currently receiving cancer therapy/treatment or those who are in remission. In addition to this, we also fondly remember in prayer those who have succumbed to this illness. Finally, we highlight our appreciation to the passionate team of doctors, caregivers and church family who offer a hedge of physical, emotional and spiritual support to these two important groups--cancer patients/survivors and seniors.

As we celebrate our seniors, let us remember their significant inputs of time, knowledge and effort to the development and transformation of our beloved Federation. Over the years, they have served us well as fishermen, vendors, nurses, doctors, teachers, police officers, administrative officers, construction workers, sugar industry administrators and labourers, among many other fields/professions. We are appreciative of their dedication, love and care for their families and our society in general. We trust that God would enable us as a society to be more tolerant of them as they transition to their 'golden years'.

During this week, we encourage you to tell two senior relatives or friends how delighted you are to have them in your life and how much you appreciate what they have done for your family and/or society. Let us continue to respect our seniors and express our gratitude to them at all times. They have laid the foundation for our rich heritage and culture and we should consistently remind them that their contributions add value to our lives.

In celebration of these two special observances, we present the following song titled "**If I Can Help Somebody**". We pray that we would cleanse our hearts and minds and lean more on God's unchanging hands to face these challenging times. By enlightening our thoughts with forgiveness, love and peace, we would be better equipped to spread more love throughout our beautiful paradise. We pray for good health and positive attitudes for all of our fellowmen. Glory be to God!



IF I CAN HELP SOMEBODY

*If I can help somebody, as I pass along,
If I can cheer somebody, with a word or song,
If I can show somebody, how they're travelling wrong,
Then my living shall not be in vain.*

Chorus:

*My living shall not be in vain,
Then my living shall not be in vain
If I can help somebody, as I pass along,
Then my living shall not be in vain.*

*If I can do my duty, as a good man ought,
If I can bring back beauty, to a world up wrought,
If I can spread love's message, as the Master taught,
Then my living shall not be in vain.*

~ Contributed

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



Sis Olette Thomas, Bro Alester Thomas, Bro Raphael Archibald and Family, Sis Eileen Mac Lachlan and Family and Sis Sonia Daly-Finley and Family on the passing of:

Ms Leona Nisbett

(Sister, Aunt, Cousin)

who resided in the United States

Sis Eileen Mac Lachlan and Family on the passing of:

Ms Anthea Mc Lachlan

(Cousin)

who resided in the United States

H.E. Bro Tapley Seaton, Sis Greta Foreman, Sis Louise Godwin-Tannock, Sis Greta Godwin-Williams, Sis Cheryl Godwin, Bro Ian Godwin, Bro Darryn James and the Godwin Family on the passing of:

Sister Nora Godwin

(Aunt, Great Aunt)

*The Lord is your rock, your fortress and your deliverer;
your God is your rock, in whom you can take refuge,
your shield and the horn of your salvation and your stronghold."*

Brothers and Sisters may the Lord grant you all Peace in these trying times.



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**The Voice of Zion...
Empowered to do Ministry**

Jeremiah 29:11

"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."

Congratulations

The Leadership and Members of Zion Congregation extend congratulations to:



Sis Ilynda Henry-Dublin and Bro Trevor Dublin on their Exchange of Wedding Vows on Saturday 20 June 2015. God created marriage as a loyal partnership

between man and woman. It is the firmest foundation for building a family, a gift... an amazing blessing from God. Brothers and Sisters, let us pray for Sis Ilynda and Bro Trevor that God watches over them at every moment and grants them the rich blessing of health and happiness. May their love grow stronger each new day and may their home be filled with love and peace.

To Sis Omella Halliday and Bro Damon Bacchus on the baptism of their daughter **Sis Nailah Bacchus** on Sunday 13 September 2015. Thank you Father God for this precious babe,



Nailah that You have graciously entrusted to Bro Damon and Sis Ornella to love and cherish – to teach and to train her up in the way she should grow. Lord, it is the Church's desire that they dedicate this treasured child back to You, just as Hannah brought her Samuel - to give him back into Your safekeeping. May she grow in Godly wisdom and find favour in Your sight.

Sunday 04th October 2015 (Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost)

Celebrant & Pastor: Rev Hilton J Joseph

Worship Leader: Bro Sidney Osborne

ORDER OF SERVICE

Entry of Worship

Psalmic Summons: Psalm 8 (NIV)

Hymn #457: *Angels Voices Ever Singing*
..... *It Will Be Worth It All*

Congregational Prayers Litany for Discipleship

The Re-hearing, Retelling &

Responding to the Word of God by the People of God.

1st Lesson Genesis 2:18-24 Sis Desarie Williams

2nd Lesson St. Mark 10:2-16 Bro Carl Greaux

Chorus: *I'm Healed by the Word of God*

Teachings

Christian Living:

Focus on the Brotherly Agreement of our Church.

Hymn of Response:

Act of Recommitment to the Word

Hymn #3 *O That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

Worship in Giving Tithes & Offering

Song: *Channels Only Blessed Master*
Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Preparation for Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn #200 *Just as I Am*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Humble Access

1st Eucharistic Prayer

Hymn #73 (vs.1 & 2) *Immortal Love, For Ever Full*

Words of Institution for the Bread

Hymns:

#171 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

#173 *Jesus Calls Us; O'er The Tumult*

#180 *I've Found A Friend, O Such A Friend*

2nd Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution for the Wine

Hymns:

#541 *By Christ Redeemed, In Christ Restored*

#544 *Jesus, To Thy Table Led*

Instruction

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Covenant Hymn #547 *For The Bread and For The Wine*
Blessing