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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Rev Hilton J Joseph

My Family
in Christ,

As a church, there is a call to prayer for the first seven days of each month, praying for the ministries of the church. This month, we will engage in prayers of thanksgiving and intercession as we give thanks to our heavenly Father for sheltering us through the recent hurricanes; and as we pray for the recovery of our brothers and sisters who suffered from the hurricanes.

As we focus this month, one of the thoughts that remains

steadfast in my mind is “the need for persistent prayers.” The following article – The Power of Persistent Prayer – was selected for our reflection. Let us as a church and as individuals strive to be persistent in our prayers for this nation, this ministry of Zion, and the universal church, standing on the promise that the effectual fervent prayers of the righteous soul avail much. Be blessed and covered.

Rev Hilton J Joseph
Pastor

Don't Give Up on Your Prayers: The Power of Persistent Prayer

*(Posted on 02 July 2014
by Goodness of God Ministries)*

Do we give up too easily in our prayer lives? Do we put a timetable in our requests and prayers before God? Does our faith sizzle out after a few days of not seeing any results in our prayer life? Are we persistent and unwavering in our prayers and confident

in our faithful God or is our prayer life plagued with doubts, worry and fear? Do we expect God to hear and respond to our prayers or do we think God has turned a deaf ear? Is our prayer a few seconds of weak, unfocused words with little trust or faith? Is our prayer a mere formality, a vain repetition of words with little heart and passion in them?

Eric Ludy –This is not some bb gun that God has given us to try to shoo away raccoons in the night. Prayer is nuclear power, world renovating in its epic strength. When used according to the pattern of Scripture, prayer alters history, alters the natural world, and alters the human soul. The Sword is too heavy for a mere man to carry, but prayer enables us to lift it, swing it, and transform the world around us with it. Prayer is the catalyst behind everything Godly taking place in the earth.

EM Bounds – Our praying needs to be pressed and

Provincial Theme
“Advance the Kingdom:

Thematic Focus
Use the Keys”

Conference Theme
“Pursuing the Blessing:
Empowered to do Ministry”

Motto:

In Essentials
Unity

In Non Essentials
Liberty

In All Things
Charity

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pursued with an energy that never tires, a persistency which will not be denied and a courage that never fails.

Ludy – This concept of “praying through” can alter your entire spiritual life, but it can make you greatly uncomfortable because it goes against the way we are naturally built as humans. The great giants of the faith like George Mueller, CT Studd, Hudson Taylor, Rees Howell and Amy Carmichael all knew what it meant to pray through. Prayer is taking from God’s purchase on the cross (His promises in the finished work of Jesus Christ) and like a grappling hook throwing the hook up to heaven to these promises and pulling, pulling and pulling until the promise comes into manifestation on the earth. Prayer is the action of faith on the earth. Prayer is our way of saying: “I’ll prove that God is who He says He is; just watch.” Framework of prayer—thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is on heaven. We have a God job to do in persistent prayer. Take what God has done and bring it to the earth through prayer.

James 5

¹⁶Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. ¹⁷Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. ¹⁸And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

No limits are set to the power of prayer.

Look at the persistence of Elijah’s prayer in *I Kings 18*, which is one of the greatest moments in the history of the world. It illustrates the mockery and foolishness of serving or praying to anyone but God. Elijah had the promise (verse 1); he prayed and brought it from heaven to the earth. This whole amazing demonstration of the power of God was a result of time he had spent in intense prayer in his prayer closet. Prayer prepares you to face the challenges of ministry.

Prayer Closet – Matthew 6

⁵“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.

⁶But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

AW Tozer – The man who would know God must spend time with Him. True prayer demands more of our lives than most are willing to give and therefore few ever taste of its power and delights. You need to be radical in your prayer life.

The Doctrine of Answered Prayer

- God has promised and He cannot lie.
- You can stand on it like a solid rock; we do not waver.

Answered Prayer is

guaranteed when prayer is done God’s way and according to His pattern set forth in Scripture.

Prayer is not based on a guess as God for certain wants to bring His promises into manifestation on the earth. Don’t stop praying until you see the promise come to pass. Faith, when it is real, expresses itself through prayer. Prayer is a holy confidence, a godly certainty and an unwavering trust in God’s promise and you don’t back down. You know what God is able to do and you immediately take it to God in prayer knowing He is faithful beyond measure.

Hebrews 6:13-18 (NLT)

¹³For example, there was God’s promise to Abraham. Since there was no one greater to swear by, God took an oath in his own name, saying: ¹⁴“I will certainly bless you, and I will multiply your descendants beyond number.” ¹⁵Then Abraham waited patiently, and he received what God had promised. ¹⁶Now when people take an oath, they call on someone greater than themselves to hold them to it. And without any question that oath is binding. ¹⁷God also bound himself with an oath, so that those who received the promise could be perfectly sure that he would never change his mind. ¹⁸So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie.

Word of God Not Stuttering On These Points

- Ask, and it shall be given you . . . – Matthew 7:7

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PEC REPORTS

Accepted for the Ministry of the Church

The PEC makes the following announcements:



Sis Holliette Valentine, a member of the Lebanon Moravian Church in Antigua, has been appointed as an Acolyte in her congregation with effect from 01 October 2017.

Sis Judy Winspeare-Philip, a member of the Cashew Hill Moravian Church in Antigua, has been



accepted as a candidate for the Supplementary Ministry of the Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province. Sis Winspeare-Philip's entry into UTCWI for formal Theological Training has been deferred to a later date.

Let us remember our Sisters in prayer, as they enter this new phase in Ministry in their lives.



Consecration to the Presbyterate

Rev Bonnie Ella Barbara Williams Smith and the **Rev Devon Denfield Mannix** were consecrated as Presbyters of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province on Sunday 13 August 2017. The service was held at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua at 5:00p.m.

PEC Meeting

The PEC will meet in the Tobago Conference from September 29 to 02 October 2017. Please bear up the members of the PEC in prayer.

Furlough

- The Rev Nigel Daniel, Pastor of the Spring Gardens and Bethesda Pastorate in the Tobago Conference, has been granted four (4) months furlough from 15 July to 15 November 2017.
- The Rt. Rev. Dr. Conrad Spencer, Pastor of the Faith Congregation on St. Croix, Virgin Islands Conference, has been granted four (4) months furlough from 01 September – 31 December 2017.
- The Rev. Ulric V. Smith, Pastor of the Cana Moravian Church in the Antigua Conference, has been granted four (4) months furlough from 01 September to 31 December 2017.

Condolences

The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province express condolences to the Treasurer of the Moravian Church Virgin Island Conference, Bro Carl Isaac and his Brother, Bro Richard Isaac and the Rev Vankys Isaac on the passing of **Sis Louise Isaac**, their mother and grandmother, respectively. Mother Isaac passed into the nearer presence of God on Monday 14 August 2017 at the age of 103 years. She was a member of the Bethesda Moravian Congregation in St. Kitts. A Service of Thanksgiving was held on Monday 28 August 2017 at 2.30 p.m.

The PEC expresses sympathy on the passing of **Olive Augusta Rogers (née Connor)**, the aunt of the Rev Dr Errol Connor. She passed into the nearer presence of God on Saturday 19 August 2017 in St. Maarten where she last resided at the age of 99 years and 6 months. A Service of Praise and Thanksgiving to mark her life and witness was held on Saturday 09 September in Anguilla, the place of her birth.

The Eastern West Indies Province expresses condolences to Bro. Edgar Barreiro and family on the passing of his brother, the late Rev. David Gonsalves-Barreiro. The funeral service was held on 05 September at the Mount of Blessing Tabernacle on Wireless Road in Antigua.

Let us remember these families in our prayers.

Response to the Devastation Caused by Hurricane Irma

Hurricane Irma ran a path of destruction across the Leeward Islands, French and Dutch St. Maarten, the US and British Virgin Islands on 05 and 06 September 2017.

Barbuda seems to have been hardest hit. Confirmed reports indicate that the infrastructure is ninety percent (90%) destroyed with one fatality. This is a crisis of major proportion, for those who are in shelters have no house to return to. There is talk of evacuating the fifteen hundred (1500) families on Barbuda to Antigua until they rebuild.





PEC REPORTS

Reports out of St. Maarten, Anguilla, Tortola, St. John and St. Thomas indicate that they were badly damaged by the Category 5 Hurricane Irma. They need our prayers and help.

How can we as a Moravian Community help? As a first response to the crisis, the EWIP will **contribute \$5, 000.00** to the Barbuda rebuilding effort to purchase well needed supplies. Secondly, **we invite every member in every Congregation to respond with a generous offering to assist our brothers and sisters in the recovery effort.** An offering was taken on Sunday 24 September 2017. As other needs become apparent, members will be informed accordingly.

Vacancy - Unity Youth Desk Coordinator

The World Wide Moravian Church has a vacancy position for a Unity Youth Coordinator. If you believe that you are qualified, you can apply for the position. In addition, kindly share with all Moravian Congregations, so Young Members who believe that they are qualified can apply if they so desire.

Vacancy Notice WCC Programme Executive

There is a vacancy in the WCC for Programme Executive for the Commission of Churches in International Affairs (CCIA). If members believe that they qualify, please do not hesitate to apply for the position. In addition, kindly share with all Moravian Congregations so that Members who believe that they are qualified can apply if they so desire. Please observe the deadline and act accordingly.

Hymn of the Month September 2017

The start of a new academic year comes with a degree of excitement on the part of teachers, students and parents. After the long lazy days of summer, learners of all ages will embark on the journey of academic growth and continued development over the next 9 – 10 months. As we begin this new school year, our hymn for the month of September is # 77, **My dear Redeemer and my Lord** which was written in 1709 by Isaac Watts. The name of the tune appointed is **Berkshire**.

The central message of this hymn is this: the life of Jesus demonstrates the perfect example of a human life that is lived in total obedience to the will of God the Father. What we see in the Gospels is a life that was filled with the characteristics that we in our walk with God should also emulate. They include embracing truth, having a zeal for the things of God, showing love and meekness and possessing a deep commitment to a life of prayer. The closing stanza echoes the prayer for us as followers of Jesus to imitate the pattern that has been set before us. By so doing, our lives will mirror the image of Jesus himself.

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

*My dear Redeemer, and my Lord,
I read my duty in thy word;
But in thy life the law appears
Drawn out in living characters.*

*2 Such was thy truth, and such thy zeal,
Such deference to thy Father's will,
Such love, and meekness so divine,
I would transcribe and make them mine.*

*3 Cold mountains and the midnight air
Witnessed the fervour of thy prayer;
The desert thy temptations knew,
Thy conflict and thy victory too.*

*4 Be thou my pattern; make me bear
More of thy gracious image here;
Then God the Judge shall own my name
Among the followers of the Lamb.*

1709. I. Watts

Day of Prayer for the Surviving Spouses of Ministers in the EWI Province

Sunday 17 September 2017 was the annual day of prayer for the Surviving Spouses of Moravian Ministers in the Eastern West Indies Province. On this day, the Province remembered the following persons in prayer: -

- ◆ Sis Frances John and Sis Margaret John – Tobago
- ◆ Sis Ida Brown and Sis Deborah Challenger – Antigua
- ◆ Sis Myrtle Miller - USA
- ◆ Sis Shirley Joseph and Sis Gwendolyn Jacobs – USVI

As they were remembered in prayer, a special offering was taken on this day as a token of appreciation to our sisters for the tremendous role they played in the ministry of the Church.





SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS



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

His promise is, "Call to me and I will answer you." (Jeremiah 33:3) **This month, let us remember in prayer** the following persons listed below and be reminded that "you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." (Matthew 21:22)

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

Brothers Vernon Connor, Basil Byron and St. Clair Byron.



CELEBRATION CORNER

Happy Birthday

October Birthday Celebrants

1st - Bro Mervin Phillip and Sis Louise Godwin-Tannock (Bermuda); 2nd - Sis Catherine Hawley-Pennyfeather; 4th - Sis Dontricia Belle; Bro Shaquan and Sis Shaquanna Bridgewater, Bro Hasani Caines and Sis Janvanel Caines; 6th - Bro Patrick Mitcham; 7th - Sis Je'neah Henry; 8th - Sis Vivian Rawlins, Sis Verona "Marie" Newton, Romaine Belgrove and Jordan Taylor; 10th - Sis La Tonya Weeks and Sis Chelsea Amory; 11th - Sis Linet Matthew and Sis Jacintha Hook; 12th - Sis Lenora Mack; 13th - Sis Eulalie Berridge; 17th - Bro Carl Osborne; 21st - Vekisha Hook; 24th - Rev Algernon Lewis; 30th - Sis Shakira Casey-Pitt.

Happy Anniversary

October Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

25th October Bro Walter & Sis Tryphena James

26th October Bro Trevor & Sis Jeweleen Woodley

COLLEGE PRAYER WATCH



Prayer List

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

UNITED STATES

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

CANADA

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SINT EUSTATIUS

Bro Mervin Hook Jr

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Sis Junika Berry

JAMAICA

Bro Kyle Bradshaw
Sis Avicia Sweeney
Sis Tonya DeSuza

ST. THOMAS, USVI

Sis Jamilla Connor





FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK CONT'D

- And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. – Matthew 21:22
- But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. – John 11:22
- And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. – John 14:13
- If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. – John 14:14
- . . . whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. – John 15:16 . . .
- Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. – John 16:23
- Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. – John 16:24

Hebrews 10:35-38 (NIV)

³⁵ So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. ³⁶ You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. ³⁷ For in just a very little while, "He who is coming will come and will not delay." ³⁸ But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him.

Since prayer is detrimental to the evil one's purposes, Satan and his minions do their utmost to interfere when we pray especially opposing us when we try to take time for prayer because. The enemy knows better than most Christians the power of persistent prayer!

In any posture, in any attire, at any time, in any place, and under any circumstance, prayer is appropriate. Prayer is to be a total way of life; an open and constant communion with God.

Ludys' Wrestling Prayer – The greatest threat to our prayer life isn't the devil. It's not some external force, some harassing demon from without. Surprisingly the greatest threat to the powerful life of prayer is none other than you!

God's destiny for you is to be transformed into the image of His son and like Jesus become a spiritual rescuer. This is what prayer is all about. It is about doing the rescue work of Jesus on the earth. Prayer in a nutshell is kingdom business. God desires to build us into his workforce and set us about the Father's business. You see, in God's economy, things on this Earth do not change through wishing, through positive thinking, or through good karma. They change through faith expressing itself in loving fervent

prayer. God's people are commissioned to ask, to seek, to knock and to plead the realities of heaven be made reality down here on Earth.

But there is a rebel part of your being that detests prayer, that seeks to avoid it at all costs, that gets extremely tired at simply the notion of it. This is what the Bible refers to as the flesh. And this flesh is the greatest and most formidable enemy of prayer.

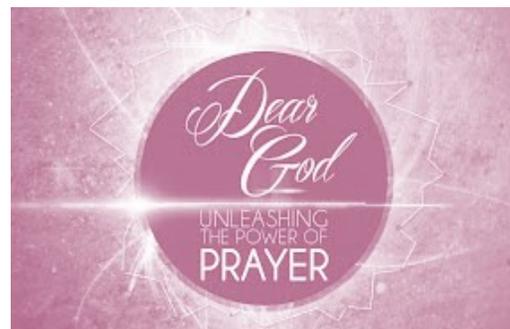
The promises of prayer are extraordinary, but for prayer to work it must be purged of self and doubt. Doubt and unbelief are prayer killers. Your faith must be unwavering, stouthearted, persistent and unmovable.

True prayer never violates the nature of God. What He is like is what our prayers should be like. True prayer has the glory of God as its aim—not the comfort of men, nor the fleshly pleasures of humanity or a selfish plea for comfort and blessing as prayer is not using God as our personal servant or an ATM machine. True prayer must be offered out of a life that is true-true to God, true to Scripture, true in heart, true in motive and true in purity.

Wiersbe writes that praying without ceasing... certainly doesn't mean that we should constantly be repeating prayers, because Jesus warned against that kind of praying (Mt 6:7). Rather, it means to make prayer as natural to us as our regular breathing. Unless we are sick or smothering, we rarely think about our breathing; we just do it. Likewise, with prayer—it should be the natural habit of our lives, the "atmosphere" in which we constantly live.

Luke 22

²⁸ You are those who have stood by me in my trials. ²⁹ And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me... ³¹"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you [a] as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."





BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY— ZION SCHOLARSHIP FUND





FOR YOUR CALENDAR ~ SEPTEMBER 2017

Shut-in Communion

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

St. Kitts Outreach Centre

The Moravians are responsible for ministering at the **St. Kitts Outreach Centre from 09 to 13 October**. Members are asked to assist wherever possible.

Church Ministries

- Confirmation Class resumes on Monday 02 October at 4:00 pm.
- Bible Study resumes on Tuesday 03 October at 7:00 pm - we gather for prayer.
- Prayer Encounter gatherings from 02 to 07 October at 7:00 nightly.

Mission Festival 2017 Update

The Moravian Church St. Kitts Conference came into being because of the burning passion of the early missionaries to share the good news of the gospel in the West Indies.

Through the missionaries, the slaves were educated and the early church continued the education process, helping to transform the minds of a people. The mission of the early church was a collective approach. Many speak of their early education process being in the Moravian Church.

Today, the Moravian Church continues its missionary walk throughout the world. Although times have changed, we are mindful of the command from our Lord to go into the world and share the gospel.

We can see our Missionary thirst today as one to build the people of God. Apostle Paul says in Ephesians 4:11-13 that the gifts were given to the church to equip God's people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. The emphasis is to build up the people so that they can function in their capacity in the earth to advance the Kingdom of God.

Therefore, the funds we collect as a congregation will affect the educational and humanitarian needs of persons in the Federation and across the world. The leadership has set a target of **\$35,000.00**. At the end of our Missionary Festival, scheduled for 26 November 2017, the funds will be disbursed as follows:

- Zion Moravian Scholarship Fund - \$5,000.00
- Zion Dorcas Ministry - \$6,000.00
- Provincial & Conference Projects - \$9,450.00
- New Dawn Moravian Church Building Fund - \$3,637.50
- Grenada Mission - \$3,637.50
- Tortola Mission - \$3,637.50
- Trinidad Moravian: Memorial Moravian - \$3,637.50

We can do it Zion. Let us give generously. We can affect change through our giving.

Kittitian/Antiguan Breakfast

The Missionary Festival Committee 2017 presents Pastor's Walk & Breakfast on Saturday 04 November 2017. Please note the following details: -

- Walk from the Church to Frigate Bay at 6:00 am
- Breakfast on the Frigate Bay Lawn at 7:00 am.

The cost for a sumptuous Kittitian/Antiguan Breakfast will be (\$20.00). Tickets will be available soon. All proceeds go toward Mission Festival 2017.

Youth Jamboree

There will be a Youth Encounter Jamboree to commence Youth Fellowship sessions on Sunday 08 October 2017 at 9:30 am. All youths within the ages of eleven (11) to twenty-five (25) years are advised that the dress code is jeans and a black top.

Harvest Festival

Zion's Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 22 October 2017 starting at 9:30 a.m. with Divine Service and Cantata, followed by Harvest Sale.

All Groups please note that it's time to begin thinking about the decoration of the windows for Harvest. This year there will be a special Harvest Lunch on sale at \$10.00 and \$5.00.

Conference Christian Education Department

Please note the following notices from the **Moravian Church Conference Christian Education Department: -**

VBS Package for 2018

A call is being echoed across the Conference to persons who are into creative writing and planning to be a part of an initiative to develop a local **VBS package for 2018**. Interested persons are kindly asked to speak to their pastor.

Spirit Camp 2018

Persons interested in organizing **Spirit Camp 2018** are asked to kindly submit their names to their pastor.

Youth Convention

The Conference Youth Convention will be held over the period 10 to 13 November 2017 under the theme: **The Process**. The cost will be **XCD 135.00** or **USD 55.00**. Further details will be provided subsequently.

Nyam Local: The Taste

It's "Nyam Local" once again with the Bethesda Moravian Church on the Bethesda Moravian Church Lawn, Cayon on Saturday 28 October 2017 from 12 noon to 4p.m. Tickets are on sale at \$50.00.





YOUTH CONNECTION - 10 TIPS FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



As a new High School student, you may have many fears and worries about how the High School experience will be. I remember having the same uncertainties but High School is not as scary as it seems. Here is my advice for any incoming students on how to start their first year. (Please note that these are in no particular order.)

1. High School is one of the most important times of your life

What you do during your 5 years in High School often determines which way your life will go. There is no magic do-over button that you can press to start over. I know many persons who wish they can get a second chance at High School, so make the most of the chances you are given.

2. Think of High School as a blank slate. That is, think of it as a time to start over.

Whatever behavioural issues you may have had in Primary School, whatever bad habits you had such as fighting, not doing homework or assignments...LEAVE THEM BEHIND. A bad reputation can follow you only if you let it.

3. Be Yourself!

I know you hear this over and over but — it's important! You'll get the most satisfaction out of High School if you focus on the people and activities which feel right to you, regardless of what seems to be cool or the "in thing" at that moment.

4. Try to see the Bigger Picture

Even though it might be hard to imagine life beyond High School...it does exist. High School is a wonderful time, but it comes to an end before you know it. It is normal to be unsure of what you want to do when you leave High School. However, it is important to set goals and make some sort of plan for your life so that you do not end up settling.

5. Do not be afraid to ask for help! Your teachers are there to help.

"If you never ask, the answer will always be no." I know this has probably already been drilled into your heads many other times, but it is important that you understand that your teachers are there to make sure you understand the material. Therefore, you need to ask questions. Even if you do not do so in the general class setting, speak to your teacher after class if you need to. Asking questions leads to learning something new. Do not miss the opportunity to learn something new because you are too afraid to ask.

6. Be organized!

High School is a time when you need to be more responsible.

That means you should have your timetable posted in your room or in an area where you can see it, having all of the supplies you need daily, ensuring that your bag is packed with all that you need and making a note of all of the assignments and homework and due dates so that you do not forget anything and lose unnecessary points.

7. Don't be afraid to make new friends, but be mindful of the type of friends you make.

A friend is not someone who will encourage you to skip class, or not do your homework, or get you into trouble. A friend is someone who will bring out the best in you, tell you when you are wrong and encourage and support you. Choose wisely!

8. Strive for Good Grades.

While getting good grades may have come naturally to you in Primary School, in High School you have to work a little harder and it is very competitive. It is important that you develop good study habits and stay on top of your homework early on because I hate to tell you that each year gets harder. There will be times when you will feel overwhelmed, but work hard to stay on top of your studies. Good grades and a strong work ethic will get you far.

9. Get involved in extracurricular activities-

All work and no play makes Jack/Jill a dull boy/girl. I believe getting involved is crucial in High School. Every High School offers multiple clubs, organizations and athletics. Getting involved exposes you to new opportunities and a chance to meet new people, but it is all about balance. You can't put all of your energy or focus into clubs or organizations or playing football and ignore your class work. It is possible to be successful at both.

10. Make Memories and Have fun!

I know it feels like you have forever until you graduate, but I promise you, you will blink and it will be over. There will be times when you will say "I hate High School", "I'm ready to graduate". However, I cannot stress this enough: High School is one of the greatest moments in life! Live it and love it to the fullest everyday!

I take this opportunity to wish each of you the very best and pray that you will have a successful school year.

Nadia Rawlins
Guidance Counselor, Washington Archibald High School





INSTRUMENT OF PEACE



Greetings my Family!

I am indeed grateful to be alive to witness the beginning of the month of October. The month of September was indeed a trying time for those of us who experienced the unprecedented hurricanes/tropical storms in the Caribbean and the southern USA, particularly the states of Florida and Texas. Since that time, I have found myself in a spirit of gratitude--giving thanks to our Almighty God for spared lives and minimal damage to our infrastructure, housing stock and physical assets (in comparison to other islands) in this part of the region. Our brothers and sisters in some of our sister conferences were not so fortunate. We pause to remember in prayer all those who have been affected, especially our church families in Antigua and Barbuda, the United States Virgin Islands, Tortola and St Maarten. May they find comfort in knowing that the God we serve is bigger than any STORM that they may ever experience. Their experiences would be told for years to come; loss of lives, physical damage of unheard proportions and psychological trauma. Nevertheless, they too must have a spirit of gratitude as they give thanks to God for His tender mercies and His compassion and faithfulness.

As we continue to count our blessings, let us not forget what Jesus said, *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”* (John 14:27--NIV). God has a special place in his heart for all of us. He has promised never to forsake us. When the world seems to be in turmoil, He is right there keeping watch over us. Be mindful that He is our God who knows our 'going in and our coming out'. Let us press forward knowing that our material possessions can be replaced in due course. However, our lives cannot be replaced. His blessings come to us in various forms. Think about it, they might come as a friend who visits you with something to eat or simply a bucket of ice and water, a family member who assists you in purchasing and replacing your shingles/galvanize or your prayer buddy from church who offers prayerful support for your current situation after the storm. All in all, we should give thanks for the many blessings that He has given to us.

As we weathered the storms, there were two songs that resonated in my spirit: the contemporary worship song (Still--Hide Me Now) and my featured song for this month, the all-time favourite ‘Til The Storm Passes By’. This song echoes God’s promise to travel with us throughout our lives--no matter where our paths take us. In reflection of the past month's challenging experiences, let us always remember that our Heavenly Father cares for us and would continue to shower us with His love, care and mercy. Let God be praised.

‘Til The Storm Passes By

*In the dark of the midnight have I oft hid my face
While the storm howls above me, and there’s no hiding place
‘Mid the crash of the thunder, Precious Lord, hear my cry
Keep me safe ‘til the storm passes by*

Refrain

*‘Til the storm passes over, ‘til the thunder sounds no more
‘Til the clouds roll forever from the sky
Hold me fast, let me stand in the hollow of Thy hand
Keep me safe ‘til the storm passes by*

*Many times Satan whispered, “There is no need to try
For there’s no end of sorrow, there’s no hope by and by”
But I know Thou art with me, and tomorrow I’ll rise
Where the storms never darken the skies*

*When the long night has ended and the storms come no more
Let me stand in Thy presence on the bright peaceful shore
In that land where the tempest, never comes, Lord, may I
Dwell with Thee when the storm passes by*

~ Written by **Thomas Mosie Lister** ~
08 September, 1921-02 February 2015

Mr. Lister was an American singer and a Baptist Minister.

~ Contributed by a VOZ Member

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



To Ms Doreen Brombill, the Brombill and Phipps Families on the passing of:

Bro James “John” Phipps
(Daughter)

Sis Carmen Rawlins, Sis Kezia Rawlins, Sis Nadia Rawlins on the passing of:

Mr. Ronald Pogson
(St. Croix)
(Niece, Great-niece)

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





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Zion Moravian Church
presents

Harvest Thanksgiving Festival 2017

Come let us celebrate the awesomeness of our God!

Theme:

TABIRAH JEHOVAH

Come let's *Dance* to the Lord

Come let's *Give Thanks* to God

Date: Sunday 22nd Oct. 2017

Time: Celebratory Service - 9:30 a.m.

Harvest Lunch - 12:15 p.m.

Donation - \$10. \$5.

01st October (17th Sunday after Pentecost)
Pastor & Celebrant: Rev'd Hilton J. Joseph

ORDER OF SERVICE

Watchword for the Week

Paul wrote: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:5

Pre-service Songs
Introit
Call to Worship
Hymn # 342 *What A Fellowship*
188 *What A Friend We Have in Jesus*
..... *Your Grace And Mercy*
Prayer of Approach.....Elder Avonelle Phillip
Song *You Are God Alone*

Ministry of the Word

OT Lesson Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Sis Lydia Blanchette
Item of Praise..... ECCB Choir
NT Lesson St. Matthew 21:23-32 Bro Chesil Hamilton
Song *Sing Them Over Again to Me*
Song *I Am Healed by The Word of God*
The Sermon **Rev Hilton J. Joseph**
Altar Encounter
Hymn # 195 *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour*

Worship in Giving

*Tithes & Offering, Bus Ministry, Youth Bottle,
Missionary Offering (Orange)
Free Will Offering, Voice of Zion, Windows Project*

Prayer of Dedication Elder Rhoda Procope
Welcome & Celebrations
Remarks by the Governor of Eastern Caribbean Central Bank
..... Mr. Timothy Antoine
Notices
Pastoral Prayer for ECCB
Song..... *In Christ Alone*

**Pastoral Prayer and Preparation for the
Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Song of Preparation # 211 *Just As I Am*
The Invitation
The Sharing of Peace #597 *We Are One In The Spirit*
Words of Consecration for Bread
Hymn # 162 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*
Hymn # 163 *Hark, My Soul, It Is The Lord*
Hymn # 165 *Heal Us Immanuel Hear our Prayer*
Words of Consecration for Wine
Hymn # 272 *My Faith Has Found A Resting Place*
Hymn # 273 *All The Way My Saviour Leads Me*
Hymn # 265 *Master, The Tempest Is Raging*
Covenant Hymn # 450 *Blest Be The Tie That Binds*
The Blessing