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Provincial Theme
Fulfilling the Mandate

The Thematic Focus
Step Out in Faith

(Developing God's People –
Relinquishing Fear; Focusing
on God)

Foundation Text:
Matthew 14:23-33;
Luke 5:1-11

Conference Theme
Pursuing the Blessing:
Empowered to do Ministry

Motto
In Essentials - Unity
In Non Essentials - Liberty
In All Things - Charity

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK REV HILTON J JOSEPH



Rev Hilton J Joseph

As we enter into the Hurricane season, although predictions are saying that it will not be a very active season, let us be prepared: make those checks on house and other property, do not stock as much frozen food as other times of the year, stock up on tinned foods, ensure that all important documents are in Ziploc bags and in a safe place, and finally make sure that you have an emergency plan.

Be blessed and covered my family as we continue to avail ourselves to be used by our Lord in the building up of His Kingdom

Yours in Christ
Hilton J Joseph

My Family in Christ,

Recently, my spiritual Mum, in one of our conversations, made a statement to me that caused me as usual to pause and wonder if she had a preview to my thoughts before I got the download. She said, "Son, you need a Gethsemane moment."

I marvelled at her statement because I was indeed wrestling with the thought that I needed a Gethsemane moment: the place where Jesus wrestled with destiny. In my reflection it was also a place where He retreated – a familiar place of relaxation, a place of prayer. (Judas knew the spot well.)

So it was time to go to that familiar place for a time of prayer and reflection.

We all need a place for a time of prayer and reflection if we are to live the life of purpose that God intends for us. This thought brought back to mind some readings that were shared with me and which I had shared during the Lenten season, "Stealing Away", which I have submitted for our reading and reflection. May you be blessed and encouraged in your journey.

Stealing Away:

The Unsung Pre-eminent Task of Leadership
One of the most beautiful songs you'll ever hear, no matter what your musical tastes, is "Steal Away" sung by Kathleen Battle on her enchanting CD, So Many Stars. Her voice, Cyrus Chestnut's and the late Grover Washington Jr.'s playing, and the moving lyrics make for an exquisite play-it-again presentation.

Whenever I listen to that song (I am listening now as I write), I think of how intentional we must be if we are to experience moments of soul-easing in times that try our souls. If we are not careful and mindful, we can go through an entire day doing important things and not take a moment to breathe, to ease up, to be still, to rest that we might be renewed and restored. We need sufficient unrushed time and un-cramped space in our lives for new ideas to simmer, surface, and be seen.

As committed and satisfied as we may feel, the reality is that we have not only shortchanged ourselves, but we have shortchanged others. At

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On Thursday 24 April 2014, an Appreciation Service was held in honour of Rev Nasel Ephraim at the Bethesda Moravian Church, Cayon. Officiating at the service were Chairman of the Provincial Elders Conference, Eastern West Indies Province, Rev Dr Cortroy Jarvis, local clergy, Superintendent, Rev Hilton Joseph and Rev Jeremy Francis. Greetings were brought by other specially invited clergy members including the Venerable Archdeacon Valentine Hodge Deputy Chairman of the St. Kitts Christian Council.

The Governor General, Sir Edmund Lawrence, along with Hon Marcella Liburd, Hon Timothy Harris and Hon Eugene Hamilton was also in attendance.

Worship through tribute was given by Miss Dawne Williams, President of the Business and Professional Women's Club. There were also tributes in song, dance and musical renditions by the Moravian congregations across the Conference.

The featured speaker, Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis admonished the Sister and all those present that Jehovah God is still in the business of 'Pulling Down, Pushing Forward and Saving from Perishing.' In her response, Rev. Nasel indicated that for the past five years and nine months of work in the St. Kitts Conference, her greatest achievement was to observe the growth in the people she shepherded. She spoke passionately about her new found avenue, that is, working to affect changes in HIV/AIDS prevention and coping strategies.

Her favourite scripture was read by Lay Pastor Ivyn Williams - St. James 4: 1 - 10, 17 - *What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this that your passions are at war within you? ²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? ⁶But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. ¹⁷So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.*

Favourite Song - 'To the Work To the Work'

*To the work! To the work! We are servants of God;
Let us follow the path that our Master has trod;
With the balm of His counsel our strength to renew,
Let us do with our might what our hands find to do.*

Refrain

*Toiling on, toiling on,
Toiling on, toiling on,
Let us hope and trust,
Let us watch and pray,
And labor till the Master comes.*

*To the work! To the work! Let the hungry be fed;
To the fountain of life let the weary be led;
In the cross and its banner our glory shall be,
While we herald the tidings, "Salvation is free!"*

*To the work! To the work! There is labor for all;
For the kingdom of darkness and error shall fall;
And the love of our Father exalted shall be,
In the loud swelling chorus, "Salvation is free!"*

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Appreciation Service for Rev Nasel Y Ephraim (Cont'd)

*To the work! To the work! In the strength of the Lord,
And a robe and a crown shall our labor reward,
When the home of the faithful our dwelling shall be,
And we shout with the ransomed, "Salvation is free!"*

The St. Kitts Conference wishes Rev Nasel Ephraim every blessing as she seeks to enlarge her territory through kingdom building.

Sis Delyth Christmas



Bethesda Men's Choir



**Sir Edmund Lawrence, Governor General
- Invited Guest**



Bro MJ Byron's Pan Selection



Rev Nasel Ephraim with the Hon Marcella Liburd



Rev Dr Cortroy Jarvis - Chairman MC PEC



PEC Reports

Synod Bulletin #1

Hosting of the 31st Provincial Synod

The 31st Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province will be held in Antigua from 10 to 17 July 2015 at the Jolly Beach Resort and Spa. The Resort is an all-inclusive Hotel.

- All Members of Staff are expected to be in attendance at the Synod.
- All Conferences are asked to have their delegates elected and the names forwarded to the Provincial Headquarters no later than 28 February 2015.
- Delegates will be required to pay US\$570.00 per person for the Synod, while Observers will be required to pay US\$700.00 per person.
- Children 3 to 11 years can stay in a room with 2 adults for US \$66.00 per person per night. Children 0 to 2 stay free of charge.
- Members of the Moravian Church can begin to frame proposals to forward to Synod for consideration. Once considered and passed, they will become resolutions to guide the administration of the church.
- All Conferences are asked to have their Synod reports prepared and forwarded to the Provincial Headquarters no later than 01 March 2015. The reports will then be duplicated, collated and forwarded to all delegates via email by 01 May 2015, to give persons an opportunity to read and digest the reports, so that our forward planning could be more informed and therefore more intentional. Delegates will collect the hard copy of the reports in booklet form upon arrival in Antigua.

Staffing

The PEC makes the following announcements:

- Sister Hyacinth Taylor, Missionary, will come to the end of her assignment in Grenada on 15 August 2014. The Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province is eternally grateful for the unselfish and dedicated service rendered by Sis Taylor. We pray God's continued blessings upon her as she seeks to be faithful to His leading in her life.
- Rev Devon Mannix, Pastor of the Moriah and Evangel congregations in the Tobago Conference, has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Grenada Mission with effect from 15 August 2014.

- Rev Nigel Daniel, Pastor of the Cedar Hall and Cashew Hill Congregations in the Antigua Conference, has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Spring Gardens and Bethesda Congregations in the Tobago Conference, with effect from 01 August 2014.
- Rev Belinda Manswell-Daniel, Pastor of the Gracebay and Urlings Congregations in the Antigua Conference, has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Moriah and Evangel Congregations in the Tobago Conference, with effect from 01 August 2014.
- Pastor Moise Jean has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Cedar Hall and Cashew Hill Congregations in the Antigua Conference, with effect from 01 August 2014.
- Pastor Yvanne Jean has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Gracebay and Urlings Congregations in the Antigua Conference, with effect from 01 August 2014.
- Pastor Erwin Warner has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Bethesda and New Dawn Congregations in the St. Kitts Conference, with effect from 01 August 2014.
- Pastor Catherine Governor has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the L'Anse Noire Congregation and Minister of Christian Education in conjunction with all other members of staff in the Trinidad Conference, with effect from 01 August 2014.
- Rev Dr Patmore Smith, Minister of Music for both the Trinidad and Tobago Conference has proceeded on his assignment in the Tobago Conference and was duly installed on 07 May 2014 at the Montgomery Moravian Church.

Provincial Youth Camp

The Provincial Youth Camp will be held in Barbados from 10 to 17 July 2014. Let us remember our young people in our prayers as they prepare for the Provincial Youth Camp.

Hymn of the Month for May 2014

For May, the hymn of the month is #124 in the current hymnal. It is the hymn **Come Let Us Sing the Song of Songs** and was written by the Moravian missionary James Montgomery in 1841.

The recommended tune is **Ely** which is also the set tune. The metre of the hymn is a long metre. In the hymn we are invited to render worship to our Lord Jesus Christ through the repeated refrain 'worthy the Lamb for He was slain'. Revelation 13:8 refers to Jesus Christ as such a Lamb and throughout this hymn we see why Jesus, as the slain Lamb is deserving of our



PEC Reports (Cont'd)

adulation. We offer songs of praise and adoration because of all the benefits that are ours by faith.

We are cleansed, made royalty in God's sight, and are assured of a place in heaven.

But beyond drawing attention to the benefits that are ours, the hymn also forces us to recognize again that the benefits which we have and will receive did not come without a cost to Christ himself. And so in the hymn we are reminded of the sufferings of Christ. Yet because of what he suffered, in obedience to the father then he now possesses a place of prominence that is unmatched both in earth and heaven. As we continue in the Easter season and look forward to celebrating Pentecost and Christ's Ascension, this hymn is a timely reminder of how through the work of Christ we have received an inheritance that is incomparable to anything that this world offers.

Come Let Us Sing the Song of Songs

*Come let us sing the song of songs,
With hearts and voices swell the strain,
The homage which to Christ belongs;
'Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!'*

*Slain to redeem us by his blood,
To cleanse from every sinful stain,
And make us kings and priests to God;
'Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!'*

*To him who suffered on the tree,
Our souls, at his soul's price, to gain,
Blessing, and praise, and glory be;
'Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!'*

*To him, enthroned by filial right,
All powers in heaven and earth pertain,
Honour and majesty and might;
'Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!'*

*Long as we live, and when we die,
And while in heaven with him we reign,
This song our song of songs shall be;
'Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!'*

A Pleasant Surprise on Mother's Day



Sis Doris Adams

On Mother's Day, it was a great surprise to me when I was presented with a beautiful basket of fruits by Daria James and Takoya Slack on behalf of the Junior Choir. My memory reflected on the past, when I conducted the Junior Choir for ten years during the time of the late Reverends Matthias and Holder, former pastors at Zion.

The Choir in those days sang on a weekly basis, dressed in their maroon gowns and participated in scripture reading. As I look around the church, I still see former members, Mia Lapsey, Ilynda Henry, Keimon Archibald, Angela and others. However, former members: Dr Giovanna Matthew, Sisters Valda Morris-Slack, Beverly Dunrod Harper and the Douglas sisters, migrated, but visit Zion while on vacation.

The Choir was also involved in handicraft, which was displayed on an annual basis. Their Christmas cantatas always attracted a fair attendance, after which they looked forward to their Christmas party.

Thanks to Sister Jillian Archibald for the thoughtful gesture and may you and your team continue to sow seeds in God's vineyard.

~ Sister Doris Adams





Expression of Thanks to Sister Telca Francis



In Psalm 100 and verse 4, we are reminded to “Enter His gates with thanksgiving; go into His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and praise His name.” This scripture captures the underlying theme of thanksgiving, as the Leadership and Members of the Zion Moravian Church, in particular the Zion Senior Choir (ZSC), paid glowing tribute to Sister (Sis) Telca Francis on Mother’s Day (11 May 2014). Sis Francis who is the proud mother of one child, Brother (Bro) Reg Francis and grandmother of Khalid Francis, was indeed delighted to attend the 2014 Mother’s Day service. Her husband, Bro Ben Francis also attended the service.

Two brothers from the ZSC, Brothers Norman Gill and Wycliffe Morton Jr, shared in making the brief presentation to Sis Francis. In doing so, they thanked Sis Francis for the sterling contribution that she has made to the music ministry at Zion for 32 years. They further stated that Sis Francis served with humility, passion and commitment. Sis Francis shared her talent with so many members and visitors alike at Zion over the years. Through her musical talent, she has ministered to many hearts and inspired many minds. As the organist of the ZSC, she dedicated many hours to assisting the choir with its rehearsals for Sunday morning services, cantatas, special functions and funerals. As a Church family, we are forever indebted to Sis Francis for her time, efforts and most of all her dedication to the work at Zion.

In her response, Sis Francis thanked God first and foremost for His powerful hand in her life. “I have had some difficult days in terms of my health, but God has proven over and over again that He is with me all the time. I want to thank my family: my husband of 48 years, my son and my grandson for their love and support over the years. They have been my support network. Thanks to the Zion Senior Choir for initiating this gesture. I am forever grateful to all who have offered words of prayer and comfort for me during my time of illness,” Sis Francis remarked.

We thank the Lord for blessing Sis Francis over the years as she willingly offered herself for service. Special thanks to Sis Aslyn Broadbelt (on behalf of the ZSC) and Bro Christian Nathaniel (on behalf of the Zion Moravian Church) for presenting the fruit baskets to Sis Francis.

Sis Francis as you continue your earthly sojourn, we pray for renewed strength on your life. We can never repay you for your years of service, but we are happy that we were given another opportunity to thank you for your labour of love and sacrifice at Zion.

In conclusion, this is our prayer: Father God, we approach your throne with thankful and appreciative hearts. We offer thanks dear Father, for Sis Francis and her family. Let love, prosperity, happiness and joy flow through their home like an overflowing stream. Father, we ask that a continuous spirit of peace will reign in her heart and mind. Heavenly Father, where there is pain, let relief flow through freely. Replace tired feet and hands with rejuvenated feet and hands. Gracious Father, let her always sing praises about Your name and goodness; because with You all things are possible. Lord, we thank You for the gracious hand of favour on her life. Amen.

Father’s Day Humour



Letters Between Son and Dad

Dear Dad,

School i\$ really great. I am making lot\$ of friend\$ and Studying very hard. With all my \$tuff, I \$imply can't think of anything I need, \$o if you would like, you can ju\$t \$end me a card, a\$I would love to hear from you.

Love,
Your \$on

The Reply:

Dear Son,

I kNOW that astroNOmy, ecoNOmics, and oceaNOgraphy are eNOugh to keep even an hoNOR student busy. Do NOt forget that the pursuit of kNOWLEDge is a NOble task, and you can never study eNOugh.

Dad



Zion's Father of the Year 2014

Brother Samuel Nathaniel



Joshua 24:15 ... *But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.*"

Proverbs 22:6 *Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.*

The majority of countries celebrate Father's Day on the third Sunday in the month of June. This year, the Voice of Zion Committee and the general membership of the Zion Moravian Church wish to recognize Bro Samuel Nathaniel as the Father of the Year.

Bro Nathaniel grew up in a family unit without his father, causing his mother to play both roles. He is extremely thankful for being raised in a closely-knit family that comprised his mother, three boys (himself included) and two girls. However, he is also thankful for the male mentors that he had while growing up. In spite of not having an active father in his life, Bro Nathaniel purposed in himself to play a major role in his children's life.

A good personal relationship with God is the core of good familial relationships. There is no greater blessing than for children to be brought up under the sheltering leadership of a dad who walks with God. Bro Nathaniel accepted Christ as his personal Saviour at the age of 22 and got married at 28.

After having two children— a girl and a boy – he and his family relocated to England while he pursued studies in Accountancy. He made the conscious decision of keeping his family together in the midst of the relocations because family was of key importance to him.

Upon hearing that he was selected to be the Father of the Year, Bro Nathaniel immediately declared that he was no expert on fathering. However, he shared these general guiding principles on fathering, noting that each case of child-rearing is unique:

- Love your children; do not worship them – ... *for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, ... (Exodus 20:5)*
- Some parents behave as if their child can do no wrong and

defend them without getting the facts. Always try to get the facts before saying or doing anything.

- Do not refrain from disciplining your children. If you refrain, the impact will be that when they are older, they will have no respect for you (*Proverbs 3:12 – because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in. – NIV*)
- Parents are entrusted with the training of their child and must teach them Christian virtues. The Bible says fathers must "*bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord*" – *Ephesians 6:4, NIV*. Training must not be left to others, e.g.: teachers. One key principle/concept that must be taught is CONTENTMENT. When this isn't taught, children turn to stealing and other vices.
- Pray for your children and with your children and let them know that you are praying for them. Divine change must take place. It is a great assurance for children to know that their father is praying for them!

Bro Nathaniel said that if a man is getting married and/or expecting a baby, he should prepare himself for fatherhood by consulting with 'experienced' fathers. He further stated that they should talk to wives too owing to women's different temperament.

He reiterated that fathers need to develop patience with both their children and spouse. He always tried to be careful that the example that he set reflected the way that he wanted his children to follow; girls especially look at their fathers as role models.

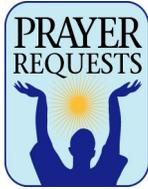
Outside of his involvement in his family's life, Bro Nathaniel has also positively impacted the lives of many others. He made an outstanding contribution to the St. Christopher Children's Home and the lives of those who passed through that institution, while serving as a Board member. The former Chairperson, Marlene Liburd, stated that his love and concern for the welfare of the children and staff were very evident and described him as a stabilizing force within the organization.

Bro. Nathaniel is currently the Advisor to the Executive Board of the Moravian Church St. Kitts Conference. However, he has served the Moravian Church in many other capacities. He was an Officer in the Boys' Brigade, served in the Sunday School Department as both teacher and Superintendent. He was also the Treasurer at both the local level (Zion) and the Conference level. He served on the Boards of Stewards and Elders and is an Acolyte. He also served at the level of the Provincial Elders Conference Eastern West Indies Province for three terms as a Lay Representative.

Bro Nathaniel ended by saying that he tried his best to raise his children and that they have been very co-operative. They have given him a total of seven grandchildren and he keeps in close contact with his family, especially with the various means of communication now available. He is thankful to God for the influence he had while growing up and especially for his



Special Prayer Requests



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

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

Sisters Laverne Huggins, Gloria James and Veronica Stevens (USA).

Brother Tonito Lee (UK).

Sisters Desdemona Henry and Dorette Rawlins and Brothers Ernest Christopher and Earl Brotherson (St. Kitts).

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Please remember in prayer our Zion Shut-Ins. Their names are as follows:



Sisters Connie Smith, Elaine Osborne, Margaret Seaman, Nora Godwin, Winifred Phipps, Brenda Manners, Mavis Deosaw (Overseas) and Abdelita Glasford (Barbados). **Brothers** Vernon Connor and James Phipps.

Celebration Corner



June Birthday Celebrants

3rd - Bro Ebiye Ogoun Jr, 4th - Bro Samuel Nathaniel, 5th - Sis Sharon Mc Cardy-Joseph, Sis Gabrielle Sargeant Okyere, 6th - Sis Blondell Franks, Bro Patrick Pemberton, Bro Norman Gill, 9th - Sis Gloria James (USA), 10th - Sis Ellenitta Nathaniel, Bro Wilmoth Roberts, 11th - Sis Keimon Archibald and Sis Mia Lapsey, 13th - Tae-j Pitt-Charles, 15th - Sis Orita Bailey (UK), 17th - Sis Shiloh Mack, Sis Joycelyn Connor (St. Thomas), 18th - Sis Kerene Archibald, Sis Carla Gumbs, 19th - Sis Sonia Bridgewater, 20th - Sis Rhoda Procope and Sis Zenra Ferdinand, 23rd - Bro Glassil DeSilva, Sis Desdemona Henry, 26th - Sis Nadia Rawlins, 27th - Sis Nicola Freeman, 28th - Sis Gertrude Huggins



June Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

Bro & Sis Arnold DeSilva 08 June
Bro Anthony & Sis Nekisha Liburd 25 June

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 Shanelle Sargeant
Sis Lanelle Sargeant
Bro Withley Williams
Bro Zaavan Hobson
Bro Dujon DeSuza
Bro Glassil DeSilva
Sis Vicky Liburd
Sis Tonya Watts
Sis Akila Moore
Bro Christin Scarborough

ST THOMAS USVI

Sis Nadia Francis

TAIWAN

Bro Lindbergh Belle

UNITED KINGDOM

Sis Giovanna Matthew-Mattenet

CANADA

Bro Alester Thomas





For Your Calendar

June 2014

Please take note that **Bible Study** continues every **Tuesday**, starting at **7:00pm**.

Zion Youth Fellowship continues every **Friday from 7:15pm to 9:00pm**. All youths (age 10 and up) are invited to come and share in this ministry. Please take note.

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

Shut-in Communion will be held on **Tuesday 03 June 2014** at 9:00am.

The Moravians will be responsible for ministering at the St. Kitts Outreach Centre from **23 to 27 June 2014**. Members are asked to note and assist wherever possible.

All men are reminded of Men's Ministry Sunday on **15 June 2014**.

A special offering for the **Zion Bus Ministry** will be taken on **Sunday 15 June 2014** during the morning's worship. Please give generously to this vital church ministry.

Copies of the **2013 Emancipation Concert Collector's Item DVD** are available at the church office at a cost of EC\$40. However, you are welcome to give a love offering of \$50. Persons purchasing five (5) or more copies will be entitled to a special price of \$30 each. This DVD makes a great gift to relatives abroad.

The **Kingdom Prayer Hotline** is available for all who are desirous of prayer. The following are the numbers that persons may call for prayer: **662-2007, 662-8007, 662-6007, 662-7007, 766-6577, and 766-6579**.

Copies of the new **EWIP Moravian Church Book of Order** are now available and can be purchased from the Church Office for **EC\$20.00**. There are only **21** copies available.

Conference Youth Walk-a-thon will be held on **Monday 09 June 2014** at **5:00 am**. The Walk will commence from the roundabout at the airport. To Friars Bay. Breakfast will be on sale after the walk (Friars Bay). The cost is \$10.00.

Zion Youth Ministry will be hosting a "Take-a-Away" dinner at the Church on **Friday 13 June 2014** from **7:30 am**. Donation is only **\$20.00**. Proceeds in aid of camp and youth ministry expenses.

Conference Combined Service & Holy Communion in observance of the martyrdom, **John Hus** will be held at the **Ebenezer Estridge Moravian Church, Mansion** on **Sunday 06 July 2014** at **9:30 am**.

Save the date: 03 August 2014, Zion Moravian Church **Annual Emancipation Concert...**

God Always Works Miracles



God always works miracles and little **Gabrielle Sargeant Okyere** is a living testimony of such a miracle. The journey was a rough and rocky one from the day of inception but her mother, **Amalyn Sargeant Okyere** and dad, **Yaw Okyere** kept the faith. The doctors said it was a 50/50 chance although she had a very strong heartbeat. She was expected on 25 May (Grandpa Malcolm's birthday), 29 May

(Amalyn's birthday), lastly, 04 June but still no signs of the baby.

During her mother's last doctor's appointment, while in the waiting room on the first floor of the hospital, this darling baby decided that she will no longer keep us in suspense. Instead of going back home, the doctors and nurses were busy making preparations on the twelfth floor for her birth.

Everyone was so excited and waited in anticipation for the arrival, but this baby relaxed as if to say, "Take it easy, I will be there." In all of the excitement, I kept laughing and told them she knows exactly what she is doing, God is in control.

Finally at 11:45 am, 05 June 2012, (cousin Jovencia's birthday), baby Gabrielle made her entrance and sure enough her cries rang throughout the entire surroundings. It was a real joyful and precious moment to stand by my daughter's bedside, along with her husband, giving her all of the support she needed.

Once again, I wish personally to thank all those who kept us in their prayers. We serve an awesome God and it's because of His blessings and tender mercies, we can celebrate the 2nd Birthday of Gabrielle Sargeant Okyere. Have a wonderful and blessed birthday, Gabrielle!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

~ *Grandma Aslyn Broadbelt*



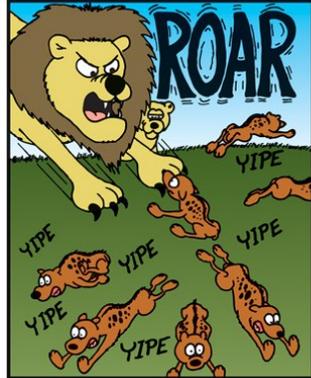


Youth Connection

Joyful 'Toon

LION OF JUDAH

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



The LORD will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven. - DEUTERONOMY 28:7 NIV

AS A MOTHER...

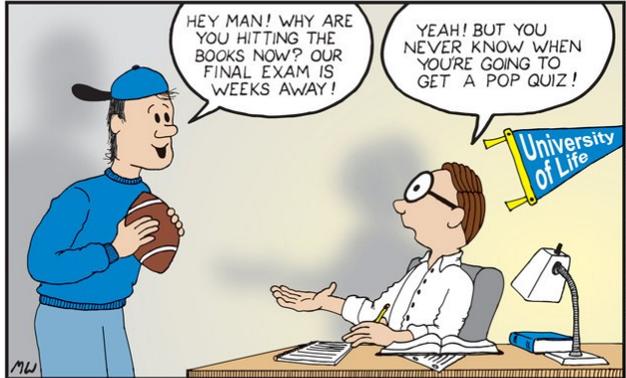
A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem. -ISAIAH 66:13 NIV

STUDY TIME

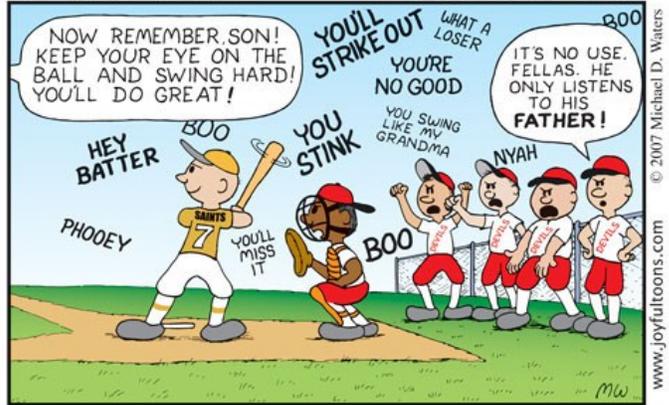
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Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. - 2 TIMOTHY 2:15 NIV

CONCENTRATION

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You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. - ISAIAH 26:3 NIV

KNOCK KNOCK

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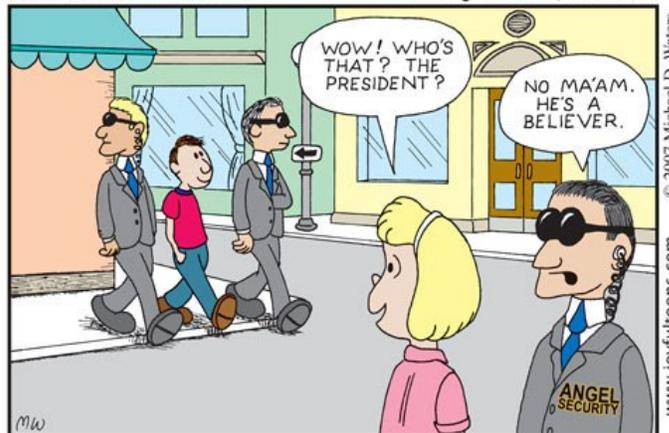


Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

- MATTHEW 7:7 NIV

ANGEL SECURITY

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For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;

- PSALM 91:11 NIV

Instrument of Peace

Rise Up, O Men of God



A couple of years ago, I was invited by the Father's Day Planning Committee at the Bethesda Moravian Church in Cayon, St Kitts to make a presentation on the Importance of Fathers. As I reflected on my childhood in preparation for my address, I considered the influential role that my father has played in my life. Many of my earliest memories

of my father are of him ensuring that we had a nutritious breakfast, taking us to school, and taking us on many trips to the mountains/rainforests to pick fruits and to the beach. He had a genuine way of expressing his love for us. He always made sure that he was never too busy to spend time with us--listening to and learning from our simple, innocent conversations. Even when we had done something wrong and he wanted to discipline us, he had a calm way of listening without being judgmental and then he applied the necessary mode of punishment. However, this did not deter him from using the 'rod' when he had to.

As a father, how do you show your children that they are meaningful to your life? As a father, are you ensuring that your children understand that you have great love and admiration for the heavenly Father? As a father, are you exhibiting support and respect for your children and your children's mother and/or wife? Take some time out to seriously consider these questions and make adjustments for improvement where applicable. We have heard it over and over, *children learn by example*. As adults, when we neglect to apply the practical words of wisdom from the Bible to our daily lives, we fail our children miserably.

In Deuteronomy 6:6 and 7, we are reminded that "These words that I am commanding you today must prove to be on your heart; and you must inculcate them in your son and speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road and when you lie down and when you get up." **Fathers, I admonish you to break away from the negative forces that may be hindering you from living a life that is pleasing to God. In some cases, it might be abuse (verbal, emotional and physical), alcoholism, drug addiction, adultery and other forms of fornication, 'workaholism', sexual addiction, laziness, anxiety and so on. Submit to God in prayer whatever is trying to take a negative hold in your life. Ask God to release it and establish a hedge of protection around your life and that of your family. Happy Father's Day in advance! Men of God, rise up so that you can be a blessing to others!**



Rise Up, O Men of God

Rise up, O men of God!

Have done with lesser things.

Give heart and mind and soul and strength

To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O men of God!

The kingdom tarries long.

Bring in the day of brotherhood

And end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O men of God!

The church for you doth wait,

Her strength unequal to her task;

Rise up and make her great!

Lift high the cross of Christ!

Tread where His feet have trod.

As brothers of the Son of Man,

Rise up, O men of God!

~ Contributed by a VOZ Committee Member

Moravian Daily Text for Sunday 01 June 2014

Ascension Sunday Seventh Sunday of Easter

Watchword for the Week

*"Cast all your anxiety on Him,
because He cares for you" 1 Peter 5:7*

Sunday 01 June 2014

Acts 1: 6-14; Psalm 68: 1-10; 32-35; 1 Peter 4:120-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

The Lord is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
Psalm 16:8

When they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognised them as companions of Jesus. **Acts 4:13**

Lord, as we begin a new week be our guide in all we do and say. Answer our prayers according to your will and let us not forget the ever faithful friendship we have with you. Amen.



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The Voice of Zion...
Empowered to do Ministry

The greatest gift I ever had came from God I call him Dad

From The Pastor's Desk (Cont'd)

best, due to our depleted state, persons are always receiving a part of us. A depleted self, no matter how devoted, is still a depleted self. This is why self-care is such a benevolent act. It ensures that the world and the people in it, more often than not, receive our best selves and not our soul diminished and famished imposters.

Taking a moment each day before the day is done to ease our souls down in the soothing waters of God's healing love can make a world of sacred creative difference. Moreover, I have found that such a soaking of soul, first thing in the morning, can set the mood for liberating and empowering love for the entire day.

Living from love, filled with love, is the essential prerequisite for leadership, particularly pastoral leadership that we rarely talk about. How is it possible to offer love if we don't have love, if we ourselves don't feel loved, aren't filled with love continually? The presumption, you may suspect, is an understanding of service that suggests one

must be served first in order to serve well. I am convinced now that the first task of ministry is not to give anyone anything. The first calling of ministry is to receive and revel in God's precious love, each day, several times a day, especially at the start of the day. Stealing away to be renewed by God's love is the necessary prerequisite to offering God's love to others.

The first calling of ministry is not to give away; the first calling, the preeminent task of ministry, is stealing away. Stealing away is what fuels and flavours everything else we do in the Name and Spirit of Love. The prize for stealing away is a heart stolen away, in the most honourable sense of the word, by God."

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~ Divine Worship & Holy Communion

Sunday 01 June 2014 (Ascension Sunday)

Pastor & Celebrant - Reverend Hilton J Joseph * Worship Leader - Brother Sidney Osborne

Watchword for the Week

"Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you"

1 Peter 5:7

ORDER OF SERVICE

Introit
Call to Worship
Hymn # 31 *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*
Hymn # 175 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*
Prayer Approach
Song *My All in All*
Moments of Intercession
Item of Praise..... Zion Senior Choir

Ministry of the Word

OT Lesson Psalm 68:1-10,32-35 Sis Jacklyn Benjamin
NT Lesson St. John 17:1-11 Sis Shernel James
Sermon **Rev Hilton J Joseph**
Altar Encounter

Worship in Giving

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

Prayer of Dedication

Church Concerns & Celebration

Preparation for the Sacrament

Sacred Song *All to Jesus I Surrender*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation
Prayer
Hymn *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*
1st Eucharistic Prayer
Distribution of Bread
Hymn #183 *Pass Me Not Oh Gentle Saviour*
Hymn # 227 *Guide Me Oh, Thou Great Jehovah*
Hymn # 227 *Jesus Master, Whose I Am*

2nd Eucharistic Prayer
Distribution of Wine
Hymn # 87 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
Hymn *There is Power in the Blood*
Hymn # 545 *By Christ Redeemed, In Christ Restored*

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Covenant Hymn # 420 *What Brought Us Together*
The Blessing