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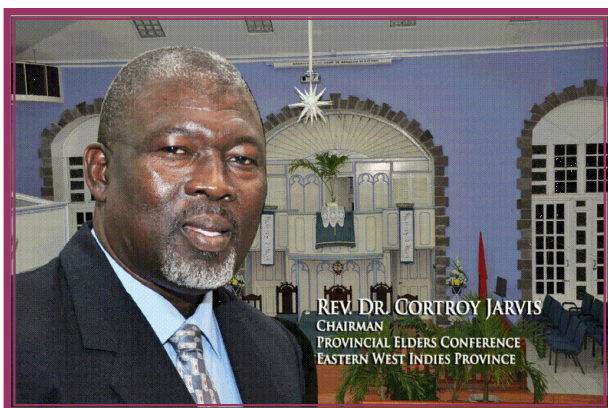
The Information

Then the man said, "**Let me go, for it is daybreak.**" But Jacob replied, "**I will not let you go unless you bless me.**" Genesis 32 vs. 26 [NIV]



Importance of Fathering

The third Sunday of June every year is Father's Day. A father is defined as a male parent of any type of offspring. The adjective "paternal" refers to father, parallel to "maternal" for mother. The verb "to father" means to procreate or to sire a child.



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A father often feels that he has the ultimate responsibility to earn money and pay for holidays, school fees and so on and it can be especially stressful for him to balance that responsibility to provide as well as to be a constant figure in his children's lives.

Business demands can result in a father appearing to be a rather transitory or even absent figure, especially to a young child, who may be in bed when

father is at home on week nights. Some men have to work away or be available to entertain clients, especially in the early days of their career. So evenings and weekends can be difficult times for a father as he struggles to fit in work, family and some special time in which to release stress and recharge his batteries.

Step fathers are becoming an important factor in many children's lives. The dynamics can be hard to manage initially. Discipline can be a minefield that needs to be agreed between the mother and step father. It can also require tact, depending on the relationship with the birth father. Access can be difficult to agree to in some family breakups. Children may well feel that they are in the middle of parental disputes or negotiations or are used as a sounding boards or as weapons in some breakups.

Many men are becoming more aware of the importance of being a nurturing presence in their children's lives. The ominous days of 'wait till your father comes home' for mis-behaving youngsters are largely gone as more men want to be a more loving, supportive presence in their children's lives.

An increasing number of men are looking at the terms and conditions of their job and are choosing to work fewer hours to ensure that they are home for bath time, weekends, important events with their children. There is an appreciation that children grow up quickly and those special times cannot be revisited afterwards. Priorities may mean less money in the bank account, but some experiences are priceless.

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VISION STATEMENT

A Church - Transformed,
United, Victorious in Christ

MISSION STATEMENT

By the grace of God, we seek to be faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ; without distinction, we use all that we possess to call all peoples to the truth of the Gospel through worship, evangelism, discipleship and service

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Significant male role models come in many different forms:

- ♦ Supporting Presence,
- ♦ Nurturing Presence,
- ♦ Loving Presence,
- ♦ Caring Presence,
- ♦ Modelling Presence,
- ♦ Mentoring Presence,
- ♦ They should spend special Time with the children
- ♦ They should take an interest in the children,
- ♦ They should mentally equip themselves to meet the Emotional, Psychological, Physical and Spiritual needs of the Children

Mentoring has become an important part of young people's development programmes. Some schools are bringing in mentoring programmes for young people who are in need of effective male role models. They realize the importance of a good male example. Sometimes sports stars or business people volunteer to give their time once or twice a month to provide advice, support and contact especially to vulnerable young people in need of good male role models. It is a powerful way of leading by example because frequently the mentors have their own stories to tell.

The Book of Proverbs gives clear directives as to the guidance we ought to give to our children, **"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it"**. (Proverbs 22:6)

Ephesians 6 speaks directly to family cohesiveness and challenges family members to work in harmony and love.

¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. ²Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; ³That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

⁴And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:1-4).

A Father should play a significant role in the life of his children. Indeed, both parents should work in harmony to ensure that the children do not suffer. Even when the relationship between father and mother is no longer working, both parents should ensure that the children do not suffer.

Edith Clarke's book: "My Mother Who Fathered Me", is a classic study of kinship organization in three communities in Jamaica. Written in 1957, Edith Clarke's book has been highly influential in Caribbean Studies. It speaks of the significant role that most mothers play in the upbringing of their children even in the absence of a father or a father figure.

While there are some wonderful stories of very good families, there are some dysfunctional families as well. Of all places, the Bible has a number of situations of dysfunctional families. A few examples will suffice:

Adam's Family - Adam's family began with blame and ended in murder. When Adam ate from the forbidden tree and was banished from Eden he blamed Eve for eating the apple. Their bickering probably continued for many years and was probably a bad example for their children Cain and Abel. The dysfunctional family then became worse when Cain got jealous of his brother Abel and murdered him.

Abraham's family - Abraham's family definitely had some dysfunctional moments. Abraham pretends that Sarah is his sister. Later Abraham had a child with another woman, Hagar, who was the maid in his house.

Lot's family - At one point Lot offered his daughters to some rapists. There was also incest between Lot and his daughters. In Genesis 19, the story of Lot is a classic situation of a dysfunctional family.

Drug rape or date rape are terms which describe the use of medication to render a person helpless, or at least uninhibited, so that they can be forced to engage in sexual behavior against their will. In the vast majority of cases, it is a male who supplies the drug to a female. Genesis 19:30-38 describes the reverse situation: two females used wine to get their father drunk so that they could rape him.

In verse 30, Lot took his two daughters into a cave in the mountains because he was afraid to stay in Zoar. Perhaps some event happened in the city which made him feel unsafe there.

In verse 31, Lot's elder daughter suggested to the younger daughter that they engage in sexual intercourse with their father in order to procreate.

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Their motivation for such an unusual act was their belief that every man on earth except for their father had been killed. If they did not commit incest, then their family line would die out.

Verses 32 to 36 describe how the women got their father drunk with wine on two successive nights, and how they became pregnant without their father being aware that they had committed incest.

The last two verses in Genesis 19 relate how the older daughter gave birth to a son who she named Moab. The younger had a son called Benammi. These two sons founded the nations of Moab and Ammon who became continuous enemies of Israel.

Isaac's family - Isaac loved his son Esau more than his other son, Jacob. His wife Rebekah, loved Jacob more than Esau. The Mom and Jacob plotted against Esau and Isaac. Esau lost both his birthright and his blessing. Eventually Jacob had to run away to save his life.

Jacob's family - Jacob had thirteen children with four different women. Jacob favored one son over the others. Those other brothers threw him down a well, sold him to slavery and then told their father he was dead.

As we celebrate another Father's Day, let us endeavour to make our family be what God would want it to be. Let us love one another. Let us Show Affection; Shower Appreciation and seek to Affirm the family. Indeed, let us Affirm our men, so that they will lead as God would have them.



The PEC expresses sympathy to the family of the late Rev. Rudolph Holder. Bro. Rudolph Holder passed into the nearer presence of God on May 16, 2011, at home in Barbados.

The funeral Service was held on Tuesday May 24, 2011 at 2.00p.m. at the Sharon Moravian Church in Barbados. Let us remember the family in our prayers.

Bon Accord Moravian Church: Celebrating 150 years

Established in 1861 in what was then the Bon Accord Estate, Bon Accord Moravian Church had been at one time the cornerstone of the community. Over the century and a half, hundreds of families and residents of this community have benefited from our worship experiences educational and benevolent efforts and outreach programmes.



Bon Accord Moravian was at one time the only denomination in this community and also initiated and maintained the education thrust for a long while on the church's grounds until the school was moved to its present location. Truly we have partnered with all sectors and ages to make a difference in the lives of so many in the community.

We look back with a sense of awe at how the purposes and plans of our God have taken root and bore fruit. However, as we do realize that we must tear our eyes from the past for we serve a God who is always doing something new.

In this year of celebration the congregation will in the build-up to September 11th engage in:

- Fundraising activities as a means of gathering funds towards the upgrade of the sanctuary and grounds.
- Reenergizing fellowship groups: The Women's Fellowship which is celebrating 25 years. Strengthening the presence and involvement of youth in the congregation and their witness of Christ through monthly interactive sessions and a major youth programme in the anniversary week. The congregation notes the challenging times it has endured in the past and those that lie ahead, nevertheless we bless God for his continued grace and favour!

The Service will be held on September 11, 2011.

Submitted by
Rev. Esther Moore-Roberts

Moravian Music Sunday May 22, 2011

The Rev. Patmore Smith is the youngest child of Genevieve Smith and the late Wildin Smith of Potters Village, Antigua. Although, he was baptized at Spring Gardens, because his family lived at Potters, he decided to attend the Zion Moravian. Brother Smith's keen interests in music prompted his mother to enroll him for private piano lessons. Due to the foresight of his pastor, he was enrolled as a student in the music academy for the pastorate of Zion, Lebanon and Enon. Within months, Bro. Patmore started accompanying the Sunday school on the organ. As much as this was a testimony to his natural ability, it was also undergirded by the support he received from his family and other members of the congregation. There was never a mumbling word from his siblings about his constant practicing, but rather he would hear, "play that one for me again please" even when they were studying.



Bro. Smith became very involved not only at his home congregation but also within the broader Antigua Conference. While he was president of the Zion Moravian Youth Group, they also functioned as a choir and a steel band. He also assisted various congregations and choirs whenever needed. Bro. Patmore served on the Antigua Moravian Conference Choir as member, accompanist and later conductor.

In 1996 Bro. Smith offered himself as a candidate for the music ministry of the Moravian Church in the Eastern West Indies Province. After being accepted, he first pursued theological studies at the United Theological College of the West Indies in Jamaica, then on the Westminster

Choir College in Princeton New Jersey where he completed an undergraduate course of studies in music. Some years later, Bro. Patmore continued his musical studies by pursuing and successfully completing a Masters of Music degree at the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas Texas.

Bro. Smith was ordained on March 13, 2005 and has served as Minister of Music in the Antigua Conference, Associate Pastor of the Spring Gardens Moravian Church, and later as the interim pastor at Spring Gardens. Additionally, he has served as organist to countless other congregations. Bro. Patmore is married to Sis. Jovanca Smith from the Memorial congregation in Trinidad.

On Moravian Music Sunday May 22, 2011, we sang the hymns and music of Bro. Smith. The songs are not simply the work of a creative mind, they were born out of a worship experience. Most of the hymns came out during private devotions and one in particular 'Lamb of God' while he was playing during an Altar Call at Judges Hill. 'Courage When The Storms Are Ranging' was written because someone very dear to him was going through some difficult times and needed to be encouraged." Bro. Patmore in reflecting on the songs chosen said, "I pray that your worship experience will be enriched as you sing the songs; that you will come to fully surrender to God, knowing that God alone saves and you must worship and trust him for He is our everything. However, we are not to simply leave the worship experience encouraged in our own hearts. We should be motivated to do the work of ministry; to bring the hope, joy, peace and life of encountering this Jesus to those among us who are vulnerable, suffering, living in poverty, without faith, without hope, without God, and need our help the most.

"Any man can be a Father, but it takes a special person to be a Dad"

"Becoming a Father is easy enough, but being one can be very rough"

MOUNT TABOR MORAVIAN CHURCH MAJOR RENOVATIONS

August 1, 1825 the mission work at Mount Chance was established. In 1823, Mr. Edmund Haynes, the owner of the Haynesfield Plantation in St. John, Barbados, made an application to the secretary of the Missions of the Church



Rev. Dr. Cicely Athill-Horsford

in the British Colonies, the Rev. Charles Ignatius Latrobe, to send a missionary to preach the gospel to the slaves on his plantation. Everything had been prepared, the house and the church have been built. The church a stone building 1198 sq. ft. in size with arched windows and a bell-

fry on the south end was built by the slaves. The Rev. David Lichtenthailer, an American Missionary arrived from St. Kitts as the first missionary to Mount Chance. He died on February 2, 1826 and was succeeded by the Rev. John Taylor who arrived in May, to continue the work. In October, Brother Taylor preached from the text: **“This is my beloved son in whom I am pleased; here ye him”** – from St. Matthew’s account of the Transfiguration. After the sermon, Brother Taylor announced that in consultation with the Unity Elders Conference, the name of the mission had changed from **Mount Chance** and would thereafter be known as **Mount Tabor**. The significance of the text on this occasion is to be seen in the fact that the Biblical Mount Tabor had been traditionally identified as the Mount of the Transfiguration.

The Church saw its mission as being not only to prepare men and women for heaven, but also for life here on earth. To this end, the missionary began on November 6, 1826, to conduct an evening school for the slaves, who had to work during the day. The mission grew by leaps and bounds.

On August 11, 1831 the whole mission lay in ruins as a result of a great hurricane in which many lives were lost. Thankfully, the lives of the mission family were spared. Although faced with much struggles after the hurricane, for there was an outbreak of dysentery and there was much sickness even in the mission family.

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THE MORAVIAN CHURCH, EWI AND

THE ANTIGUA CONFERENCE

Present A

“Summer Mathematics Enrichment Program”

AT CASHEW HILL

Topics to be covered will be chosen from the following:

- ◆ Functions (linear, quadratic) – domain and range, maximum and minimum, graph sketching;
- ◆ Geometry;
- ◆ Trigonometry –up to identities;
- ◆ Matrices;
- ◆ Probability and Statistics

Date: July 11 – Jul 29, 2011

Sessions will be held Monday to Friday,
8:00am to 12:30pm.

Follow-up sessions will be held on some weekends until CXC examinations in 2012. Topics will be chosen as they are needed to strengthen preparation for General Proficiency and Additional Mathematics Examinations.

These classes are opened to 4th, 5th and 6th Formers, in addition to Teachers and other interested persons.

Cost per person: EC \$50.00 per week in summer. Costs beyond the summer will be determined later. Registration ran from May 1-31, 2011 at the provincial Headquarters at Cashew Hill. Please call 560-0185.

Facilitators: Dr. Vanere Goodwin and the Rev. Dr. Conrad Spencer, mathematics Professors at the University of the Virgin Islands.

There are still a limited amount of spaces available.

Mount Tabor Moravian Church Cont'd from Page 6

Rev. John Gottlieb Zippel became known as **“The Father of Mount Tabor congregation,”** partly because of his gratuitous reconstruction of the church building and the mission house.

The year 1832 was for Mount Tabor the beginning of a period of reorganization. The foundation stone was laid



on February 21. An entry in the diary of that date, notes how the missionaries conceived the purpose

of such a building **“... the building to be erected here is intended for no other purpose than to be a place of Divine worship, particularly for the Negroes belonging to Haynesfield for whose sakes it is more especially commenced, and also for all desirous of hearing what they must do to be saved and to hear the gospel for the comfort of their souls in which they are served by the ministry of the Moravian Church, who in the year 1765 began the mission in this island of Barbados.”** On December 23, the new church building was dedicated – the very building that we worship in today.

In July 1834, on the eve of emancipation from slavery, the Moravians planned to begin a daily infant school at Mount Tabor. Brother Zippel and the other missionaries realized that the emancipated people would need to be educated in order to use their freedom responsibly and with integrity. Emancipation was a period of excitement, adjustment and much hard work. There was a strong desire for spiritual and intellectual improvement. Mount Tabor was crowded every Sunday with attentive worshippers, but the missionaries had reason to be cautious, for there was a tendency among the people to be satisfied with outward forms. Evangelization and education began to assume greater proportions, for as the congregation increased greatly under the new conditions, the moral tone began to drop. On December 4, 1836, the new school at Mount Tabor was opened and was used both

day and night; for so great was the desire for learning that those who could not attend in the day on account of work attended at night when the day's work was done.

Hand in hand with progress, there were also many sad things to report, for the newly freed people were beginning to show a wrong sense of pride; many were involved in needless quarrels concerning their rights, and as Brother Zippel reported, even husbands and wives would go to court for trifles just to get ‘satisfaction’. Brother Zippel's ministry was fraught with many challenges for the period in which he served spanned slavery, apprenticeship and full freedom and gives an insight into his ministry over three important phases. The Island was hit by a cholera epidemic, many persons died. The strength of the missionaries was heavily taxed, as they had to administer medicine, to care for the afflicted and bury as many as 300 persons daily. The cholera epidemic was for the missionaries, a time of ministering to the spiritual needs of many whose conviction of sin became a reality when the spectre of death stalked the land. Brother Zippel was appointed a health commissioner in St. John. He went through districts assigned to him administering medicine, giving household health tips. At all hours of the day and night, he went administering medicine, hearing deathbed confessions and burying many people. He served Mount Tabor for twenty-nine years and accomplished many notable achievements. Brother Zippel died in 1859 at Mount Tabor where he is buried and was the first of two missionaries who remain at rest in the mount tabor graveyard.



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Mount Tabor, the second congregation in Barbados continued to play a meaningful role in Barbados. There was Brother Henry Moore who was proposed by Brother Ziple and was appointed to assist with the preaching and conducting meetings at Mount Tabor. Henry Moore was the second Barbadian to be ordained to the ministry of the Moravian Church. There were strong leadership and nothing can be said without mentioning the contribution of the Pilgrims - Alexander and Cuthbert, father and son. Between Henry Moore, Alex Pilgrim and Cuthbert Pilgrim they led Mount Tabor for almost ninety (90) years. Education was the bedrock of the congregation. Brother Cuthbert Pilgrim was a noted educator and assisted by his wife Iva, established a secondary school in the 1930's for students who could not otherwise have afforded a secondary education. He was a supreme exponent of the gospel he preached. His unparalleled life of service cut through sectarian divisions and assisted in spearheading the ecumenical movement in the island. Pastoral care was Brother Pilgrim's chief feature of ministry. He also had a Bible Class for some of the merchants in Bridgetown. Mount Tabor has produced five ministers from the congregation: Rev. Dufferin Culpepper, Vincent Miller, Tyrone Lewis, Alexander Graham and Alban St. Hill. Three of them served at Mount Tabor. We trust that God will continue to call men and women from this congregation for service.



In a seventeen-year period, the roof of 1832 structure had undergone refurbishments three times. The roof had been affected by termite infestation. On January 10, 2011 the congregation moved to the old school room for worship and made way for a new steel roof.

The congregation embarked on the first phase of a three-phase building programme to include:

- a) Replacement of the Church roof
- b) The restoration of the Old School Building
- c) The extension to the church building which will house New Bathroom Facilities, a Sick Bay and a Meeting Room.

The members were all excited about the repairing of the roof. The roof was completed on time and within budget. We resumed services in the building on Palm Sunday. It was a tremendous feeling of accomplishment, especially when the congregation sang with great shouts of ***"Hosanna, blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord."***

We want to thank God for His blessings to us at Mount Tabor. It is evident that faith has increased, souls are blessed and others have committed themselves to Christ and rededicated their lives to the work of the church.

August 1, 2011 the congregation will celebrate its 186 anniversary. On July 31, 2011 the anniversary will be marked with a service of thanksgiving and rededication of the church of the new roof.



Continue to pray for us at Mount Tabor as we continue to work to bring people into God's Kingdom, with our

Purpose Statement:
"Seize every opportunity

to win one more person for Christ" as our marching orders.

MORAVIAN RADIO STATION?

The PEC has been exploring the possibility of establishing a Radio Station in Antigua at the Provincial Headquarters. The idea is to be able to propagate the Gospel of Jesus Christ wide and far. In addition, it could be used as a tool to teach and empower our people. It is anticipated that once established, that it would broadcast Programs/Services from Conferences/Congregations throughout the Eastern West Indies Province of the Moravian Church.

I invite us to commit this Ministry to Prayer.



Birthday Greetings for the month of June is extended to:

Bro. Nigel Daniel	05
Sis. Sharon McCardy Joseph	05
Sis. Bernadine Chase	07
Bro. Calvin Isaac	13
Sis. Joycelyn Connor	17
Bro. Selvin Mcmillan	25
Sis. Jasmin Crooks	26
Sis. Lexs Forrester	28
Sis. Roslyn Hamblin	29



Anniversary Greetings for the month of June is extended to:

Bro. Reuben & Sis. Ivy Vessup	01
Bro. Kirk & Sis. Nicole Barker	24



The PEC is pleased to announce that the Rev. Ellsworth Elroy Christopher was united in Marriage to Miss Jane Yolander P. Thomas. The marriage took place at the Episcopal Church of the Nativity in Fayetteville, Georgia on April 27, 2011.

Kindly remember Brother and Sister Christopher in prayer.

Fun Corner

A small boy is sent to bed by his father.
Five minutes later...."Da-ad...."

"What?"

"I'm thirsty. Can you bring a drink of water?"

"No. You had your chance. Lights out."
Five minutes later:"Da-aaaad....."

"WHAT?"

"I'm THIRSTY. Can I have a drink of water???"

"I told you NO!" If you ask again, I'll have to spank you!!"

Five minutes later....."Daaaa-aaaad....."

"WHAT!"

"When you come in to spank me, can you bring a drink of water?"

"Unless we rely on God's Power within us, We will yield to the pressures around us."