

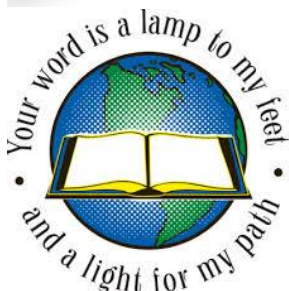


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"Successful Dieting"

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*Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every Word of God. Luke 4:4*

A woman weighing 192 pounds, but who should have weighed no more than 132, ran to her physician every time she heard about a new pill for losing weight. The Doctor finally told her. **"What you need is a will, not a pill"**. Taking out his prescription pad, the Doctor wrote down something and handed it to his patient. The puzzled Pharmacist called the Doctor. Doctor, he said, I cannot make out this prescription. It looks like, read *Luke 4:4* daily.

"That's right," the Doctor replied. "Well, that's a new one!" the Pharmacist chuckled. If you analyse your problems you will discover that each one is spiritually based. Therefore, the solving of any problem including that of over-eating begins in your spirit. The cure is not a pill, but a changed life-style. You stop giving into the desires of self and you exert will-power.



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The spirit of determination that dieting requires is a by-product of a yielding life of placing God's will before your own. It is nurtured and strengthened by feeding upon God's Word daily. This is what the Church and the people of God need to feed upon –

DID YOU KNOW?

Our Provincial Theme 2018:

"Advance the Kingdom...

Live As Kingdom

Citizens"

The Barbados Association of Retired Persons Inc (BARP) has a Group Health Plan? As long as you are a financial member of BARP you are eligible to join the Group Health Plan provided that you are enrolled by March 31, 2018. (see *BARP's Health Plan Brochure* for more details or contact their office at 538-2277).

GOD daily. By feeding upon God's Word, we become strengthened and nurtured for the myriad challenges - known or unknown - that lie ahead.

Prayer: Dear Lord, we pray for wisdom and guidance to 'Will' us of a changed life-style to be persistent and consistent in consuming your Word daily so we could be nurtured and strengthened to advance your Kingdom as Kingdom Citizens, **Amen.**

"Living as Kingdom Citizens, Working As A Team" – Part I

An Extract : Joint Congregational Retreat

Three of the key words from our theme we will focus on are – **"Kingdom"**, **"Citizen"** and **"Team"**. The Advanced English Dictionary states that the word **"Kingdom"** means "the domain ruled by a King or Queen". Christ uses this word interchangeably in the Bible. For example: "I will build my Church...I will give unto you the keys of the kingdom". *Matthew 16:18-19.*

Dictionary.com defines **"citizenship"** as the state of being vested with the rights, privileges and duties of a citizen. In the Christian context, a citizen is a representative of the Kingdom of God.

The Oxford living Dictionary state that the word **"team"** means "two or more people working together. Since we have defined these words for our understanding, it is right to say that as citizens representing God's Kingdom our determination is to work together in partnership with and for God.

The Apostle Paul puts it better, "I have planted the seed, **Apollos watered it; but God made it grow...**For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building" *1 Corinthians 3:6 & 9.* When someone accepts Christ as Lord and Saviour, from that very instant, the new-born child of God is never alone (*Hebrews 13:5*). **The believer has the advantage of being part of his own "God-Team"**, with the benefits of the guidance of the Holy Spirit (*1 John 2:27*), the priestly provisions of Jesus (*Hebrews 10:19-22*), and the eternal love of a faithful Father (*1 Corinthians 1:9; 10:13*).

The character of an individual viewed as a member of any team especially within the Church; their behaviour in terms of duties, obligations and functions must correspond with the will of God.

(Bethlehem & Faith :Part II - page 7, & back page)

WORD SEARCH

E	– Every Word of God is pure; He is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him (<i>Proverbs 30:5</i>)
A	– And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the LORD, and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart (<i>Jeremiah 24:7</i>)
S	– So shall my Word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it (<i>Isaiah 55:11</i>)
T	– Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear (<i>Hebrews 11:3</i>)
E	– Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts (<i>Proverbs 21:2</i>)
R	– Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, rejoice (<i>Philippians 4:4</i>)

EASTER

B	N	A	S	N	R	O	H	T	X
M	O	P	E	S	C	Y	L	C	C
A	I	O	C	N	D	R	O	R	R
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M	C	T	F	M	G	M	E	W	C
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N	O	I	T	A	V	L	A	S	K
R	O	O	S	T	E	R	Y	Z	Q

APOSTLES		RISEN
CHRIST	KING	ROMANS
CROSS	LAMB	ROOSTER
CROWN	LOVE	SACRIFICE
CRUCIFIXION	MARY	SALVATION
HOLY	REDEMPTION	SAVIOR
JESUS	RESURRECTION	THORNS

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



Traits Of A Godly Woman

ARE YOU A GODLY WOMAN?

A Godly woman isn't perfect, rather she's learning to open up and trust in her Saviour. The measuring stick of your godliness is not based on a comparison to other women (*not even the Proverbs 31 woman*), but on your personal commitment to your Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

#1) Demonstrate an intimate familiarity with God's Word

*"Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every Word that comes from the mouth of God."
(Matthew 4:4)*

You reveal the Godly woman in you when your thoughts, words, and advice are based on the Bible and not your opinion. You are not throwing out Scriptures to show how knowledgeable and spiritual you are, but rather your key instinct is balancing faith and actions on the Word of God.

#2) Resonate a calm and quietness of spirit

"Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight." (1 Peter 3:4)

As a Godly woman you have the inner peace of the Holy Spirit to comfort, guide, and teach you when everything seems out of control. You learn to lay your concerns at the foot of the cross and leave them there.

#3) Be grounded in courage and strength

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

As our culture tumbles down the slippery slope of worldliness and immorality, you are confident in your Sovereign God to make all things

work together for good (*Romans 8:28*). You will refuse to let fear invade your thoughts or feelings by constantly reminding yourself of God's promise to never leave you.

#4) Be relentless in prayer and intercession

"Pray continually." (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

We need Godly women to fervently grab hold of Jesus just like the Canaanite woman in *Matthew 15:21-28* and refuse to let circumstances dictate the final outcome over faith. As a Godly woman, you will never give up, praying for the hardest hearts, the deepest needs, or the highest mountain tops.

#5) Be generous in resources

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion..." (2 Corinthians 9:11)

As a Godly woman, you will give time, energy, gifts, and finances in days of feasting or famine. You learn to resist the fear of holding back because of your strong confidence in God to meet your needs according to His riches in glory, and to grant all your desires according to His will.

#6) Impart wise advice

"She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue." (Proverbs 31:26)

The Godly woman's advice is punctuated with practical applications of truth drawn from the Bible. Your firm, but gentle words of wisdom will lead many women to the Lord seeking answers for the perplexities of life.

#7) Confess your faults

*"I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin."
(Psalm 38:18)*

A Godly woman recognises that she is forgiven and will be careful to not make light of sins that caused Christ to suffer on the cross. By confessing your sins to God on a regular basis, your heart will remain humble and tender to others who fall into sin's treacherous temptations.

#8) Exercise light-heartedness and good humor

*"A cheerful heart is good medicine."
(Proverbs 17:22)*

Rather than displaying a sarcastic or mocking verbiage at the expense of others, a Godly woman brings an inescapable joy with her wherever she goes. You learn to not take yourself too seriously, and you will speak life without sacrificing truth or righteousness in your conversations.

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This Month in Moravian History



“Haidt’s Painting of the First Fruits, 1747”

*In March of 1747 Johann Valentin Haidt began work on a painting that would become one his best known pieces of art: **the First Fruits or Erstlingsbild**. This enormous painting depicts 21 people standing around the throne of Christ in heaven. These were the first Moravian converts to have died and who were considered to be sent up into heaven as “**the First Fruits**” of Moravian missionary work. 271 years ago, this month, Haidt began working on this painting.*

On March 15, 1747, news reached the Moravian congregation in Herrnhag, Germany, that the American Indian, Johannes, had died in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Johannes (formerly “Tschoop” or Job) was the first of the Mahican Indians in Shekomeko, New York, to be baptized.

Upon hearing this news Zinzendorf counted “18 first fruits from all our heathen nations” that had died and were in heaven with Christ. **During a Love Feast on March 18th he incorporated the names of the first fruits into a hymn he wrote for that day.** The image of a group of converts from many different nations standing around the Saviour on his heavenly throne was so powerful that Haidt was asked to paint it. By the beginning of May 1747, the life-size painting was finished and put on display in the conference room adjacent to the meeting hall in Herrnhag. This room was called “**Greenland**” - perhaps a reference to its chilly temperature?

Haidt painted a total of 21 men, women and children (three more than in Zinzendorf’s original list), standing on the clouds. In the center of the painting we

see Jesus showing the wounds in his hands and feet and pointing at the side wound.

- ❖ Johannes, whose death was the occasion for the painting, sits at Jesus’ feet. Was the placement of Johannes a parallel to the position of John, the disciple “whom Jesus loved”, at Jesus’ side during the last Passover meal (*John 13:23*)?

- ❖ Hovering about Jesus are two angels:

- ❖ The angel to his right is holding above his head a crown (*Rev. 14:14*), made of 21 stars: one star for each “**first fruit**”.

- ❖ The angel to his left is holding a bundle of palm branches: many more palm branches for those who are to come later.

Each person depicted is holding a palm branch. This is a reference to **Revelation 7** where the great multitude around the throne is described, “from every nation, tribe, people and language”.

- ❖ Unlike *Rev. 7:9*, the first fruits are not wearing white robes, but most of them are wearing their national dress; some wear European (Moravian) dress.

- ❖ The angel to the right is holding a sign, inscribed with the theme of the painting: “**They were purchased from among men and offered as first fruits to God and the Lamb**” (*Rev. 14:4*).

The **First Fruits** motif became quite popular among Moravians. The following years Haidt completed similar paintings for the Moravian congregations in Neusalz and Herrnhut (both lost). After Haidt came to America he also painted one for Bethlehem; this copy is now at the Moravian Archives. There was even a **First Fruits** painting for the Moravian mission on St. Thomas. The Unity Archives in Herrnhut, Germany, has two additional 18th-century versions of the **First Fruits**; the artists of these paintings have yet to be identified. After the Herrnhag congregation was dissolved in 1753, the original **First Fruits** painting was moved to Zeist, Netherlands, where it can still be admired.

The painting of the **First Fruits** has become a symbol for the worldwide outreach of the Moravian Church. It is an unusual display of people from different races, nations and origins that is still appealing to many viewers, even 271 years after its first creation.

Fun Corner

'A FAMILIAR GAME' THIS MONTH - THE LETTER "G" DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S IN YOUR BIBLE? CHOOSE YOUR OWN FROM THE BIBLE USING "G"		
A N I M A L	GRASSHOPPER (Leviticus 11:22; Numbers 13:34; Hebrews 13:33)	GRASSHOPPER – This is probably the best rendering for the Hebrew "hāgāb". The grasshopper is one of the smallest species of the locust tribe – locust being the food of John the Baptist, yet the plague of Egypt.
P E R S O N	GIDEON (Judges 6, 7 and 8)	GIDEON – Gideon was called to be a leader during the period of the Judges. God prepared Gideon for battle against numerically overwhelming odds – a small army to battle the physically and numerically superior Midianites. Gideon's diminished force might have been cause for concern, nevertheless he did as God instructed. He was faithful, and brave, and Victorious.
P L A C E	GALEED (Genesis 31:47,48)	GALEED – The name of the pile of stones erected by Jacob and Laban to mark the league of friendship into which they entered with each other. This was the Hebrew name given to the "heap" by Jacob.
T H I N G	GIFT (Romans 6:23)	GIFT – It is not hard to see all the good gifts God has given mankind – sun, rain, life, breath, etc. God continues to give marvellous gifts to people all over the world – the most marvellous gift being the chance to come back to Him through His Son, Jesus Christ. This gift, although very expensive, is Free – neither earned, not deserved – receive it today!

Upcoming at Bethlehem:

Palm Sunday Service starting with a March of Witness in the community - March 25th at 9:00 am

Maundy Thursday (joint with Faith congregation) - March 29th at 7:30 pm (a Reenactment of the Last Supper of Our Lord)

Good Friday Service - March 30th at 10:00 am

Easter Sunrise Service at 5:00 am & **Divine Worship** at 10:00 am on April 1st

**DO YOU HAVE A
RECIPE YOU WANT
TO SHARE?**

**MEAL WITH NO
MEAT, NO DAIRY**

**Vegan Veggie
Quiche with Sweet
Potato Crust**

Wholesome, healthy,
filling and delicious.
Perfect for your **Easter**
breakfast or brunch!

Serves 6.



Prep time: 10 mins

Cook time: 50 mins

Total time: 1 hr

Ingredients

- 2 medium sweet potatoes
- 1 tsp olive oil
- 1 small yellow onion (finely chopped)
- 2 minced garlic cloves
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes (halved)
- 4 cups spinach
- 12 oz firm silken tofu
- 3 Tbsp nutritional yeast
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 garlic clove
- ¼ tsp sea salt
- ¼ tsp pepper
- ¼ tsp ground sage

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Spray the bottom of a 9-inch (standard) pie dish with non-stick cooking spray.
2. Peel and slice your sweet potatoes into 1/8-inch rounds. Layer your dish with the rounds to form a "crust" (*see photo*). Slice rounds in half to form the upper layer. Spray the sweet potatoes well with non-stick cooking spray and sprinkle with sea salt and pepper.
3. Bake for 20 minutes.
4. While the sweet potato crust bakes start on your veggies. In a medium skillet over medium/high heat, heat your oil and add your onions. Sauté for a minute, then add the garlic and halved tomatoes. Cook for 2 more minutes. Add spinach and cook until fully wilted. Remove pan from heat and set aside.
5. To make your tofu filling blend the tofu, nutritional yeast, olive oil, garlic, s & p and ground sage in a food processor or blender. Blend until completely smooth.
6. Add the tofu filling to the veggies and mix gently until fully combined.
7. Once your potato crust is done cooking add your filling and smoothing out the top.
8. Bake for 30 minutes or until the filling is just starting to brown.
9. Remove from the oven and let sit for 5 minutes.
10. Slice and serve. Enjoy!

Author: Nutritional Foodie



From the Pastor's Desk

Rev. Delroy Burley

"Secured for Heaven"

They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. John 17:16

I want to share with you a true story of when astronauts or divers go to the moon or to the ocean floor, they carry the atmosphere of the earth in a little container strapped to their backs for long periods. Even while they are deeply involved in their work on the moon's surface or near the sea floor, their breath and life are continually flowing in them from the earth's atmosphere. To be without it even for a few seconds would mean their sudden death.

Similarly, we live on earth, but our origin is in heaven. We are made by God, in His likeness; therefore, our citizenship as Kingdom citizens is in heaven. If we were to rely on the atmosphere of this present world for our existence, it would mean our spiritual death. Our very being depends on God, but still we treat God as if He does not exist. This Lenten season, I want us to reflect on ourselves, and to realised how gifted we are to be citizens in our Father's Kingdom.

It takes some doing for a person to be in the world, but not of the world, as Jesus prayed we would realised this someday. But it is possible. The most victorious, triumphant power on earth is a human being who makes God his source of life and without a doubt does not withdraw from society or hide from the problems of life. Instead, he/she gets involved! He/she goes out where the action is and gives Jesus to the people. He/she is not afraid of man or any other power because he/she carries the atmosphere of heaven strapped in his/her heart as a source of life and preservation.

Prayer

Dear God, we have come short of Your Glory, O Lord. We have sinned in thought, word and deed, and we are truly sorry. Help us commit ourselves to You as Kingdom citizens so much so that we exercise our rights and not be

misled by our earthly citizenship which so often lead us astray when it comes to serving You wholeheartedly. Please forgive us dear Lord, and may our steps be ordered so we may walk in the path of righteousness with You as our guide, Amen.



Traits Of A Godly Woman cont'd

ARE YOU A GODLY WOMAN?

#9) *Be driven to complete tasks thoroughly*

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might." (Ecclesiastes 9:10)

As a Godly woman, you are fully committed to finishing to the best of your ability. Whether for home, job, or church - your dependability reflects the inner conviction of working for Christ and not for those around you. Your reputation becomes solid among believers, as well as unbelievers.

#10) *Forgive as easily as you are forgiven*

"Forgive as the Lord forgave you." (Colossians 3:13)

You know that you may be mocked, misunderstood, or mistreated for the sake of the gospel. As a Godly woman, your forgiveness is *unconditionally* given to others as you are *unconditionally* forgiven by God. You choose to forgive in spite of your feelings—entrusting God to heal all your hurts in His perfect timing.

Now, you may not score a **PERFECT 10** in all the above Godly traits every day or every hour. However, by trusting in God's hand, **one day at a time, step-by-step, you will grow in deeper maturity in Christ. With the help of the Holy Spirit**, keep in step with the Godly woman seeking to shine forth in you.

You can put your trust in God not only for eternal life, but also for purpose and direction for life on this earth.

Aim daily to live as a Godly Woman and "Advance the Kingdom" - Live as a Kingdom Citizen.

Adapted:

<https://www.whatchristianswanttoknow.com/10-awesome-traits-of-a-godly-woman/>

*“Living as Kingdom Citizens,
Working As A Team” – Part II*

An Extract : Joint Congregational Retreat

The Apostle Paul tells us if we desire to work for Christ, and be part of His Kingdom, then there are nine attributes Christians must have (*Galatians 5:16-26*). The Citizen then is a diplomat/ambassador of the Kingdom of God and must conduct him/herself not just as a team member, but as a child of God (*2 Corinthians 5:18-20*).

Living as Kingdom citizens – working together as a team tells us that **NO ONE has all the skills, gifts, or wisdom necessary for a successful life.** We are encouraged to use the gifts we receive such as our talents and our spiritual gifts to serve one another with kindness, respect, and appreciation.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 - “Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up.” This passage of scripture speaks about the **value of teamwork in God’s Kingdom.**

The first examples of teamwork ever found in the Bible are in the opening chapter of Genesis. There we will find the **Trinity: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**, working for the greater good of creation (*Genesis 1:1-3*). On the sixth day of creation, God fashioned **Adam and Eve, the first human team.** They were designed to complement each other and mirror the image and the community, the teamwork of the Trinity (*Genesis 1:26-27*).

Jesus’ twelve-man team was marked by its diversity (*Mark 3:13-18; Luke 6:12-16*). One was a tax collector, several were fishermen, one was politically active and known as “the Zealot.” The Gospels recount three and a half years of intense training as the disciples spent time at Jesus’ side as He taught and ministered to people. At the midpoint of their mentorship, Jesus sent out the twelve in two-man teams (*Mark 6:7-13*). They were given authority, direction, and opportunity. Jesus followed up with review, correction, and rest (*Mark 6:30-31*).

Moses, leader of the Israelites and author of the first five books of the Bible, led more than a million people through a nomadic existence that lasted forty years. **Moses’ earliest teammate was Aaron, his brother** (*Exodus 6:26-7:20*). Later, on the advice of his father-in-law, he added leaders for teams of thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens (*Exodus 24*).

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS TO NOTE

*The Rudolph Holder Memorial 20/20
Cricket Competition 2018*

The Cricket Competition will again consist of two zones – the **Rev. Dufferin Culpepper** and the **Rev. Romeo Challenger** Zones. There will be two Shields to be won. The Rev. Holder Shield will be contested by the Moravian Teams. The second – the Moravian Memorial T-20 Cricket Shield, will be contested by all teams within the competition.

The Moravian Teams competing this year are Dunscombe, Sharon, Calvary/Gracehill Combined, Mt. Tabor/Penuel Combined, and Bethlehem/Clifton-Hill/Centenary/Faith/Fulnec Combined. Visiting teams competing this year are Cox Road New Testament and Dunamis Ministries.

The Conference is invited to attend the matches and be a part of the fellowship. All matches will be played at Passage Road Grounds, St. Michael. Team Registration Fees is \$200.00. Individual Registration Fee is \$20.00.

Rules

- ❖ All congregations are requested to wear their respective colours
- ❖ Each Team must register a minimum of 12 persons
- ❖ Each Team must consist of at least one (1) Female
- ❖ 10 runs will be deducted if there is no female player registered.
- ❖ If there are no female players on the team during a match, 10 runs will also be deducted
- ❖ 10 runs will be deducted for every 15 minutes that a match is delayed by any team, (unless 1-2 days’ prior notification is given)
- ❖ Managers and organisers are requested to encourage their supporters to maintain good sportsmanship-like behaviour in the spirit of the game
- ❖ All complaints are to be lodged through the Disciplinary Committee put in place for the Competition.

Rev. Challenger Zone

Mar 1 st	Calvary	vs	Sharon
Mar. 9 th	Dunscombe	vs	Calvary
Mar. 23 rd	Sharon	vs	Dunscombe

Rev. Culpepper Zone

Mar. 2 nd	Cox Road	vs	BCCFF
Mar. 24	BCCFF	vs	Mt Tabor
Mar. 31	Mount Tabor	vs	Cox Road

*BCCFF = Bethlehem, Centenary, Clifton Hill, & Fulnec

Semi-Finals I

Group A Winners	vs	Group B Second Place
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Semi-Finals II

Group B Winners	vs	Group A Second Place
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Greetings, Information & News : From Home & Abroad

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PROVINCE

New Mission Project - PERU

- **UNITY SUNDAY - March 4th, 2018.** A special offering will be taken in all Moravian Churches world-wide, to purchase a piece of land for a church office, the first to be owned by the Moravian Church in Peru. The Moravian Church Peru is one of the newest mission areas in the worldwide Unity.
- **UNITY PRAYER DAY 2018** – An Offering will be taken to support the witness of the Moravian Church in Peru, and help to further the mission of the Moravian Church in Peru.
- Monies received shall be sent no later than the end of June 2018 to the Unity Office [Unity Board Administrator]. For further information, please mail the UBA: boytler@ebu.de
- **UNITY PRAYER WATCH 2018** – The EWI Province seeks your participation in an unbroken Unity Prayer Watch from 12:00 am on April 3rd to mid-night April 17th, 2018 (*see Schedule below*):

Name of Conference/ Mission	From	To
Grenada Mission	12:00 am, April 3	8:00 am, April 3
Tobago	7:59 am, April 3	2:00 pm, April 5
Trinidad	1:59 am, April 5	2:00 pm, April 6
Barbados	1:59 am, April 6	2:00 am, April 9
Virgin Islands	1:59 am, April 9	11:00 pm, April 11
St. Kitts	10:59 am, April 11	3:00 am, April 14
Antigua	2:59 am, April 14	Midnight, April 17

We encourage our members to be in prayer, as we continue to seek God's guidance and direction for our Church, and indeed our lives.

Students In Training

- A **Special Offering** for **Theological Students** will also be collected on **Sunday, March 25, 2018** – **THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SUNDAY**.
- Remember in Prayer our **Moravian Student**:
 - **Bro. David Ince of Barbados**, currently the only Minister-in-Training on roll at the United Theological College of the West Indies (UTCWI) in Jamaica; as well as
 - **Warden/Tutor - Rev. Neilson Waithe**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CONFERENCE

Congregational Status - Congratulations

- The P.E.C. at its meeting held in Antigua from January 25th to 28th, 2018 **granted CONGREGATIONAL STATUS to the St. Philip Fellowship**, the Fellowship having attained the required 30 Communicant members. The St. Philip Fellowship therefore became the newest Congregation in the Eastern West Indies Province and is now **FAITH MORAVIAN CHURCH**, as resolved by the 31st Provincial Synod. The official date for the **FAITH Moravian Church** is February 1st, 2018.

Probation Concluded – Best Wishes

- The P.E.C. **concluded the probation of Rev. Delroy Burley**, Pastor of the Bethlehem Moravian Church, Maxwell, Christ Church, on November 30, 2017. We pray every blessing on Bro. Burley as he continues in Ministry.

Conference Retreat for Leaders

- **Conference's Congregational Retreat** will take place on Saturday, March 3rd from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm under the theme: **"Live As Kingdom Citizens"**. All members of our Boards and persons in any leadership position within our groups/organisations are called upon to attend. Registration Forms are available.

Resignation & Interim Appointment

- The Executive Board has **accepted the resignation of Sis. Juliette Smith from the position of Conference Treasurer** effective December 24, 2017. We express appreciation to Sis. Smith for the time and effort she put in to manage and keep account of our finances since March 2012. We pray God's blessings upon her as she continues to serve in other areas.
- **Sis. Flo Jean-Marie** of the Sharon congregation has agreed to **serve as Interim Conference Treasurer**, effective February 1, 2018. We thank Sis. Jean-Marie for making herself available to serve in this capacity.

Greetings, Information & News : From Home & Abroad

AN EXTRACT

THE BISHOP JOHN E. KNIGHT GOLDEN AGE HOME FACILITY

INTRODUCTION

The Moravian Church is a pioneering Church. The call of God on this Church goes back over 561 years. It is a call to carry the gospel with its life changing impact throughout the world. That commission brought the Church here to Antigua just about 262 years ago. That passion led us to share the gospel with slaves and others in these paths. It was that same passion that drove our Moravian forebears into education with the first teacher training school at Spring Gardens, and numerous schools around the island. It was that passion to meet needs that pushed Bishop George Wall Westerby to spearhead efforts to bring pipe borne water to the city - St. Johns.

The pioneering spirit has not died. It has taken a beating as modern life and all its demands compete for attention. The call comes again and again as **God urges us to fulfil the divine mandate to be a Church called out to do great things for the Kingdom's sake.**

The divine call comes this time in the form of a golden age home. This home is not another residence for old people to spend their golden years. It is a home which provides a caring, Christian environment for our precious seniors and convalescing clients, all done by professionals who understand that this is not just work but mission.

A vision was conceived and the Bishop John E. Knight Golden Age Home was born. Work started in earnest in 2011 after many years of creating, designing, seeking funding and building. In 2013 after much deliberation, **the Bishop John E. Knight Golden Age & Mission Inc.** - a non-profit company - was incorporated and the directors were tasked with creating a comprehensive project plan, completing the construction of the facility, and managing and operating the Home. In June 2015 work started on the revised project plan.

The vision has grown and morphed into a **home built according to international standards.** It is a mission to provide and affordable elderly care in a purpose built, supportive and nurturing environment, fostering independence and offering meaningful activities. The birth process has been difficult, yet we press on by the grace of God and projecting completion in 2018.

THE FACILITY

The Nursing Home facility will include:

- A 16-bed **male wing** comprising eight 2 bedrooms with floor space of approximately 3,420 ft².
- A 24-bed **female wing** comprising twelve 2-bed rooms with floor space of approximately 4,800 ft².
- A **Day-care Centre** which will include a rest area with 8 beds, one full bathroom and a half bath, a mixed-use dining/day-care area and a 600 ft² patio where residents can relax, play games and just enjoy the outdoors.
- An extensive **courtyard** (30,000 ft²) with a network of spacious walkways to promote physical activities, comfortable benches and picnic tables strategically located around the courtyard.
- A commercial **kitchen and laundry, medical examination areas**, an extensive **lobby area** (680 ft²) where residents can sit and relax with their families.
- An outside **gazebo** styled dining area for guests visiting the facility. This feature will encourage family members to spend quality time with their loved ones residing in the Home.
- A number of green initiatives will be featured in the project including energy conservation (**solar power**), **water conservation** and **recycling**.

Additional features of the facility will include **administrative and staff quarters**, extensive storage, two 80,000-gallon cisterns, standby generator, sewage treatment and recycling system, and a covered emergency entrance area.

PLEDGE REQUEST

The facility is approximately 80% complete! The end is in sight and your help is needed to cross the finish line. We therefore make an appeal for contributions to break through to the end. There is an urgent need to raise approximately EC\$1,009,000 (US\$375,000). These funds will be deployed as per the following - medical equipment and supplies – US\$50,000, kitchen and laundry – US\$121,000, fixtures and furnishings – US\$200,000. **Every contribution, no matter how small, moves us closer to the actuality** of the beautiful vision of a purpose built, excellent facility for our elderly and those recovering from major illnesses.

Please visit our website at www.bjekhomeandmission.com for more information, and to make your donations. **Thank you for being part of God's mission in the world.**

Extract: "The Information" – February 2018

Helping Hands – Our Mission Fields

✓ **Church Quota and Arrears** – In an effort to help lower our debt to the Conference, it would be prudent for us to pay an additional \$500 each month towards our quota arrears, while maintaining our monthly quota payments. As a result, to aid in achieving this target, each member is encouraged to contribute towards this amount on the 4th Sunday of each month. Any amount donated will be appreciated.

✓ **Greetings/Birthdays/Anniversary Cards** – Strengthen our fellowship in Christ as we welcome visitors and help celebrate special occasions in the life of members and visitors. You can make a contribution of any amount to Sis. Diana Yarde or Sis. Anthea Barrow.

✓ **The new date for the 32nd Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church, Eastern West Indies Province to be held in Barbados is July 5 to 11, 2019.** The Barbados Conference will continue to make preparations for this event. Members and friends of the Moravian Church are asked to support the weekly contribution of \$1.00 towards those costs for which the Conference will be responsible. This contribution will be collected on 3rd Sundays.

✓ **The Cuthbert Pilgrim Memorial (CPM) Hall** is available for rentals – Conferences/Seminars, Meetings, Wedding Receptions, Graduations, etc. Just off the Maxwell Coast Road, minutes away from the Airport, it is situated within a quiet residential area, with ample parking available. To view/book, contact CPM Hall Manager, Sis. Eudora Mascoll (246-428-4784) or Assistant, Sis. Desma Linton (246-428-2962).

✓ **Bethlehem's Beautification Project** (Church and Grounds) is an on-going project. Lend your support.

✓ **This Newsletter - The Bethlehem Herald** is a monthly publication. You are invited to send ideas and articles to <bethlehemmoravianchurch@gmail.com>

Remember In Prayer



❖ Our Sick & Shut-In/Recovering:

Shut-in Communion/Visitation – 1st and 3rd Tuesdays

NAMES	CONTACT NUMBERS
Sis. Boothe Chase	246-428-6069
Sis. Mavis Chase	246-428-6258
Sis. Emily Forde	St. Philip Family Care 246-622-1897
Sis. Gracie Maynard	246-428-3678
Sis. Dorothy Waite	246-428-2877
Sis. Marjorie Worrell	246-437-1805
Sis. Odessa Haynes	246-426-8663
Sis. Michelle Williams	246-428-7462/430-0900
Sis. Gloria Layne	246-428-7545
Sis. Valrie Quintyne	246-428-1102

- ❖ **Barbados, its Leaders and its Citizens**
- ❖ **All Theological Students, Warden & Tutors**
- ❖ **Persons grappling with the loss of a loved one.**

Financial Status

Target: \$ 9,000 monthly

Bethlehem's monthly Quota to Conference: \$4,796.67

Quota Arrears: \$93,647.48

Special Envelopes (January/February/March):

- **INITIAL OFFERING** (*towards defraying cost of envelopes*)
- **UNITY SUNDAY OFFERING** (*to purchase land in Peru*)
- **THEOLOGICAL STUDENT OFFERING**

Please give to God what He truly deserves

Income for January 2018		\$
Envelopes	2,808.00	
Loose Offering	841.60	
Sunday School	14.00	
Lenten Services	115.55	
Other Monies raised February 2018		
C.P.M Hall	20.00	
Donations to Gas	5.88	
Sub-Total	3,805.03	
Other funds collected		
'Quota Arrears' to Conference	133.00	
'Surviving Spouse'	20.00	
"Youth With A Mission" Outreach	96.50	
"Theological Students"	30.00	
Sub-Total	284.50	
TOTAL	4,084.53	

Walk-Up Offerings – Sundays:

1 st	BMC Building Fund	2 nd	Youth With A Mission
3 rd	32 nd Provincial Synod	4 th	BMC Quota Arrears

Thank You

- ✓ For contributions to defraying the cost of printing our Lenten Devotionals.
- ✓ For your submission of themed contributions to the Lenten Booklet.
- ✓ For your participation/assistance in last month's Joint Congregational Retreat (Bethlehem and St. Philip Fellowship) at the CPM Hall.

BIRTHDAYS - MARCH

01 – Bro. Michael Holder	11 – Bro. Andrew Edwards
01 – Sis. Jaida King-Greenidge	20 – Sis. Verve Alleyne
04 – Sis. Kaninie Knight	21 – Sis. Eudora Mascoll
04 – Sis. Eleanor Hollingsworth	29 – Bro. Martin Adams
05 – Sis. Ashley Greene	

ANNIVERSARIES - MARCH

01 – Moravian Church – *561 Years of Witness*

Mark Your Calendar – MARCH

- ☐ **Bethlehem's Hours of Worship:**
 - **Sunday School** : Sundays @ 9:00 am
 - **Divine Worship** : Sundays @ 10:00 am
 - **Mid-Week Lenten Services this month replace Bible Study and Prayer Meetings** (*Mid-Day from 12:15 pm and Evening from 7:30 pm*)
 - **Pastor's Office Hours** : Fridays, 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm (*by appointment*)
- ☐ **Lenten Devotionals** (*Reflections on the WatchWord*) are available. The Faith and Bethlehem congregations, together with the Calvary/Gracehill pastorate, jointly produce meditations throughout the period of Lent. **If you have not yet received your copy, please contact any member of the Elders Board. \$5.00 donation** to defraying printing costs are welcomed.
- ☐ Assisting with the Worship experience this month:
 - The **Women's Fellowship** with Cleaning and Preparing the Sanctuary.
 - The **Men's Fellowship** with Readings and Prayer.
- ☐ **Women's Fellowship Meetings** every second Tuesday @ 6:00 pm.
- ☐ **Dance Ministry** currently on recess.
- ☐ **Ash Wednesday Services** will be held March 1st, 2017 at **12:15 pm and 7:30 pm** at Bethlehem
- ☐ **Shut-In Communion** will be administered on Tuesday, March 6th starting from 10:00 am.
- ☐ **The Hall Review Committee** will meet on Tuesday, March 6 @ 7:30 p.m.
- ☐ **Installation of Church Officers** will be on Sunday, March 11th at 10:00 am.
- ☐ **The Stewards' Board** will meet on Thursday, March 15th @ 7:30 p.m.
- ☐ **Palm Sunday & District March of Witness** will be on Sunday, March 25th starting at @ 9: 00 a.m.
- ☐ **Elders' Board** will meet Tuesday, March 27, at 7:30 pm.
- ☐ **Maundy Thursday Service (Joint – Bethlehem and Faith)** will be held on Thursday, March 29th at 7:30 pm
- ☐ **B.C.C.F. Practice Sessions for T-20 Cricket Matches** started Tuesday, February 27th at 5:00 pm at the Dash Valley Field

Reminder

- ☐ Cost to complete the **Bathroom Project is \$47,800** – contributions in cash, material or labour are welcomed. **Build a Block cards are available** – We are invited to faithfully support the completion of the Church's Bathroom Project.

- ☐ The **Caribbean Moravian Praise (CPM) Hymnal** and the **Liturgy Book, companion to the New Hymnal**, are in use. Cost: \$70.00 (*contact the Treasurer*). The Old Hymnal has been phased out.
- ☐ **Membership/Confirmation Class** for persons (**adults and teens**) interested in becoming full members. Registration forms are available at the Church Office.

Announcements

- ☐ The **Moravian Voice Broadcast** airs on LIFE 97.5 FM **every Wednesday @ 8:00 pm**. Tune in.
- ☐ **Evangelism Explosion Training** on Mondays at 5:30 pm. Interested persons are invited.
- ☐ **Lay Academy Programme:** – classes for 2018 will be held at Calvary Moravian Church, as follows:
 - **“Introduction to the New Testament”** Starting February 5th, and every Monday from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm (13 weeks)
 - **“Introduction to Christian Counselling”** starting September 3rd, and every Monday from 6: 00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (*shorter period*)Cost per course is \$50.00. Lay Preachers, members of our Boards, Groups and Organisations are all encouraged to share in this period of study.
- ☐ The **Moravian Church worldwide** will observe **Unity Sunday** on the first Sunday in March. It is a day of Prayer for the work and witness of our Church. A **special offering will be taken** in all Moravian Churches worldwide, which will go towards supporting Mission work in Peru – one of the newest mission areas in the worldwide Unity.
- ☐ This year we celebrate **the 250th year since the first baptism of a convert by Moravians in Barbados**, and the **261st anniversary of the founding of the Moravian Church**. This year's joint celebration starts at 3:30 pm with our March of Witness with Church banners, each congregation's colours and musical instruments, beginning at Venture in St. John and ends with our Unity Service and Rally at Mount Tabor (*our host congregation this year*). Each congregation will present a highlight of their congregation to promote their uniqueness, and all groups will Rally.
- ☐ **Fulnee's Annual Week of Services** from **March 5th – 9th** at 7:15 pm nightly.
- ☐ **Conference Sunday School Spelling 'B' and Quizz Competition** to be held **March 10th**
- ☐ **Harvest Festivals at Gracehill** on March 11th and **Mount Tabor** on Sunday, March 18th (at 3:30 pm).
- ☐ **Island Conference** will meet on Saturday, March 17th at 10:00 a.m.
- ☐ **PEC** will meet in Barbados from April 5th to 8th, 2018.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS: REFRAMED FOR THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (EXODUS 20:1-17), given by God through Moses, contain **some of the best advice for team work** ever written. Put into a business framework, it could read something like this:

God is first. He leads, we listen and obey.	I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
Nothing should get in the way of our devotion to Him.	Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments
We cannot use God and His name as an excuse, a threat, or a swear word.	Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
We take a day off for rest and restoration.	Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed.
Our parents (managers and mentors) have priority in our lives to direct our thinking and behaviour. We honour them.	Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
We should not commit character assassination (or any other kind of assassination).	Thou shalt not kill.
We should not commit spiritual, emotional, or physical adultery. We put boundaries around our work relationships and teams.	Thou shalt not commit adultery.
We should not steal from one another whether ideas, credit, or personal belongings.	Thou shalt not steal.
We should not tell lies about each other or use subtle negative comments to rob others of their status or influence.	Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
We should not covet a team member's life, spouse, position, or material possession.	Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Source: [Teamwork Makes the Dream Work: Together We Can Do the Impossible](#) by John Maxwell

BETHLEHEM MORAVIAN CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

*"Growing in Spirit, Living as Disciples, and
Serving God's World"*

"Advance the Kingdom : Live as Kingdom Citizens"