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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Rev Hilton J. Joseph

Good morning brethren. Through this forum let me express to all a happy Emancipation Day! It is my prayer that we will continue to allow the freedom of Christ to continue to reign in our hearts and our minds and eventually through our actions. The following article is for our consideration as we reflect upon where we have come from – the missionaries, the work of the church at the time of emancipation – and how we too have a great

charge to continue the good work amongst our people so that we can all experience the freedom of Christ, remembering that He whom the Son of Man has set free is free indeed.

Be blessed and covered!

Hilton J. Joseph



Protestant missionaries came to the Caribbean in the mid 1700s and remained throughout the late 1800s. Very early, they began preaching the gospel to the slaves and tirelessly attempted to bring change to the cruel situation in the plantations. They were present during apprenticeship and especially dominant during the period of emancipation. The missionaries had the goal of bringing freedom to the slaves, but most of all hope. That hope came in the means

of Christianity. The majority of them were of Baptist and Methodist missions and mainly from the United Kingdom. Many groups of men and women also fought hard for the cause of freedom, especially in Britain itself. Abolitionists, both religious, and secular, were particularly important in Church and School, Mount Zion that process. However the missionaries were more directly involved in the lives of the emancipated people. "Being wholly independent of local influence, the missionaries were almost the only individuals on the island who dared interfere between the oppressor and the oppressed." [We cannot believe that their intentions were always in the interests of freedom, as the missionaries also stood to benefit from emancipation. They gained a large following in their churches, filled up schools and

Provincial Theme
"Advance the Kingdom:

Thematic Focus
Live as Kingdom Citizens"

Conference Theme
*"Pursuing the Blessing:
Empowered to do Ministry"*

Motto:

In Essentials
Unity

In Non Essentials
Liberty

In All Things
Charity

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communities that were tied to the missions and they were able to expand themselves beyond the West Indies.

Right after emancipation took place the missionaries were used as a means of communicating with the free people about what was going to be expected from them as civilization was and the hardships that would follow. There is no doubt that they were influential because the plantation owners came to see them as a way of trying to keep the workers in the plantations. The government was afraid of rioting or rebellion and made it clear to them how they wanted them to behave.

Many changes began to surface following the abolition of slavery. In some cases, village prayer became an important part of the freemen's daily activities. "After the people became free their village prayer-meetings could be better regulated than formerly. Early morning prayers were also held in several villages, where the people used to be up at dawn, and no longer being required to work before sunrise could profitably spend half an hour in devotional exercises." These meetings became a means of bringing the church to the home and it also helped them to be more united. This unity also encouraged them to keep records of important events like marriages, baptisms and deaths. Both the missionaries and the formerly enslaved desired to build new, free communities.

Another desire of the missionaries, at least, was becoming part of the missions that travelled to other places where slavery was either still active or recently abolished. "The day of jubilee has come, and the arrangements have been made for sending back her long exiled sons to the land of her fathers that they may assist in diffusing throughout the African continent the blessing of wisdom and of the fear of the Lord". Despite their efforts, white missionaries had experienced only limited success in West Africa by 1834. The missionaries saw the Jamaicans as a sign of hope because they seemed to be the perfect choice to help spread the gospel in their still oppressed motherland. In Jamaica, the missionaries wanted to replace the colourful garments worn by the people of the island with more conservative clothing. They were sometimes successful in

this area, although other observers often scoffed at the expensive clothing worn by the now free Jamaicans on the Sabbath.

Christianity promised ex-slaves equality, yet the majority could neither occupy office, nor vote to select representatives. Many missionaries were, at least Native Christians of Creek Town in the early years after 1834 (emancipation) and 1838 (the end of apprenticeship), unconcerned with such issues. Instead, they focused on forcing the former slaves to meet a set of European-derived norms of behaviour. The emancipated were called the peasantry of Jamaica and they were threatened with the wrath of God if they behaved in an "unchristian" manner. So now instead of having the plantation masters over their shoulder, they were now in some cases overseen by the church's standards and the missionaries' expectations. Still, the missionaries, though often arrogant and insensitive, were driven by impulses different from those of the planters: "The Jamaican churches in general are essentially missionary churches and each individually of which they are composed regards it as a sacred duty to do something to promote the glory of God in the salvation of his fellow-men".

Education was another important factor tied to the church. For the missionaries it was a way to ensure that true spiritual change existed, it also worked as a monitor on belief, lifestyle and progress. Education was also tied closely to religion because the students were mainly taught from the Bible, which meant that most were now given the opportunity to read. There are a Creek Town Shool-House, Cemetery, and Church, from the Mission-House Doorlot of reasons why the missionaries supported education: perhaps to have more church members, more ministers and money. Most schools were built next to or in the vicinity of a church. The church members built these schools and gave voluntary donations to support them. "The opinion that religion consisted only in an occasional attendance at the parish church is no longer general. It begins to be regarded as a daily and personal concern, and has become the subject of conversation in families where a little time ago it would have been considered ridicule or contempt." The schools also introduced more sanitation and gave girls

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Other Church Ministries

Women's Fellowship
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Health Care Team
New Believers Class
Moravian Senior Club
Zion Ushers Ministry
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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP 65TH ANNIVERSARY

IT'S CELEBRATION TIME!

An invitation is extended to the Zion family to celebrate with the Women's Fellowship on their 65th year of ministry to the congregation and the wider populace of the Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis under the theme '**Regroup, Refocus, Reposition, 65 & Beyond**'.



ZWF 60th Anniversary (Pink Sunday at Zion)

ZION MORAVIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES FOR 2018

EVENT	DATE	TIME
Rally	9th September 2018	4:00 pm
Breakfast	17th September 2018	7:00 - 10:00 am
Banquet	26th October 2018	7:00 pm
Anniversary Service	28th October 2018	9:30 am
Fish Fry	30th November 2018	5:00 - 8:00 pm
Old Fashioned Tea Party	9th December 2018	3:00 pm

Photos of campers and personnel of the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force Camp who worshipped at Zion on Sunday 29 July 2018





PEC REPORTS

Hymn of the Month June 2018

The hymn for the month of June is # 229 – **O Lamb of God**. It was written in 2008 by Bro Ulston Patmore Smith, who is currently serving in the Trinidad and Tobago Conferences. The name of the tune is **Judges Hill**.

The essence of this hymn is a prayer to the second person of the God-head who has been recognised as the Lamb of God. John the Baptist as the forerunner of the Messiah proclaimed him to be the “lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” In this hymn the writer offers a litany of petitions addressed to Christ. They are all personal in nature and are geared towards the deepening of the relationship between Christ and the disciple who is offering these petitions. Central to these petitions is a posture of surrender which is reflected in the second verse. That theme is advanced in the final stanza with the ultimate act of total surrender to the great commission which Christ himself gave to his followers.

Below are the words and music for the hymn of the month for July 2018:

O Lamb of God! O Lamb of God!
Holy, Holy is your name.
Sweet Lamb of God! My dearest friend;
Tabernacle here and fill us with your love
divine,
You alone will fill our hearts with deep
devotion.

2 I'm yours O Lord! Completely yours!
Saturate me with your word.
O let me feel you're always near.
I desire to walk with you, don't let me go
astray.
Lord I give you all my heart in full
surrender.

3 O use me Lord, to do your will;
I will go Lord where you lead,
To feed the poor and heal the wounds;
To restore a broken world in faith, I make
my pledge.
I will serve with all my heart, so give me
strength and grace.

2008. Ulston P. Smith

Congratulations

Janae and Jaleel Christopher The EWI Province expresses congratulations to Jaleel and Janae Christopher.



Jaleel graduated on 01 May 2018 from Florida International University (FIU) in Miami with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering; while Janae graduated from St. Croix Educational



Complex High School with honours on 28 June 2018.

Jaleel and Janae are children of Rev. Dr. Dion Christopher and Rev. Eulencine Christopher. To God Be the Glory!



Tsedek Roberts

The EWI Province expresses congratulations to Tsedek Roberts who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree (with honours) from Roanoke College, Virginia on 05 May 2018. Her major was International Relations with a minor in French.

Tsedek received a Dean's scholarship for academic excellence from American University, Washington, DC, a top ten school in USA, to pursue a Masters in Diplomacy and International Communication. She will begin in the Fall of 2018.

Tsedek is the daughter of Rev Dr Mikie Roberts and Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts. Let us remember her in our prayers.

Kyle Bradshaw



Congratulations to Dr. Levi Anderson Kyle Bradshaw of the Estridge Moravian Congregation, St. Kitts Conference on his successful completion of the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degrees at the University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica. Dr. Bradshaw will commence his Internship at the University Hospital of the West Indies (UHWI), Mona, Jamaica on 01 July 2018. He was the 2013 State Scholar of St. Kitts and Nevis. Dr. Bradshaw is the son of Mr. Levi Bradshaw former PEC Treasurer and Dr. Rondalyn Dennis-Bradshaw. He is the brother of Brandon Bradshaw.

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PEC REPORTS

The Moravian Church East West Indies Province hereby extends best wishes and God's richest blessings to Dr. L. A. Kyle Bradshaw and family. To God be the glory, great things He has done.

Bro Michael & Rev Elva Goodwin



The PEC extends congratulations to Mr Michael Goodwin and Rev Elva Richards-Goodwin who were united in marriage on Saturday 23 June 2018 at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua. We wish them every blessing and pray that they will have a happy married life together.

PEC Ordination Anniversaries

June

- Rev Vankys Isaac - 02 June 2002 (16 years)
- Rev Ulric Smith II - 08 June 2003 (15 years)
- Rev Erflin Browne - 03 June 2001 (17 years)
- Rev Dr Dion Christopher - 16 June 1991 (27 years)
- Rev Errol Connor - 18 June 1991 (27 years)
- Rev Ezra Parris - 29 June 1992 (26 years)

- Rev Bonnie EBW Smith - 08 June 2010 (8 years)
- Rev Nevin Lewis - 27 June 2010 (8 years)

July

- The Rt Rev Conrad Spencer (Bishop) - 11 July 1982 (36 years)
- Rev Dr Cicely Athill-Horsford - 11 July 1982 (37 years)
- Rev Erwin R R Warner - 11 July 2015 (3 years)
- Rev Moise Jean - 11 July 2015 (3 years)
- Rev Yvanne Jean - 11 July 2015 (3 years)
- The Rt Rev Kingsley Lewis (Bishop) - 15 July 1973 (45 years)
- Rev Julie Joefield-Parris - 16 July 1991 (27 years)
- Rev Dr Cortroy Jarvis - 17 July 1983 (35 years)
- Rev Algernon Lewis - 19 July 1995 (23 years)
- Rev Devon Mannix - 20 July 2006 (12 years)
- Rev Andrew Roberts - 20 July 1998 (20 years)
- Rev Roslyn Hamblin - 21 July 1985 (33 years)
- Rev Walton Frederick - 22 July 1984 (34 years)
- Rev Esther Moore-Roberts - 22 July 1990 (28 years)
- Rev Anique Elmes-Matthew - 23 July 2000 (18 years)
- Rev Adelyn M'gonela - 28 July 1984 (34 years)
- Rev Hilton J Joseph - 30 July 2000 (18 years)



6th Bethlehem Conference on History and Music

The 6th Bethlehem Conference on History and Music will take place in Bethlehem Pennsylvania, USA from to 11 to 13 October 2018.

This Conference explores Moravian History and Music from the 15th to 21st Centuries in Europe, the Americas, Asia, Africa and Australia.

The Conference is sponsored by the Moravian Archives, Moravian College, and the Center for Moravian Studies, in partnership with the Moravian Music Foundation, Moravian Historical Society, and Moravian Theological Seminary.

The itinerary is as follows: -

Thursday 11 October 2018

The Walter Vivian Moses Lecture in Moravian Studies

presents

“Evangelical Protestantism In Antigua And Barbados, 1834 to 1914”

by

Rev Dr Winelle Kirton-Roberts

Friday 12 October 2018

The Moravian Music Foundation

presents

A Night of Chamber Music

Saturday 13 October 2018

Moravian Historical Society Annual Lecture

presents

“Creation of the Modern Moravian Unity in 1957”

by

Rev Dr Craig Atwood





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, Carmen Powell (USVI) and Veronica Stevens and Bro Whitley Williams (USA), Brother Allan Pennyfeather (Canada) and Brother Tonito Lee (UK). Sisters Ellenitta Nathaniel, Eileen Mills, Sylvia Samuel, Beatrice Sargeant, Urlic DeSilva, Dorette Rawlins, Doris Adams, Lydia Roberts, Shirley Douglas, Beverly James, Heather Demming and Eileen Robinson; Brothers Ernest Christopher, Pedro Douglas, Hashim Bertie, Alphonso Archibald and Mr. Walter B Simmonds (St. Kitts).

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

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

Sisters Connie Smith, Brenda Manners, Iris McDonald, Eugenie Belgrove-Gumbs, Shirley Phipps, Anita Hobson, and Mavis Deosaw (Overseas).

Brothers Vernon Connor and Peter Byron.



CELEBRATION CORNER



August Birthday Celebrants

1st – Sis Florence (Dolly) Tweede; 2nd - Sis Carelle Samuel (USA); 5th - Sis Eldora Samuel (USA); 7th - Sis Delyth Christmas; 8th - Sis Althea Jean (Antigua), Sis Kimberly Phipps and Bro William Hughes; 10th - Bro Carl Samuel Sr (USA); 11th - Sis Kerine Webbe and Sis Goldha Franks; 13th - Sis Desarie Williams; 18th - Sis Shauntel Somersall, Sis Kendra De Silva, Sis Nekisha Challenger-Liburd (St. Thomas); 19th - Sis Aziah Warner; 20th - Sis Cherice Gardner; 22nd - Bro Joseph Tudor; 27th - Sis Y'Cole Boncamper (USA), 29th – Sis Rita Adams and Sis Joycelyn Connor (St. Thomas) .



August Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

6th August Bro Paul and Sis Emelita Paul
6th August Bro Rudolph & Sis Danielle Wiggins
6th August Bro Damon & Sis Ornella Bacchus
6th August Bro Romaine & Sis Cherise Belgrove
8th August Sis Ellenitta Nathaniel
8th August Bro Glenroy & Sis Lydia Blanchette
26th August Bro Charles and Cassandra Blake



COLLEGE PRAYER WATCH

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

UNITED STATES

Sis Ycole BonCamper
Sis Evah Liburd-Barzey
Sis Akila Moore
Sis Tarhia Slack
Bro Christian Nathaniel
Bro Glassil DeSilva
Sis Vicky Liburd

CANADA

Bro Hassanni Lapsey

SINT EUSTATIUS

Bro Mervin Hook Jr

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Sis Junika Berry

JAMAICA

Bro Kyle Bradshaw
Sis Tonya DeSuza

ST. THOMAS, USVI

Sis Jamilla Connor





FOR YOUR CALENDAR AUGUST 2018



**HAPPY 105TH
BIRTHDAY
GLADYS WILLIAMS**

Shut-in Communion

Shut-in Communion will be held on **Tuesday 14 August 2018** from **09:30 am to 12:00 noon**.

Church Ministries

- **Confirmation Class** will be on break until 10 September 2018.
- **Girls' and Boys' Brigade** will be on break until school reopens.
- **Moravian Senior Club** meets on Tuesdays at the Methodist Church Hall, Seaton Street, Basseterre from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.
- **Women's Fellowship** meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 5:00 pm.
- Our regular **Congregational Bible Study** is on break until 11 September 2018.
- **Mid-week Sunrise Devotions** continue on Wednesdays at 6:00 am.
- **Prayer and Fasting** on Wednesdays from 6:00am to 6:00 pm.
- **Oasis Moments** is on break until 05 September 2018.
- **Uprisers - Children's Ministry** is on break until 12 September 2018.
- **Junior Choir** is on break until 07 September 2018.
- **Youth Fellowship** is on break until 14 September 2018.

St. Kitts Outreach Centre

The Moravians are responsible for ministering at the **St. Kitts Outreach Centre** during the period **13 to 17 August 2018**. Members are asked to assist wherever possible.

Zion Missionary 2018

Zion Missionary 2018 was launched Sunday 01 April 2018. During the Service for each month, a colour offering will be taken. Please note the colour offerings which are to be taken monthly from April to December 2018.

- **Green – April and September**
- **Blue – May and October**
- **Purple – June and November**
- **Orange – July and December**

The colour for the month of August is 'Grey'.

Conference Bible Study

The Conference Bible Study on the Book of Colossians continues on Wednesdays at the Bethesda Moravian Church at 7:00 pm.

Missionary Outreach Sunday

Missionary Each One, Reach One Outreach Sundays will be held every last Sunday of each month, bring someone to church wearing shades of the colour of the offering for each month. This month's colour will be grey.

Missionary Open Air Services

Missionary Open Air Services will be held at the following dates and time:

- Sunday 23 September 2018 at Market Street/ Soho to be conducted by the men, women and youth of Zion.
- Sunday 14 October 2018 at Taylor's/Bladen Housing to be conducted by the Board of Stewards.

Missionary Dates to Remember

- Pastor's Pot in collaboration with Elders – Every Friday during August 2018.
- Pastor's Walk & Breakfast – 10 November 2018.
- Mentorship Programme Revisited – Month of September 2018.

Spiritual Retreat

Calling all Ministry Leaders to a Spiritual Retreat from 31 August to 02 September 2018. Further details will be provided.

Virtual Mentoring Programme

The Rev Cherice Job is offering an 8 week mentoring Programme called "**Living in Purpose**". This is an 8-week virtual programme where you go through the process to identify your purpose and get you on the path to fulfilling your destiny.

This Programme which normally costs US\$400.00 is being offered free to all who attended the Conference.





COMBINED CONFERENCE SERVICE

This year's Combined Conference Service in celebration of the 603rd anniversary of the Martyrdom of Jan Hus (John Hus) was held on 01 July 2018 at the Zion Moravian Church. The service began at 9:30 a.m. with the Praise Team inviting God's presence, leading the congregation in songs of praise and worship.

In addition to the three Conference Pastors, Rev. Cherice Job-Lewis was in attendance and participated by leading worship.

Two choirs rendered items of praise in song: the Zion Combined Choir sang the Introit while the Estridge/Bethel Choir worshiped through the singing of an African song.

The feature for the Children's Story Time segment was conducted by Sis. Celestine James and focused on the topic of 'Giving'. All that she shared can be encapsulated in the Memory Verse, which was taken from **Acts 20:35b** – *"It is more blessed to give than to receive."* She reminded the children that owing to Christ's love for us, He gave His life for all of us.

As Rev. Hilton J. Joseph began his sermon, he asked the following questions: Who are you? What do you believe?

In sharing the history behind the physical structure of the Moravian Churches, he stated that the pulpit is placed in the centre to remind us of the centrality of the Word of God, which keeps us when friends abandon us. The Word of God is our life, breath and blueprint of how to enjoy life while on earth.

Faith through Jesus Christ will give us an understanding of the Word, as supported by Acts 16:31: *"... Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved,"*

The Word is there to prevent us from sinning: *"Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You."* (Psalm 119:11)

God's Word has the ability to have various interpretations for different persons of varied circumstances.

Troubles will come our way but we will be able to smile at the storm: *"No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is from Me," says the LORD.*" (Isa 54:17)

On Christ The Solid Rock I Stand (vs 3)

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)

Rev. Joseph closed his sermon by sharing that we need to read the Bible daily (not only on Sundays during church service), memorise Bible verses, and allow God's Word to transform us as it pertains to every aspect of our lives.

*"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
from whence cometh my help."* (Psalm 121:1)





COMBINED CONFERENCE SERVICE





YOUTH CONNECTION — A BABY BY THE RIVER

Scripture Reading: Exodus 1:8-2:10

Memory Verse: *When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water".* Exodus 2:10 (NIV)

There are few things that bring more happiness than the birth of a new baby. For weeks before the baby is born, the preparations are made. The parents make sure the baby will have everything it needs. They buy clothes, baby bottles, little blankets to keep the baby warm, soft, fuzzy pyjamas for the baby to sleep in. After the baby is born, care is taken to make sure that the baby has everything it needs to grow into a strong and healthy child. Good parents will do everything they can to keep their baby safe.

Our Bible story today is about a little baby boy who was born in a very dangerous time. You will see the amazing things his mother did to keep him safe and make sure he had every opportunity to grow, learn, and have the best of everything in his life.

There was a new King in Egypt who knew nothing about Joseph and how he and his people had helped save the people of Egypt from starving to death. All he knew was that the Israelites were very strong, and that they were growing in number. He was afraid that they were going to take over his country.

"We must do something to keep the Israelites from becoming more so numerous and so powerful", the king declared. So, he made them work very hard to try to crush their spirit. He thought that if he made them work very hard, they would just give up. But the harder he made them work, the stronger they became and the more their numbers increased.

Finally, the king issued a command to all his people: "Take every new-born Hebrew boy and throw him into the Nile River, but let the girls live".

During this time, a woman had a baby boy. When she saw what a fine, handsome baby he was, she hid him for three months.

As the baby got older, she could not hide him any longer, so she made a basket of tall grass and covered it all over with tar to make it watertight. Then she put the baby in it and hid it in the tall grass at the edge of the river. The baby's sister stood some distance away to watch and see what would happen to him.

A little later the king's daughter came down to the river to bathe, while her servants walked along the bank. Suddenly she noticed the basket in the tall grass and sent a slave girl to see what was in it.

The princess looked in the basket and saw a baby boy. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies", she said.

The baby's sister asked her, "Shall I go and call a Hebrew

woman to nurse the baby for you"?

"Please do", she answered. So, the girl went and brought the baby's own mother. The princess told the woman, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you". So, she took the baby and nursed him.

Later, when the child was old enough, she took the boy and gave him to the king's daughter, who adopted him as her own son. She said to herself, "I pulled him out of the water, and so I name him Moses".

What an amazing story of a mother's love for her child. We all know how Moses grew to be one of the greatest leaders the people of Israel has ever known. And it all started with a little baby hidden in the bulrushes down by the river.

Prayer: *Father, just as the mother of Moses watched over her son and protected him, you love and care for your children. We thank you for your love and protection. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

Adopted from: www.sermons4kids.com

Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

Q	A	W	G	K	L	P	N	X	V	C	O	T	Z	E	R	U	S	M	Y	H	D	F	J	B	I
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

1. 25-2-25-20 _____
2. 25-2-18-5-15-13 _____
3. 8-26-6-15 _____
4. 11-16-20-26-8-4 _____
5. 22-2-17-4-21-13-15-16 _____
6. 7-21-2-16-2-12-21 _____
7. 19-12-13-21-15-16 _____
8. 19-12-18-15-18 _____

MOSES	PHARAOH	BASKET	DAUGHTER
NILE	BABY	CRYING	MOTHER





INSTRUMENT OF PEACE LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING



In honour of Emancipation Day, which is celebrated each year on the first Monday of August, we share the well-known song 'Lift Every Voice and Sing', also widely regarded as the Black National Anthem. Let us not forget our forefathers who endured significant hardship as enslaved people throughout the Caribbean. We give thanks to God that slavery was abolished, and sing praises to God that our Moravian missionaries played a significant role in sharing their Christian faith with our ancestors. Additionally, the missionaries contributed to critical social improvements for the enslaved population. As we move forward in love, hope and peace, we pray that the days ahead would bring even more prosperity for our twin-island Federation. We give God the glory!

Leader: Father God, we lift up Your name as we remember our forefathers.

People: Let God be praised.

Leader: Father God, thank You for the various individuals who contributed to our freedom.

People: Let God be lifted up.

Leader: Father God, we praise You and adore You because You are the light of the world. You continue to guide our paths and bring light in our periods of darkness.

People: Let God be adored always.

Lift Every Voice and Sing

*Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.*

*Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won.*

*Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the
slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last*

Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,

God of our silent tears,

Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;

Thou who has by Thy might led us into the light,

Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,

Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;

Shadowed beneath Thy hand,

May we forever stand.

True to our God,

True to our native land.

By James Weldon Johnson

~ Contributed by a VOZ Member



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

Sisters Cassandra and Charlesia Blake on the passing of: -

Bro. Browne-Phipps
(Father & Grandfather)

Sister Mia Lapsey and Family on the passing of: -

Mrs. Sylvia Williams
(Aunt)

Brother and Sister Ivan Tait on the passing of:

Bro. Charles Tait
(Brother & Brother-in-law)



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





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*The Voice of Zion:
Empowered to do Ministry*

It is for FREEDOM that Christ has set us FREE.
STAND FIRM, then, and do not let yourselves
be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.
Galatians 5:1



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK CONT'D

at least some opportunity to seek an education as well.

Now that the Sabbath was accessible to all, missionaries expected all to attend and make it their first priority. However, many people refused. Others were part of the church yet held on to African-derived beliefs about such things as cures, remedies and superstitions. Others moved away from the white people and the plantations because they reminded them of their life as slaves. This could be a result of these people being taken away from their lives, forced into an inhumane life and now being pinned and persuaded to a lifestyle that was not theirs. On the other hand these people were exposed to Christianity from an early stage. So by the time emancipation came to light, they were very shaped around this concept because they had nothing else to look forward to. They embraced religion as a support system; many were attracted to the message of equality, which stood in such contrast to the life of slavery. On the positive side of things, the missionaries helped those who were worn out and hopeless to believe in something. They helped them adjust to the real world, to celebrate and enjoy their freedom in a nonviolent form. They brought them towards education and work that would not be abused with its wages. The bible was no longer a foreign book and lines of people waiting to attend services daily replaced going to church on special occasions.

“The abolition of the slave trade; the destruction of slavery itself; the establishment of schools; and the various efforts which have been made for the improvement of the temporal condition of the people, would have effected, but little, had it not been for this more powerful instrumentality and this still more effective agency.”

Missionaries In Jamaica During Emancipation by Anna Romero

Sunday 5th August 2018 (11th Sunday after Pentecost) Pastor & Celebrant: Rev. Hilton J. Joseph ORDER OF SERVICE

Watchword for the Week:

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever come to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty". John 6:35

Songs of Praise and Worship

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise #465.....Now Thank We All Our God

Congregational Prayer

Song.....By The Rivers Of Babylon

Liturgy cont'd

Song.....Glorious Freedom

Ministry of the Word

Old Testament.....Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

New Testament.....John 6:24-35

Song.....Thank You Lord...I Just Want to Thank You

Sermon.....Rev. Hilton J. Joseph

Altar Encounter

Hymn #208.....Amazing Grace

Worship in Giving

Tithes and Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Welcome and Celebration

Notices

Closing Song: Hymn #731.....Lift Every Voice And Sing



Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn of Preparation: #211.....Just As I Am

The Invitation

Prayer of Humble Access

Consecration and Distribution of Bread

Song (vs 1 & 2).....In Christ Alone

Hymn #220 (vs 1 & 2).....And Can It Be

Hymn #270 (vs 1-3).....He Pardoned My Transgressions

Consecration and Distribution of Wine

Song.....Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

Song.....Years I Spent in Vanity and Pride (At Calvary)

Song.....Victory in Jesus

Covenant Hymn #250.....My Jesus I Love Thee

The Blessing

Closing Hymn #259.....O What A Wonderful, Wonderful Day

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