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THE VOICE OF OUR LAY READERS



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Advancing the Kingdom Living Like Kingdom Citizens (Cont'd)

Greetings my Brothers and Sisters in the Majestic name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

As we continue to focus on

our Provincial Theme, it takes my mind back and I am sure the minds of others also, to the days when we became fascinated with the Earthly Kingdoms. There was a time when I was fascinated with the Royal Family in England; wanting to know more about their lives, maybe even wishing that I was in their place, like wearing their regal attire, the crown jewels and having the privileges that came with their Status.

As years rolled on, it became clearer what their role and responsibilities were. Among other things, they are expected to carry out the mandate of the Kingdom, by helping to strengthen National Unity and Stability, among their subjects. We the citizens pledge allegiance to the Queen, her Heirs and Successors. They are seen as role models in society, which means their lives are constantly under microscopic

view, therefore anything negative, or outside of their expected behaviours, will be highlighted.

I will hasten to declare that the life and/or expectations of an earthly kingdom citizen is in stark contrast to that of a **Spiritual or** Heavenly Kingdom Citizen. As Children of God, professing that we are saved, born again believers, Christians, we are constantly called to examine our lives which should be lived on a higher standard; the Standards that have been set by the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Jesus the Christ.

Every year we commemorate the Lenten Season, we go through the set Church Calendar of events from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, but we have to conscientiously and truthfully ask ourselves the questions: -

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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- ♦ Is it just a ritual, a system we were raised in, and so we continue without giving serious consideration as to why we do or should do it? (ticking the bucket list)
- ♦ At the end of the period, do we experience a closer relationship with God? And if so, is it a relationship we are daily striving to pursue?
- ♦ If we are born again, do we see ourselves as Kingdom Citizens and our role in Advancing God's Kingdom here on Earth?

These questions are right at the heart of how we view the reason Jesus came to earth and the sacrifice He paid, by His death on the cross. The Love of God was exemplified by Him offering up His only begotten Son to die for our sins. This is an Act of the Greatest Love that if we be honest with ourselves, no one can, and ever will in our lifetime express love in that way. The Scripture tells us in John 3:16, For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should NOT perish, but have everlasting life.

The Song writer penned "He left the splendour of Heaven, knowing His destiny, 'twas on the lonely hill of Golgotha, there to lay down His life for me. If that isn't Love.....".

Now I have experienced in our human behaviours, when we love someone dearly like our Spouses and our Children

we express this love in ways that would be pleasing to them. We even do some things out of the ordinary to make sure they know how much we love and appreciate them and we in turn expect that love to be reciprocated. God's Agape love continues to abide with us, in spite our humanness which causes us to fall short sometimes, due to the pressures of life. All He wants from us is to return that love by doing the things he expects from us and resisting the things he abhors.

If we are questioning our place in God's Kingdom, The Word of God tells us in Romans Chapter 8 vs 17 that if we are His children (born again), then we are His Heirs and Joint Heirs with Jesus Christ. We are without a doubt Royalty in the sight of God. Read 1 Peter 2:9. And it doesn't stop there. In St. Matthew Chapter 16:19, Jesus told His disciples and the same is passed on to us that we are not only occupants of the Kingdom, but we have the keys, which come with Power and Authority. So as Kingdom Citizens there is a call to live the part, by following the examples Jesus set on his journey to the cross. God was revealed to us by the life He lived here on earth. What he taught His disciples, the same is handed down to us as our spiritual compass.

He was God, yet human; so, in fasting, he felt what we feel when hunger strikes. When they insulted and ridiculed him, He kept his composure and remained focused on the mission. He was betrayed and denied, but he forgave them. The stripes (lashes) on his

back were endured for our healing. When we experience great thirst, nothing but water can quench it, yet He drank the bitter cup. And although he felt forsaken by His Father, he endured to the end, because he knew Friday would be over and Sunday (Resurrection Day) would come.

So, my Brothers and Sisters, Jesus' life on earth set the example of how we should live as Kingdom Citizens. In Philippians 2:5, Paul encourages us to let this mind that was in Christ Jesus, be in us. We are expected to advance God's Kingdom by the way we speak, our behaviour and attitude, our dress codes, in other words, our overall character. All these things MUST come into alignment with what God expects of us and that the world would see God through us.

The people who were under the influence of their religious leaders, crucified their King. Do we continue where they have left off by the way we often reject Him? Is He front and center in all that we do, or we see Him as a convenience?

During our period of reflection in this Lenten season, I encourage all of us to be mindful that our relationship with God as Kingdom citizens is very crucial. We are always under the world's microscopic lenses, how do they view us? Are our lives drawing people to Christ, thus advancing His Kingdom? Are we doing ALL that we can do in this Vineyard to promote His

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PRAYER & FASTING



May we all desire to draw closer to God this Lenten season and allow Him to free us from those sins that 'so easily beset us.'

Sis Lilette Liburd-Lewis

FASTING: RECONNECTING WITH GOD

The season of lent is a time of great significance in the life of the church. It is a time where we, the members of the body of Christ, reflect and remember our Saviour's ultimate sacrifice on the cross and seek to draw closer to Him. One of the most important aspects of Lent is prayer and fasting. For many of us however, we enter into a time of fasting without understanding its true meaning and significance and without spending any extra time in prayer. It has become a form of tradition or fad to; *"give up something for lent"*. This does not help to draw us closer to God and does not produce true spiritual growth.

On the 21 and 22 January 2018, the clerical body of the Moravian Church St. Kitts Conference hosted a two-session series of teachings on fasting. The purpose of the series entitled "Fasting for Spiritual Breakthrough" was to help equip the members and to assist in enabling them to Live as Kingdom Citizens. Rev Hilton Joseph, who was the presenter of the series, outlined what fasting is, reasons for fasting, different types of fasts and the significance of fasting. One of the definitions given for fasting is humbly denying something of the flesh to glorify God to enhance our spirit and grow deeper in our prayer life. It was also highlighted that the focus of any Christian fast is seeking diligently after God and putting aside self in order to strengthen our relationship with Him.

The membership was encouraged to engage in the Disciple Fast; for personal and corporate spiritual growth. The purpose of this Fast is to free ourselves and others from besetting sins. Besetting sins are habitual sinful behaviours or attitudes that keep us bound and we are convinced that there is no way out and we can't stop. Some examples of besetting sins are, gambling, drinking, gossiping and lying. These are sins we become enslaved to because the enemy convinces us that is who we are. The bible tells us in Matthew 17:21 that we can only be released from these types of sins through prayer and fasting. As we engage in the Disciple Fast, we surrender all things to God's control. This helps to strengthen our faith in Him and allow Him to free us from these types of sins. He is then able to mold us and make us into the kind of people he desires us to be.

MY PRAYER LIFE

Luke 21:36 "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

Ephesians 6: "Pray always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints,"

Philippians 4:6 "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known unto God."

1 Thessalonians 5:17 "Pray without ceasing."

The word of God has many more scriptures about prayer. A prayer-less life is a powerless life. It is by prayer that we are renewed and revived daily. As someone said "on our knees, we are taller than trees."

Sometime ago, I received a little but powerful book – HOW TO PRAY – THE BEST OF JOHN WESLEY ON PRAYER. In the introduction to this little book, is a quotation from Wesley "All who desire the grace of God are to wait for it, first, in the way of prayer. Prayer is the most useful of all pastimes."

How do you pray? Do you only pray in Church or is prayer a part of your daily life? Does it come naturally to you? John Wesley said "All that a Christian does, even in eating and sleeping, is prayer, when it is done in simplicity, according to the order of God, without either adding to or diminishing from it by his own choice."

Since I accepted the Lord as my personal Saviour years ago, my prayer life has grown tremendously and has impacted my life in so many ways. I remember that I am an imperfect, but forgiven child of God and it is by prayer that I am able to stand in the ups and downs of life. I make it a habit of rising early in the morning for meditation with my family. I read different inspirational books and then we take turns to pray. Prayer is our armour of protection

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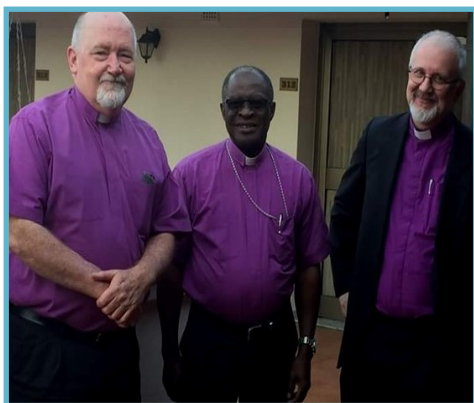
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Bishop Armando Rushindo

Bishop Armando Rushindo consecrated

On Thursday 28 September 2017, at the Synod of the Cuba Mission Province, **the Rev Armando Rushindo** was elected to be the first Cuban Bishop of the Worldwide Moravian Unity. Bishop Rushindo was consecrated in Havana, Cuba on Saturday 20 January 2018, by Bishops Sam Gray (USA), Stanley Clarke (Jamaica) and Volker Schulz (Switzerland, European Continental Province). Bishop Armando Rushindo was consecrated the 365th Bishop of the Moravian Unity (303rd in the Renewed Moravian Church).



L to R - Bishops Sam Gray, Stanley Clarke and Volker Schulz

The Rev Tania Sanchez was elected as the new president of the Provincial Board of the Cuba Mission Province.



Provincial Board of the Cuba Mission Province

Hymn of the Month – February 2018

The hymn for the month of February is # 671 – ***We come this day to give you thanks***. It was written in 2003 by Sisters Joan Smith and Natalee Smith from the Jamaica Province. The hymn was chosen as the hymn of the month in September 2014. However, at that time we had used the tune ***Nativity***. Since then Bro. Patmore Smith has created an original tune for use with this hymn. That tune is called ***Black Rock***.

For the month of February, we are again offering this hymn but requesting that it be sung to the new tune that has been written by Bro. Smith. We welcome your feedback concerning this new tune and its use with this hymn text. Permit me therefore to recap the comments that were made back in 2014 about this hymn:

“This hymn serves as a timely reminder that all of the gifts and talents that [our children] possess are given from the Lord and so should be dedicated to His service. Additionally, the hymn pinpoints that learning not only happens in our schools but even more importantly at home. As a result, those who teach at home as well as those who teach at school must consecrate themselves anew to the Lord. There is a level of honesty in this hymn that is quite refreshing in that there is the admission that in executing their tasks, those who teach can become worn out from the many demanding responsibilities. At such moments, our dependence on the Holy Spirit is vital. Finally, the hymn ends with a prayer for guidance to ensure that all that is taught is ultimately a reflection of only what is true. With the prevalence of false doctrines, which is rooted in the “father of all lies” (John 8: 44), the teaching of the truth cannot be overemphasized.”

Here are the words and music for the hymn of the month for February:

We come this day to give you thanks:
We bring our loudest praise,
Our talents, skills; our hearts and hands
In gratitude we raise.

2 We come and bow before your throne
To pledge ourselves anew.
The ones we teach at school or home
We consecrate to You.

3 We now rededicate ourselves
To do what we can do.
Spirit of Truth we need your grace
For we get weary too.

4 Help us to teach only what’s right
And keep our conscience clear.
Give us the strength to daily fight
Against the devil’s snare.

2003. Joan Smith and Natalee Smith

Rev Mikie Roberts
Provincial Music Director

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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 five hundred and sixty-one (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 two hundred and sixty-two (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 an 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 sixteen-bed male wing comprising eight 2-bed rooms with floor space of approximately 3,420 square feet.
- A twenty-four-bed female wing comprising twelve 2-bedrooms with floor space of approximately 4,800 square feet.
- 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 square feet patio where residents can relax, play games and just enjoy the outdoors.
- An extensive courtyard (30,000 square feet) 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 square feet) 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.bjkehhomeandmission.com for more information and to make your donations. Thank you for being part of God's mission in the world.





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, Urlie De Silva, Dorette Rawlins, Doris Adams, Lydia Roberts, Shirley Douglas, Beverly James, and Eileen Robinson; Brothers Ernest Christopher, Pedro Douglas, Hashim Bertie and Mr. Walter B Simmonds (St. Kitts).

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

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

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

Brothers Vernon Connor and Peter Byron.



CELEBRATION CORNER



March Birthday Celebrants

5th - Sis Latoya Somersall; 6th – Sis Jillian Tudor-Akeem; 8th – Bro Orrin Lewis; 9th – Bro Lloyd Matthew; 10th – Bro Omandey Byron, Sis Eileen Robinson and Bro Bernard Rawlins; 13th - Sis Tryphena James and Sis Greta Musgrave; 16th - Bro Rudolph Wattley; 18th – Sis Jasmine Jeffers; 19th - Sis Tonya Watt, Sis Myrna Archibald and Sis Sandra DeSilva Wilkes; 21st – Bro Charles Benjamin; 22nd - Sis Sheryl Reid-Nisbett and Bro Wilfred Mitcham; Sis K'Tusha Liburd; 23rd - Sis K'Shanta Reid and Bro Frank Sargeant; 24th - Bro Zahmoyah Nisbett; Sis Veangele Williams (USA), Bro Henry Mitcham and Sis Audrey Henry; 25th - Sis Doris Powell; 26th – Sis Giovanna Greux and Bro Steve Francis; 27th - Sis Deidrea Morton, Sis Hyacinth Gumbs and Sis Tammy Byron; 29th - Sis Sasha DeSuza and Sis Kristal Gardner; 31st - Sis N'Gozi Nicholls and Bro Sydney Osborne.



March Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

7th March Bro Orin & Sis Lilette Lewis
18th March Bro & Sis Charles Benjamin
31st March Bro Wilmoth & Sis Yvonne Farrell

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—MARCH 2018

INFANT BAPTISM

Shut-in Communion

Shut-in Communion will be held on **Tuesday 06 March 2018** from **09:30 am to 12:00 noon**.

Church Ministries

- **Confirmation Class** on Mondays at 4:00 pm.
- **Girls' Brigade** on Mondays at 5:00 pm.
- **Boys' Brigade** on Mondays at 5:00 pm.
- **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.
- **Bible Study** on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.
- **Mid-week Sunrise Devotions** on Wednesdays at 6:00 am.
- **Prayer and Fasting** on Wednesdays from 6:00am to 6:00 pm.
- **Oasis Moments** resumes 12 April 2018 at 12:00 noon
- **Up-Risers' Children's Ministry** on Wednesday at 5:00 pm.
- **Junior Choir** on Fridays at 5:00 pm.
- **Youth Fellowship** on Fridays at 7:15pm
- **Combined Choir** on Thursdays at 6:00 pm.
- **Praise Team Ministry** on Saturdays at 5.30 pm.

St. Kitts Outreach Centre

The **Moravians** are responsible for ministering at the **St. Kitts Outreach Centre** during the 26 to 30 March 2018. Members are asked to assist wherever possible.

Daily Texts

2018 Daily Texts are available: **Large print copies cost \$45.00; small print copies cost \$40.00.** Please see Elder Allison Belle-Archibald.

Lenten Devotions

The Leadership of Zion presents **Lenten Devotions** under the theme "*Advance the Kingdom*"; *Live as Kingdom Citizens*, focusing on the sub-theme "*Essentials Characteristics of Kingdom Citizens*", emphasis on the Beatitudes: Matthew 5:1-12.

- ◆ Wednesday 07 March – 6:00 pm
- ◆ Wednesday 14 March – 6:00 pm
- ◆ Wednesday 21 March – 6:00 pm



Psalm 127:3, *Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord; the fruit of the womb is his reward.*



On Sunday 28 January, four (4) infants, Denique K'Neah Lenia Bridgewater, Jahdell Isaiah Zendai Mickle, Neymar Gordan Thomas, and Shevaun Kyle Junior Williams were accepted into the Church's membership through Infant Baptism.

The Leadership and members of Zion welcome these infants, who were brought by their parents and godparents, into the Church. As they move through the different stages of life, toddlers, teenagers etc. we look forward to feel their presence in the Church, not just as members but as active participants in the various church's programmes.

We ask for God's guidance for the parents and godparents who are expected to bring up these children according to God's Holy Word as stated in Proverbs 22:6, *Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*





LIVE AS KINGDOM CITIZENS

Over the past few years as a province we have been exploring “Advance the Kingdom” of God by way of thematic focus. This came out of the awareness that the Kingdom of God is not stagnant it is dynamic, and it must and will grow. The Kingdom of God, because of its core values and governing principles is constantly under attack. As a result of this, kingdom citizens are frequently in warfare against “principalities and powers and spiritual wickedness in high places”. It is incumbent upon citizens of the kingdom to sharpen and commit to memory knowledge and understanding of the kingdom as tools for spiritual warfare. As we stand in allegiance to the Lamb the ultimate aim is to expand the kingdom principles through discipleship.

Our Provincial Theme for 2018 is “**Advance the Kingdom: Live as Kingdom Citizens**”. The theme challenges us that as we advance the Kingdom, we ought to live as Kingdom citizens. In other words, we must wear the badge of Jesus on a daily basis. The question is, how can we continue to live as Kingdom Citizens? As we live as Kingdom Citizens, **we advance the Kingdom of God**. Allow me to proffer a few thoughts on how we must continue to advance the Kingdom.

We can ADVANCE the KINGDOM OF GOD by:

- **Being MILITANT and TRIUMPHANT** – The Church must be forceful in advancing and Proclaiming the Victory of Jesus. Matthew 16:19 declares, “And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven”.
- **Being VICTORIOUS** – The Gates of Hades cannot prevail against the Church as Jesus has defeated the devil and we are the manifestation of his Victory. Matthew 16:18 speaks of the victorious nature of our walk in advancing the Kingdom. It says, “And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it”.
- **Being the POSSESSOR of the GATES of our ENEMIES** – This means that the Church will go into the enemy’s Territories and not wait for the enemy to come. Genesis 22:17 speaks of God’s assurance to us. It says, “I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies”.
- **Being GOD’S KINGDOM here on earth** – The Church is a Kingdom that will influence territory around it and conquer it. Ephesians 6:12 declares, “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the

authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms”.

- **Being a BODY of RIGHTEOUSNESS** – The Believers through their righteous living will bring light to darkness. Matthew 13:43 assures that our light will forever shine. “Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear”.

The great Reformer, Martin Luther once said, “The Bible is alive – it has hands and grabs hold of me, it has feet and runs after me”. This quotation summarizes the deeper meaning of the Bible as we examine the Kingdom of God.

Bill Kimbley says of the Kingdom: “**It is the rule and authority of God, which is made up of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.**” This definition comes from the application where the Kingdom of God is mentioned in Romans 14:17 which says, “For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

Jesus depicts himself as the farmer in the parable of the sower (Matthew 13:1-9; Mark 4:1-9; Luke 8:4-8). His message of salvation is intended to produce a disciple who in turn produces other disciples in varying quantities, with the pinnacle being “one hundred-fold”.

In the parable of the seed growing secretly, Jesus speaks of the self-evident growth of the seed or the Gospel: “A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain: first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come”. (Mark 4:26-29).

All disciples of Jesus the Christ should engage in aggressive evangelism. Many of us think evangelism is a complex phenomenon, which is reserved only for ministers of the Gospel of Christ. Not so, it does not require theological training. Evangelism is one disciple telling a nonbeliever about Jesus the Christ and all who comes under the blood-stained banner of Jesus can and should do this. Kingdom Citizens contribute to the advancement of the Kingdom of God by eventually leading others to follow Jesus the Christ as Lord and Saviour. This will help in cancelling myths and misconceptions regarding citizenship of this kingdom. Citizenship comes with responsibility.

Rev Dr Cortroy Jarvis
Chairman
PEC





FASTING (CONT'D)

and I believe that we should never leave our homes uncovered. If for some reason there is no time to get together, I tell my children to pray – talk to God when they are driving to work. We can talk to God at anytime – driving, walking, lying down, in the middle of the night, etc. All this is praying without ceasing. Praying is connecting to the source of all power. Remember, I am not perfect, but prayer makes me stronger and brings me closer to the throne of God.

“Communion with God is the one need of the soul beyond all other needs. Prayer is the beginning of that communion.” Jesus gave us a model for prayer (the Lord’s Prayer), however it is a demanding discipline. At the beginning of developing a solid prayer life, it can sometimes be more occasional than persistent. Real prayer is tough – praying with all prayer – that’s deep stuff. However, we need to pray because we are in a battle. Jesus knew he was in a battle and often withdrew himself to pray. Why should we do any less? Today’s parents should pray regularly for their children and teach them to pray when they are young. We see the neglect of spiritual guidance in society so our communication with God is absolutely essential. Remember, “God answers prayers in the morning, God answers prayers at noon, God answers prayers in the evening, so keep your hearts in tune.”

“God’s command to pray without ceasing is founded on the necessity we have of His grace to preserve the life of God in the soul, which can no more subsist one moment without it, than the body can without air.” JOHN WESLEY

The more we pray, the better our prayer life becomes. You don’t have to be eloquent to pray, you don’t have to consult the Oxford Dictionary so that you use the right words. Just talk to God, let him know what’s in your heart. He knows already, but He just wants to hear from you. When we become overwhelmed with the issues of life (and we will), take them one day and one prayer at a time to God. He is not only a God of the big stuff but of the small stuff too.

“Lord, your Holy Word commands me to pray without ceasing. When I am discouraged, let me pray. When I am lonely, let me take my sorrows to You. When I grieve, let me take my tears to You, Lord, in prayer. And when I am joyful, let me offer up prayers of thanksgiving. In all things, great and small, at all times, whether happy or sad, let me seek Your wisdom and Your Grace in prayer.” – Selected

Contributed by Sis Carmen Rawlins



LAY READER (CONT'D)

Kingdom?

His word tells us that He is coming back and He will reign with Power and Glory, and His Kingdom on earth will be established. Those of us who represent Him as true and loyal citizens will reign with Him. He is coming back for a Church (People) without spot and wrinkle. Are we ready? This is the time to reconnect, even if we feel that we have been trying to live up to His standards. The cross represents our Faith and Hope that we can endure. This is our foundation that was set by Him. Let us subscribe to the song which says “I will cling to the Old Rugged Cross, and exchange it someday for a crown”.

I encourage you as I encourage myself to Live as Kingdom Citizens, by Advancing the Kingdom, and guard our hearts with the words found in Galatians 6:9, Do not be weary in well doing, for we shall reap if we do not faint.

Sister Tryphena James
Lay Reader

ST. KITTS CHRISTIAN COUNCIL'S ANNUAL MIDDAY LENTEN SERVICES

Theme: **“Crossing Barriers to Wholeness”**

12:30 p.m. until 12:40 pm

St. George's Anglican Church

Wednesday, February 21st: “Crossing the Barrier of Falsehood and Evil Talk to Tenderheartedness” **Moravian Church**

Wednesday, February 28th: “Crossing the Barrier of Anger and Bitterness to Kindness” **Catholic Church**

Wednesday, March 7th: “Crossing the Barrier of Dishonesty to Honesty in the Work Place” **Methodist Church**

Wednesday, March 14th: “Crossing the Barrier of Maliciousness to Goodness” **Salvation Army**

Wednesday, March 21st: “Crossing Barriers to Wholeness” **Anglican Church**





YOUTH CONNECTION

BUILDING BRIDGES

"If a fellow believer hurts you, go and tell him—work it out between the two of you. If he listens, you've made a friend".
Matthew 18:15

The Message is "Love does no harm to its neighbour. Therefore, love is the fulfilment of the law". Romans 13:10 (NLT)

Once upon a time, there were two brothers. Their father had a large farm and when he became too old to work, he called his sons to him. "I am too old to work anymore", he said. "I will divide my farm in half and give each of you one half. I know that you will always work together and will be good friends".

When the brothers first started farming on their adjoining farms, they were the best of friends and would share everything together. Then, one day there was an argument between the two brothers and they stopped speaking to one another. For many years, not a word was spoken between them.

One day, one of the brothers was at his house when a carpenter came to his door and said, "I would like to do some work. Do you have any work that I can do?" The brother thought for a moment and then replied, "I would like for you to build a fence on my property. Build it down near the stream there that separates my farm from my brother's. I don't want to see my brother anymore and I would like for you to build a high fence there please. I'm going into town and I'll be back this evening.

When he came back that evening, he was shocked to see that the carpenter had not followed his instructions. Instead of building a high fence there, he had built a bridge over the stream. The man walked down to take a look at the bridge, and as he did, his brother walked toward him from the other side. His brother said, "After all the terrible things I've done to you over the years, I cannot believe that you would build a bridge and welcome me back." He reached out to his brother and gave him a big hug.

The brother then walked back up to his farmhouse to talk to the carpenter. "Can you stay?" he asked. "I have more work for you to do." The carpenter answered, "I'm sorry but I can't stay. I have to go, for I have many other bridges to build."

Sometimes we have disagreements with your brothers and sisters in Christ. When that happens, we often build a fence between ourselves and them. We stop talking to them. We do not want to see them. We do not want to be around them. That is not what Jesus wants us to do. Instead of fences, he wants us to build a bridge of love between us.

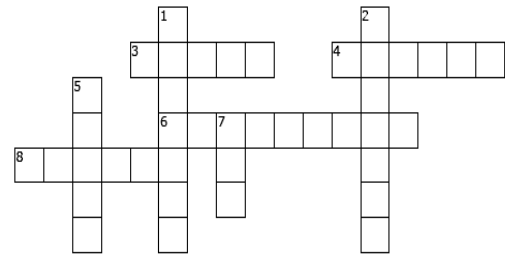
Dear Father, we know it is your desire for us to live together in peace and harmony. Help us to love one another. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Word Search Puzzle

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TRUTH	HEAVEN	BIND	FAULT	FATHER
AGAINST	EARTH	SINS	LOOSE	SHOW
CHURCH	WITNESSES	REFUSES	HEAVEN	LISTENS
YOU	AGREE	TESTIMONY	WON	BROTHER

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3. A statement proven to be accurate
4. To pay attention; To make an effort to hear something
6. A spoken or written statement that something is true
8. All followers of Christ as a group

DOWN

1. A member of the same race, church, religious group, or organization
2. A person who sees an event happen
5. A quality in a person that shows that they are not perfect
7. Breaking a religious law

BROTHER	TESTIMONY	SIN	LISTEN
WITNESS	FAULT	CHURCH	TRUTH





INSTRUMENT OF PEACE



*Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die!
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin*

*Ride on, ride on in majesty
The winged squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice*

*Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh
The Father on His sapphire throne
Expects His own anointed Son*

*Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die!
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain
Then take, O God, Thy power, and reign*

~ Contributed by a VOZ member

Ride on! Ride on in Majesty!

Greetings, my Brothers, and Sisters in Christ,

I pray that this new month will bring you both personal and professional blessings.

In honour of Palm Sunday, I am delighted to share with you one of my favourite hymns. Found in the “The Son of God: His Passion” section in our Caribbean Moravian Praise Hymnal, ***Ride on! Ride on in majesty!* (Hymn 103)**, is a reflection of both exaltation and tragedy. In the first stanza, the tribes sing, shout and exalt His name saying “Hosanna”. In the final stanza, the writer ends by combining Jesus’ death and His opportunity to *take power and reign*. This unusual lyrical combination presents a vivid illustration of Jesus’ Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem. As we express our adoration for Jesus Christ, let us join with the writer and other believers of Christ and proclaim Him as the King of Kings and shout loud Hosannas. May His name and the exaltations of Hosanna continue to be in our mouths and our hearts.

Join the exhortation:

**“Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”**

Written by *Henry H. Milman* in 1827
Composer: *Henry B Hays* in 1981
Meter: L.M.

Ride On, Ride On In Majesty
*Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark all the tribes ‘Hosanna’ cry
Thine humble beast pursues his road
With palms and scattered garments strowed*



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

Sister Natalie Fough and Family on the passing of:

Mr. Eric Alexander Carey
(Father)

Bro Earl Brotherson, Sis Ashley Herbert, Bro Tylor Brotherson, Sis Albertha Belle, Sis Veronica Martin, Sis Cassandra Hobson, Sis Desiree Williams, Sis Tasia Williams, Sis Sharlyn Williams, Bro Recaldo Brotherson, Bro Kevin Williams, Sis Zenra Ferdinand, Sis Tamia Martin, Bro Demarni Martin, Sis Nigenda Hobson, Sis Deja Hobson, Bro Shevaun Williams, Bro Shakym Williams and the Herbert Brotherson & Williams Family on the passing of:

Brother Alexis Melvil Angus Brotherson
(Son, Brother, Grandson, Nephew, Cousin)

“The Lord is your rock, your fortress and your stronghold.”

Brothers and Sisters, may the Lord grant you Peace in these trying times.





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Watchword for the Week

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 1 Corinthians 1:18

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1: 10-25; John 2:13-22

If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take up me up. Psalm 27:10

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken. 2 Corinthians 4:8-9

Sustainer of hope, we seek to worship you this day. In your presence we find hope and strength to journey onward with you. May we draw near to you to be refilled with love and faith to live more fully our Lenten faith. Amen

04th March 2018 (3rd Sunday in Lent)

Pastor: Rev. Hilton J. Joseph

Liturgist: Sis Kathleen Tait

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Praise and Worship Team

Call to Worship *Psalm 95:1-6*

Opening Welcome

Hymn # 474 *Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing*

97 *Beneath The Cross of Jesus*

256 *Come We That Love The Lord*

430 *Brought Safely By Thy Hand (Tune 480)*

Prayer of Adoration

Welcome, Greeting & Celebrants Time

Ministry of the Word

OT Lesson Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Sis Carmen Rawlins

NT Lesson St. Mark 8:31-38 Sis Seana Mack

Song *We Need To Hear From You*

Sermon **Sis Avonelle Phillip**

Altar Encounter

Worship in Giving

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

Hymn # 30 *You Are Wonderful, You Are Marvelous*

Prayer of Dedication Sis Rhoda Procope

Notices

Closing Hymn # 81 *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*

Benediction



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