



THE ZION MORAVIAN CHURCH
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THE VOICE OF ZION

A Monthly Communication of the Zion Moravian Church

Rev Hilton J Joseph ~ Pastor

From The Pastor's Desk

Provincial Theme
Fulfilling the Mandate

The Thematic Focus
Advance the Kingdom!
(Developing God's Church –
Teaching, Reprimanding,
Empowering)

Foundation Text
Acts 1: 8
Matthew 28: 16-20
Romans 15:20
2 Timothy 4:2

Conference Theme
Pursuing the Blessing:
Empowered to do Ministry

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



Rev Hilton J Joseph

My Family in Christ,

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Jeremiah 29: 11

Isaiah 40:31 New International Version (NIV) 31, *but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*

This month we remember family members who succumb to cancer, we stand with survivors, we intercede for those battling cancer and we encourage healthy lifestyles to prevent cancer.

The following excerpts come

from The Pink Ribbon Foundation as we speak hope and raise awareness in helping to increase quality of life.

Therefore, let us show our support for the next four Sundays by raising awareness for the following types of cancer by wearing the following colours:

- Sunday 09 October 2016 – wear shades of pink for breast cancer,
- Sunday 16 October 2016 – wear light blue for prostate cancer,
- Sunday 23 October 2016 – wear colours representing different types of cancer,
- Sunday 30 October 2016 – wear plum to honour caregivers.

Hilton J. Joseph
Pastor



The Value of Storytelling

It's a healing process. It's about

sharing a story with someone else. That's what builds the fabric of our lives. It's that connection.

We at Pink Ribbon Story Foundation provide a platform for those affected by breast cancer to share their stories and knowledge while building an active support community providing hope and guidance.

“With breast cancer, every woman's story is different, but there is a common thread that binds all of us together who have had to go through this. There is a common experience”.
-- Louise G.

We believe that when women and their families share their experiences regarding their breast cancer diagnosis, treatment, physical and emotional challenges, and subsequent triumphs it helps both the storyteller and the listener through the healing powers inherent in "narrative medicine." By telling their unique life stories, these women underscore the positive impact of bonding with those similarly afflicted and together they can better advocate for themselves and the newly diagnosed.

The C-Word

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Bible Study
Health Care Team
New Believers Class
Moravian Senior Club
Zion Ushers Ministry
Zion Missions' Team
Multimedia Team

From the Pastor's Desk (Cont'd)

The "C" Word

I just wish it wasn't the word cancer.

"You have breast cancer." For many, once they hear the word "cancer", they believe that their life will never be the same. It's hard to articulate what those words feel like and what we equate them with. Cancer is such a frightening word. Many of us immediately equate "The C-Word" with death, chemotherapy, hair loss, nausea, and in the case of breast cancer, losing our breasts.

"I don't think you can hear the word cancer and not be scared". -- **Jeanna B.**

We view cancer to be a formidable enemy, and we believe ourselves needing to engage in a battle, a war. After the initial shock subsides, it's important to recognize that cancer is a journey, not a battle. There are many reasons to be hopeful. Today, there are hundreds of thousands of women living healthy lives beyond breast cancer. It's important to understand your diagnosis, the specifics of your cancer, and your treatment options. The "C-Word" is a challenge. Surround yourself with the best medical team and focus on taking one step at a time.

Cancer and Spirituality

Going through cancer, I think I definitely kept my perspective and kept my spirituality.

The effects of breast cancer are not purely physical. A cancer

diagnosis challenges women emotionally. It changes how they see themselves, how they value their lives, and how they envision their future. Once diagnosed, women experience fear, anxiety and disbelief. It is a natural reaction for some to question their relationship with God or wonder why things like "cancer" happen to people. Why did it happen to them?

My relationship with God was that rock that I clung to when I didn't know what else to do. I just held on and He was with me at every point in my weakness. He held my hand and He never left my side and that's how I got through that year." -- **Elizabeth K.**

Life takes on a new meaning post-diagnosis. Many describe the blessings of a cancer diagnosis. They have a new appreciation for life and the simple blessings that fill every day.

For every woman, her relationship with God, as it relates to her breast cancer journey, is uniquely personal. Coming to terms with the mixed emotions, accepting the diagnosis, and understanding the role that God plays in each woman's individual life is an important step in becoming well, physically and spiritually.

Maintaining Hope

Maintaining Hope - You're Going to be Okay.

I'm at the end of this story and I'm feeling better than I've felt in a very long time and it just keeps getting better.

At this time, there are close to

2.9 million breast cancer survivors in the United States alone. There is much reason for hope. Breast cancer, when caught early, is a very curable, very treatable disease. Incredible advances have been made in the fields of surgery, oncology, radiation and pharmaceuticals.

"One day you're going to feel really, really good. You're going to have your energy. You're going to love life. You're going to listen to the radio and dance. Life's going to be good again. That's why I'm here. I want people to know that. I want women to know that". -- **Liana M.**

Today, breast reconstruction, in the hands of skilled surgeons, has the ability to leave women feeling whole and more beautiful than ever before. When a woman is first diagnosed, it is hard to see beyond the hill to climb, the journey seems all encompassing, and the challenge daunting. It's hard to imagine that there will come a day when you will be "okay" again. Our Ambassadors are here to share their stories of hope and inspire others with their experiences to remind women to focus on the future and the promise of living





Christian Education Month



Sis Ellenitta Nathaniel receiving her plaque from Sunday School Teacher, Sis Shernel James

During September, the Conference's Christian Education Committee celebrated a month of activities, under the theme **"Created with a purpose; a Call to be."** The focus was children (twelve (12) years and under).

Throughout the month, a display of the Christian Education's philosophy, mission and vision statements and twenty reasons why children's ministry matter were mounted in each congregation.

A Sunday School Teachers' Workshop was held on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th under the sub-theme, **"Considering the Call; Conquering the Challenge,"** with the scripture focus being, St. Matthew 28:16-20. On Sunday 11 2016 the Sunday School Superintendents delivered messages across the Conference. Sis Ellenitta Nathaniel was honoured at Zion during the service for her years of dedicated service to Sunday School. Similar presentations were made throughout the Conference.

The month concluded with a five-day Children and Youth Festival which comprised:

- A Panel Discussion - Partners in Ministry

Panel: The Parent – The Pastor – The Professional – The People

Topic: **"Raising and Reaching Our Children in and for Christ."**

- A discussion for those who have had children baptized within the last five (5) years;

- Two days of Children Evangelistic Services;
- A tea party saluting the Seniors, 70+ across the Conference;
- Missionary Services, at which Youths preached, and a rally, ending with a march of witness and open air service.

These culminating activities were centred around the sub-theme: **"I am Available"**.

Philosophy of Christian Education

Christian Education (CE) is at the very heart of the church. In the educational process, the spirit of God encounters people of all ages so that they are nurtured in faith, grow in experience, knowledge and love of God and are inspired and empowered to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. This call to discipleship compels us to live our faith, as well as to share it with others, bringing it alive. Christian Education is all encompassing and involves every aspect of congregational life. Christian Education must result in the transformation of individuals, existing groups and on a larger scale, the entire body of Christ through the Word and the various methods used to teach and empower.

Christian Education Mission Statement: To nurture people of all ages in Christianity so that they grow in knowledge and experience and live victorious lives.

Vision Statement: A people equipped, empowered and transformed to a high level of spiritual maturity and academic excellence in order to minister within the communities they serve.

~ Sis Delyth Christmas



Sis Nathaniel with the Superintendent and teachers of the Sunday School Department



Moravian Moment

Singstunde: A Moravian Song Service

Moravian Moment is a communication from desk of the Chairman of Provincial Elders Conference (PEC) of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province (MC EWIP). This article was first published in the November 2009 Issue of the Voice of Zion.

*This article is being republished as presently as a congregation we are engaged in a series of Singstunde (first Saturday of every month) entitled the Hymn Speaks - a way of familiarizing the Conference with the new Moravian Hymnal, **Moravian Caribbean Praise**.*

Moravian Moment #137... 18 October 2009 Singstunde- a Moravian Song Service

It is said that singing is a part of the Moravian psyche. The Church flourishes as it sings the songs of Zion. It is probably one of the few Churches that can organize an entire service on singing only. It is said that Zinzendorf was a prolific hymn writer/composer. Legend has it that Zinzendorf composed a hymn of (67) sixty seven verses one evening. As the congregation was singing verse (1) one, he was composing verse (2) two and at the same time writing so that they were able to see to sing until he stopped at verse (67) sixty seven. This was a tremendous feat. It is easy to conclude that Zinzendorf impacted the community in such a way that they all grew to love worship and more so singing.

J.T Hamilton and K.G Hamilton, reflecting upon the community at Herrnhut says: "ample provision was made for the cultivation of the religious life in early Herrnhut. Daily services brought the adults together soon after dawn; brief devotions followed for the aged and infirm at 8.30 o'clock and for the children at 10. Each day closed with common worship." This suggests that Moravians had public/community worship daily.

It is said that when one sings, he/she prays twice. It is clear to see then, why the Moravians placed so much emphasis on singing. Singing of hymns offered many opportunities for the active participation by the congregation in worship. Zinzendorf actively cultivated within the Herrnhut congregation an appreciation of the spiritual power of hymnody and gradually developed this unique kind of service called the Singstunde. This became the favourite form of public worship for Zinzendorf and the community at Herrnhut.

How does it work? The person in charge selected with care entire hymns or verses of particular hymns in such a manner as to tell a story based on the theme at hand. It is important to note that every story has a beginning and an end. Every Singstunde was arranged in such a way that at the conclusion, everyone rejoiced and gave God the glory for moving mightily amongst them. There was no

Sermon. The message was powerfully proclaimed through the Singstunde.

The Singstunde is still a very powerful witness in some areas of the Moravian world especially the Dutch territories. What is referred to as Singstunde in the Dutch and German speaking Moravians, is called a "Song Service" amongst English Moravians. Has this custom died in the Moravian Church, if so why?

Today we have some powerful hymns of the faith written on the pages of our hymnals. In addition, many of our members have been inspired by God to write hymns for worship and different occasions. We thank God that he is still using men/women to pen these messages, so that generations to come will know that God not only spoke in the past, but he is speaking to us every day. Let us recapture that passion and dynamism for the songs of Zion and our Song Services.

Launch of the Moravian Caribbean Praise

From the Desk of the chairman of the Provincial Elders Conference (PEC)

By now all congregations throughout the Province should have received copies of the new Hymnal – **Caribbean Moravian Praise**. There will be a Launch and Service of Dedication for this New Hymnal on Wednesday 12 October 2016 at 7:00 PM.

The service will be held at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church and will be in the form of a Moravian Singing Hour. Choirs from the Antigua Conference will lead in the singing of both new and old hymns as we give thanks to God for the completion of our New Hymnal. Members are invited to come and join in this Provincial celebration. Bring your new hymnals along with you and together let's worship the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Make a special effort to attend and invite someone with you. This service will be STREAMED LIVE so that members throughout the entire EWIP will be able to follow and participate in the same. The present Hymnal will be retired on 12 October 2016.

All Congregations are requested to suspend the use of the Multi Media Projector for the projection of hymns for 6 months in order for members to familiarize themselves with and get accustomed to the new hymnal.

Information on the live streaming will be forwarded to you soonest.



PEC Reports



Student and Teacher of the GLMS

The Gloster Lodge Moravian School of the Trinidad Conference ended its year-long 120 Anniversary Celebrations on Friday 24 June, 2016. A Principal's holiday was granted on that day by the Ministry of Education in recognition of the many achievements of the school over its 120 years of existence.

On Tuesday 5 July 2016, however, the icing was put on the cake when the 2016 Secondary Entrance Assessment (SEA) results were released. There was great jubilation at the school when Principal, Ann Alves, announced the exam results, noting that all the children did extremely well and that the school attained 100% passes to secondary schools in Port-of-Spain and environs. In fact, the 2016 placements were described as being one of the best recorded overall results of the school in recent times.

The majority of the students were placed in schools of their choices, with many securing spots in 7-year institutions. This year, two of our girls who performed outstandingly will be attending the prestigious St. Joseph's Convent, Port-of-Spain. A number of other students will also be leaving GLMS to attend top schools such as St. Francois Girl's College, Trinity College, Providence Girl's High, Belmont Boys' Secondary, Corpus Christi College, South East Port-of-Spain, Bishop Centenary College, St. James Secondary, Tranquility Government Secondary and Success/Laventille Secondary among others.

The principal and staff at Gloster Lodge are proud of all our students and wish them God's blessings as they move on to secondary school.

Furlough

The following members of Staff will proceed on furlough during 2016:

- Rev Walton Frederick from 01 August to 30 November 2016.
- Rev Algernon Lewis from 15 August to 14 December 2016.
- Rev Dr Cicely Athill-Horsford from 15 August to 14 December 2016.



Staff Changes

The PEC makes the following announcements:

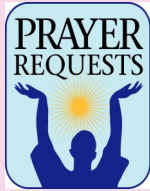
- The Rev Algernon Lewis, upon the completion of his Furlough on 14 December 2016, will proceed on Study Leave from 15 December 2016 to 30 June 2018.
- Bishop Kingsley Lewis has accepted a Call to serve as Interim Pastor of the Lebanon and Enon Newfield Moravian Congregations in Antigua from 15 August to 14 December 2016. Bishop Lewis will be assisted by the Rev Jeremy Francis and the Rev Ulric Smith. Future updates on this Pastorate will be provided.
- The Rev Bonnie E. B.W Smith has accepted a Call to serve as Acting Superintendent of the Moravian Church Antigua Conference from 15 August 2016 to 14 February 2017.

Let us remember our brothers and sisters in prayer as they assume their new responsibilities.





Special Prayer Requests



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

His promise is, *"Call to me and I will answer you."* (Jeremiah 33:3) **This month, let us remember in prayer** the following persons

listed below and be reminded that *"you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."* (Matthew 21:22)

Sisters Laverne Huggins, Gloria James, and Veronica Stevens (USA), Bro Whitley Williams (USA), Allan Pennyfeather (Canada) and Brother Tonito Lee (UK). Sisters Rahmona Casey, Helen Woods, Ellenitta Nathaniel, Urlie De Silva, Dorette Rawlins, Mary Mac Lachlan and Beverly James; Brothers Ernest Christopher, Hashim Bertie and Basil Byron (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, Shirley Phipps, Anita Hobson, Eileen Robinson and Mavis Deosaw (Overseas). **Brothers** Vernon Connor, Arthur Thompson, Washington Archibald and James Phipps.

Celebration Corner



October Birthday Celebrants

1st - Bro Mervin Phillip, Sis Louise Godwin-Tannock (Bermuda), 2nd - Sis Catherine Hawley-Pennyfeather, 4th - Sis Dontricia Belle, Bro Shaquan and Sis Shaquanna Bridgewater (Canada), Bro Hasani Caines, Sis Janvanel Caines, 6th - Bro Patrick Mitcham, 7th - Sis Je'neah Henry, 8th - Sis Vivian Rawlins, Sis Verona Newton, Bro Romaine Belgrove, Sis Jordan Taylor, 10th - Sis La Tonya Weeks, Sis Chelsea Amory, 11th - Sis Linet Matthew, Sis Kito Woodley, 12th - Sis Lenora Mack, 13th - Sis Eulalie Berridge, 17th - Bro Carl Osborne, 24th - Rev Algernon Lewis (Antigua) and 30th - Sis Shakira Casey-Pitt.



25th October Bro Walter & Sis Tryphena James
26th October Bro Trevor & Jeweleen Woodley

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
Bro Zaavan Hobson
Bro Christin Scarborough
Bro Glassil DeSilva
Sis Vicky Liburd
Sis Tarhia Slack

CANADA

Bro Hassanni Lapsey
Sis Shaquanna Bridgewater

SINT EUSTATIUS

Bro Mervin Hook Jr

JAMAICA

Bro Kyle Bradshaw
Sis Avicia Sweeney
Sis Tonya DeSuza

BARBADOS

Sis K'Shanta Reid



Cancer and You

“Cancer is a word, not a sentence.” John Diamon



It is highly unlikely that a Cancer patient who is currently undergoing aggressive chemotherapy and/or radiation or preparing for surgery would agree with the above quotation. To them, Cancer seems like a ‘sentence’ and they are in the ‘fight of their lives’. A Cancer diagnosis is likely to darken one’s spirit with words/phrases such as fear, pain, sickness, anxiety, hopelessness, treatment options, health-related costs and ultimately death. Notwithstanding this, psychologists continue to encourage Cancer patients to maintain a positive outlook as it relates to their diagnosis. They consider an optimistic attitude as a critical component of the overall treatment plan for patients. Additionally, new research and clinical trials continue to help health professionals to prolong the lives of their patients; in many cases, patients’ lives can be extended even with an advanced-staging (Stage 4) diagnosis. As a result, there is hope for all of us and we have an important role to play in our health.

So then, what can we do? Here is a basic list which outlines some of the things that we can do on a consistent basis:

- **Be mindful of our body** and what seems normal or abnormal. It is important to know how we feel on a daily basis so that we can quickly identify what appears to be abnormal. For example, if we walk daily and for some reason on one of our walks we experience shortness of breath and coughing--this **may** indicate that something is happening and requires further action. For the females, it might be an abnormal rash on one or both of your breasts which requires follow up with your doctor.
- **Eat a balanced diet** with appropriate amounts of healthy fats, carbohydrates, fruits and vegetables, seeds/nuts/grains etc. Decrease your unhealthy fats (such as fatty cuts of beef, pork, and lamb, dark chicken meat and poultry skin, high fat dairy foods (such as whole milk, butter, cheese, sour cream, ice cream etc.) and sugars. Drink more water (flushes toxins etc.) and limit the amount of bottled juices and sodas. The following list represents twelve (12) foods that **may** fight cancer (Source: www.123rf.com) --Oily fish (such as mackerel, salmon or sardines), mushrooms, garlic, tomatoes, carrots, sunflower seeds, green leafy vegetables (such as spinach, kale and lettuce), beetroot, broccoli, pulses (such as chickpeas, lentils and beans), nuts and yellow and red peppers.
- **Exercise on a regular basis.** For some persons, it might be rigorous weight training or cardiovascular exercises at the gym or at home. For others, it might be walking or jogging, swimming or even gardening.

- **Get regular check-ups** with our primary care physician. It is always amazing that some of us spend more time taking care of our vehicles than our bodies. Our vehicles require oil changes, tyre changes etc; our bodies also need care and love (i.e. Wellness Check-ups). During the visit, our doctor will do routine checks (men: prostate and testicular checks etc; women: pap smears and breast examinations etc) and also recommend blood tests and urinalysis to assess our general well-being.
- **Undertake monthly self-checks.** There are a number of monthly checks that we should be undertaking ourselves—for example, breast, skin (in particular moles) examinations.
- **Engage in a regular dental wellness programme** through bi-annual visits to our dentist for cleaning and oral cancer screening.
- **Wear sunscreen** whenever we are in the sun for an extended period.
- **Take our supplements regularly.** In particular, Multivitamin, Vitamin D (especially if we don’t get enough sunlight), Vitamin B-complex, Fish Oil, Calcium etc.
- **Reduce our stress levels.** Stress puts our body in overdrive. Devise ways to manage personal stress and/or reduce it extensively. Practise yoga or some other form of meditative exercise to assist with this issue.
- **Know our family’s medical history.** It is important to share this information with our medical providers. This can assist in ensuring that we obtain the necessary tests and checks even before symptoms/issues are present.
- **Maintain a vibrant spiritual outlook.** Be grounded in the firm understanding that God our Father is the Greatest Provider. Added to this, we should always be cognizant of how much He can do in our daily lives. Finally, be a firm believer in the power of prayer and ensure that our prayer life is sustained throughout the triumphs and trials of our personal experiences.

In closing, it is important to mention that one might be doing everything ‘right’ according to a doctor’s requirements and still eventually become ill with Cancer. We do not know or have the authority to choose what sickness may come our way. However, it is always wise to engage in good health practices (preventative medicine/management) in order to preserve our physical, emotional and mental well-being. Let us encourage one another on a path to the best health that we can ever experience. This may mean commencing an ‘Exercise or Eat Well Challenge’ with family and friends to maintain our personal motivation. **Whatever we do, let us become better at what we do on a daily basis.**

As the year comes to a close, it is also a good time to start doing



For Your Calendar

October 2016

Shut-in Communion

Shut-in Communion will be held on Tuesday 04 October from 9:00am to 12:00 noon.

Please see any member of the Committee for more details.

and youths - \$75.00 and children under 12 - \$25.00

Church Ministries

- **Girls Brigade** on Mondays at 5:00 pm
- **Bible Study** resumes on Tuesday 20 September at 7:00 pm. We will be studying the book of Romans Chapter 4.
- **Junior Choir** on Fridays at 5:00 pm.
- **Youth Fellowship** on Fridays at 7:15 pm
- **Youth Choir** on Saturdays at 3:00 pm
- **Combined Choir** on Saturdays at 4:15 pm
- **Oasis Moments** on Wednesdays at 12:00 noon
- **Confirmation Class** will resume on Monday 03 October 2016 at 4:00 pm.

St. Kitts Outreach Centre

The Moravians will be responsible for ministering at the **St. Kitts Outreach Centre** during the month of **October 2016**. Members are asked to note that the dates will be given in a subsequent notice. Members are asked to assist wherever possible.

Men's Ministry

All men are reminded of Men's Ministry on **Sunday 16 October 2016**. Bring a brother to Church with you.

Zion Vestments

The Zion Vestments Committee is still seeking funds to offset the cost of two sets of vestments. Members can donate individually, as a group or as a family.

Missionary 2016

Zion Missionary 2016 was launched on Sunday 01 May 2016. During the Service, for each month a colour offering will be taken. Please note the colour offerings which are to be taken monthly from June to December 2016.

- June & October – **Blue Offering**
- July & November – **Purple Offering**
- August & December – **Orange Offering**

Missionary Ingathering will be held on 27 November 2016 (1st Sunday in Advent). Members will be asked to give a pledge of \$200.00 for the Ingathering. However, persons can commence by giving \$40.00 per month from the month of August to December.

New Hymnal

Members are asked to note that the new hymnals have arrived and to check with office if an order was placed and paid for in full. Kindly walk with your receipt when you are going to collect the hymnal. For persons who have not placed an order, please note that copies are available for sale.

Hymn Speaks

As an introduction for the new hymnal, a Singstunde (Song Service) entitled "Hymn Speaks" will be held once per month, commencing on Saturday 04 September from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. This is to orient members with the new hymnal and prayer book.

Harvest

Our Annual Harvest Service and Cantata will be held on Sunday 23 October 2016 at 9:30 am.

Chief Elders Conference

The Chief Elders Conference will be held from 10 to 13 November 2016. Save the date. Registration Fee: adults - \$100.00

Hospital Visitation

Members are asked to notify the office of persons who are hospitalized. Also, persons who are discharged from the hospital are asked to call and notify the office that they are at home.

Staff Retreat

Staff Retreat will be held in Nevis from 16 to 20 October 2016. Kindly keep the members of Staff in prayer.

Prayer & Fasting

As a congregation we will be observing a day of Prayer and Fasting once per week. This will be observed on Wednesdays from 6:00am to 6:00 pm. Members are asked to join in any of the three services that will be held during the course of that day. That is, the Mid-week Sunrise Devotions at 6:00am, the Oasis Moment at 12:00 noon and the Evening Praise and Worship at 6:00 pm. Additional information will be given in a subsequent notice.

Cancer and You Cont'd

our personal assessments as to what we can change in the upcoming year, as it pertains to our health management. **LET US MAKE A POSITIVE CHANGE!** We must not give up on our health...we cannot afford to *become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up (Galatians 6:9)*. Franklin Roosevelt puts it into perspective for us when he wrote: **"When you come to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on."**

May God continue to bless us all with good health and access to quality healthcare if we should become ill, supportive family and friends, a sound mind and a clean heart. Let God be praised.

~ Contributed



Christian Education Month in Photos



Sunday School Teachers' Conference — Day 2



Sunday School Superintendent Exchange



70+ Tea Party at Bethesda (served by the youths)



70+ Tea Party at Bethesda—Concerts by the Youths



Sunday School Rally & Open Air Service—Dorset Park



Children Evangelistic Service: I AM AVAILABLE!

Youth Connection

Blessing & Distribution of School Bags



This year, Zion further extended its outreach to its children in the area of Education. In addition to providing a scholarship to a well-deserving child, the church was able to utilize some of the scholarship funds together with donations from church members to provide approximately fifty primary and kindergarten children with school bags, pencil cases and supplies.

On Sunday 04 September 2016 (the day prior to the re-opening of schools), the bags and pencil cases packed with supplies, were blessed and distributed to the children. They were joined by other children in the congregation who were asked to bring their school bags to church to receive their blessings too.

The Leadership of the Church wishes to thank those persons who voluntarily contributed to this project both in cash and kind. It is our hope that with the help of God, the student under the guidance of their parents would make good use of this contribution towards their education.



Congratulations Sis Dahneira Hodge



Sis Dahneira Hodge ~ St. Kitts and Nevis Junior Minister of Tourism and 4th place winner of Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) Tourism Youth Congress Competition

The Leadership and Members extend congratulations to Sis Dahneira Hodge, St. Kitts and Nevis Junior Minister of Tourism who placed fourth at the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) Tourism Youth Congress.

The 2016 Tourism Youth Congress was held in Barbados from September 14 to 16 September and comprised of Tourism Junior Ministers (students between the ages of 14 to 17) representing fifteen (15) Caribbean countries. The students debated on various aspects of the tourism industry and shared their visions for the future direction of regional tourism.

Sis Dahneira was given high commendations for her speech which incorporated the use of social media, to provide visitors with virtual tours of the destination.

Minister of Tourism, the Honourable Lindsay Grant, congratulated Sis Dahneira on her outstanding performance at the Tourism Youth Congress. He stated that as a nation, "we compliment Dahneira on her innovative thinking, because her presentation is an excellent idea of enriching the experience of our guests through social media and virtual reality."

Sis Dahneira, may God continue to bless and enrich your life. As a Church we pray that you utilise your gift of effective communication to engender positive change in the lives of your peers and other youths. Your grandmother, the late Sis Julia Hodge would be very proud of your many accomplishments! May God be Glorified.



Instrument of Peace



The month of October within our Conference brings with it many celebrations. First, we give thanks for the gifts from our fertile lands through our respective **Harvest Festivals**. Second, we celebrate with our **Cancer survivors** and remember **those who have passed on** from this illness.

Finally, we show appreciation for the **contributions of our Senior brothers and sisters** throughout our Federation. All in all, we find ourselves for the most part, in a celebratory mode; giving thanks to God our Father for His wonderful blessings in our lives and in our beautiful paradise.

As we reflect on these celebrations, let us pause to identify our blessings and renew our commitment to our gracious Creator for His wondrous love. Merciful Saviour, we thank you for providing for our needs. We pray for a **continued spirit of thanksgiving and we hereby lift our hearts and voices in recognition of Your mighty hand of provision**. You have cared for our earth and continue to bless its growth and development. You have cared for our people and continue to bless us with sound minds, health and strength. There are many times that we fall short to sing of our praise for You and Your love towards us—we thank you Father. **We give You all the glory, honour and praise.**

This month's contribution is an all-time favourite song titled **"Count Your Blessings"**. Let us continue to shout to the Lord in adoration. Thank you Father for Your many **BLESSINGS** and may we forever **count them one by one**. May this song inspire us to always give thanks, no matter what challenges we may encounter in our daily lives.

Count Your Blessing

1

*When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.*

Refrain:

*Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.*

2

*Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, ev'ry doubt will fly,
And you will be singing as the days go by. [Refrain]*

3

*When you look at others with their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;
Count your many blessings, money cannot buy
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high. [Refrain]*

4

*So, amid the conflict, whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end. [Refrain]*

~ Contributed by a VOZ Member



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

Sis Sonia Daly-Finley, Sis Kara Daly and Bro Kaidyn Daly on the passing of

Mrs Sonia Daly Sr
(Step-daughter, Step Grandchildren)
Nevis

Sis Judith Byron on the passing of

Mr. Oscar Frederick Mayers
(Father)
Barbados

"Blessed are those that mourn, for they shall be comforted." Brothers and Sisters may the Lord be your refuge and strength during your period of grief.



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Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

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Sunday 02 October 2016

Habakkuk 1:1-2, 2:1-14; Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Psalm 98:3 (NIV)

Jesus said, "It is a lamp brought to be put under a basket or under a bed? Is it not to be set on a lampstand?"

Mark 4:21 (NKJV)

Your salvation, O Lord, stretches as far as the east is to the west, and the north is to the south. There is no corner, depth, or height where you will not go to see us out. Mighty God, to you be all the glory forever. Amen

Sunday 02nd October 2016 (Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost)

Pastor and Celebrant: Rev Hilton J. Joseph

Worship Leader: Sis Emelita Warner Paul

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Pre-Service Songs

Call to Worship Psalm 37:1-9

Songs *I'm Living By Faith*

..... *Jesus Hold My Hand*

..... *All The Way My Saviour Leads Me*

Prayer of Approach

Hymn of Adulation: CMP #48 *My God How Wonderful*

Litany of Hope (Cancer Awareness Month)

Solo Bro Jermaine James

Ministry of the Word

O.T. Lesson Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

N.T. Lesson St. Luke 17:5-10 Bro Leon Bass

Sermon

Alter Encounter

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

Prayer of Dedication Elder Sharon Huggins

Expressions of Welcome and Greetings

Preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn CMP #233 *Jesus Master Whose I Am*

The Sacrament of Communion

The Invitation

Prayer of Humble Access

1st Eucharistic Prayer

Hymn CMP #581 *Here O Lord* (vs. 1&2)

Words of Institution of Bread

Hymn CMP #191 *I've Found A Friend*

Hymn CMP #188 *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*

2nd Eucharistic Prayer

Word of Institution of Wine

Hymn CMP #136 *All Hail The Power of Jesus Name*

Hymn CMP #268 *Alas And Did My Saviour Bleed*

Instruction

Covenant Hymn *We Are One In The Spirit*

The Blessing