



# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

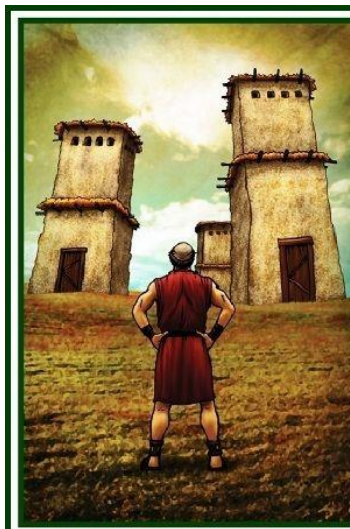
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## The Parable of the Rich Fool

"The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup> He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'"

<sup>18</sup> "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup> And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

<sup>20</sup> "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'"

<sup>21</sup> "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

**Sunday, August 3, 2025**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:30 a.m.**

*Welcome: A pleasant welcome is extended today, as we have "gathered in His name to worship Him." Wherever you are at today, here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad, this time can be and is a time of worship. A special welcome to the Diabetes & Hypertension Association of Barbados – West Central Region. "May Jesus Christ be praised," as we lift our hearts and our voices heavenward.*

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**WATCHWORD:** Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. *(Colossians 3:2)*

**Provincial Theme 2025:**

***"SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, and Re-Igniting Our Passion"***

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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The Blessing & Organ Postlude



Organ Prelude  
Invitation to Worship



## EMANCIPATION

*All standing.*

Spirit of the living God,

***Fall afresh on us!***

Spirit of the living God,

***Sanctify this space.***

Spirit of the living God,

***Fill us with light and grace and strength.***

Spirit of the living God,

***Delight our minds, unite our tongues, renew our hearts.***

Spirit of the living God,

***Fall afresh on us!***

TUNE: GATHER CHRISTIANS

*Gather, Christians, let's now celebrate.*

*Gather, Christians, the Lord we now await.*

*Gather, Christians, behold He comes.*

*Rejoice and sing for the Lord is King!*

To God the Father, let's give Him praise.

To God the Father our voice we raise.

To God the Father who reigns above,

Praise the Lord for His mercy and His love!

*Garfield Rochard, b. 1943.*

*All seated.*

Let us confess our sins:

***Gracious God, Heart of the universe, we confess that we are a rhythmic people who sometimes miss the beat of your call to holiness and righteousness. We do not always move in time to your drumbeat of peace with you, with our ancestors, and with one another. We resist your Holy Spirit.***

***We are a marching people, but our faithlessness puts us out of step.***

***We are a singing people, but our love for the songs that do not edify, distorts our voices.***

***We confess our sinfulness. We trust your grace to restore our lives to sweet harmony and our feet to a faithful march to the beat of your heart. Have mercy O***

***Lord, we pray. Amen.***

Be assured that God is just and faithful and will forgive us, when we confess. Creator God, we bow in humble adoration of your mighty power and constant presence. We are thankful that, without discrimination, you have created all races and peoples in your image. We are grateful that each day you are enabling us, your people, to recognize our rightful place in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Gracious God, contrary to your divine plan, racism as an ideology continues to be pervasive and divisive in this world. In many places, blacks are still considered and treated as an inferior race. We pray that your liberating power will set us free from such racism. ***Amen.***

***All standing.***

For the blacks who have struggled for freedom in the Caribbean, Africa and the Americas.

***We give you thanks.***

For the women and men who have contributed positively to our culture and society through their talents, skills and ideas.

***We give you thanks.***

For Jesus Christ who died on the cross to redeem all humanity and to bring freedom to all who are in any way oppressed.

***We give you thanks.***

*TUNE: RIGHT HAND*

The right hand of God is lifting in our land,  
Lifting the fallen one by one;  
Each one is known by name,  
And rescued now from shame  
By the lifting of the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is healing in our land,  
Healing broken bodies, minds and souls;  
So wondrous is its touch,  
With love that means so much  
When we're healed by the right hand of God.

*Patrick Prescod (1932 – 2013).*

***All seated.***

Let us pray.

Loving God, we remember at this time our sisters and brothers throughout the world

who suffer under racist structures. We pray for those who are exploited, manipulated and discriminated against, because of the colour of their skin. We ask that you would strengthen and empower them to stand together and fight for the freedom which you have given; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

God of the oppressed, we call upon you to transform political and social structures which dehumanize your people. May leaders of all countries, especially the Caribbean, be guided by your Holy Spirit so that all decisions made may be for the common good and will glorify you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Liberator God, we lift up before you, blacks in the Caribbean who have suffered a painful history of slavery. Remove, O God, the scars and mentality of colonialism and imperialism. Release in us the power to fulfill our potential by accepting and appreciating our own. Enable us to stand in solidarity with one another in spite of our linguistic and geographical differences. Give to us, O merciful God, your grace and peace. Help us to find, in and through Christ, our liberation; this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*All standing.*

*TUNE: TO GOD BE THE GLORY*

To God be the glory! Great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son;  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son:  
And give him the glory!  
Great things he hath done!*

Great things he hath taught us,  
Great things he hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

*Frances van Alstyne (1820 – 1915).*



## WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS INCLUDING

**Offertory Sentence:** *“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.” (James 1:17)*

### Offertory Hymn: 731 –

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 hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou Who hast 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.



### Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



## Offertory Doxology:

### Give Thanks

*Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy  
Give thanks for he has given Jesus Christ is Son (repeat)  
And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich for what the Lord has done  
Give thanks. (repeat)*



## Welcome, Greetings & Celebrations



## Greetings from the Diabetes & Hypertension Association of Barbados – West Central Region



## Notices



## Adoration in Song



## Ministry of the Word

### First Scripture Reading:

### Colossians 3: 1 – 11

1. If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.
2. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.
3. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.
4. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.
5. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

6. For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:
7. In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.
8. But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.
9. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;
10. And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:
11. Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.



### Second Scripture Reading: Luke 12: 13 – 21

13. And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.
14. And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?
15. And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.
16. And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:
17. And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?
18. And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.
19. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.
20. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?
21. So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.



## Hymn of Preparation: 8 –

Break Thou the bread of life,  
Dear Lord, to me,  
As Thou didst break the loaves  
Beside the sea;  
Beyond the sacred page  
I seek Thee, Lord;  
My spirit pants for Thee,  
O living Word!

Thou art the bread of life,  
O Lord, to me,  
Thy holy Word the truth  
That saveth me.  
Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord,  
To me, to me,  
As Thou didst bless the bread  
By Galilee.

Give me to eat and live  
With Thee above;  
Teach me to love Thy truth,  
For Thou art love.  
Then shall all bondage cease,  
All fetters fall;  
And I shall find my peace,  
My all in all.



## Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



## Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



## Closing Hymn: 240 –

I'm pressing on the upward way,  
New heights I'm gaining every day;  
Still praying as I'm onward bound,  
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

*Lord, lift me up, and let me stand  
By faith on heaven's table-land;  
A higher plane than I have found,  
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.*

My heart has no desire to stay  
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;  
Though some may dwell where these abound,  
My prayer, my aim, is higher ground.

I want to live above the world,  
Though Satan's darts at me are hurled;  
For faith has caught the joyful sound,  
The song of saints on higher ground.

I want to scale the utmost height  
And catch a gleam of glory bright;  
But still I'll pray till Heav'n I've found,  
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."



## MUSICAL INTERLUDE / Prayer of Preparation



### The Lord's Supper I

*A Prayer for private preparation:*

*I confess to thee, O God, that I have sinned in thought, word and deed through my own fault; wherefore I pray thee to have mercy upon me. O Lord, forgive me all my sins, and deliver me from evil; confirm me in all goodness; and bring me to life everlasting, through Jesus Christ.*

*Amen.*

*The congregation stands as the minister brings the elements to the table.*

Our Saviour saith, ‘Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

I am the bread of life: whoever cometh to me shall never hunger; and whoever believeth in me shall never thirst.’

***We do not presume to come to this thy table, O Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold mercies.***

***But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; grant us, gracious Lord, so to take this bread and drink this cup, that our fellowship with Thee may cleanse us from our sin and that we may evermore dwell in thee, and thou in us. Amen.***

*A hymn is sung, or the Sursum Corda is used:*

Lift up your hearts:

***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God:

***It is meet and right so to do.***

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying,

***Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee O Lord most high.***

*Prayer is offered, or this form may be used:*

**Let us pray.**

All glory and thanksgiving be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that thou didst take our nature upon thee, and suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; that thou didst make there a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the world; and didst institute, and in thy holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that thy precious death.

Wherefore, we commemorate thy last supper with thy disciples and having in remembrance thy work and passion, thy glorious resurrection and ascension, and pleading thy eternal sacrifice, we thy servants do set forth this memorial which thou

willest us to make, giving thee thanks that thou hast counted us worthy to stand before thee.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that with thy holy life-giving Spirit thou wilt bless and sanctify both us and these gifts of bread and wine which we set before thee; that this bread which we break may be to us the communion of thy body; and the cup of blessing which we bless the communion of thy blood; that we, and thy whole Church, receiving the same by faith, may be partakers of thy body and blood, to our spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice, humbly beseeching thee that all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences: and in fellowship with all the faithful in heaven and earth, we pray thee to fulfil in us and in all thy people the purpose of thy redeeming love; and to thee, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. *AMEN.*



*All stand.*

The Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, '*Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me.*'

*The Bread is distributed while hymns are sung.*



## **Hymn 560 –**

Come, take by faith the body of our Lord,  
And drink the blood of Christ for you outpoured.

Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,  
Who by his cross and blood the victory won.

Offered was he for greatest and for least,  
Himself the Victim and himself the Priest.

He, ransom from death, and light from shade,  
Giveth his holy grace his saints to aid.

Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.

He, that his saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;

With heavenly bread makes them that hunger whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsty soul.

O Judge of all, our only Saviour thou,  
In this thy feast of love, be with us now.



### Hymn 580 –

My heart is resting, O my God,  
I will give thanks and sing;  
My heart is at the secret source  
Of every precious thing.

Now the frail vessel Thou hast made  
No hand but Thine shall fill;  
For the waters of the Earth have failed,  
And I am thirsty still.

I thirst for springs of heavenly life,  
And here all day they rise;  
I seek the treasure of Thy love,  
And close at hand it lies.

I have a heritage of joy  
That yet I must not see;  
The hand that bled to make it mine  
Is keeping it for me.

And a new song is in my mouth  
To long loved music set:  
Glory to Thee for all the grace  
I have not tasted yet.

My heart is resting on thy truth.  
Who hast made all things mine;  
O draw my captive will to thee,  
And make it one with thine.



***All having received the Bread, the Congregation stands.***

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ's body was given for you: and feed upon him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

***All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:***

*Tune: Media Vita (Part II)*

***Most holy Lord and God,  
Holy, almighty God,  
Holy and most merciful Saviour,  
Thou eternal God;  
Grant that we may never  
Lose the comforts from thy death,  
Have mercy, O Lord.***



***All stand***

After the same manner also, the Lord Jesus took the cup when he had supped, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, '*Drink ye all of it, for this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.*'

***The Wine is distributed while hymns are sung.***



## **Hymn 153 –**

Jesus, the very thought of thee  
With sweetness fills the breast;  
But sweeter far thy face to see,  
And in thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame,  
Nor can the memory find  
A sweeter sound than thy blest name,  
O Saviour of mankind.

O hope of every contrite heart,  
O joy of all the meek!  
To those who fall, how kind thou art,  
How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? ah, this  
Nor tongue, nor pen can show;  
The love of Jesus – what it is,  
None but his loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be thou,  
As thou our prize wilt be;  
Jesus, be thou our glory now,  
And through eternity.



### Hymn 575 –

Jesus makes my heart rejoice,  
I'm his sheep, and know his voice;  
He's a shepherd, kind and gracious,  
And his pastures are delicious;  
Constant love to me he shows,  
Yea, my worthless name he knows.

Trusting his mild staff always,  
I go in and out in peace;  
He will feed me with the treasure  
Of his grace in richest measure;  
When, athirst, to him I cry,  
Living water he'll supply.

To be his such joy doth bring  
That I here must ever sing;  
And when these blest days are over  
To the arms of my dear Saviour  
I shall be conveyed to rest:  
Yea, my lot indeed is blest.



*All having received the Wine, the Congregation stands.*

Take and drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be ye thankful.

*All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:*

*Most holy Lord and God,  
Holy, almighty God,  
Holy and most merciful Saviour,  
Thou eternal God;  
Bless thy congregation  
Through thy sufferings, death and blood,  
Have mercy, O Lord.*



*Verses of Thanksgiving may be sung or a prayer of thanksgiving such as the following is offered:*



### **Hymn of Thanksgiving – 244**

Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!  
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;  
Redeemed through His infinite mercy,  
His child, and forever I am.

*Redeemed, redeemed, Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;  
Redeemed, redeemed, His child, and forever I am.*

Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus,  
No language my rapture can tell;  
I know that the light of His presence  
With me doth continually dwell.

I think of my blessed Redeemer,  
I think of Him all the day long;  
I sing, for I cannot be silent;  
His love is the theme of my song.

I know I shall see in His beauty  
The King in whose law I delight;  
Who lovingly guardeth my footsteps  
And giveth me songs in the night.



O Christ, our ever-living Lord, who in thy great love hast fed us at thy table, we most heartily thank thee for this time of fellowship, and for the spiritual strength and comfort thou dost impart to our souls. Grant us thy help to keep the vows which here we renew. May the uplifting sense of thy presence remain with us to guide and defend our lives.

We praise thee that thou has made us members of thy mystical body, the blessed company of all faithful people: and we commend to thee all those who are joined to us in the one true faith. We bring to thee in love and tenderness all who are dear to us .... Be pleased to unite thy people everywhere in love and charity; and let thy Church spread abroad in the earth, drawing all people unto thyself, that they may find redemption and peace in thee.

Rejoicing in the communion of saints, we thank thee for all thy servants who have departed in the faith, the great cloud of witnesses by whom we are encompassed, who in every age have loved thee in life, and continued faithful unto death, especially those most dear to our own hearts ..... Give us grace with them to follow thee, and bring us at the last to those things which eye hath not seen nor ear heard, which thou hast prepared for them that love thee.

Now, unto him that loved us, and hath loosed us from our sins by his blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto his God and Father, unto him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

AMEN.

*During a covenant hymn, the right hand of fellowship is given, as a pledge of rededication to the service of Christ and a sign of our oneness in him.*



### Covenant Hymn: 447 –

What brought us together, what joinèd our hearts?  
The pardon which Jesus, our High-Priest, imparts;  
'Tis this which cements the disciples of Christ,  
Who are into one by the Spirit baptized.

Is this our high calling, harmonious to dwell,  
And thus in sweet concert Christ's praises to tell,  
In peace and blest union our moments to spend,  
And live in communion with Jesus our Friend?

O yes, having found in the Lord our delight,  
He is our chief object by day and by night;  
This knits us together, no longer we roam,  
We all have one Father, and heaven is our home.



### *The Blessing:*

THE Lord bless thee and keep thee;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee;  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

*In the name of Jesus. AMEN.*

*All remain standing whilst the minister removes the elements from the table.*



### **Organ Postlude**



### **Welcome, Greetings & Celebrations**

**Welcome:** *A pleasant welcome is extended today, as we have “gathered in His name to worship Him.” Wherever you are at today, here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad, this time can be and is a time of worship. A special welcome to the Diabetes & Hypertension Association of Barbados – West Central Region. “May Jesus Christ be praised,” as we lift our hearts and our voices heavenward.*



#### **Sharon:**

**Advanced:** *Barbara Murphy-Rock (4<sup>th</sup>), Lelia Gibbs (6<sup>th</sup>), Keesha Walrond (8<sup>th</sup>), Anmari Cumberbatch (9<sup>th</sup>)*



*Congratulations to Bro. Deighton & Sis. Ketra Davis who are celebrating their 6<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today.*

#### **Dunscombe:**

**Belated:** *Tajari Malique Watson (2<sup>nd</sup>)*

**Advanced:** *Regina Sandiford & Rea-Ann Sandiford (4<sup>th</sup>), Neville Legall (7<sup>th</sup>), Shakira Gilkes (8<sup>th</sup>)*



## MORAVIAN BIRTHDAY SONG

With Thy presence, Lord, our Head and Saviour,  
Bless them all we humbly pray;  
Our dear heavenly Father's love and favour  
Be their comfort every day.  
May the Holy Ghost in each proceeding,  
Favour them with his most gracious leading;  
Thus shall they be truly blessed,  
Both in labour and in rest.



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

- ✝ Today: Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.
- ✝ Youth Summer Sundays (All Ages) – 9:45 a.m. D. C. Moore Centre.
- ✝ Mount Tabor's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service at 4:00 p.m.

### This Week at Sharon:

- ✝ Office Hours – Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).
- ✝ Tuesday: Women's Fellowship – First & Third Tuesdays: In Sanctuary at 3:30 p.m. All other Tuesdays: Online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.
- ✝ Wednesday: The Second George Ramsay Memorial Lecture at 6:00 p.m.
- ✝ Next Sunday: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
- ✝ Youth Summer Sundays (All Ages) – 9:45 a.m. D. C. Moore Centre.
- ✝ Installation of Sis. Chioma Henry as Christian Educator at 6:00 p.m. at Sharon.



### Activities in the Month of August 2025:

- ✝ Provincial Day of Prayer – Friday, 1st.
- ✝ Our Sunday School will be holding "Summer Sundays" at 9:45 a.m. every Sunday, with the theme: "*Mission: Possible*". Bible Verse: "*I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.*" (Phil. 4:13). Youth and children are invited; Dress in T-Shirts and Jeans, bring your Bible and a friend. It is a good youth ministry opportunity. Register here: <https://forms.gle/HGL6JYdM6GVMhh4z5>
- ✝ Mount Tabor 200th Anniversary Service – Sunday, 3rd, 4:00 p.m.

- † The Second George Ramsay Memorial Lecture: *Did you see my chains? An inquiry into the Moravian Mission in Barbados and its justification for enslaved Africans, 1795-1834* – August 6th, 6:00 p.m. at Sharon. Presented by Rev Winelle Kirton-Roberts, PhD; Moravian pastor and historian.
- † Launch of Sharon's Benevolence Ministry – Sunday, 10th
- † Church-wide Summer Sundays – Sunday 10th & 17th. Relax dress & worship. Invite a friend or a neighbour to join us for worship.
- † Installation of Sis. Chioma Henry as the Director of Christian Education in the Barbados Conference – Sunday, 10th, 6:00 p.m. at Sharon
- † Missionary Festival at Centenary – Sunday, 17th
- † Sharon Concert featuring the Band of The Barbados Police Service – Sunday, 24th at 5:00 p.m. **Tickets are available.**



## NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. You can register for the September semester at The Moravian Institute. The following courses are available:
  - 1.1. Introduction to the New Testament II
  - 1.2. Introduction to Counselling II
  - 1.3. Mission & Evangelism I
  - 1.4. Introduction to Preaching – Level II
  - 1.5. Ministry and the Marketplace
  - 1.6. Register by contacting: WhatsApp: 1-868-702-2067; your Conference Representative (Sis. Sonjina Kirton); or Email: [themoravianinstitute@gmail.com](mailto:themoravianinstitute@gmail.com). The Fee is \$150 USD per course. Register and make your initial payment by July 31st to enjoy a 10% discount!
2. From the Provincial Board:
  - 2.1. Rev. Devon Mannix who currently serves as Pastor of the Grenada Mission, has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of the Gracebay and Urlings congregations in the Antigua Conference. This call takes effect on September 21, 2025. The Grenada Mission will be supervised by the St. Kitts and Tobago Conferences, effective September 21, 2025. Please pray for Bro. Mannix and family, the Grenada Mission family, and the Gracebay and Urlings family as they make this transition.

**3. Our Board of Elders has been assigned to Districts as follows:**

<b>No.</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>ELDERS</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Edgehill Rd., Near Sharon, Upper Jackson.</b>	<b>Sis. Ismay Straker</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Cane Garden, Cane Garden Park, Cane Garden New Development, Cane Garden Crescent, Cane Garden Heights.</b>	<b>Bro. Anthony Ifill</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Lower Jackson, 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Jackson, Browne's Gap, Arthur Seat (W – West of Quarry Rd. to Warrens).</b>	<b>Bro. Edwin Sandiford</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Canewood Rd., Lears Corner, St. George, St. Joseph, St. John, Christ Church, Brittons Hill.</b>	<b>Bro. Victor Hurdle</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Bridgefield, Whitehall – St. T, Hopewell, Bloomsbury.</b>	<b>Sis. Merville Franklyn</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Jackson Terrace, Jackson Tenantry, Arsenal Playing Field Rd.</b>	<b>Sis. Carmel Downes</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Arthur Seat (East – Quarry Rd to Melrose Cnr.)</b>	<b>Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Melrose, Arthur Seat (Central), Welches, Padmore Village.</b>	<b>Sis. Denise Grant</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Edgehill Terrace, Edgehill Heights, Shop Hill, Content, Spring Farm, Farm Path, White Hill Terrace, Hillaby.</b>	<b>Sis. Lelia Gibbs</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Eden Lodge, Under Lodge Hill, White Hall – St. M, Cave Hill, Grazettes, Codrington Hill, Spooners Hill, Green Hill.</b>	<b>Bro. Steven King</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Friendship Terrace, Lodge Hill, Rock Dundo Park, Farm Rd., Clermont, Lodge Terrace, Mahaica Gap.</b>	<b>Sis. Veronica Leacock</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Black Rock, Fitts Village, West Terrace, Oxnards, Wanstead Heights &amp; Gardens, Husbands, Hinds Hill, Thorpes, Holders Hill, Hoytes Village, Prior Park.</b>	<b>Sis. Cora Cumberbatch</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Warrens, Welches – North, Redman's Village, Bagatelle, Baywoods, Bakers Woods, Mt. Brevitor.</b>	<b>Sis. Hazel Carter</b>

**4. We have closed our year of celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. One planned event remains outstanding, that is the Planting of a Time Capsule, which will be completed when all the items have been gathered.**

**4.1. We are still open to contributions under our “225 for 225” drive, in which we ask persons to donate \$225 or multiples of \$225 towards the continuing work of the church. You don't have to give it all at once, you can fill the envelope over time and bring it in at your convenience. We look forward to your participation in our “225 for 225” drive. Envelopes are available for collection. For those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give**

via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. Pay to: *Biller – The Moravian Church, Account No – 1765-1768-0000, Name – Sharon Moravian Church.* A specimen of the envelope is displayed below.



5. We have resumed the “Basket of Hope” ministry. Each Sunday you are invited to make contributions of non-perishable food items, which will be distributed to those in need. Contributions can be made during the offertory hymn. We are appealing for volunteers to provide the needed management and helping-hands for this ministry. Please let the Pastors know of your interest.
6. We are thankful for your financial support.
  - 6.1. We do need your ongoing support so that we can maintain our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.
  - 6.2. You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
  - 6.3. Generally, those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. At SurePay you can make payments anonymously to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0000, Name: Sharon Moravian Church*), or if you need your donations recorded for tax purposes and you have a box of envelopes; make payments to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0-[your 3-digit envelope number], Name: Your Name*). Visit [www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary](http://www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary) for these details.
7. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.
  - 7.1. Our radio broadcast ministry Moravian Voice has been on the air for some 32 years, since Wednesday, July 18, 1990. We rejoice that we have been able to offer this ministry and we are thankful to all our listenership and all who hosted and provided content over the years. We are thankful

to our congregations which faithfully sponsored the programme.

- 7.2. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
- 7.3. Moravian Voice will also be available on Instagram ([www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/](http://www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/)) and the YouTube Channel of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference (<https://youtube.com/c/TheMoravianChurch-BarbadosConference>).
- 7.4. You can email your comments and requests to: [moravianvoice@gmail.com](mailto:moravianvoice@gmail.com)



### PRAYER NEEDS:



#### 1. Our Shut-ins:

1.1 Sharon: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne, Sis. Cynthia Walrond, Sis. Fraulene Headley.*

2. The Sick/Recovering: *Sis. Shanna King (USA), Sis. Yvonne Martindale, Sis. Brenda Herbert, Bro. Stephen Greaves, Bro. David King*

3. World Peace



### AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- ✚ Offering Envelopes for 2025 – We invite each member of the congregation to receive a box of envelopes and thereby seek to faithfully support the work of the church. Please request that a box be provided for you if none has been provided as yet.
- ✚ Missionary Collection Boxes 2025 – If you had a box last year, please collect it from the Vestry. If you desire a box for the first time, please inquire at the vestry after worship or at the Church Office.
- ✚ Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos – \$30 / T-Shirts – \$15
- ✚ Copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.
- ✚ Books:
  - 📖 Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker – \$25; Provocation – \$20.
  - 📖 Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts: Created in Their Image: Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914 – \$50.
  - 📖 Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas: Baptism Is a Gift of God: As Such It Is More Than Water – \$35.
- ✚ Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church.



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### Provincial Theme 2025:

***“SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, and Re-Igniting Our Passion”***

The focus for 2025 will be: Re-igniting our passion; for souls, service, and sustainability.

*“Broadly speaking, renewing identity speaks of who we are as Christ-followers; renewing our purpose speaks to why the church exists; re-igniting our passion speaks to our willingness to share our faith with others. — Chairman of PEC*





**The Pastors & Members of the  
Sharon Moravian Church  
present  
the 2<sup>ND</sup> GEORGE RAMSAY  
MEMORIAL LECTURE**

**Topic:**

**“Did you see my chains? An  
inquiry into the Moravian Mission  
in Barbados and its justification for  
enslaved Africans, 1795 – 1834.”**

**Wednesday August 6, 2025  
at 6:00 p. m. at the  
Sharon Moravian Church,  
St. Thomas.**



**Presenter –  
Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts  
Moravian Pastor & Historian  
Pastor – Geneva Moravian Fellowship**



# **Sharon Moravian Church**

*presents the*

## **Barbados Police Service Band**

*in concert*

**on Sunday August 24, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.**

**at Sharon Moravian Church  
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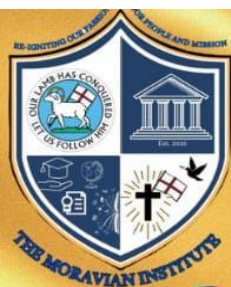
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