



Ebenezer Methodist Church

*'Unity In Community...
Forward In Faith'*

1802 - 2022

Service of Celebration

SUNDAY
OCT 9, 2022

SIR DURWARD KNOWLES
AUDITORIUM



Ebenezer Methodist Church

Celebrating 220 Years Of Worship & Witness



'Unity In Community...Forward In Faith'



BEYOND OURSELVES

Words by Susan Naus Dengler

Music by Lee Dengler

What is our responsibility in the
world that lies beyond our doors?
How can we release the dignity that
within each human life is stored?

Let us offer what we can to our
neighbor, lending heart and hand.
True compassion is God's master
plan for a world beyond ourselves.

Ev'ry woman, man and child on
earth is a member of one family.
May we value ev'ry person's worth
as we celebrate our unity.

Let us offer what we can to our
neighbor, lending heart and hand.
True compassion is God's master
plan for a world beyond ourselves.

Love for humanity
will change our destiny,
So we must all agree to do our part.
To do our part.

Let us reach beyond the highest star,
let us make the world a better place:
Sharing hope with neighbors near and
far, so each barrier will be erased.

Let us offer what we can to our
neighbor, lending heart and hand.
True compassion is God's master
plan for a world beyond ourselves.

IN THIS FELLOWSHIP OF FAITH

Words by Nancy Price and Don Besig

Music by Don Besig

In this fellowship of faith,
we have come to know the Lord.
We have felt the Spirit move
within this place.

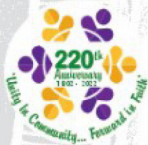
In this fellowship of faith,
we are blessed forevermore
By the warm and healing presence
of God's grace.

With open hearts and open minds,
We will share the love of Christ.
We will live as His disciples ev'ry day.
And this fellowship of faith
Will become a shining light;
A sign to all who will follow in His way.

Together we stand; together we sing
As we praise the Lord,
our Saviour and our King.
Together we serve; together we pray,
For we are one in this fellowship of faith.

With open doors, we welcome all who
have come to seek the truth,
And to find the peace
that God alone can give.
In this fellowship of faith,
we have found our hope renewed.
We trust the Lord to guide us as we live.

Together we stand; together we sing
As we praise the Lord,
our Saviour and our King.
Together we serve; together we pray,
For we are one in this fellowship of faith.



Greetings

220TH ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS FROM
REV. L. CARLA R. CULMER
PRESIDENT, THE BAHAMAS CONFERENCE OF
THE METHODIST CHURCH



It is a wonderful privilege to greet Rev. Milton Lightbourne, the leaders and members of Ebenezer Methodist Church, as you observe your 220th church anniversary. We are in a time of constant change and it is a blessing to celebrate the continuity of this congregation for two centuries. God has truly been good.

The theme that you have selected for this time of commemoration, **“Unity In Community...Forward In Faith”** is derived from Psalm 133 and Ephesians 4:4-6. As a community of faith, you have sustained community within your church family and elsewhere. There have been many generations in Ebenezer and beyond whose spiritual formation has been molded by this Church. Ebenezer has contributed to the development of local, national and conference leaders.

As you celebrate this wonderful anniversary, give thanks to God for His goodness to you as you continue to make disciples. While you pause to celebrate, continue to build on your rich spiritual legacy and impact the lives of people of all ages for the Kingdom of God.

On behalf of the Bahamas Conference of the Methodist Church, I congratulate you on this wonderful milestone and encourage you to look forward to all of God’s blessings in the future. The Conference is appreciative of the strong support that Ebenezer has given to the BCMC through the years and may God continue to bless and keep this congregation. Remember the God who has kept you through these many years is faithful and will keep you to the end.

May the Lord bless and keep you and remember, **“the best is yet to come!”**

Reverend L. Carla R. Culmer

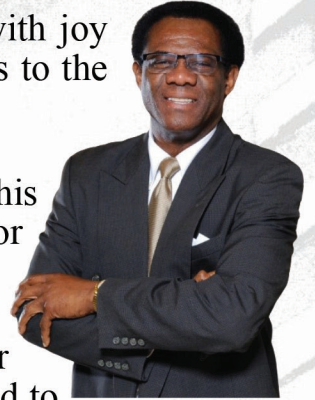


Greetings

220TH ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS FROM
REV. MILTON S. LIGHTBOURNE
MINISTER, EBENEZER METHODIST CHURCH

220 years of Ministry and Mission, what a milestone! It is indeed, with joy and thanksgiving, that I extend my warmest greetings and best wishes to the Ebenezer Methodist Church Family, as you celebrate this historic day.

Indeed, the meaning of Ebenezer, is most appropriate and relevant at this time, “Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.” We are grateful to God, for His presence, sustenance, and guidance over these 220 years.



Yes, as we gather for worship, we celebrate the past, all that Ebenezer has achieved and accomplished over these years, through the grace, and to the glory of God.

We renew our commitment to the Present, in the words of Charles Wesley;
**“To serve the present age,
Our calling to fulfill;
O may it all our pow’rs engage,
To do our Master’s will.”**

We also lean into the future, with great confidence, knowing that “He who began a good work in us, will carry it to fulfillment through Jesus, Christ our Lord.” Therefore, we move forward, seeking ‘Fresh Expressions’ in our witness and work, with the assurance that, through ‘**Unity in Community**’, we shall move ‘**Forward in Faith**’.

Happy 220th Anniversary, Ebenezer!

Yours in His service,

Rev. Milton S. Lightbourne, *B.A., M.A., M.Div.*



Greetings

220TH ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS FROM
DR. REGINALD W. ELDON



220 Years! Congratulations!

Rev. Lightbourne, Members and Friends of Ebenezer,

I have considered Ebenezer my church home since my late teenage years and was privileged to be included in the epic mission team from Ebenezer to The Abaco Circuit led by the late Rev. Harold Ward in the summer of 1970. Ever since then, I have felt a deep bond and connection with the members of Ebenezer. It was the church where I was received into membership, again, through the ministry of Rev. Harold Ward.

Many of my dearest friendships, over the years, have their roots in this church. Many of these people are now resting from their earthly labours. They, along with many worshipping today, have helped to influence my life and were some of the architects of my 44 years of active ministry in The Methodist Church.

Congratulations to the members of the 220th Anniversary Committee.

I wish for everyone a joyful day, many blessings and energy and commitment for the years ahead of us.

Reginald W. Eldon, *D.Min., J.P.*



Greetings

From the Co-Chairs of the 220th Anniversary Committee



Ebenezer, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." From 1802, Ebenezer Methodist Church has stood the test of time. For two hundred and twenty years, Ebenezer church continues to "sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for us!"

It is a great joy to be a part of a witness called Ebenezer Methodist Church, that has been a beacon throughout The Bahamas for two hundred and twenty years. A church that worships God joyfully, offers Christ faithfully, promotes growth hopefully, and serves others lovingly.

It is with humility and gratitude that we look back at our glorious past, and thank God for those who have given faithful service and responded to the call to serve as Ministers, Lay Leaders, Sunday School teachers, Ushers, Musicians, Youth Workers, Choir members, and in outreach ministries and other ministries within the church. We remember their faithful stewardship and their dedication to a higher calling.

The past two years have challenged everyone around the world, including the churches, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the magnitude of challenges, we are grateful to God, who remained consistent throughout all the changing scenes of life. We are grateful to God, who allowed us to display His grace and mercies to those in need. Many of our outreach ministries took on the mammoth task brought on by the pandemic, and our dedicated church members continued to serve their congregation and the wider communities, despite the many obstacles. Their individual and collective impact is immeasurable, and we are forever grateful.

As we celebrate such an incredible milestone, it is important for us to reflect and remember those we have lost along this life's journey. So, let us pause and observe a moment of silence for our dearly departed. We thank God that our faith gives us hope in the face of death, and we pray that all the saints who have gone on before continue to rest in peace and rise in glory.

We are very pleased to applaud Ebenezer Methodist Church for its untiring commitment to the advancement of the gospel. We acknowledge and encourage our young people, who will contribute to the advancement of the Kingdom of God, while carrying out the mandate and mission of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as they inherit the profound responsibility for the continued work and worship of Ebenezer, we pray that God will bless and direct their commendable efforts.

On behalf of the Congregational Board and the various other boards of the church, we would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to our members, supporters and well-wishers. May we always remember that nothing can separate us from the love that Christ has for us. Let's live out God's love!

Carl E. Campbell
Congregational Board Chairperson &
Co-Chair, 220th Anniversary Planning Committee

I am honoured to greet you on the occasion of our church's anniversary.



This year marks 220 years of existence. We have reason to celebrate as 220 years is a very long time. We are grateful for the opportunity that we have been granted to celebrate such a significant milestone and for the blessings that God has bestowed on our church.

As we reflect on the past, we are thankful for our founders and, for those who have gone on before us, for the wonderful work they did in laying the foundations for worship that we enjoy today.

Despite the difficulties of the COVID-19 Pandemic, we, as a church, have been able to effectively navigate through these turbulent times and have continued in our steadfastness to our worship and witness.

I take this opportunity to salute all of our ministries and to thank you for all that you have done and will continue to do. Your commitment to and diligence in God's work have brought us this far and will continue to propel us into the future.

A special thank you is extended to our Minister, Rev. Milton Lightbourne, for his leadership and guidance.

I would like to thank our 220th Anniversary Planning Committee for your hard work and dedication in organizing and expediting our special anniversary events, despite the various challenges.

Lastly, I offer congratulations to our Honourees. Thank you for your unselfish service to our church and for your commitment to touching many lives.

It is my prayer that Ebenezer will commit to find ways and means to grow stronger in its outreach and mission, thus expanding our current ministries and beginning new avenues of growing our church.

May our 220th Anniversary be a sign of our continued commitment to 'Unity In Community' as we move 'Forward In Faith'.

Happy 220th Ebenezer! May God bless us all!

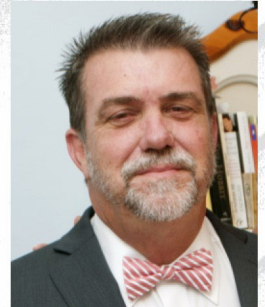
Marsha A. Cates
Co-Chair, 220th Anniversary Planning Committee



Guest Speaker

REV. WILLIAM R. (BILL) HIGGS
MINISTER, TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

Bill was born in Harbour Island and grew up in Governor's Harbour, Eleuthera. He received his early education at the Primary School in Governor's Harbour, and later at Queen's College High School in Nassau.



Bill attended Trinity Methodist Church when he first moved to Nassau, but joined Ebenezer when his family moved to Nassau from Eleuthera. He was received as a member in September 1967 by the Rev. Harold Ward. Ebenezer holds a special place in Bill's heart -- he and Lauren were married here, their children were christened here, and their parents were buried here. Ebenezer is where he began ministry... serving in the Sunday School, Youth Ministry, Junior Church, Music Ministry, and Preaching.

As a candidate for the Methodist ministry, he trained at the *United Theological College of the West Indies and the University of the West Indies, in Kingston, Jamaica. He later did graduate studies at Bethune-Cookman University, Florida, USA. He pastored Methodist Churches in Jamaica and in Eleuthera from 1978 to 1998, and has been minister of Trinity Methodist Church, Nassau, since 1999.*

Bill served in several areas of leadership in the *Bahamas Conference of the Methodist Church, including a term as President, and has served as Chaplain to the House of Assembly. He is a Justice of the Peace, a Director of the Bahamas Alzheimer's Association, and is certified in Mediation and International Arbitration.*

Bill is married to Lauren (Major), and they have 2 children, Rory (Zerifeh) Higgs and Kara (Philip) Smith, and 2 granddaughters, Ciella and Zaria.



EBENEZER METHODIST CHURCH
220TH ANNIVERSARY
‘SERVICE OF CELEBRATION’
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 09, 2022
11:00 A.M.

Under the theme
‘UNITY IN COMMUNITY... FORWARD IN FAITH’

Worship Leader: Rev. Milton Lightbourne, *Minister, Ebenezer Methodist Church*

Speaker: Rev. William R. (Bill) Higgs, *Minister, Trinity Methodist Church*

Music Director: Mr. Barry B. Newbold

Choir: Ebenezer Sanctuary Choir & Friends

Musicians:

Mr. Clint Higgs, *Piano* • Mrs. Carina Dorsett, *Flute*
Miss Desdemona Gibbs, *Saxophone* • Mr. James Hutchinson, Jr., *Trumpet*
Mr. Sean Cunningham, *Trombone* • Mr. Douglas Turnquest, *Percussion*

Welcome & The Occasion

Rev. Milton Lightbourne, *Minister*

Introit

‘Celebrate The Day’

The Choir

Opening Hymn

‘All Hail The Power of Jesus’ Name’

Choir & Congregation

Choir:

All hail the power of Jesus’ name!
All hail the power of Jesus’ name!
Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Choir & Congregation:

All hail the power of Jesus’ name!
Let angels prostrate fall,
Let angels prostrate fall:
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him,
Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him,
Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Choir:

Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all:
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.

Choir & Congregation:

O that with yonder sacred throng, we at His feet may fall,
We at His feet may fall!
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him,
Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Choir & Congregation:

Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Choir:

Crown Him Lord of all!



Responsive Litany of Thanksgiving (*Written by Rev. Milton Lightbourne*)

Mrs. Tina Lockhart/
Mrs. Giavanna Knowles-Rolle, *Youth Director*
220th Anniversary Committee Member

Leader: Gracious God, during this anniversary celebration, we thank You for the work and witness of Ebenezer Methodist Church over these 220 years. We praise You for the joy of our fellowship, and for all those persons who, together, make this place a Loving Community and a Church Home for all to share its life.

People: ***This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes. "Hitherto, the Lord has brought us."***

Leader: We give thanks for those who, through the years, have borne and continue to bear the responsibility of leadership – our ministers, local preachers, lay leaders and teachers.

People: ***Continue to guide them by Your Spirit and wisdom, and sustain them by Your strength. Thank You for their ministry and witness and may Your blessing be upon them.***

Leader: We thank You for those persons who enhance our worship through music and singing, the reading of Scriptures and the beautifying of our sanctuary.

People: ***We give thanks that they are channels of Your grace, who bring joy to our worship. May Your blessing be upon them.***

Leader: We thank You for those who gather for Bible Study and Prayer and, through their devotion, the whole Church has been enriched.

People: ***We give thanks for their devotion to these disciplines. May Your blessing be upon them.***

Leader: We thank You for the ministries of our Ushers, the Men and Women's Fellowships, and our Community Outreach. Through these Ministries, many are served, assisted, touched, and see Christ in our acts of love and kindness.

People: ***We thank You Lord, for the practical ways they share Your Love. May Your blessing be upon them.***

Leader: We thank You for our young people, who are ministered to by our Youth Ministry, Sunday School, Cubs & Scouts, VBS and other youth activities. May they continue to grow in faith and love and remain faithful to You.

People: ***We thank You Lord that You continue to call and use our Youth in Your Kingdom, through Your Church. May Your blessing be upon them as they witness for You.***

Leader: We thank You for those who maintain the physical structures of Ebenezer Methodist Church – the caretakers, the maintenance team and all who serve in other ways in Your Church. Thank You that they are workers and servants in Your Kingdom.

All: ***We give You thanks that we are all co-labourers with You in the work of Your Kingdom, through the ministry and mission of our beloved Ebenezer Methodist Church. May Your richest blessing continue to be upon us, as we strive for 'Unity in Community' and move 'Forward in Faith'. Amen!***

The Lord's Prayer (*To be sung*)

Greetings

Rev. L. Carla R. Culmer
President, Bahamas Conference of the Methodist Church

Offertory Hymn 'Come Thou Fount Of Ev'ry Blessing'

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious measure
Sung by flaming tongues above;
O the vast, the boundless treasure
Of my Lord's unchanging love!

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.



3. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Take my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it from Thy courts above!

Offertory Prayer

Miss T'anjanae Stubbs

Historical Highlight *'From Whence We Came'*

Mr. Hartis Pinder, *Lay Preacher*
220th Anniversary Committee Member

Anthem *'In This Fellowship of Faith'*

The Choir

Scripture Readings *Ephesians 4: 4-6*
Psalm 133

Mr. Charles Skippings
Mrs. Kimberley Ferguson

Hymn *'The Church's One Foundation'*

1. The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

2. Elect from every nation
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth,
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

5. Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

3. Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed;
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up: How long?
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

4. Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore,
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Envisioning The Future

Miss Andrea Gibson
220th Anniversary Committee Member

Anthem *'Beyond Ourselves'*

The Choir

Prayer for Ebenezer Future

Miss Bella Dorsett/Miss Arianna Knowles

Hymn *'This, This Is The God We Adore'*

1. This, this is the God we adore,
Our faithful, unchangeable Friend;
Whose love is as great as His power,
And neither knows measure nor end.

2. 'Tis Jesus, the first and the last,
Whose Spirit shall guide us safe home;
We'll praise Him for all that is past,
And trust Him for all that's to come.



Introduction of Speaker

Ms. Janice Rolle
220th Anniversary Committee Member

Message

Rev. William R. (Bill) Higgs
Minister, Trinity Methodist Church

Presentations

Miss Kathleen Pinder & Master Heath Pinder

Closing Hymn

'Rejoice The Lord Is King'

Choir & Congregation

Choir: Rejoice, rejoice! We will rejoice!
Lift up your voice, I say, rejoice!

Choir & Congregation: Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Ladies: God's Kingdom cannot fail,
Christ rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n.

All: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice, in glorious hope!
For Christ, the Judge, shall come
To glorify the saints for their eternal home,
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say---, re---joice!

Choir: Lift up your voice, lift up your voice,
Lift up your voice,
Rejoice, rejoice!

Benediction

Rev. Milton Lightbourne

Choral Response

'Celebrate The Day'

The Choir

**Singing of
Happy Birthday Ebenezer
and**

Cutting of 220th Anniversary Cake

Rev. Milton Lightbourne / Dr. Linda Lightbourne
Rev. L. Carla R. Culmer / Rev. William R. (Bill) Higgs
Mr. Percy Knowles / Ms. Merriel Charlow
Mrs. Giavanna Knowles-Rolle
Master Christopher Wilkinson / Miss Callie-Anne Malone



THE STORY OF EBENEZER

(based on Rev. Milton Lightbourne's Sermon, Ebenezer Church October 2021)



Under the theme, 'Unity In Community...Forward In Faith', we celebrate the 220th Anniversary of Ebenezer Methodist Church. This 5-part story presents a glimpse of Ebenezer's rich history, preserved in a united spirit of service and sealed in steadfast commitment to move forward.

A STORY OF SACRIFICE

In response to God's call, the Rev. William Turton, after a five-month trip from Antigua, arrived on the island of New Providence, October 1800. Upon his arrival, he began to have open-air meetings in Eastern Nassau. His ministry was met with much opposition but Rev. Turton laboured diligently in the work to which he was called.

As the work in the eastern section of the town began to prosper, there was a need for a permanent place of worship. Those to whom Rev. Turton ministered, were unable to provide the needed funds to construct a building, and there was no assistance or support, for the work from the British Conference, which had sent Rev. Turton.

Rev. Turton, from his meager personal funds, took £240, and built a wooden 'meeting place', where his followers could meet. That wooden structure, constructed in October 1802, which was known as the 'East Chapel', was the genesis of Ebenezer Methodist Church.

Ebenezer, therefore, came into existence through an act of sacrifice, and that spirit of sacrifice has continued down through these 220 years. That spirit of sacrifice has been seen in the lives of the clergy and laity, as together, they have laboured, to keep the flame of faith alive and burning here at Ebenezer. As a result of that act of sacrifice, countless families and communities throughout The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, have been touched by, and through, the ministry of Ebenezer.

A STORY OF SERVICE

The sacrifices made by Rev. Turton, the ministers that followed him, and the Ebenezer laity over these many years, were made to serve God and the people of God. That spirit of service, begun in 1802, has remained unbroken for 220 years.

Though some of the names may have changed, those avenues of service, have continued through wide and varied ministries, faithfully undertaken by those committed to the preaching and teaching of the Word.



Wooden Chapel and Mission Premises in The Eastern District of New Providence, Bahamas (Ebenezer Methodist Church - 1849)

A STORY OF SUSTENANCE

The Ancient Israelites were in the wilderness, as they journeyed to the Promised Land, for forty long years. And during that period of time, God supernaturally supplied their needs and sustained them, for those forty years.

Likewise, Ebenezer, has been supernaturally sustained for 220 years, through the faithful stewardship of God's people. In the good and bad times, the highs and lows, the ups and downs, the doors of Ebenezer have remained and will remain open in service and ministry to Christ.

The God, who has been faithful over these 220 years, will continue to be faithful in blessing His people, so that they, in turn, will support and sustain His work.



Ebenezer Methodist Church, 1915



THE STORY OF STEADFASTNESS

Ebenezer has remained strong and steadfast over these 220 years. Despite failures and flaws, she has continued forward in faith.

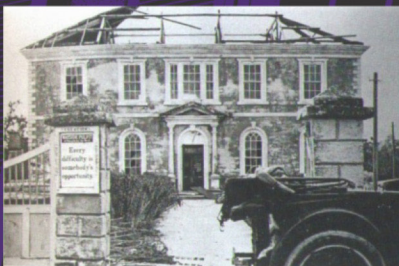
Just eleven years after the wooden East Chapel was built, it was partially destroyed by a hurricane in 1813. The Chapel was rebuilt and was soon outgrown by the attendance. The foundation stone, for the present Ebenezer Church, was laid on March 29, 1839.

Two years later, in 1841, the new Ebenezer Methodist Church opened its doors for worship and by 1851, she boasted a membership of 336 members. The beautiful edifice weathered the terrible storm of 1866, which badly damaged many churches in New Providence.

However, the devastating hurricane of 1929 extensively damaged the present Ebenezer Church, but, again, Ebenezer regrouped and by combining insurance payments, donations and the hard work of members and friends, Ebenezer was restored to its former glory.

And from then to now, many improvements have been made to the interior and exterior of the church. In the 1960s, the floors and pews of the church were renewed; the choir stalls and pulpit were rearranged.

The construction of the new Epworth Hall and Educational Centre was completed and dedicated on November 25, 1984.



Damage to Ebenezer Methodist Church after the Hurricane of 1929
Courtesy of Department of Archives

A STORY OF SINGING

There is no doubt that the first service, 220 years ago, was a service in which those gathered, sang mightily and heartily to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Perhaps, they sang: "To God, be the glory, great things He hath done."

Since then, Ebenezer has been a singing church. Let's continue to be a singing Church, for God inhabits the praises of His people.

Ebenezer Methodist Church is alive and vibrant with strong and enthusiastic members. There exists a strong spirit of fellowship and commitment, which motivates them to share the love of Christ with others.

And so, Ebenezer, as we look to the future, may we continue worshipping and witnessing, serving and sharing, singing and loving, praying and believing, giving and receiving, helping and healing. For in that day, we shall hear the Saviour say, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord."

God grant that Ebenezer will continue to move FORWARD IN FAITH; a place of vision and growth, where all who enter her doors are warmly welcomed and richly blessed.



The Honourees

The following members of Ebenezer Methodist Church are recognized for their dedication, commitment and years of faithful service to the various ministries of our church.

Albury, Catherine (Kay)
The Nursery Department



Higgs, Clint
The Communications Board

Bastian, Omando
The Youth Department



Humes, Ashley
The Youth Department

Cash, Gary
Offering Vestry Steward



Humes, Paulette
Offering Vestry Steward

Cash, Ruth
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting



Johnson, Agnes
(Posthumously)
The Soup Kitchen Ministry

Ferguson, Deveral
The Usher Board



Johnson, Gwendolyn
The Soup Kitchen Ministry



The Honourees

Knowles, Deborah
Cubs & Scouts



Newbold, Barry
Decorations Committee



Knowles, Vincent
The Music Ministry



Pelletier, Nathalie
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting



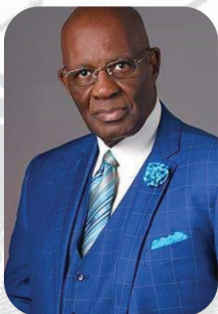
Knowles-Rolle, Giavanna
The Youth Department



Phillpot, John
Cubs & Scouts



McPhee, Garfield
Offering Vestry Steward



Phillpot, Lorraine
The Women's Fellowship



Morris, Enola
The Focus Family



Pinder, Earl K.
Community Outreach



The Honourees

Pinder, Hartis
Lay Preacher



Sands, Judith
The Music Ministry



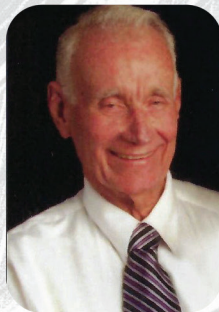
Pinder, Linda
Community Outreach



Sands, Linda
The Usher Board



Pinder, Sidney
Trustee



Sands, W. Percival
Sunday School Teacher



Rolle, Margaret
Girl Guides



Sawyer, Kim
Sunday School Teacher



Sands, Carrol
Communion Steward



Sawyer, Una
The Women's Fellowship



The Honourees

Seymour, Marion
The Focus Family



White, Ronald
Offering Collection Steward



Underwood, Alison
The Men's Fellowship



Williams, Frank
Offering Collection Steward



Staff Honourees

Vargas, Jose
The Communications Board



Vargas, Miriam
The Nursery Department



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The Men's Fellowship



Rev. Milton Lightbourne
Dr. Linda Lightbourne



Newbold, Barry
56 Years of Service
Music Director



Key, Wayne
32 Years of Service
Church Sexton



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Ebenezer Methodist Church

Serving Ministers 1800-2022

1800 – 1818	Rev. William Turton
1804 – 1814	Rev. John Rutledge
1812 – 1815	Rev. William Dowson
1838 – 1847	Rev. John Corlett
1912 – 1927	Rev. Herbert Moon
1921 – 1931	Rev. Joseph Barrow
1936 – 1945	Rev. William Hyslop
1934 – 1951	Rev. William Armstrong
1947 – 1950	Rev. William Romeril
1950 – 1952	Rev. Francis Lovelock
1952 – 1957	Rev. William Harris
1957 – 1964	Rev. Norman Pratt
1964 – 1971	Rev. Harold Ward
1971 – 1974	Rev. Denis Magnus
1974 – 1980	Rev. Patterson Deane
1980 – 1981	Rev. Kenneth Huggins
1981 – 1986	Rev. J. Emmette Weir
1986 – 1991	Rev. Kenneth Huggins
1997 – 2001	Rev. Milton Lightbourne
2004 – 2007	Pastor Martin Loyley
2008 – 2009	Rev. Charles New
2009 – 2015	Rev. Godfrey Bethell
2015 – 2016	Rev. Terry Carty
2016 – 2017	Rev. Jerry Hilbun
2017 – Present	Rev. Milton Lightbourne

Interim Ministers 1991-2009

Rev. Hubert Floyd (May 95, Apr 96, Feb 97, Feb 98)
Rev. Trall Heitzenrater (Oct 95, Dec 96, Oct 97)
Rev. John Few (Oct 94)
Rev. Carl Schafer (Jun 94, Oct 95)
Rev. Carlos Paige (Mar 94, Oct 95)
Rev. Marvin Park (Feb 96, Jan 97, Oct 2001)
Rev. John Tudor (Aug 96, Aug 97, Aug 98)
Rev. Donald Padgett (Mar 96)
Rev. Whitney Dough (Sept 94)
Rev. Ed Griffith (Apr-May 94, Jun 95, May 96, Apr-May 97, Apr 98, Dec 2001)
Rev. Rogers Fair (Mar 95, Nov 95)
Rev. Bill Dike (Oct 96, Mar 98)
Rev. Gordon Craig (Aug 95)
Rev. Tom Mitchell (Jan 96)
Rev. Durward McDonnell (Jan 94, Jan 95)
Rev. Al Davis (Apr 95)
Rev. DeWitt Farabee (Aug 94, Sep 96)
Rev. Ray Kirk (Mar 97)
Rev. Tom Pope (Jun-Jul 2002)
Rev. Richard Martin (Aug 2002)
Rev. Lee Van Sickle (Feb 94)
Rev. John Gelnett (Jul 94)
Rev. Morrel Robinson (Nov 94, Sep 95, Jan 95)
Rev. Tom Turner (Feb 95)
Rev. Paul Stauffer (Nov 96)
Rev. Bruce Galloway (Sep 2001)
Rev. Charles C. Ryan (May-Jun 98)
Rev. Seymour Halford (Sep 97)
Rev. Dr. Manfred Hoffman (Jun 97)
Rev. Charles Lenham (Nov 97)
Rev. John Scott (Nov 2001)
Rev. Ed Lacy (2003, 2004)
Rev. John Hope (2003)
Rev. Bill Owens (2007)
Rev. Dr. Gerald Richardson (2007, 2008, 2009)





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