#### We warmly **WELCOME** everyone to our Independence Day Worship Service. BAHAMAS

May God continue to richly bless each of you.

Please continue to pray for:



Cecilia Adderley, Brenda Albury, Hubert Albury, Christopher Burrows, Michelle Butler, Jacqueline Cartwright, De'Ann Darville, Doris Hanna, Gaylene Higgs, Agnes Johnson, Helen Johnson, Deborah Knowles, Deloris Knowles, Lady Holly Knowles, Deneiro Light-

bourne, Betsy Pinder, Andy Sands, Bruce Sands, Darrin Sands, Linda Sands, Marion Seymour, Thomas Smith (Beverley Roberts' son-in-law), James Storr, Clio Sweeting and Sheran Sweeting.



Please keep in your prayers Karen and Phillip Pinder and Megan Martin as Phillip is preparing for surgery and Megan is home recovering from surgery. Also pray for Troy Storr, who is in ICU at Princess Margaret Hospital.



The FINANCE BOARD will hold a meeting on Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00 pm in Epworth Hall.

Nominations are now being received for the **Board of** Adult Ministry (Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Young Adults, FOCUS Family) and the Board of Communications (Audio/Video, Website, Newsletter, Graphic Arts). Please contact the church office (393-2936) with your nomination or send an email to emcbahamas242@gmail.com.



**C** The **Summer Bible Splash** will be held from July 18 - July 29, 2022 in Epworth Hall. The camp will run from Monday - Friday (9:00am-2:00 pm). Volunteers and donations (especially newspapers and magazines) are needed. Please see Mrs. Giavanna Knowles-Rolle for more information.



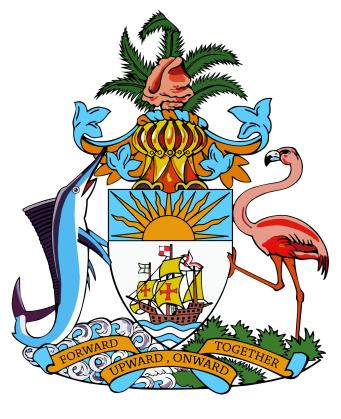
**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS** (July 10<sup>th</sup> - July 16<sup>th</sup>, **2022**) go out to Sharinda Goddard (11<sup>th</sup>), Clint Higgs (13<sup>th</sup>), Deloris Knowles Rolle (13<sup>th</sup>) and all who celebrate their birthday this week!

**Church Attendance** July 3, 2022 - 137

Next Sunday - July 17, 2022 Preacher: Rev. Milton Lightbourne

## Ebenezer Methodist Church

49th **BAHAMAS** Independence Day



# **Worship Service** Sunday, July 10, 2022 11:00am



### **Order of Service**



Worship Leader: Mr. Hartis Pinder Preacher: Rev. Milton Lightbourne

Welcome & Announcements - Mr. Hartis Pinder

#### Call To Worship

Leader:	Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people
	He chose for His inheritance.

- People: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.
- Leader: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.
- People: The Lord sets the prisoners free, opens the eyes of the blind and lifts up those who are bowed down.
- All: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord! Let us worship our God.

Opening Hymn "*I Vow To Thee, My Country*" #900 (Presentation of Flags)

#### Affirmation For Independence

During this month of independence, we affirm we are not alone in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and in God's world.

We believe in God, the Creator and Sustainer of these islands, given to us as gifts from God, where we have been privileged to live, work, serve and rear our families.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son, the Word made flesh, Who came to reconcile and renew us through His death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Giver of Spiritual life, through Whom we come to know and worship, the Father and Son.

We believe we are members of Christ Church, established here in The Bahamas, to proclaim the Good News to all and show God's love through our work, witness and mission.

We affirm that the Triune God is among us, as we celebrate another year of independence and acknowledge God's Presence, Provision and Protection, will be ours in the present and for the future. Amen!

Doxology		
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!		
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,		
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.		
O praise Him. O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!		
Prayer Chorus		
I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood! Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod; For I'm part of the family, the family of God.		
Pastoral Prayer Mr. Hartis Pinder		
The Lord's Prayer (Sung By All)		
Offertory Hymn"O God, Our Help In Ages Past"#878(Children leave for Children's Chapel)		
Offertory Prayer Mr. Dereano Stubbs		
Poem <i>"Bahama Nation"</i> Miss Marechan Burrows		
1 <sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 8:7-11 Mrs. Una Sawyer		
Selection Dr. Linda Lightbourne		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading Acts 14:14-17 Mrs. Beverly Roberts		
National Song <i>"One Bahamas"</i> (See Insert for Chorus) Led by Mr. Graham Thordarson		
Sermon Rev. Milton Lightbourne		
Song <i>"All Uh We Is One Family"</i> (See Insert for Chorus) Led by Mrs. Giavanna Knowles-Rolle		
Closing Hymn "The Right Hand Of God " (See Insert)		
Mission Statement		
To Worship God Joyfully, Offer Christ Faithfully Promote Growth Hopefully, Serve Others Lovingly		
Benediction Rev. Milton Lightbourne		
National Anthem Of The Bahamas		

#### **ONE BAHAMAS (CHORUS)**

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# Announcements



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