

*We warmly welcome everyone to our Worship Service.
May God continue to richly bless each of you.*



Cecilia Adderley, Brenda Albury,
Hubert Albury, Christopher Bur-
rows, Michelle Butler, Jacqueline
Cartwright, Raymond Claridge,
De'Ann Darville, Doris Hanna,
Gaylene Higgs, Agnes Johnson,

Helen Johnson, Deloris Knowles, Lady Holly Knowles,
Betsy Pinder, Darrin Sands, Linda Sands, Marion Sey-
mour, James Storr, Clio Sweeting and Sheran Sweeting.

*The Burrows Family say a huge **THANK YOU**
for your support at the Souse-out on Saturday
which was an overwhelming success!*

The **YOUTH DEPARTMENT** extends gratitude
to everyone who made Thursday evening's
presentation on "Study Skills" a tremendous
success!

The **Exam Preparedness Workshop** will be held
on Saturday, May 14, 2022 in Epworth Hall from
Noon - 2:00pm.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

(May 8th - May 14th, 2022) go out to
Alice Cash (9th), Andrew Roberts (11th),
Cydcharisse Capron (13th), John Rich-
ard Culmer (14th) and all who celebrate
their birthday this week!

Church Attendance

May 1, 2022—119

Next Sunday - May 15, 2022

Preacher: Rev. Milton Lightbourne

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Happy Mother's Day



Ebenezer Methodist Church

Mother's Day Service

Sunday, May 8th, 2022



Order of Service

Worship Leader: Mrs. Miriam Vargas

Preacher: Rev. Milton Lightbourne

Welcome & Announcements - Mrs. Miriam Vargas

Choral Call To Worship *"This Is The Day"* Lady's Choir

Call To Worship

Leader: As one whom a mother comforts, so I will comfort you.

People: O Gentle and Patient God, thank You for Your tender care.

Leader: Can a mother forget the baby she nurses and have no compassion on the child she has birthed?

People: Though she may forget, I will not forget you. Loving and caring God, thank You for Your compassionate care.

Leader: God is like a mother eagle hovering over her nest, overshadowing her young.

People: Then spreading her wings, lifting them into the air and teaching them to fly.

All: You are the Ever Present and Sustaining God, thank You for Your protecting care.

To: Karalee Williams:

Roses are Red; Violets are Blue; There will never be a mother, as great as YOU! Happy Mother's Day !

Love, Maleka, Derecia, Tiahjanique, Tanjanae, Dereano, Allington Jr., Allingtonaeja, Kachea and of course your grand baby, Kyleah

To Paulette Humes:

You are my rock and you mean everything to me. You are the reason I am here today and for that I love you so much. Thank you for being a GREAT mom!

Love, Ashley

To Miralee Rose:

You are an amazing mother and grandmother. You walk by faith and represent what it is to be a true woman of God. Thank you for being a great role model.

Love, Giavanna and Asari

To: All EMC Women,

"Her Children rise up and call her blessed."

You are the reason our Church family continues to grow strong in Christ. Happy Mother's Day!

Love, E.P.I.C. Youth

H A P P Y
Mother's Day

Tributes to Mommy...

To: Betsy Pinder

*Mommy you are the absolute best. We love you
and wish you a very Happy Mother's Day.
Love, Heath and Kathleen*

To: Sherelle Johnson

*I love you, Mommy; especially when you cook my
favorite food - homemade spaghetti (Yummy).
Happy Mother's Day! Love, J.J*

To: Sophia Wilkinson

*You are a true role model. You sacrifice so much
for us to have the best. Thank you for loving us!
Happy Mother's Day!*

Love, Krystal, Christopher and Alexander

To: Carina

*Mommy we love going for ice-cream with you.
You are the best flavor for a mommy! Happy
Mother's Day! Love, Brooke and Bella*

Opening Hymn

"Faith Of Our Mothers"

(Tune #402 - *Faith Of Our Fathers*)

Faith of our mothers, living still,
In cradle song and bedtime prayer,
In nursery lore and fireside love,
Thy presence still pervades the air:
Faith of our mothers, living faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
Fount of our childhood's trust and grace,
Oh, may thy consecration prove,
Source of a finer, nobler race:
Faith of our mothers, living faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
For youthful longing, youthful doubt,
How blurred our vision, blind our way,
Thy providential care without:
Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Affirmation

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hades; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the Body, and life everlasting. 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

Lord, prepare me, to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You

Repeat

Pastoral Prayer

Ms. Margaret Rolle

Prayer For Mothers

Lady's Choir

God bless the mother who sings to her child,
Peaceful and calm, her words soft and mild.
God bless the mother awake in the night,
Rocking her child 'til morning light.

**Gather all mothers in tender embrace.
Grant them Your courage, Your wisdom and grace.
Honor their place in Your sacred design,
Of healing the world one child at a time.**

God bless the mother forgiving and wise.
Sharing God's grace through the light in her eyes.
God bless the mother oppressed by her fears,
Carried by faith 'til hope reappears.

Chorus

Offertory Hymn

"God Of The Women"

(Tune #632 - *Be Thou My Vision*)

God of the women who answered Your call,
Trusting Your promises, giving their all,
Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth
Give us their courage to live in Your truth.

God of the women who walked Jesus' way,
Giving their resources, learning to pray,
Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more
May we give freely as they did before.



Bahamas Conference of the Methodist Churches



Spiritual Growth Conference 2022

31 Days of Prayer
24th April – 24th May 2022

Theme: "Recommitting to the Mission!" (St. Luke 14:23)

For the next **thirty-one days** we will make our petitions and supplications known to God and offer thanksgiving unto our Lord.

We begin our month of prayer with fasting. That is, you are asked to abstain from food, a particular drink, a pleasure, or social media each Sunday 7:00p.m. to Monday 7:00p.m. (for example, the first day of fasting begins Sunday, 24th April 2022 at 7:00p.m. and ends Monday, 25th April 2022 at 7:00p.m.)

Congregational prayers will be held daily at 7:00p.m. – 8:00p.m. on zoom.

Zoom ID - 893-2081-4046

Passcode - 059710



The Bahamas Conference Of The Methodist Church
will host its

ANNUAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH CONFERENCE

May 25th - May 29th, 2022 in Eleuthera, Bahamas.

Please remember this Conference in your prayers.





Mother's Day Announcements



The beautiful flowers are graciously donated by Miss Marsha Cates in loving memory of her mother, **Mrs. Jean Cates** and also in loving memory of her father, **Mr. Clifford Cates**, who would have celebrated his birthday today. We are most grateful for this kind donation.

If anyone is interested in donating flowers, kindly contact **Anne Lever** at **425-3066** or any member of the decorating team.



NURSE NAOMI CHRISTIE HOME

If you are interested in joining the roster please contact Anne Lever at 425-3066 or email simplysweet29@hotmail.com.

Ashward and Deveral Ferguson will be donating the meal for the month of May. We thank them for their kind donation.

The **PANTRY DONATION MINISTRY TEAM** for the month of May include William Cash Jr. (Team Leader), DeAnn Cash, Billy Cash, Gary and Jackie Cash, Andrew and Bonnie Malone and Michelle Ryan. Thank you for your kind donation.



*"Let's send our prayers and well wishes to **Sowmya Thottambeti** as she begins her journey at Columbia University in New York to obtain a second Master's Degree, this time in Management Science & Engineering."*



God of the women long put to the test,
Left out of stories, forgotten, oppressed,
Quietly asking: "Who smiled at my birth?"
In Jesus' dying You show us our worth.

God of the women who ran from the tomb,
Prayed with the others in that upper room,
Then felt Your Spirit on Pentecost Day
May we so gladly proclaim You today.

O God of Phoebe and ministers all,
May we be joyful in answering Your call.
Give us the strength of Your Spirit so near
That we may share in Your ministry here.

Offertory Prayer

Mrs. Pamella Sands

1st Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 1:13-17

Mrs. Anne Lever

2nd Scripture Reading

Mark 10:13-16 Mrs. Wendy Bowe-Smith

Lady's Anthem

"Far Above Riches"

Lady's Choir

Far above riches, far above honor,
Lasting beauty beyond compare-- she is more noble,
She is more precious. Treasure this one whose life we share.

Woman of honor, priceless companion,
Wife and mother and faithful friend, shepherd and servant,
Teacher and helper-- she lives a love that has no end.

Morning and evening, summer and winter,
Ever faithful and glad to share; touching and lifting,
Tenderly giving-- in her we feel our Father's care.

God of all comfort, fountain of blessing,
Ever loving in all You do, Thank You for giving
Far above riches. Gladly we lift our praise to You!
Amen, Amen!



Hymn Of Faith

“Motherhood, Sublime, Eternal”

(Tune #431 - *Love Divine*)

Motherhood, sublime, eternal, lives in God’s great heart of love;
Ever holds us, safe enfolds us, underneath, around, above;
Patient, tender, kind, forgiving, though in devious paths we roam;
Gently chides us, ever guides us, and all-loving, leads us home.

Ev’ry wrong will sure be righted; ev’ry evil swept away;
Truth upspringing, justice bringing, ushers in the brighter day;
Mother calls her earthly children, loves them, lifts them when they fall;
Striving, calling, fainting, falling, motherlove enfolds them all.

God is Love, and love forever, in the motherheart is blest;
Lives the longest, lifts the strongest, far outreaching all the rest;
Not by might, and not by wisdom, comes our lifting from the sod:
Love’s pure glory tells the story, in the Motherheart of God.

Sermon

Rev. Milton Lightbourne

MOTHER’S DAY PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Wendy Bowe, Mrs. Paulette Humes and Mrs. Deveral Ferguson

Prayer for Mothers

Rev. Milton Lightbourne



Closing Hymn

“O God Of All Creation”

(Tune #526 - O Jesus, I Have Promised)

O God of all creation on Whom our world depends,
To You let praise be given for families and friends;
For fathers, sisters, brothers, a home where love belongs,
But on this day for mothers we bring our thankful songs.

What wealth of God’s bestowing for all the world to share!
What strength of heart outgoing to children everywhere!
From ones whose acts of mothering help children every day
The teachers, aunts, and nurturers who guide them on their way.

How well we know the story that tells of Jesus’ birth,
The Lord of heaven’s glory become a child of earth;
A helpless infant sleeping, yet King of realms above,
To find in Mary’s keeping the warmth of human love.

O God of all creation, to You we lift our prayer,
That every child be given such tenderness and care,
Where life is all for others, where love Your love displays:
For God’s gift of good mothers let earth unite in praise!

MISSION STATEMENT

To Worship God Joyfully, Offer Christ Faithfully,
Promote Growth Hopefully, Serve Others Lovingly.

Benediction

Rev. Milton Lightbourne

Benedictory Response

*Make me a blessing, make me a blessing;
Out of my life, may Jesus shine.
Make me a blessing to someone I pray;
Make me a blessing to someone today.*

