**The Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas (MCCA)**

**Jamaica District Providence Circuit**



**District Theme:**

*"Spreading Scriptural Holiness to Reform the Nation:*

*Beginning with Me"*

**SUB-THEME***:*

*“A Call for Righteousness, Truth and Holiness in Nation Building”*

**DISTRICT PRESIDENT**

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Rev’d Barrington Litchmore

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**MCCA MEN’S LORD’S DAY**

Sunday February 23, 2025

8:30 a.m.

**THEME: “Basking In The Steadfast Love of God”**

**PREACHER:**

*Bro. Michael Boyne*

**ORGANIST:**

*Bro. Godfrey Taylor*

**STEWARDS ON DUTY:**

*Sis. Cesna McCain, Sis. Martha DeSouza, Sis. Karene Stanley-Jones*

**Order of Worship**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

**Cong: For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care*.***

Leader: Men of God, rise to your calling, for the Lord has empowered you for service and mission.

**Cong: We will worship the Lord with gladness and enter His courts with praise. Amen*.***

**HYMN: “Because He Lives” VIP #118**

**PRAYERS OF ADORATION/ PRAISE**

**SONG OF PRAISE: “Blessed be the Lord God Almighty”** *(Bob Fitts 1985)*

**PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Psalm 103:8-12)**

**People: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

**PSALM OF THANKSGIVING (Psalm 107:1 – 16)**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love

 endures forever.

**People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from**

 **trouble**

Leader: And gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

**People: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited**

 **town**

Leader: Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

**People: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered**

 **them from their distress**

Leader: He led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.

**People: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful**

 **works to humankind.**

Leader: For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

**People: Some sat in darkness and in gloom, prisoners in misery and in**

 **irons**

Leader: For they had rebelled against the words of God and spurned the

 counsel of the Most High.

**People: Their hearts were bowed down with hard labour; they fell down,**

 **with no one to help.**

Leader: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from

 their distress

**People: He brought them out of darkness and gloom, and broke their**

 **bonds apart.**

Leader: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful

 works to humankind.

**People: For he shatters the doors of bronze and cuts in two the bars of**

 **iron.**

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**People: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world**

 **without end. Amen.**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**WELCOME**

**MEN’S CORNER**

* **Update on the Work of Men at Providence**
* **Message from MCCA Men Sub-Secretary**

**TIME WITH OUR YOUNG MEMBERS**

**WORSHIP IN SONG**: Praise Team

**THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**COLLECT: O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Old Testament:** Genesis 32: 9-12, 22-30

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Epistle:** 2 Timothy 1: 1-14

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel:** Luke 4: 14-20; 31-36 & 6: 27-31

 **“Glory to you, O God”**

Reader: This is the Gospel of Christ

**Response: Praise be to Christ, Our Lord**

**MESSAGE**: **Storming the Gates of Hell – Mission Impossible?**

**RESPONSE: “Rise up, O Men of God”**

Rise up, O men of God!

Have done with lesser things.

Give heart and mind and soul and strength

To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O men of God!

The church for you doth wait,

Her strength unequal to her task;

Rise up and make her great!

Lift high the cross of Christ!

Tread where His feet have trod.

As brothers of the Son of Man,

Rise up, O men of God!

*William P. Merrill (1867–1954)*

**MMF Pledge (to be recited by all men)**

**I promise by God’s help:**

* **To give myself to private and family prayer, and the reading of God’s word.**
* **To be loyal to the Church by regular attendance at its services.**
* **To be active in the service and witness of the church and the Methodist Men’s Fellowship, and;**
* **To be a loyal disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**NOTICES**

**OFFERING** (*A special walk-up offering will also be collected for the AMMF and the Jamaica National Children’s Home*)

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**Response: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**HYMN OF COMMISSION:** “**Revive Thy Work, O Lord” VIP #405**

**BENEDICTION**

Leader: He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. **Amen.**

**People: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. Amen.**

 **NOTICES**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

 **Today Men’s Lord’s Day**

Tue. Feb. 25 6:00p.m. Bible Study (*Zoom Link ID)*

 896-4304-9399 *Passcode: 653896*

Wed. Feb. 26 12:00noon – 2.00p.m. Prayer Meeting

Wed. Feb. 26 7:00p.m. Chancel Choir

Thur. Feb. 27 6:00p.m. Voices at Dawn

 Fri. Feb. 28 6:00p.m. Junior Choir

 7:00p.m. Praise Jam

**FUTURE EVENTS**

Sun. Mar. 02 6:00a.m. Holy Communion

 8:30a.m. Holy Communion

Mon. Mar. 03 6:00p.m. Property Committee Meeting

**BIRTHDAYS** – February – 23rd Bro. Leslie Grant, 24th Bro. David Pitter, 26th Bro. Trevor McCain, 27th Sis. Florence Young, 28th Sis. Winsome Decarish, March - 1st Sis. Antia Steer

**CONDOLENCES:**

**-**To Rev’d Barrington Litchmore family, relatives and friends on the passing of his mother Sis. Hyacinth Litchmore on February 19, 2025 in Canada. Funeral arrangements will be announced.

**-**To family, relatives and friends of Rev’d Rudolph Garnes, former Superintendent Minister of the Providence Methodist Circuit. Rev’d Garnes passed on February 15, 2025 in Florida. Funeral arrangements will be announced.

-To Bro. Lloyd Goldson, family relatives and friends on the passing of his brother Vivian Goldson on February 9, 2025 in the USA. Funeral service will be held on Wednesday February 26, 2025 here at Providence commencing at 11:00a.m. Inurnment follows in the Columbarium.

-To the family relatives and friends of Bro. Andre Hind who passed on February 15, 2025 in New Jersey, USA. Bro. Hind was the son of the former Chorister Sis. Jean Hind and a former active member of the Wesley Guild (Youth Group). Funeral arrangements will be announced.

**ACCOUNTING CLERK – (Receivables)** The Jamaica Methodist District invites applications for this post. Persons should have attained a High School Diploma or Associate Degree in Accounting. Responsibilities include: Issuing of receipts, maintenance of Journal Ledgers, sub-ledgers, preparation of lodgements for bank and co-ordination of dispatch. Interested persons may submit the application with Resume no later than Monday February 17, 2025, to jamaicamethodist@jamaicamethodist.org **Only short listed applicants will be contacted.**

**CARETAKER** - The Providence Methodist Church is actively and urgently pursuing the services of a full time caretaker. Applicants must have attained at least secondary level of education possess excellent interpersonal skills, and goods knowledge of building facilities and maintenance, living facilities consist of a two (2) bedroom cottage, therefore applicants with a small family may be considered. You may wish to call 876-977 6489 or 876 977 5971 prior to submitting written applications to:

The Administrator

Providence Methodist Church

132 Old Hope Road, Kingston 6.

Email: providencemeth@cwjamaica.com

**CIRCUIT STEWARDS** – Nominations are invited for the position of Circuit Steward. Kindly submit proposals to Superintendent Minister LItchmore

**CAKE SALE – March 21, 2025 –** Dallas Methodist Church fundraising event, Place orders at the Circuit Office - Sis. Patricia Christie or Circuit Steward Sis. Alcian Crosdale – 876-365-4343. **Choices of cake: (Chocolate Mocha, Red Velvet, Black Forrest, Plain and Cheese Cake.) Cost is $1500/Slice.**

**FUND RAISING EVENTS –** The UTC (United Theological College) is inviting your support for fund raising events on March 29, 30; April 5, 6, 2025. These are one man shows under the **Theme: “Consciousness Alive.”** Tickets cost $3000 each and are available at the Circuit Office.

**ANNUAL EASTER BUN SALE –** Kindly support the Women’s League Annual Easter Bun Sale. Order Forms are available at the Church Office or from Sis. Pamella McKenzie – 876-997-8519, Sis. Sonia Lynch – 876-850-7924 and Sis. Annette Johnson – 876-820-1259

**PRAYER / MEDITATION** – The Church will be open weekly on Wednesdays, 10:30a.m. to 4:00p.m.to facilitate persons desirous of praying and meditating. Feel free to join the prayer meeting which commences 12:00noon – 2p.m.

**CIRCUIT MEN’S BIBLE STUDY –** The meeting will continue on the last Thursday of each month, commencing at 8:00 p.m. The zoom link is as follows: [**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87021550055**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87021550055)

**ASH WEDNESDAY CONFERENCE**

Kindly be reminded that the Annual Ash Wednesday Conference will be held at the Gordon Town Methodist Church, March 5, 2025, 9:00am , under the theme: **A Call toRighteousness, Truth and Holiness in the life of the Believer*.*** You are invited to come apart and be spiritually empowered as we engage in Bible Study, Presentation and Discussion on the United Strategic Direction of our Church; a Moment for Penitence and Recommitment. Special activities have been planned for our children, youth and young adults. You may be asking: “What’s new?” Come, share and be blessed. Arrangements for lunch will be shared earliest.

**METHODIST HOME FOR RETIRED PERSONS**

- Rooms are available for occupancy. Please call 876-977-4694.

**ONLINE GIVING FOR THE WORK OF OUR CHURCH**

Your Tithes and Offerings may be deposited directly to the Church’s Bank Account as follows:

Name of Account Providence Methodist Church

Bank National Commercial Bank

Branch Matilda’s Corner – Liguanea, Kingston 6

Account No. 371007857

Please call the Church Office (876-977-5971 or 876-977-6489) or email **providencemeth@cwjamaica.com** to provide your name, amount and the date of the deposit so that the source of the funds can be identified. Members may also continue to drop off tithes and offerings at the Church Office.

**MAKING CONTACT**: Members are kindly requested to assist in making contact with the following members. Please give any information you have to Rev’d. Litchmore or the Church office.

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| Natalie Davis | Eslyn Gordon | Franklin Tapper |
| Joy Bodden | Bernice Johnson-Walsh | Eric Williams |
| Winsome Gauntlett | Dorothy Robinson |  |

**Prayer line** – Persons desirous of prayer may call the Prayer line.

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| 876-927-5222 | Mondays | 12 noon – 2:00 p.m. |
| 876-446-2475 | Daily | 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon |
| 876-315-7643 | Daily | 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. |
| 876-927-1439 | Generally available except on Mondays |

**PLEASE REMEMBER PRAYERFULLY**: **Sis. Laurel Bruce**, 15 Deanery Ave (3), 876-928-1873; **Sis. Helen Chambers**, 34 Charlemont Drive, 876-927-0747; **Sis. Keturah Forrest,** 10 Old Henry Lane (6), 876-927-5395; **Sis. Cynthia Walsh**, 11 Ravinia Mews (6), 876-927-0275; **Sis. Lena Anderson**, 876-977-0201, 876-826-3319; **Sis. Grace Boyne**; **Bro. Lester Palmer**; **Sis. Gwendoline Thomas**, 876-977-4103; **Sis. Pauline Mason**, 876-927-2720; **Sis. Sadie Mitchell**; **Sis. Carmen Subaran**; **Bro. Eric King**, 876-927-5281; **Bro. Roy Thomas**; **Sis. Carmen Allicock**, 876-476-1716; **Sis. Hazel Bennett**; **Sis. Ivy Holder**, 876-727-6362; **Sis. Verona Cameron** (overseas); **Sis. Imolyn Richards**, 876-927-0036; **Sis. Lena Cover**, 876-977-6764; **Sis. Alma Smith**, 876-977-5940, **Sis. Hazel Cobran**, 876-875-3896**; Sis. Rosie Herron-Muir** 876-927-2330**; Sis. Maude Henry; Bro. Bradley Crossfield** son of Bro. Philbert and Sis. Andrea Crossfield, hospitalized at the University Hospital (Ward 8)

**THIS WEEK’S DEVO TIONAL READINGS FROM “OUR DAILY BREAD**

Sun. 23 Feb. John 4:4-24 Water Of Life

Mon. 24 Feb. Psalm 61 Praying In Difficult Times

Tue. 25 Feb. Acts 5:17-21, 25-29, 41-42 keep Talking About Jesus!

Wed. 26 Feb. 1 Samuel 24:1-7 is It A Sign?

Thur. 27 Feb. Acts 9:36-42 Seeing A Need

 Fri. 28 Feb. Numbers 22:21-31 A Baboon, A Donkey, And Me

Sat. 01 Mar. Psalm 1 A Refreshing Oasis