



## Mrs. Marie Louise Clay Clinton

(1871–1934)

Mrs. Marie Louise Clay Clinton was the organizer and first Superintendent of the Buds of Promise Juvenile Missionary Society. She was born in Huntsville, Alabama in 1871.

Mrs. Clinton was the wife of Bishop George Wylie Clinton. She loved children and, having none of her own, she dedicated her life to children's work.

She understood the importance of Christian training for very young children. Mrs. Clinton worked diligently to see that children be included as part of the General Missionary Society.

In 1904, her request to include the children as an organized department of the Missionary Society was taken to the General Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. It was then that the department was adopted and, through her efforts, became permanently known as the "Buds of Promise" department in 1908. Mrs. Clinton served as the General Superintendent for 28 years (until 1932) and remained an enthusiastic worker until her death in 1934.

In 1951, the Missionary Convention in Wilmington, North Carolina voted that a day be set aside in order to honor the founder of The Buds of Promise Department. Because of Mrs. Marie L. Clay Clinton's love and devotion to children and work of missions, the fourth Sunday of January is recognized as "Marie L. Clinton Day."

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## BUDS INFORMATION

**Motto:** "Blooming All For Jesus"  
**Colors:** Green (*growth*) & White (*purity*)  
**Slogan:** **The Three B's:**

We **Build** with Zion,  
We **Belong** to Zion,  
We **Believe** in Zion.

**Pledge:** To be reverent to God, useful to man, do God's will and strengthen my faith with prayer.

**Buds Hymn:** "I Would Be True"

**Buds Theme Song:** "Blooming All For Jesus"



1904

**MARIE L. CLINTON DAY**

2024

Buds of Promise Juvenile Missionary Society



*Quadrennial Focus*

REACHING THE MASSES IN AN  
EVER-CHANGING WORLD - THE JOURNEY CONTINUES:  
**SELF-CARE & WELLNESS**

**Sunday, January 28, 2024**

Mrs. April C. Davis, Connectional Superintendent  
Buds of Promise Juvenile Missionary Society

Mrs. Sandra B. Crowder, International President  
Women's Home & Overseas Missionary Society  
The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude		Musician
Procession of Symbols	#674	“I Would Be True” <i>(Cross, American Flag, Christian Flag, Bible, Hymnal, Buds Banner)</i>
Procession of Buds of Promise		
Call to Worship		
Dear Heavenly Father, We thank you today for being a loving and caring Savior who protects and guides each day. Thank for bringing us safely to church today to honor You and our founder, Marie L. Clinton. We pray for your presence in our service today, and your presence around the world for those who are sick and need your help. We love God and ask all these blessings in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.		
Choral Response		Buds of Promise
Buds Hymn	#676	“Blooming All For Jesus”
The Litany		
<b>Leader: The Lord is my shepherd. I have everything I need.</b>		
People: God provides for me.		
<b>Leader: He gives me rest in green pastures. He leads me to calm water.</b>		
People: God gives me rest.		
<b>Leader: He gives me new strength. For the good of His Name, He leads me on paths that are right.</b>		
People: God guides my footsteps.		
<b>ALL: I will not be afraid, because God is with me.</b>		
Gloria Patri		#702
Apostles' Creed		#705
Scripture		
<i>“You should know that you yourselves are God’s temple. God’s Spirit lives in you. If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him, because God’s temple is holy. You yourselves are God’s temple.”</i> 1 Corinthians 3:16-17		
Prayer		
Choral Response		
Selection		Buds of Promise
Remembering our Founder		Mrs. Marie L. Clinton
		Buds Information
		Buds Motto ~ Slogan ~ Pledge
Song of Preparation		Choir

Buds Mini-Message	“Are You Plugged In?”
Offering/Offerory	
Closing Selection	Buds of Promise
Remarks	Superintendent of Buds Pastor

### Missionary Benediction:

*God be merciful unto us and bless us and cause  
His face to shine upon us and give us peace. Amen.*

### “Are You Plugged In?”

As Buds and missionaries, our journey to know more about God and to serve is always with us. Our new year’s theme focuses on how to ensure we are ready to serve, which is ‘Reaching the Masses in an Ever-Changing World - The Journey Continues: Self-Care & Wellness’. Meaning, we as missionaries of all ages must remember to take care of ourselves so that we may take care of the needs of others. God wants to use each of us in a special way. However, if our bodies, minds and spirits are not healthy, we cannot be good and effective missionaries. Jesus provided us in the Lord’s Prayer (in Psalm 23) an example of how to pray, how God cares for us and who God is to each of us.

The 1<sup>st</sup> verse in Psalm 23 says “The Lord is my shepherd. I have everything I need”. The verse tells us of how God provides and protects us when we follow and obey Him. We do not have to worry or become stressful, because God is protecting us just like a shepherd protects and cares for his sheep.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> verse of Psalm says “He gives me rest in the green pastures. He leads me to calm waters”. In this verse, we learn that we must remember to rest to recharge ourselves to do missionary work. Think about an electric car. Is an electric car able to run or operate without electricity? No, it cannot. The electric car needs to be plugged in to an electric source. And like an electric car, we must plug into our source who is God to be recharged in our mind and spirit.

God desires us to be healthy for “He gives me [us] strength. For the good of His Name, He leads me [us] on paths that are right”. What a wonderful God!

Even in this pandemic, we had to wear face coverings, wash hands and keep our distance to stay well. We also knew if we stayed connected and plugged in to God, we did not have to “...be afraid, because God is with me [us]” Psalm 23:3. Plug into God by reading your bible, taking care of yourself and resting, because God is your source and cares for you!