**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 in1871.

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 in1934.

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.”

**1904**

MARIE L. CLINTON DAY

 Buds of Promise Juvenile Missionary Society



 **2025**

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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”

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*Quadrennial Focus*

REACHING THE MASSES IN AN

EVER-CHANGING WORLD - THE JOURNEY CONTINUES:

Equity and Justice

**Sunday, January 26, 2025**

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

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

Prelude Musician

Procession of Symbols #674 “I Would Be True”

*(Cross, American Flag, Christian Flag, Bible, Hymnal, Buds Banner)*

Procession of Buds of Promise

Call to Worship

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for your love and care you give us today. We thank you for your son, Jesus Christ, who gave us the example of how to stand on what is just and right. Thank you, God, for our founder, Marie L. Clinton, and we will forever strive to bloom all for Jesus! 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 you, 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

**Leader: Sing to the Lord, you who do what is right.**

People: Praise God for His goodness.

**Leader: Our hope is in the Lord. He is our help.**

 People: Praise God for his protection.

**Leader: We rejoice in Him. We trust His Holy Name.**

People: Praise God for loving us.

**ALL: For in God, we put our faith.**

Gloria Patri #702

Apostles’ Creed #705

Scripture

*“The Lord has told you what is good. He has told you what he wants from you: Do what is right to other people. Love being kind to others, and live humbly, trusting your God.”*

Micah 6:8 Int’l Children’s Bible

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 **“Who Do You Trust?”**

Offering/Offertory

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.*

 **“Who Do You Trust”**

Our journey continues to the next component of ‘Reaching the Masses in an Ever-Changing World - The Journey Continues: Equity and Justice”. As Buds and missionaries, we have a tremendous task which has been a challenge for so many people to show equality and just actions to all. It is okay to have a favorite or close people within our lives who are special to each of us. It may be a best friend, parent, grandparent or whenever you have a true love towards, and they show you love and kindness in return. It is easy to love or be kind to someone who is loving and kind to you, but what about those who are not kind? What does God tell us to do when person is not nice or fair to us? In our key scripture today, God gives us clear instructions. God says *“...Do what is right to other people. Love being kind to others, and live humbly, trusting your God.”* Micah 6:8.

As missionaries of all ages must remember God is watching us and we are His People, we must believe and trust in God’s word. God wants us all to be treated fairly. If think of the nursery rhyme of the 3 Little Pigs. Each one of the little pigs left home to build a life and home. Each has a grand idea of what their home would be and what materials to use. The first piggy built his house of straw, the second piggy built his house of sticks, and the third piggy built his house of bricks. During the story, a hungry wolf (which equates to the meanness in the world), huffed and puffed and blew all the houses down, except for the house built with bricks. The third piggy knew he had to have a strong foundation, a strong structure to withstand the weather and dangers that lurk.

*Isn’t that like God’s word?* God’s word is our foundation. It is our shield. It covers us so that we may do good, do what is right, and be kind to others. Now, the third piggy did not leave his siblings for the wolf; instead, he was a good missionary and gathered his siblings safely in his brick home. As we build our knowledge and faith in God, we are able to trust, and not worry about unkindness that lurks, but show love and kindness to others equally. Will you trust God, and do His will?