

## 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"



## MARIE L. CLINTON DAY

*Buds of Promise Juvenile Missionary Society*

*Quadrennial Focus*

**"The Great Commission – A Global Outreach: Personal Calling"**



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## ORDER OF SERVICE

### Procession of Buds of Promise

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

### Call to Worship

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for waking us up this morning and giving us all that we need. Thank you for bringing us to church and allowing us to learn more about You. We love You, and honor You because You are the head of our minds, bodies, and souls. We ask You to bless our service, our singing, our praise and all that we do in Jesus name. Amen.

### Choral Response

### Buds of Promise

### Buds Hymn

**“Blooming All For Jesus”**

**Hymn #676**

### The Litany

**Leader:** Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years.

**People:** He did what was right in the eyes of The Lord and followed in the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left.

**Leader:** For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, he began to seek after the God of his father David:

**ALL:** **And in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images.**

### Gloria Patri

**Hymn #702**

### Apostles' Creed

**Hymn #705**

### Scripture

Lo, children are a heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is His reward.  
As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.

Psalm 127:3-4

### Prayer

### Choral Response

### Selection

### Buds of Promise

### Remembering our Founder

**Mrs. Marie L. Clinton's Story**

### Buds Information

**Buds Motto • Slogan • Pledge**

### Song of Preparation

**Choir**

Buds Mini-Message

“Do you know who’s calling you?”

Offering/Offertory

Closing Selection

Remarks

Buds of Promise  
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.

### **“Do you know who’s calling you?”**

This year our theme is “The Great Commission – A Global Outreach: Personal Calling”. The Great Commission is found in Matthew 28:19-20; “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” Amen.

When we think of a personal calling, we think of Jesus calling us personally. He is giving us a direct call or invitation to come and join Him in spreading “The Good News”. He wants you to tell all of your friends about Him and listen to the things He has planned for you. In order to know the plan, you must first know who He is and that He is calling you. You can use the bible, the internet, your cell phone and other electronic devices to read and hear God’s word and His plan for your life and to get the word out that Jesus is calling you. Sunday School, worship service, and Buds meetings are places to learn about God’s calling.

In second Chronicles Chapter 34, we learn of a boy named Josiah. He became king as a child of only eight, and soon took an interest in the Lord. We can learn a lot from Josiah’s life that is positive. First, Josiah shows the influence a young person can have. Even children can have enormous potential and impact on others to live a Godly life, “And a little child shall lead them.” Isaiah 11:6. Josiah lived a life fully committed and obedient to God and he was blessed for it. Third, Josiah listened and obeyed God’s word. Josiah had Scripture read to the people and made a commitment to live by it. “Because your heart was responsive and you humbled yourself before the Lord when you heard what I have spoken against this place and its people, that they would become a curse and be laid waste, and because you tore your robes and wept in my presence, I also have heard you,” declares the Lord.” 2 Kings 22:19.