

## 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 Transformation"**



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# ORDER OF SERVICE

## Prelude

## Procession of Buds of Promise

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

## Call to Worship

Also, I will teach you to respect Me completely. I will put a new way to think inside you. I will take out the stubborn heart like stone from your bodies. And, I will give you an obedient heart of flesh.

## Invocation

Heavenly Father, we come to you today to thank You for calling us, and for making us special. We know that there is so much You have done for us and there is so much You are going to do for us. We invite You into this service and into our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

## Choral Response

**Buds of Promise**

## Buds Hymn

**“Blooming All For Jesus”**

**Hymn #676**

## The Litany – Luke 6: 43-45

**Leader:** A good tree does not produce bad fruit.

**People:** Also, a bad tree does not produce good fruit.

**Leader:** Each tree is known by its fruit.

**People:** People don't gather figs from thorn bushes.

**Leader:** And they don't get grapes from bushes.

**People:** A good person has good things saved up in his heart.

**Leader:** And so he brings good things out of his heart.

**People:** But an evil person has evil things saved up in His heart. So he brings out bad things.

**ALL:** **A person speaks the things that are in his heart.**

## Gloria Patri

**Hymn #702**

## Apostles' Creed

**Hymn #705**

## Scripture - Luke 6:46-49

## 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 of Promise-Message

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Offering/Offertory

Closing Selection

Remarks

“It's a Wonderful Life”

Pastor

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.

## “It's a Wonderful Life”

The great commission is an instruction given to us by God. He wants us to go everywhere and tell everyone about Him. As missionaries, we should spread the good news of God here in the United States and on other continents. It is true that God calls people of all ages, even little children, Luke 18:16. When God calls us, we must listen to what He says and follow Him. Sometimes we aren't always what we should be, but God can change us into what He wants us to be.

During the holiday season, there are lots of festive things going on. There are Christmas programs, speeches to memorize, parts to be learned in plays, Christmas movies, Kwanzaa celebrations, and family gatherings. A really special movie that comes on every year is "It's a Wonderful Life". It's the life story of George Bailey. George is an ordinary guy with extra-ordinary abilities that make him special to other people. The bad thing is, George doesn't know just how important he really is. When trouble comes George's way, he almost throws in the towel to end his life. George forgot that God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power and love and self-control, 2 Timothy 1:7.

Fortunately, an angel came to remind him that he should delight himself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart, Psalm 37:4. The troubles you think you have are minor because John 10:10 says, the thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that you may have life and have it abundantly. The angel shows George what life would look like if he had never been born. He is amazed at how many lives he has touched.

Sometimes we think our problems are oh so big, but we serve an even bigger God. We must believe that we can do all things through Christ who gives us strength, Philippians 4:13. No matter how we start, God can always change us to be what He needs us to be. Buds go and win the world for Christ.