

## 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."

### 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"

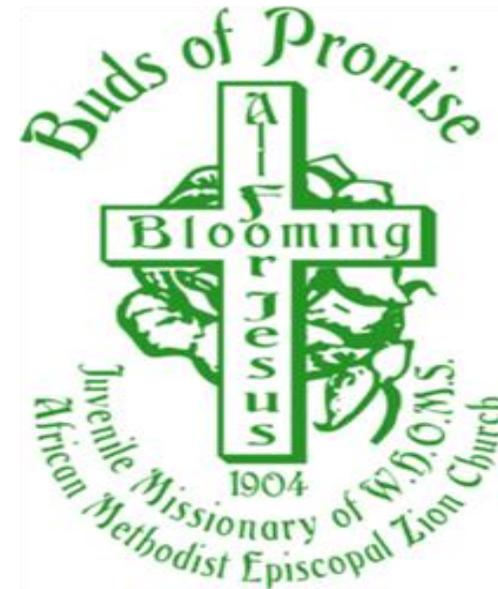


## MARIE L. CLINTON DAY

*Buds of Promise Juvenile Missionary Society*

*Quadrennial Focus*

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



1904-2016

**Sunday, January 28, 2018**

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

## Procession of Buds of Promise

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

## Call to Worship

People make plans in their hearts. But only The Lord can make those plans come true. Proverbs 16:1.

## Invocation

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for this day. We thank you for putting us to bed last night and then waking us up again this morning. We thank you for letting us come together to celebrate Marie L. Clinton who loved working with children and loved teaching children about You. We ask that you come into our service and continue to instruct us on the way we should go. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

## Choral Response

Buds of Promise

## Buds Hymn

“Blooming All For Jesus”

Hymn #676

## The Litany

**Leader:** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His great power.

**People:** Wear the full armor of God. Wear Gods’s armor so that you can fight against the devil’s evil tricks.

**Leader:** Our fight is not against people on earth. We are fighting against the rulers and authorities and the powers of this world’s darkness. We are fighting against the spiritual powers of evil in the heavenly world.

**People:** That is why you need to get God’s full armor. Then on the day of evil you will be able to stand strong. And when you have finished the fight, you will be standing.

**Leader:** So stand strong, with the belt of truth tied around your waist. And on your chest wear the protection of right living.

**People:** And on your feet wear the Good News of peace to help you stand strong.

**Leader:** And also use the shield of faith. With that you can stop all the burning arrows of the evil one.

**People:** Accept God’s salvation to be your helmet. And take the sword of the Spirit.

**ALL:** Pray in the Spirit at all times. Pray with all kinds of prayers, and ask for everything you need. To do this you must always be ready. Never give up. Always pray for all God’s people.

## Gloria Patri

## Apostles’ Creed

## Scripture

Old Testament: Psalm 32:8-11

New Testament: Ephesians 6:1-3

## 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

“Come This Way Please”

## Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Pastor

## 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.**

“Come This Way Please”

Have you ever gone to the show and the usher says “Follow me please?” What happens when you decide to go a different way, and then find yourself in the wrong seat or the wrong section of the theater? Have you ever tried to bake a cake without first reading the instructions? Have you ever tried to put together a toy by just looking at the picture on the package? Did you ever try to write a book report without first reading the book? Well, if you did, I bet your cake didn’t taste too good. It might have been lumpy or didn’t rise, or didn’t look good at all. Your new toy probably didn’t work because you didn’t read to see what kind of batteries it took or which part went with another part. You were probably sad because you wanted to play, but for some reason, you couldn’t get that new plane to fly. I know they say a picture is worth a thousand words, but sometimes you really do need to read the words. Every day that you live on this earth, you will have rules or instructions on how to do things. As Christians, we have a book, The Bible, and it is filled with all kinds of instructions. It has instructions on how to live a life that will be pleasing to God, and how to live a long and happy life. When we go to school, sometimes we choose people to hang around with others who don’t have the same beliefs as we do. The bible instructs us in 2 Corinthians 6:14 that “You are not the same as those who do not believe. So do not join yourselves to them. Good and bad do not belong together. Light and darkness cannot share together.” There will come a time when someone does wrong to you, they do not play fair and you want to get back at them because you are angry and mad. Those are human feelings, but you must learn to control your feelings, because, the bible instructs us in 1 Peter 3:8-9 that “Finally, all of you should live together in peace. Try to understand each other. Love each other as brothers. Be kind and humble. Do not do wrong to a person to pay him back for insulting you. But ask God to bless that person. Do this, because you yourselves were called to receive a blessing.” Sometimes it is hard to wait, we want things quick, fast and in a hurry, but God isn’t like a drive-thru restaurant or a microwave dinner where it only takes a few minutes. You must read and study God’s words everyday so you will be in the right place at the right time, have that delicious cake, enjoyable toy, and wonderful book report.