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GUARD AGAINST A CONTENTIOUS SPIRIT

Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

2 Corinthians 13:11

As you seek the prosperity of this society, it is of vast importance that you should avoid contention. A contentious people will be a miserable people. The contentions that have been among you, since I was your pastor, have been one of the greatest burdens I have laboured under in the course of my ministry— not only the contentions with me, but those with one another.

Contention, heat of spirit, evil speaking, and things of like nature, are directly contrary to the spirit of Christianity, and do, in a peculiar manner, tend to drive away God's Spirit from a people, and to render all means of grace ineffectual, as well as to destroy a people's outward comfort and welfare. Let me therefore earnestly exhort you as you would seek your own future good hereafter, to watch against a contentious spirit (1 Pet. 3: 10-11).

I would particularly advise [Christians] to watch over [their] spirits and avoid all bitterness towards others. However wrong you may think others have been, maintain with great diligence and watchful

From The Pulpit...



 **Pastor Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **"Defeating Your Haunting Past"** based on **Genesis 50:15-21**.

 **Pastor Joshua Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church** (Friars Hill Road) and also at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church** (Radio Range) on the topic **"The Heart of the Matter"** based on **Matthew 12:33-37**.

ness a Christian meekness and gentleness of spirit; and labour, in this respect, to excel those who are of a contrary part. And this will be the best victory, for 'he that rules his spirit, is better than he that takes a city.' Let nothing be done through strife or conceit. Indulge no revengeful spirit in any case; but watch and pray against it; and, by all means in your power, seek the prosperity of this town. And never think you behave yourselves as becomes Christians, except when you sincerely, sensibly, and fervently love all men, of whatever party or opinion, and whether friendly or unkind, just or injurious, to you or your friends, or to the cause and kingdom of Christ.

Jonathan Edwards [Edited]



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~8th March - 14th March~

~Today~

Bro. Trevor Jones - Tyrells

~9th~

Ashima Willock - Tyrells

~13th~

Bro. Marc Sorel Salien - Tyrells

Sunday School Adult & Youth Reading
Prepare for next week...

Series: "Christ The Center"

Study #2—Center of My Belief (Colossians 2:8–23)
Part 1 of 2

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth.

—II Timothy 2:15

CARE FOR THEIR SOULS Matthew 28: 19-20

RELATIVES
FRIENDS
CO-WORKERS

BRING THEM UNDER THE PREACHED WORD!

GENUINE REPENTANCE

For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

Psalm 51: 3

One of the devices of Satan is to persuade the soul that repentance is an easy work. 'Why! Suppose you do sin', says Satan, 'it is no difficult thing to return, confess, beg pardon and cry, "Lord, have mercy upon me." God will pardon your sin and save your soul.' But repentance is a mighty work, a difficult work, a work beyond our power. You may as well seek to melt adamant stone as to melt your own heart.

Repentance is a flower that does not grow in nature's garden. It is not in the power of man to repent at leisure. Repentance is a turning from darkness to light. It affects the sinner's whole heart and life. It changes the heart from the power of sin unto God. Every sin strikes at the honour of God, the being of God, the glory of God, the heart of Christ, the joy of the Spirit, and the peace of a man's conscience . A truly penitent soul strikes at all sin, hates all, and will labour to crucify all. Saul spared but one Agag, and it cost him his soul and kingdom (1 Sam. 15 :9). Repentance is also a turning to all good. David fulfilled all the will of God.

Repentance sees sin's sinfulness, and how contrary it is to the blessed God. God is light, sin is darkness; God is life, sin is death; God is heaven, and sin is hell; God is beauty, and sin is deformity. True repentance understands the mischievousness of sin. It cast angels out of heaven, and Adam out of paradise. It laid the first cornerstone in hell, and brought in all the curses , crosses, and miseries that are in the world. It makes men godless, Christless, hopeless, and heavenless.

Repentance breaks the heart with sighs, sobs, and groans, in that a loving God and Father is offended by sin, a blessed Saviour is crucified afresh, and the sweet Comforter, the Spirit, is grieved and vexed. O that you were wise to break off your sins by timely repentance!

~Thomas Brooks~



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. **CARIBBEAN BAPTIST HERITAGE CONFERENCE 2015**
Conference time is soon here again. The 23rd CBHC will be hosted by the Faith Baptist Church of Road Town, Tortola, BVI. The dates are July 4-10, 2015, travel days included. The delegation from the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches can be no more than 15 persons. Six places have been taken already. If you desire to join the delegation, please submit your name to the church office at your earliest convenience. The registration fee is \$200 USD and delegates are responsible for their own travel costs to and from Tortola. The host church will be responsible for room and board. The registration fee must be submitted by March 31, 2015. This year's theme is "A Biblical Analysis of the Charismatic Movement." The keynote speaker during the day sessions will once again be Dr. Sam Waldron, Dean of the Covenant Baptist Theological Seminary. Make plans now if your place is to be reserved. Pray for a mighty move of the Spirit of God.
2. **DRAMA & DANCE MINISTRY MEETING**
All members of the ECBM Drama and Dance Ministry are advised of a rehearsal on Monday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be punctual.
3. **EVANGELISM THRUST**
All members are encouraged to pray for and be disciplined participants in our new evangelistic initiative. The adult Sunday School classes have been divided into teams for evangelism by appointment. The youth Sunday School classes will be evangelizing by canvassing the island with the assistance of their counselors and a few young adults. Let us pray for good success in extending the Kingdom of God.
4. **CHURCH ATTENDANCE**
All members of the Circuit are reminded of their Covenant Responsibility to attend all the stated meetings of the church unless providentially hindered by illness, unusual working conditions that do not violate the Lord's Day, and other such circumstances (Heb. 10:24, 25). The stated meetings of the church are as follows: **All services on the Lord's Day** (Sunday School, morning and evening worship), Midweek Prayer Services; Church Stewardship (business) Meetings; and any special meetings that the elders shall deem necessary. Please be reminded that you are expected to advise the elder who is resident at your congregation of any providential hindrances.
5. **PROVE THE TITHE**
All church members are encouraged to be faithful with the giving of their tithes (10% of gross income) in accordance with the teaching of Malachi 3:8-10, as well as the Missions

Offering as the Lord blesses you. The former supports our local church programmes and the latter our outreach beyond the walls of our churches. Let us give cheerfully, in obedience to Christ, and keep the work of the ministry strong and efficient.

6. **ACTEENS CLUB**
All teenage girls are reminded of their regular club meeting this Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and a pen. Please be punctual.
7. **ROYAL AMBASSADORS CLUB**
All teenage boys are advised of their regular club meeting this Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and pen. Please be punctual.

Past Deliverance Begets Faith

David said moreover, The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine.

(1 Samuel 17:37)

This is not a promise if we consider only the words, but it is truly so as to its sense; for David spoke a word which the Lord endorsed by making it true. He argued from past deliverances that he should receive help in a new danger. In Jesus all the promises are "Yea" and "Amen" to the glory of God by us, and so the Lord's former dealings with His believing people will be repeated.

Come, then, let us recall the Lord's former lovingkindness. We could not have hoped to be delivered aforetime by our own strength; yet the Lord delivered us. Will He not again save us? We are sure He will. As David ran to meet his foe, so will we. The Lord has been with us, He is with us, and He has said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee," Why do we tremble? Was the past a dream? Think of the dead bear and lion. Who is this Philistine? True, he is not quite the same, and is neither bear nor lion; but then God is the same, and His honor is as much concerned in the one case as in the other. He did not save us from the beasts of the forest to let a giant kill us. Let us be of good courage

~Charles Spurgeon~

This Week

- Sun. 8:00 a.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ABS TV)
 8:00 a.m. Worship: Tyrells & Covenant
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Central
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School: Tyrells & Covenant
 10:00 a.m. Worship: Central
 6:00 p.m. Worship: All Churches
 7:00 p.m. Sunday School: All Churches
- Mon. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Drama & Dance Rehearsal: Central
- Tues. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 3:00 p.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
 6:30 p.m. **Elders' Meeting: Central**
- Wed. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service & Fellowship Groups
- Thurs. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Drama & Dance Rehearsal: Central
- Fri. 9:00 a.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Acteens Club: Central
 6:30 p.m. Royal Ambassadors: Central
- Sat. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 3:00 p.m. Church-wide Evangelism: All Churches



ECBM DIRECTORY

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| Central Baptist Church | 462-2894 |
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| Baptist Academy | 462-2894 |
| Baptist Retreat Centre | 463-8801 |

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| David S. Jarvis (Chairman) | 464-7477 |
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| Ian J. Blair | 773-1061 |
| John Patrick Tomlinson | 786-7957 |

BE EARNEST IN PRAYER

GENERAL MINISTRY NEEDS

Elders, Deacons, and their families
 Baptist Academy of Antigua
 E.C.B.M. Ministries & Staff
 Evangelistic Ministries
"Sovereign Grace Hour" (ABS TV & Abundant Life Radio)

CHURCH FAMILY

HEALTH: Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas, Sis. Ann-Marie Pilgrim, Sis. Jean Edwards, Bro. Nigel Pilgrim, Sis. Rosalind Ferris, Sis. Paula Skerritt, Sis. Cassilda Williams, Sis. Monica Gardener, Sis. Pamela Walcott, Sis. Juliette Smith, Sis. Jasmine Jarvis, Sis. Priya Jattan, Sis. Nelseta Gordon
PRIVATE CONCERNS: Bro. Marc & Sis. Aline Salien, Dea. Ian & Sis. Bronwen Blair, Bro. Barthelemy & Sis. Sherline Dorsurin, Sis. Nadine Smith, Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Genevieve Leo, Bro. Abner Marcellus, Sis. Curline Joseph
THANKSGIVING: Sis. Muriel Martin, Dea. Ian & Sis. Bronwen Blair, Bro. Egbert & Sis. Nelseta Gordon, Sis. Juliette Dorsette, Bro. Sherwin & Sis. Nicole Parker
SAFETY IN PREGNANCY: Sis. Jo-Ann Paige, Sis. Altude Exaie, Sis Nicole Parker
NEW MEMBERS: Bro. Jonathas Reneé, Bro. Akeel Jarvis, Sis. Curline Joseph, Sis. Esther René, Bro. Olrich Chery, Sis. Briana Griffith, Sis. Stacey Hector, Sis. Rickeshia Willock, Sis. Priya Jattan, Sis. Marian Locker, Sis. Nadine Fils Aime, Bro. Ernst Pierre-Louis, Sis. Jenee Henry, Sis. Shinel Leo
WATCH CARE: Sis. Irene Jonas, Sis. Diana Richards, Bro. Charles Richards
SHUT IN: Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Edith McCoy

OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Jovani Salien, Andy Josiah, Patrice Josiah, Theo Blair, Travis Mingo, Elton Isaacs, Leslie Hutson, Elroy Nedd, Sherlock Lawson, Gary Morian, Arah Sheridan, Joshua Joseph, Milbert Joseph, Donald Lewis, Gloria Lewis, Kiz Nathaniel, Sam Nicholas, Devina Browne, Tefield Charles, Gaviann Parades, Thea-Lee Hurst, Julietta George, Clement Henry, Moses Walton, Davis Toussaint, Ercille Joseph, Debbie Hurst, Shakwan Serrant, Christophe Marcellus, Sofia Morgan, Ajani Dowdie, Ayesha Charles, Chelsea Barlow, Chikaede Barlow, Ajenea Bryan, Arianna Dowdie
NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Trishel Wetherill (Covenant), Rivert René (Central—Restoration), Sophonie René (Central)

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — John 14:6
 Elementary — Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
 Secondary & Adults — Proverbs 6:16-19