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LOVE OF CHRIST OR LOVE OF THE WORLD?

You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God?

James 4: 4

The love of Christ and the love of the world cannot lodge together in one heart. These are two masters, ruling by contrary laws.


When the love of the world entered into Judas, it is said that the devil entered him. It shows gross hypocrisy for men to labour to bring God and the world together. When the world takes possession of the heart, it becomes a traitor to God. It makes us unfaithful in our callings. Put the world in its place, under your feet.


It is not the world simply that draws our hearts from God, but the love of the world. Earthly things are good in themselves and were given to us to sweeten our passage to heaven. Do not bring a false report upon the earthly. The problem is in loving it too much. Use it as a servant all your days, but not as your master, and it will comfort you. It is not the world that hurts us, but setting our hearts upon it. When God should be in our hearts, our spirits are drunk with the cares below. When once a man's heart is set upon the world, he breaks with God to satisfy a lust. If we love earthly things we become base and earthly.

Our affections declare what we really are. He that

From The Pulpit...



 **Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) and also at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church** (Radio Range) on the topic "**Spiritual Heart Trouble**" based on **Deuteronomy 30:4-8**.

 **Pastor Orvin Paige** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church** (Friars Hill Road) on the topic "**A Win-Win Situation**" based on **Philippians 1:21**.

loves the world also brings it into the church with him. Labour then, for faith that you may overcome the world. If God is our shepherd, we are sure to lack nothing. We should let our affections run the right way.

I beseech you, let us prize the favour of God above all that the earth affords. So what if we endure hardness here! Since Christ left heaven to suffer for us, shall we not be willing to suffer some straits for him? Faith sees a greater good in Christ than in all earthly treasures.

A heavenly focus makes heaven become present to us, and allows us to find sufficiency in the worst estate upon earth.

~RICHARD SIBBES~



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~15th February - 21st February~
~16th

Sis. Sharon Carty - Central

Sis. Nicole Parker - Central

Gaviann Parades - Tyrells

~19th~

Sis. Magella Selwood - Central

~21st~

Sis. Tullis Andrew - Central



Congratulations to **Pastor & Mrs. Joshua Jonas** who were married on **Saturday, 14th February, 2015**. We pray that God will continue to bless their lives together.

Thank You

Sincere thank you to the Elders, Deacons and members who prayed, called and offered words of encouragement in my time of bereavement. Brethren, your love and support was greatly appreciated.

Sis. Monica Gardener

THINK IT THROUGH...



"What is the duty which God requireth of man? Obedience to His revealed will. It is not enough to hear God's voice, but we must obey. Obedience is a part of the honour we owe to God."

— Thomas Watson

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

Series: "Christ The Center"

Study #1—Center of Everything (Colossians 1:9–23) - Contd

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!

SPECIAL THANKS

• THANK YOU to the Elders, Deacons and members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches for your prayers and support at my recent bridal shower. Thanks to those who gave gifts and took time to come out. I thank the Lord for all of you, and I covet your prayers as I embark on a new journey.

Sis. Chanda Jonas

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

~20th February~

Bro. Carl & Sis. Tullis Andrew



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. ECBM MARRIAGE FORUM

It will be a 'date night' to be remembered for all married couples who attend our churches, both members and non-members. Saturday, February 28, 2015 is the date. Reserve it now—a mouth watering dinner, an inspiring movie, lots of laughs, and sweet Christian fellowship.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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. Be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and pen.

A Constant Witness

For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard. (Acts 22:15)

Paul was chosen to see and hear the Lord speaking to him out of heaven. This divine election was a high privilege for himself; but it was not intended to end with him; it was meant to have an influence upon others, yea, upon all men. It is to Paul that Europe owes the gospel at this hour.

It is ours in our measure to be witnesses of that which the Lord has revealed to us, and it is at our peril that we hide the precious revelation. First, we must see and hear, or we shall have nothing to tell; but when we have done so, we must be eager to bear our testimony. It must be personal: "Thou shalt be." It must be for Christ: "Thou shalt be his witness." It must be constant and all absorbing; we are to be this above all other things and to the exclusion of many other matters. Our witness must not be to a select few who will cheerfully receive us but to "all men"—to all whom we can reach, young or old, rich or poor, good or bad. We must never be silent like those who are possessed by a dumb spirit; for the text before us is a command, and a promise, and we must not miss it—"Thou shalt be his witness." "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord."

~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
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 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
- 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: All Churches
- Thurs. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
- 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



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| Central Baptist Church | 462-2894 |
| Tyrells Baptist Church | 460-3557 |
| Covenant Baptist Church | 561-4022 |
| Baptist Academy | 462-2894 |
| Baptist Retreat Centre | 463-8801 |

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| Hensworth W. C. Jonas (Presiding) | 771-4888 |
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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: Sis. Sophia Marcellus, Sis. Muriel Martin, Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Magella Selwood, Sis. Dianna Luke, Sis. Marion Locker, Bro. Ernest Davis
THANKSGIVING: Sis. Sophia Marcellus, Sis. Diane Joseph, Bro. Abner Marcellus, Sis. Louise Pilgrim, Sis. Genevieve Leo
SAFETY IN PREGNANCY: Sis. Jo-Ann Paige, Sis. Altude Exaie, Sis. Nicole Parker
NEW MEMBERS: 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. Benjy Chery, Sis. Aminata Joseph, 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: Michelle Nicholas, Sam Nicholas, Theo Blair, Inez Richards, Kinda Morgan, Akeem Agard, Jamol Bovell, Milbert Joseph, Gloria Lewis, Donald Lewis, Kadajah Andrew, Athalia Andrew, Grantley Edwards, Martina Edwards, Mikelia Longford, Christophe Marcellus, Sorel Saint-Jean, Andy Josiah, Patrice Josiah, Patroy Locker, LaNica Locker, LaRica Locker, Sateba Stevens, Jahnecia Stevens, Lynda Davis, Nakime Davis, Brandon Davis, Shakime Davis, Shakeel Davis, Asheka Davis, Iris Edwards, Sydney Martin, Iris Martin, Delta Samuel, Sylvester James, Donald James, Irwin James,
NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Trishel Wetherill (Covenant), Jonathas René (Central), Rivert René (Central—Restoration), Akeel Jarvis (Central), Sophonie René (Central)

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Luke 19:10
 Elementary — Proverbs 15:3
 Secondary & Adults — Psalm 66:18