



CHILDREN BROCHURE

MORAVIAN CHURCH – BARBADOS CONFERENCE Provincial Theme: Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T.

S. – Seek & Submit
H. – Hear & Heed
I. – Imagine & Insight
F. – Focus & Function
T. – Totally Transformed

S.H.I.F.T.

Age: 13 yrs. & Over

November 28

Sing with me:

Turn, turn, turn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HwBiW7ZRmFA>

Memory Verse: Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV)

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1 – 8 (NIV)

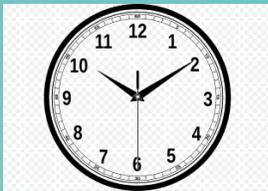
Read with me

A Time for everything

- 1 There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:
- 2 a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- 3 a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
- 4 a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,

- 5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
- 6 a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- 7 a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
- 8 a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

Let us talk about it.



What time is it? What time piece do you have? What information do you get from your time piece?

Read the times given on each time piece given here. Note each of these devices give a different set of information.

That being as it may, we ask ourselves what time are we working with. A voice says **“Wake up. It is time for school.”** You get up, look at your timetable for the day – Maths at 10.00, English at 11.00, Geography at 1.00, you sigh and say, **“I have no time for myself!”** But is the time really your time?

The psalmist declared, **“My times are in Your hand”** (Psalms 31:15 NIV). It is clear from the context of Ecclesiastes 3:1 there is a proper time for everything that happens in the world because God has made it so. The very assertion of purpose presupposes there is a Purposer. Believers can take comfort in the fact of a powerful and loving God who directs our lives.

This book of Ecclesiastes is one of the books in the Bible written by the wise king Solomon. Solomon began this chapter by reminding us God is in control of our days, of our destiny. He clearly points out everything in the earth has a season. There is an expression which says, **“Moon runs ’till day catch it.”** Of course, during the day, the brightness of the sun overpowers the moonlight, so we do not see the moon light. You know night is no longer with us. The time for night has passed. How often did you miss a class, or how often did you log on to a class, but was playing games instead? How long do you think you will get away with that? **“Moon runs ’till day catch it”** is one of those expressions my grandmother would use when she considered you

will soon be caught for doing things which were not nice, or things you should not be doing, meaning that your sins will soon catch up with you. Jesus reminds us there is nothing to be gained from lying and deceit.

“What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?” (Mark 8:36 NIV)

Solomon continues with a list of fourteen pairs of contrasting events which sum up the experience of living in this world. He began with the most fundamental contrast of all – birth and death. God determines when we come into the world and when we will leave it as well. He sets the boundaries of the duration of our lives. Our entire life comes between birth and death. The realization that death is an irrefutable part of existence should greatly affect our priorities and choices. We know we will not live forever, so we should not live as if we will - centering all our hopes only on the present. What is important is what we do now that we are living. In Romans 12, we were given many prompts from Paul about living a good life. Now we are told by Solomon how God controls our lives and destiny.

What season are you in? Recognize God is in control of your life, but God expects you to give account of the time He has given you, the time between birth and death. What does God want from you? We need to view this time as an opportunity. This is an opportunity to live the life God will approve of. Every season of life is designed to be used by God. Paul urges us to make the best use of our time by first learning what the will of God is for us. Ephesians 5: 15 – 17, ***15 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.*** You need to use your time wisely as God intended it and trust God to supply you with all you need. Every season of life is designed to be used by God. Romans 8: 28 – 29. ***28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. 29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.***

Click on the link and follow the passage again.

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Let us Pray

O God, we pray we will understand that our allotted time is a matter of our stewardship. We thank You for the gifts You have given to make this season of life so rewarding – family, friends, food, shelter. We thank You, O God, for the space You have given so that we can serve You. We thank You for all your mercies. Amen.

ACTIVITY

Complete the following word search. Words may run horizontally, vertically, diagonally, backwards, forwards.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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GATHER	DANCE	LAUGH	BUILD	HEAL
UPROOT	DIE	WAR	LOVE	SILENT
KEEP	SEARCH	EMBRACE	STONES	MOURN
WEEP	KILL	PLANT	BORN	