



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

October 17

Sing with me:

I've got the joy, joy, joy down in my heart

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LylgwOEI7AY>

Memory Verse: Romans 12:12 (NIV)

12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Scripture: Romans 12: 9 - 21 (NIV)

Read with me

Love in Action

9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. 16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19 Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge;

I will repay," says the Lord. 20 On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Let us talk about it.

Paul continues to encourage us to be joyful, patient and faithful even with our doubts and struggles. Sure, we understand as young people you must be asking questions. Yes, remember only last week you were instructed to continually be devoted to each other, and to love one another. As a young Christian, you will meet obstacles. Your friends, maybe family, even people you do not know, will be enticing you to walk in the wrong direction. Today, as a country, even as a world, we are challenged with the spread of the COVID 19 virus. Every day, we are faced with the sad reporting of the number of persons who have tested positive, and the number of people who died.

But Paul is encouraging us. When our hope is placed on Jesus, then we can look forward to the day when we can freely be back outside, in the classroom and among our friends. I Peter says ***"In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade"*** (I Peter 1:3-4). There is hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and with this hope will come joy.

Secondly, we are to be patient in affliction. Sounds crazy, right? James tells us we are to ***"consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything"*** (James 1:2-4). The important thing here is perseverance. We cannot give up. We need to develop the attitude of perseverance. Patience and perseverance build maturity and faith.

Next, we are to be faithful in prayer. James tells us ***"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective"*** (James 5:16). Paul gave us an encouraging word in Romans 8 concerning this and praying in agreement to God's will, ***"we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose"*** (Romans 8:28). Paul further tells us to be faithful in prayer because in so doing we will be releasing God's power on this earth. Prayer is powerful and effective. When we pray in accordance with God's will, then we can rest assured the answer is yes to whatever we ask.

We can operate in all of these things because they are characteristics of God and have been deposited into our born-again spirits. We can let them flow through us by simply living with His spirit and renewing our minds to the truth of His word.

Let us Pray

O Father, we pray for those who face difficulty and hardship in these times. We pray for all those nurses and doctors dealing with COVID patients. We pray for those families dealing with family members who are in quarantine or isolation. We pray for the education system that students will stay focused in this online environment. Our Father, we bring all persons in need before You and ask You to keep us in Your care. Amen

Activity

Now, I understand some of you do not have a physical Bible, but it does not mean you cannot read the Bible. We are now in an online environment, and I know you are very familiar with the tool called Google. I am asking you, if you need to, put a Bible on your Christmas or birthday “I Want” list.

To do this activity you need to have a Bible or google it.

Each of the following verses will take you further into Paul’s encouragement of being joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer

Read and write out the verse for each day:

Day	Verse	Write the Verse
Sunday, October 17	Romans 12:12	
Monday, October 18	Hebrews 10:36	
Tuesday, October 19	Romans 15:13	
Wednesday, October 20	1 Peter 4:13	
Thursday, October 21	Colossians 4:2	
Friday, October 22	Colossians 1:11	
Saturday, October 23	1 Thessalonians 5:16-17	

Have a prayerful week!

Be safe!