

FAMILY NEWS

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GOD'S TIMING

For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

Matthew 7:8


In the things we ask for in prayer, God knows the proper time so the answers are good for us. God gives us His cheque, but He will pay at His pleasure. The time is concealed and hidden to us, though not uncertain to God. Abraham bound Isaac and his hand was lifted up to kill, but deliverance came at the right moment. There are several reasons why the Lord delays to help and hear us.


(1.) That our faith and dependence on Him might be better tried. We know from experience that though the way is sore and we must be courageous, the outcome is joyful. Though the way is bitter, the victory will be great. The woman of Canaan had a good cause, but the Lord put her off that He might display her faith to us forever (Matt. 15: 28).

(2.) Sometimes it is done to humble us. 'God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble' (James 4: 6). Until we are nothing in our own eyes, He never comes with comfortable deliverance; or until we come to that pinch in which we cry, 'Lord, how long?' as Paul said of himself (2 Cor. 1: 9). The Lord took away his hope

From The Pulpit...



 **Pastor Rolando Lewis** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **"Indispensable Truth"** based on **John 17:17.**

 **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 Messiah's Touch"** based on **Luke 5:12-15.**

of life that he might be humbled and know the only place to find life, help, and comfort in all his extremities.

(3.) God puts us off longer to quicken our appetite. We are unwise to think that He intends to put us off forever. God does not want us to give up, but to press Him so much the more. This experience once found is very sweet, though it smarts at the beginning.

(4.) He delays and puts off our requests to enhance the value of the gift. What comes lightly, goes lightly. We highly prize that which cost us dear. If the things of God did not cost us sighs and tears, we would think them easy to be had. God therefore, to enhance their value, keeps them off that we may know their true price.

—RICHARD SIBBES



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~1st January - 7th January~

~ 3rd~

Sis. Kendrea Joseph-Comic—Tyrells

~ 7th~

Sis. Tamisha Browne—Central

Mali Johnson—Tyrells

Sis. Clytie Francis—Central

E.C.B.M. MISSIONS OFFERING



Where does your mission offering go?

- Haiti: Baptist Haiti Mission--Christian schools, churches, hospital, child services
- USA: Covenant Baptist Theological Seminary--Pastoral Training
- Antigua & Barbuda: Sovereign Grace Hour--Television

*Your tithe supports the budget of your local church.
Give generously above your tithes for missions!*

HAPPY wedding ANNIVERSARY

~ 3rd~

Bro. Ivan & Sis. Maria Hurst

~ 7th~

Bro. Darryl & Sis. Sonia Charles

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

SERIES: UNSTOPPABLE GOSPEL

Study #1 Unstoppable Impact (Acts 17:16-30)

– Part 2 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

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN A YEAR...

Today, Jan. 01st— Matthew 1

Monday, Jan. 02nd— Matthew 2

Tuesday, Jan. 03rd— Matthew 3

Wednesday, Jan. 04th— Matthew 4

Thursday, Jan. 05th— Matthew 5:1-26

Friday, Jan. 06th— Matthew 5:27-48

Saturday, Jan. 07th— Matthew 6:1-18

Sunday, Jan. 08th— Matthew 6:19-34



NOONDAY PRAYER MINISTRY



- ❖ We meet for prayer at **Central** from **12:00 noon** to **1:00 p.m.** in the Conference Room from **Monday to Saturday**. All are welcomed to join us.
- ❖ Your prayer requests will be the focus of our prayers at each Noonday Prayer Meeting.
- ❖ The e-mail address for this is prayer@baptistantigua.org.

Pray without ceasing. —1 Thessalonians 5:17



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. FIRST SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

There will be no Sunday evening services tonight in all churches of the ECBM Circuit. Believers' Baptism and the regular Joint Service are scheduled for next Sunday.

2. CHORUS TEAM PRACTICE

All members of the Chorus Team are advised of a rehearsal this Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church (Radio Range). Please be punctual.

3. PRESIDING ELDER'S ANNIVERSARY

The Presiding Elder completed 31 years of full time pastoral service yesterday. There will be an Appreciation Dinner celebrating the same on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. (by invitation only). On Sunday, January 22, 2017, there will be a Joint Appreciation Service at the Central Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m. The Rev. Dennis Bullock of the All Saints Reformed Presbyterian Church of Richmond, Virginia, USA, will be our guest preacher. He will be accompanied by his wife, Katherine. Let us begin to pray earnestly for all aspects of these events.

4. BLAST YOUTH MINISTRY

All teenage boys and girls are reminded of B.L.A.S.T. (Building Lives Around Scriptural Truth) this Friday. The BLAST Girls Club will meet from 6:30 p.m. — 8:00 p.m. on the BAA grounds and the BLAST Boys Club will meet from 6:30 p.m. — 8:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Do not miss this time of great fellowship!

5. 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.



THINK IT THROUGH...

Loved to Perfection

"Having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. (John 13:1)"

This fact is essentially a promise; for what our Lord was He is, and what He was to those with whom He lived on earth, He will be to all His beloved so long as the moon endureth.

"Having loved": here was the wonder! That He should ever have loved men at all is the marvel. What was there in His poor disciples that He should love them? What is there in me?

But when He has once begun to love, it is His nature to continue to do so. Love made the saints "his own"— what a choice title! He purchased them with blood, and they became His treasure. Being His own, He will not lose them. Being His beloved, He will not cease to love them. My soul, He will not cease to love thee!

The text is well as it stands: "to the end." Even till His death the ruling passion of love to His own reigned in His sacred bosom. It means also to the uttermost. He could not love them more: He gave Himself for them. Some read it, to perfection. Truly He lavished upon them a perfect love, in which there was no flaw nor failure, no unwisdom, no unfaithfulness.

Such is the love of Jesus to each one of His people. Let us sing to our Well-beloved a song.

— C. H. Spurgeon

Lord's Supper

This Morning



BE FERVENT 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)



CHURCH FAMILY

HEALTH: Sis. Veronica Roberts, Sis. Louise Pilgrim, Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Jean Edwards, Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas, Bro. Nigel Pilgrim, Sis. Rosalind Ferris, Sis. Paula Skerritt, Sis. Cassilda Williams, Sis. Monica Gardener, Sis. Pamela Walcott, Sis. Juliette Smith, Sis. Joycelyn Henry, Sis. Curline Joseph, Sis. Magella Selwood

PRIVATE CONCERNS: Bro. Ephraim Gomes, Sis. Yvonne Lee, Sis. Nadine Smith, Bro. Shaquille & Sis. Gilisa Carty, Dea. Ian & Sis. Bronwen Blair

THANKSGIVING: Sis. Juliette Dorsette, Sis. Abiola Anthony, Bro. Ivan & Sis. Maria Hurst

NEW MEMBERS: Sis. Kerrie-Faun Nathan, Sis. Serena Richards, Sis. Michelle Paige, Sis. Helena Williams, Bro. Corly Francis, Sis. Eulyn Williams, Sis. Alesha Joseph, Bro. Kyle Abraham, Bro. Enrico St. Jean, Sis. Ashika Davis, Sis. Celine Bolivar, Sis. Telesha Choy, Sis. Charissa Watkins, Bro. Ken Murray, Sis. Gloria Herrera-Panpoja, Bro. Kareem Michael, Sis. Clytie Francis, Bro. Shane Cory, Sis. Victoria Charlton, Sis. Eliena Louisa, Bro. Xavier Joseph, Bro. Zakeem Michael, Sis. Esther René

WATCH CARE: Sis. Irene Jonas, Bro. Charles Richards, Sis. Enid Matthew

SHUT IN: Sis. Edith McCoy

OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Elroy Nedd, Denise Nedd, Sherlock Lawson, Jessica Joseph, Brian Griffith, Motilall Jaipaul, Theo Blair, Christophe Marcellus, Clairfoster Lewis, Deondre Mason, Clyna Lewis, Gabriella Thomas, Andy Josiah, Patrice Josiah, Edric Tonge Sr., Edric Tonge Jr., Halle Johnson

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Tijorn Burton (Central), Mowava Robinson (Covenant), Fabian Bertrand (Central), **Je'vivre Benjamin (Central), Leyann Lam (Central)**

THIS WEEK

Sunday

08:00 a.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ABS TV)
 08:00 a.m. Worship: Tyrells & Covenant
 10:00 a.m. Worship: Central

Tuesday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 06:30 p.m. Elders Meeting: Central

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 07:00 p.m. Prayer Service & Fellowship Groups: All Churches

Thursday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

Friday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 05:30 p.m. Chorus Team Practice: Central
 06:30 p.m. BLAST Girls: Central (BAA Grounds)
 06:30 p.m. BLAST Boys: Central (Conference Room)

Saturday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting



ECBM DIRECTORY

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



Eldership

Hensworth W. C. Jonas (Presiding)	771-4888
Ivor J. Walker (Associate)	464-1644
Orvin D. E. Paige (Associate)	464-1014
Joshua M. Jonas (Staff Associate)	726-9662
Rolando A. Lewis (Staff Associate)	784-6147

Diaconate

David S. Jarvis (Chairman)	464-7477
Earl W. F. Skerritt	722-4313
Ian J. Blair	773-1061
John Patrick Tomlinson	786-7957

Pray without ceasing. | Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — John 3:16
 Elementary — Psalm 46:1
 Secondary & Adults — 1 John 1:9