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## **REGENERATION**

Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. —John 3:7

Regeneration is a subject which lies at the very basis of salvation, and we should be very diligent to take heed that we really are "born again," for there are many who fancy they are, who are not. Be assured that the name of a Christian is not the nature of a Christian; and that being born in a Christian land, and being recognized as professing the Christian religion is of no avail whatever, unless there be something more added to it—the being "born again," is a matter so mysterious, that human words cannot describe it. "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit."

Nevertheless, it is a change which is known and felt: known by works of holiness, and felt by a gracious experience. This great work is supernatural. It is not an operation which a man performs for himself: a new principle is infused, which works in the heart, renews the soul, and affects the entire man. It is not a change of my name, but a renewal of my nature, so that I am not the man I used to be, but a new man in Christ Jesus. To wash and dress a corpse is a far different thing from making it alive: man can do the one, God alone can do the other. If you have then, been "born again," your acknowledgment will be, "O Lord Jesus, the everlasting

# From The Pulpit...



- Pastor Orvin Paige will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service at the Tyrells Baptist Church (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic "Real Freedom" based on John 8:31-36.
- Pastor Joshua Jonas will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service at the Covenant Baptist Church (Friars Hill Road) on the topic "Running The Race" based on Hebrews 12:1-2.
- Dr. Hensworth Jonas will preach at the 10:00 a.m. service at the Central Baptist Church (Radio Range) on the topic "The Power of Sin" based on Isaiah 1:5-6.
- Dr. Hensworth Jonas will also preach at the 6:00 p.m. joint service at the Tyrells Baptist Church (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic "Majesty Divinity" based on Isaiah 6:1-8.

Father, thou art my spiritual Parent; unless thy Spirit had breathed into me the breath of a new, holy, and spiritual life, I had been to this day dead in trespasses and sins.' My heavenly life is wholly derived from thee, to thee I ascribe it. My life is hid with Christ in God.' It is no longer I who live, but Christ who liveth in me." May the Lord enable us to be well assured on this vital point, for to be unregenerate is to be unsaved, unpardoned, without God, and without hope.

-Charles H. Spurgeon

#### E.C.B.M. MISSSIONS OFFERING



Where does your mission offering go?

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

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

### Sunday School Adult & Youth Reading

### Prepare for next week...

SERIES: "AWAKE:THE CALL TO A RENEWED LIFE"

Study #5 Return To Unity — Part 2 of 2 (Acts 4:31-37)

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

# NOONDAY PRAYER MINISTRY



- We meet for prayer at Central from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. 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.

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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Bro. Charlesworth & Sis. Suzette Dowdie

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

# ~1st May - 7th May~

~26th~

Sis. Carissa Edwards — Tyrells Sis. Ladymay Edwards — Covenant ~3rd~

Sis. Rosalind Ferris — Central Keandra Comic — Tyrells ~4th~

Sis. Veronica Roberts — Central ~7th~

Bro. Andrew Joseph — Central Sis. Maxime James — Covenant

### READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Today, May  $01^{s}$  1 Kings 4-6 Monday, May  $02^{nd}$  1 Kings 7-8; Luke 22:1 –23

Tuesday, May 03<sup>rd</sup>– 1 Kings 9-10; Luke 22:24-38 Wednesday, May 04<sup>th</sup> – 1 Kings 11-12; Luke 22:39-71

Thursday, May 05th— 1 Kings 13-14; Luke 23:1-43

Friday, May 06th— 1 Kings 15-16; Luke 23:44-24:12

Saturday, May 07th- 1 Kings 17-19

Sunday, May 08th— 1 Kings 20-22





### MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



#### 1. BELIEVER'S BAPTISM AT 5:30 P.M.

All members are advised that we will be observing the Ordinance of Believer's Baptism, this afternoon at 5:30 p.m., at the Tyrells Baptist Church. Please be in your places by **5:15 p.m.** to support and encourage these new coverts.

#### 2. JOINT SERVICE TONIGHT

All church members are advised that this evening's service will be a joint service of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches at the Tyrells Baptist Church (Tyrells Main Road) at 6:00 p.m. Avail yourself to this means of grace.

#### 3. NO NOONDAY PRAYER

All members of the Circuit are advised that there will be no noonday prayer time on Labour Day (Monday, 2nd May, 2016).

#### 4. TRUSTEES MEETING ON TUESDAY

All members of the Trustees are reminded of their meeting this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Presiding Elder's office. Please be punctual.

#### 5. MONTHLY CIRCUIT STEWARDSHIPMEETING

All church members are reminded of the monthly Circuit Stewardship meeting that will be held this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Each member is expected to attend this important meeting.

#### 6. YOUTH LEADERS MEETING

All leaders of the Youth Ministry are advised of a planning meeting this Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be punctual.

#### 7. NEW MEMBERS' FORUM

All members who have not completed 12 months of membership in our churches are expected to attend the New Members' Forum to be held on Saturday, 7th May, 2016 from 7:00 p.m.— 9:00 p.m. at the Covenant Baptist Fellowship Hall. It will be a time of fellowship and encouragement in the Word.

#### 8. 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 **6:00 p.m.** – 7:30 p.m. and the BLAST Boys Club will meet from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and a pen. Be

#### 9. CARIBBEAN BAPTIST HERITAGE CONFERENCE

Please keep prominent in your prayers the Caribbean Baptist Heritage Conference 2016, which is fast approaching. The dates are July 3-6, 2016. The travel days are Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> (arrival) and Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> (departure). All delegates are reminded to book their airline tickets accordingly and to do so as soon as possible. The conference will be hosted in Martinique, FWI, by the Eglise Evangélique Baptiste Rivière Salée where Pastor Gabriel Ambroisine is the **Presiding Elder**. Pray for our Antigua & Barbuda delegation from the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches and for all aspects of the conference.

#### 10. 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.

#### 11. 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.



**Lord's Supper** 



### 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 & Abundant Life Radio)

#### CHURCH FAMILY

HEALTH: Sis. Veronica Roberts, Sis. Louise Pilgrim, Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Sharon Carty, 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. Priya Jattan, Sis. Faye Charlton, Sis. Virginia Garnette, Sis. Cecelia Irish PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Jamelia Edwards, Sis. Yvonne Lee, Sis. Nadine Smith, Dea. Ian & Sis., Bronwen Blair THANKSGIVING: Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Judy Edwards NEW MEMBERS: Sis. Celinne Bolivard, Sis. Telesha Choy, Sis. Charissa Watkins, Bro. Ken Murray, Sis. Gloria Herrera, Bro. Kareem Michael, Sis. Clytie Francis, Bro. R. Oliver Baptiste, Bro. Shane Cory, Sis. Rosamund Haynes, Sis. Victoria Charlton, Sis. Eliena Louisa, Bro. Xavier Joseph, Bro. Zakeem Michael, Sis. Nia Santana, Bro. Akeel Jarvis, Sis. Curline Joseph, Sis. Esther René WATCH CARE: Sis. Irene Jonas, Bro. Charles Richards, Sis. Enid Matthew SHUT IN: Sis. Edith McCoy

#### OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Jalon Lewis, Shenique Barry, Anna-Kay Johnson, Stoshana Johnson, Shantol Johnson, Cheries Jacobs, Shernia Paige, Marlkea Davis, Kesi Samuel, Lynda Davis, Jamol Pilgrim, Javonte Pilgrim, Lisa Pilgrim, Kristin Goodison, Cequan Joyce, Kiara Francis, Nakeisha Lee NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Eulyn Williams (Central), Carlos Jarvis (Central), Ashika Davis (Covenant), Alesha Joseph (Central), Kyle Abraham (Covenant), Enrico St. Jean (Central), Helena Williams (Central), Corly Francis (Tyrells), Michael Gilbert (Central), Swinda Gilbert (Central), Godfrey Jervis (Central)

Pray without ceasing. I Thessalonians 5:17

## Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17 Elementary — John 15:5 Secondary & Adults — Matthew 6:33

# 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

5:30 p.m. **Believer's Baptism: Tyrells** 6:00 p.m. Joint Worship: Tyrells

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. Monthly Stewardship Meeting: Central

Thurs. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
5:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Meeting: Central

Fri. 9:00 a.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

6:00 p.m. BLAST (Girls) Youth Ministry: Central 6:30 p.m. BLAST (Boys) Youth Ministry: Central

Sat. 12:00p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

7:00 p.m. New Members' Forum: Covenant Fellowship Hall



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