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DIVINE PROVIDENCE




Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap... and yet God feeds them.

Luke 12:24

If God is our heavenly Father, let us behave ourselves as children of such a Father. Let us depend upon Him in all our straits and difficulties. Let us believe He will provide for our wants, as children rely upon their parents for the supply of their needs. If we trust God for salvation, shall we not trust Him for our livelihood? We need to be careful of being distrustful. Would God feed the birds of the air, and not feed His children? Consider the lilies; they do not spin, yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Would God clothe the lilies and not clothe His lambs? Even the wicked taste of His bounty. His children may not have a liberal share in the things of this life—they may have but little meal in the barrel; they may be drawn low and almost dry—but they shall have as much as God **sees to be good for them.** 'Those who seek the LORD lack no good thing (Psa. 34: 10). If God does not give them what they want, He will give them what is good for them. If He does not give them what they crave, He will give them what they need. If He does not give them a feast, He will give them a portion by the way. Let them depend

From The Pulpit...



-  **Pastor Orvin Paige** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church (Friars Hill Road)** on the topic **"The Ever Giving God"** based on **Philippians 4:19.**
-  **Pastor Ivor Walker** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church (Tyrells Main Road)** on the topic **"A Prerequisite To Happiness"** based on **Matthew 5:1-3.**
-  **Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas** will preach at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church (Radio Range)** on the topic **"Defective Repentance"** based on **Colossians 3:5-11.**

upon the Father's providence and not give way to distrustful thoughts and distracting cares. 'Casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you' (1 Pet. 5: 7). An earthly parent may have affection for his child, and would gladly provide for him, but may not be able; but God is never at a loss to provide for His children, and He has promised an adequate supply. Will God give His children heaven, and not give them enough to carry them on their way? Will He give them a kingdom and deny them their daily bread? O, put your trust in Him, for He has said; 'I will never leave you nor forsake you' (Heb. 13: 5).

—THOMAS WATSON

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~3rd January - 9th January~

~Today~

Sis. Kendrea Comic — Tyrells

~7th~

Sis. Tamisha Browne — Central

Mali Johnson — Tyrells

Sis. Clytie Francis — Central

~8th~

Sis. Cherry Simms — Central

Bro. Nigel Willock — Tyrells

Tijahni Jarvis — Central

READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Friday, January 8th – Gen. 20–22; Matt. 6:19-34

Saturday, January 9th – Gen. 23–25; Matt. 7:1-14

Sunday, January 10th – Gen. 26–27; Matt. 7:15-29

Monday, January 11th – Gen. 28–29; Matt. 8:1-17

Tuesday, January 12th – Gen. 30–31; Matt. 8:18-34

Wednesday, January 13th – Gen. 32–33; Matt. 9:1-17

Thursday, January 14th – Gen. 34–35; Matt. 9:18-38



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.
Pray without ceasing. —1 Thessalonians 5:17



We rejoice with Bro. Andrew Joseph, Bro. Kenneth Henry and Sis. Chauntel Jarvis. These students completed requirements for their respective Bachelor Degrees on Thursday, December 17, 2015 at the Pensacola Christian College in Florida, USA. The official graduation ceremony will be in May, 2016.

Bro. Andrew Joseph earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Marketing. Bro. Kenneth Henry earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Pre-Physical Therapy. Sis. Chauntel Jarvis earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education. We give God thanks for the success of our students, and we pray that He will continue to bless and guide them with their future plans.

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

SERIES: "PROTECTING CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS"

Study # 3 Stick With Forgiveness — Part 1 of 2
(Matthew 18:21-28, 32-33)

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

Happy Wedding Anniversary

~Today~

Bro. Ivan & Sis. Maria Hurst

~7th January~

Bro. Darryl & Sis. Sonia Charles



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. PRESIDING ELDER'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

On January 16-17, 2015, we will celebrate the 30th anniversary of our Presiding Elder's full time pastoral service among us. On Saturday, January 16th, there will be an Appreciation Dinner in his honour at 7:00 p.m. at the Antigua & Barbuda Hospitality Training Institute (by invitation only). On Sunday, January 17th, there will be an appreciation Joint Service at the Central Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m. on the theme "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15). The Sunday morning services will be according to the normal schedule. Our special guest preacher will be Pastor Roger Skepple of the Berean Bible Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia, USA. Let us begin to pray earnestly for all aspects of these events.

2. FIRST SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

All church members are advised that regular first Sunday activities (including the observance of the Ordinances of **Believer's Baptism, the Lord's Supper and the Joint Service**) have been moved to the second Sunday for this month only. The Circuit Stewardship Meeting has also been postponed by one week. Please be guided accordingly.

3. READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

All church members of the Circuit are advised that the Elders have determined that each and every member should join them in reading through the entire Bible on a strict daily schedule for 2016. Each week in the Family News, we will print the passages that will be read for 7 days at a time. Some of us have read through the entire Bible before. We will do it again to the edification of our souls. Some have never done so. If you are a true Christian, this should be a priority, for how can you credibly claim that the Bible is the most important book in your lives and you have never read it in its entirety. We strongly recommend that this project be completed using the technology that is available to us. Open your Bibles as a family (or individually) to the prescribed passages each day, whether you plan to read it all at once or morning and evening, and play an audio of the passage while you follow along in your Bibles. Recommended versions of the Bible are KJV, NKJV, HCSB, and NASB. You may find audio at the following website: [BibleGateway.com- Audio Bibles](http://BibleGateway.com-AudioBibles)

4. BLAST YOUTH MINISTRY

All teenage boys and girls are reminded of B.L.A.S.T. (Building Lives Around Scriptural Truth) this Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and a pen. Be there!

5. CHORUS TEAM PRACTICE

All members of the Chorus Team are advised of a rehearsal this Friday at 5:30 p.m. at Central. Please be punctual.

6. CHOIR REHEARSAL

All members of the Voices of Victory and the New Creation Singers are advised of a choir rehearsal on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. Please be punctual.

7. 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.

8. 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.



Jesus must become more beautiful to your imagination, more attractive to your heart, than your idol. That is what will replace your counterfeit gods. If you uproot the idol **and fail to "plant" the love of Christ in its place, the idol will grow back.**

— Timothy Keller

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
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School: Tyrells & Covenant
 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
 5:30 p.m. Chorus Team Practice: Central
 6:30 p.m. BLAST Youth Ministry: Central
- Sat. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal: (VOV & NCS)



ECBM DIRECTORY

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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 |

Eldership

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| 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 |

Diaconate

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

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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. Chanda Jonas, 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 Skerriit, Sis. Cassilda Williams,
 Sis. Monica Gardener, Sis. Pamela Walcott, Sis. Juliette
 Smith, Sis. Priya Jattan, Sis. Nadine Smith

PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Muriel Martin, Sis. Curline
 Joseph, Sis. Genevieve Leo, Sis. Judy Edwards,
 Bro. Ephraim Gomes, Sis. Sofia Marcellus

THANKSGIVING: Sis. Judy Browne, Sis. Jean Edwards,
 Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Norma Grant, Sis. Juliette
 Dorsette, Bro. Ivan & Sis. Maria Hurst

NEW MEMBERS: 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. Jonathas René, Bro. Akeel Jarvis,
 Sis. Curline Joseph, Sis. Esther René

WATCH CARE: Sis. Irene Jonas, Bro. Charles Richards
 SHUT IN: Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Edith McCoy

OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Tefield Charles, Yashoné Baltimore,
 Keandra Comic, Andy Josiah, Patrice Josiah, Shakwan
 Serrant, Juliettea George, Clement Henry, Dave Walton,
 Moses Walton, Ken Hurst, Ercille Hurst, Debbie Hurst,
 George Browne, Khalid Browne, Hamadi Browne,
 Grantley Edwards, Christophe Marcellus, Milbert Joseph
 NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Sonel Saint Jean (Tyrells),
Celine Bolivard (Tyrells), La'Rica Locker (Covenant),
 Telesha Choy (Central), Charissa Watkins (Central),
 Eulyn Williams (Central), Gloria Herrera (Tyrells), Ken
 Murray (Covenant), Carlos Jarvis (Central)

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17



Memory Verses For Next Week

Pre-school — John 3:16
 Elementary — Psalm 19:14
 Secondary & Adults — Revelation 21:4