

FAMILY NEWS

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THAT UNCLEAN DONKEY IS YOURSELF!

But the firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb: and if thou redeem him not, then shalt thou break his neck. All the firstborn of thy sons thou shalt redeem. And none shall appear before me empty.

Exodus 34:20


Every firstborn creature must be the Lord's — but since the *donkey* was unclean, it could not be presented in sacrifice to Him. What then? Should it be allowed to go free from the universal law? By no means! God admits of no *exceptions*. The donkey is His due — but He will not accept it; He will not abate the claim — but yet He cannot be pleased with the unclean victim. No way of escape remained, but *redemption* — the *donkey* must be saved by the *substitution* of a *lamb* in its place; or if not redeemed, it must die!


My soul, here is a lesson for you! **That unclean donkey is yourself!** You are justly the property of the Lord who *made* you and *preserves* you — but you are so sinful that God will not, cannot, accept you! It has come to this: the Lamb of God must stand in your stead — or you must die eternally! Let all the world know of your gratitude to that spotless Lamb who has *died* for you, and so *redeemed* you from the fatal curse of the law!


Must it not sometimes have been a question with the Israelite, as to *which should die* — the *donkey* or the *lamb*? Would not the man pause to estimate and compare the values of these animals? Assuredly there was *no comparison* between the value of a sinful man — and the spotless Lord Jesus! **Yet the Lamb dies — and**

From The Pulpit...



 **Dr. Hensworth Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic “**The Ultimate Issue**” based on **Ephesians 2:1-10** and also at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church** (Radio Range) on the topic “**A Real Encounter With The Living God**” based on **Genesis 32:26-28**.

 **Pastor Orvin Paige** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church** (Friars Hill Road) on the topic “**Real Freedom**” based on **John 8:31-36**.

 **Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas** will also preach at the **6:00 p.m.** joint service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic “**Surviving Spiritual Opposition**” based on **Daniel 3:14-29**.

man the donkey is spared! *My soul, admire the boundless love of God to you! Vile worms are bought — with the blood of the holy Lamb of God! Dust and ashes are redeemed — with a price far above silver and gold! What a doom would have been mine — had not plenteous redemption been found!*

The breaking of the neck of the donkey was but a momentary penalty. But who shall measure the eternal wrath to come — to which no limit can be imagined! Inestimably dear is the glorious Lamb — who has redeemed me from such a doom!

— Charles Spurgeon

E.C.B.M. MISSIONS 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 #3 Return To Prayer — Part 2 of 2
(Nehemiah 1:1-11)

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.

CONGRATULATIONS!



We

rejoice with Pastor Joshua & Sis. Chanda Jonas on the birth of their daughter, Charity Jennifer Elizabeth Jonas. She was born on Sunday, 27th March, 2016. She weighed 8 pounds 11 ounces. Let us keep this family in our prayers, and may the Lord continue to bless them.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

~Today~

Bro. Kingsley & Sis. Cecilia Irish

~5th~

Mr. Carl & Sis. Sharon Carty

Bro. Rolston & Sis. Charmaine Nickeo

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~3rd April - 9th April~

~Today~

Bro. Rolando Lewis — Covenant

Sis. Velma Braithwaite — Central

~6th~

Sis. San-Joy Richards — Covenant

Sis. Stacey Hector — Covenant

~9th~

Sis. Diane Joseph—Central



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. 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.

2. 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.

3. MONTHLY CIRCUIT STEWARDSHIP MEETING

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.

4. 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, 9th April, 2016 from 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. at the Tyrells Baptist Fellowship Hall. It will be a time of fellowship and encouragement in the Word.

5. 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 there!

6. 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 2nd (arrival) and Thursday, July 7th (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 Ambrosine is the Presiding Elder. Our Antigua & Barbuda delegation from the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches will be 15 persons. All delegates are reminded that the registration fee is US\$200.00. Since the deadline for registration payment has already passed all delegates who have not done so are asked to pay no later than **Monday, April 4, 2016 at the church's office.**

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.

**Lord's Supper
This Morning**



READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

- Today, April 03rd— Judges 13-15
- Monday, April 04th— Judges 16-19; Luke 8:1-39
- Tuesday, April 05th— Judges 20-21; Luke 8:40-56
- Wednesday, April 06th— Ruth 1-2; Luke 9:1-27
- Thursday, April 07th— Ruth 3-4; Luke 9:28-62
- Friday, April 08th— 1 Samuel 1-2; Luke 10
- Saturday, April 09th— 1 Samuel 3-5
- Sunday, April 10th— 1 Samuel 6-8



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. Dianne Joseph, Sis. Yvonne Lee, Bro. Ken Murray, Bro. Nigel & Sis. Ann-Marie Pilgrim

THANKSGIVING: Bro. Ernest Davis, Sis. Judy Edwards,

NEW MEMBERS: Sis. Celine Bolivar, 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: Milbert Joseph, Donald Lewis, Gloria Lewis, John Lee, Sheniqueca Joyce, Tamica Lee, Nakeisha Lee, Cequean Joyce, Kiara Francis, Serenity Joyce, Margaret Lewis, Stevie Jarvis, Lynda Davis, Nakime Davis, Curtis Paige, Michelle Paige, Zahara Paige, Shamma Joseph, Ashawna Zachariah, Tijorn Burton, Alex Isaac, Yarea Wahbeh, Jaeda Joseph, Jamol Pilgrim, Vernon Williams, Eugene Silcott

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: La'Rica Locker (Covenant), Eulyn Williams (Central), Carlos Jarvis (Central), Ashika Davis (Covenant), Alesha Joseph (Central), Kyle Abraham (Covenant), Enrico St. Jean (Central), Helena Williams (Central)

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Philippians 4:13
 Elementary — Matthew 5:16
 Secondary & Adults — Eccl.12:14

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.	Joint Worship: Tyrells
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.	Trustees 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
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.	12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	NewMembers' Forum: Tyrells Fellowship Hall

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