

# FAMILY NEWS

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## God Is Able

*O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come.*




—Hebrews 10:7

We see by God's titles and attributes that He is strongly engaged to hear prayer. Faith may conclude that He will hear, for He cannot be false to His engagement. He never rejects any prayer that deserves the name, no matter how weak or unworthy the petitioner is: “For the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on all who call on Him” (Romans 10:12); “For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon You” (Psalm 86:5); “He rewards those who seek Him” (Hebrews 11:6). As sure as God is the true God, so sure is it that none who sought Him diligently departed from Him without a reward. And if all, why not me? You may as well doubt that He is God as doubt that He will hear prayer!

Also we may consider that He is both able and willing to hear because of His power and goodness. These are strong supports of faith! It is gross atheism to doubt God's power. He is able to do all things. Omnipotency has no bounds but His will (Psalm 135:6). He is able to answer *abundantly* (Ephesians 3:20). He can do more than we ask! He is able to answer *easily*

## From The Pulpit...



-  Dr. H. W. C. 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 **“Regenerating Power”** based on John 3:1-8.
-  Pastor Rolando Lewis will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service at the Tyrells Baptist Church (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **“Conspicuous Christianity”** based on Matthew 5:16.
-  Dr. Jonas will also preach at the 6:00 p.m. Joint Service at the Tyrells Baptist Church (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **“The Radical Christ”** based on Matthew 9:9.

(Matthew 8:8). All that the united strength of men and angels can do, He can do as easily as moving a finger with a word. How easily He can do all that you need to ask! He can do it *safely*. When God acts, there is no loss or damage to Himself, nor does it diminish the infinite store He is in Himself. Whatever He gives, He never has less. All that you can desire is not so much to God as a drop is to the whole ocean. And He is willing! Faith seldom questions God's power, but it doubts whether He is willing. But He *IS* as willing as He



## 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. EVANGELISM FOCUS GROUP

All members of the Circuit who are interested in joining the Evangelism Focus Group are kindly asked to contact Pastor Rolando Lewis.

### 3. DOWNLOAD APP TODAY

All members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches are kindly asked to download the ECBM App from your local App store. Search for "ECBM App" or "Antigua Reformed Baptist," and download, for free, an exciting new way to connect to your church, share the Gospel and be spiritually edified in the palm of your hand.

### 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. Be punctual.

### 5. MONTHLY CIRCUIT STEWARDSHIP MEETING

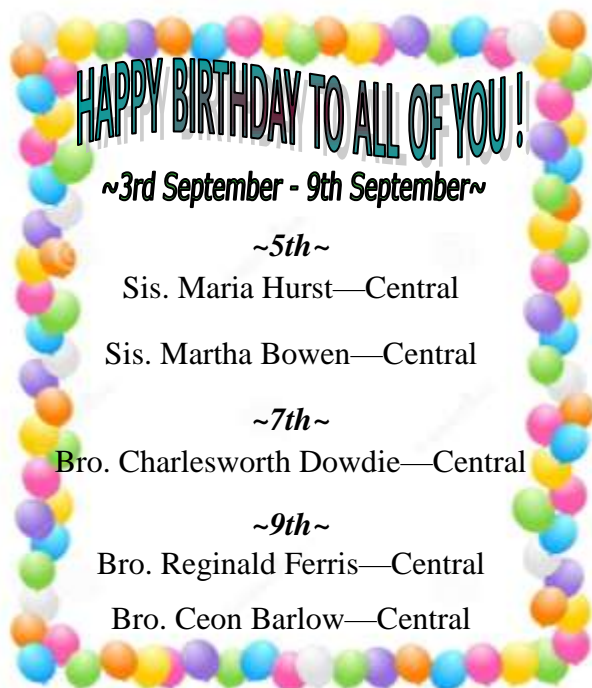
All church members are reminded of the monthly Circuit Stewardship meeting that will be held this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Each member is expected to attend this important meeting.

### 6. 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. in the Conference Room and the BLAST Boys Club will meet from 6:30 p.m. —8:00 p.m. on the BAA Grounds. Be sure to bring your Bible, pen and notepad. Do not miss this time of great fellowship!

### 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, 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2017** from 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Fellowship Hall. It will be a time of fellowship and encouragement in the Word.



## READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN A YEAR...

- Today, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>— **1 Corinthians 14:1-20**
- Monday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>— **1 Corinthians 14:21-40**
- Tuesday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>— **1 Corinthians 15:1-28**
- Wednesday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>— **1 Corinthians 15:29-58**
- Thursday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>— **1 Corinthians 16**
- Friday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>— **2 Corinthians 1**
- Saturday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>— **2 Corinthians 2**
- Sunday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>— **2 Corinthians 3**





## THINK IT THROUGH...

### FLEE SIN!

*"That henceforth we should not serve sin."  
Romans 6:6*

Christian, what hast thou to do with sin? Hath it not cost thee enough already? Burnt child, wilt thou play with the fire? What! when thou hast already been between the jaws of the lion, wilt thou step a second time into his den? Hast thou not had enough of the old serpent? Did he not poison all thy veins once, and wilt thou play upon the hole of the asp, and put thy hand upon the cockatrice's den a second time? Oh, be not so mad! so foolish! Did sin ever yield thee real pleasure? Didst thou find solid satisfaction in it? If so, go back to thine old drudgery, and wear the chain again, if it delight thee. But inasmuch as sin did never give thee what it promised to bestow, but deluded thee with lies, be not a second time snared by the old fowler--be free, and let the remembrance of thy ancient bondage forbid thee to enter the net again! It is contrary to the designs of eternal love, which all have an eye to thy purity and holiness; therefore run not counter to the purposes of thy Lord.

Another thought should restrain thee from sin. Christians can never sin cheaply; they pay a heavy price for iniquity. Transgression destroys peace of mind, obscures fellowship with Jesus, hinders prayer, brings darkness over the soul; therefore be not the serf and bondman of sin.

There is yet a higher argument: each time you "serve sin" you have "Crucified the Lord afresh, and put him to an open shame." Can you bear that thought? Oh! if you have fallen into any special sin during this day, it may be my Master has sent this admonition to bring you back before you have backslidden very far. Turn thee to Jesus anew; He has not forgotten His love to thee; His grace is still the same. With weeping and repentance, come thou to

## Lord's Supper This Morning



## 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](mailto:prayer@baptistantigua.org)

## 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: ECBM Media Ministries

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

**ARTICLE: "Think You Joined the Wrong Church?"**  
by Samuel Emadi

*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

# 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:** Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas, Pas. Ivor Walker, Sis. Nicole Parker, Sis. Veronica Roberts, Sis. Louise Pilgrim, Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Jean Edwards, Bro. Nigel Pilgrim, Sis. Rosalind Ferris, Sis. Paula Skerritt, Sis. Cassilda Williams, Sis. Monica Gardener, Sis. Juliette Smith, Sis. Joycelyn Henry, Sis. Magella Selwood  
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**THANKSGIVING:** Bro. Abner Marcellus, Sis. Martha Bowen, Sis. Abiola Anthony, Bro. Charlesworth & Sis. Suzette Dowdie, Sis. Alesha Joseph  
**NEW MEMBERS:** Sis. Rosgue Joseph, Bro. Ronald Jean, Bro. Mowava Robinson, Sis. Leyann Lam, Bro. Tijorn Burton, **Bro. Je’vivre Benjamin, 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**  
**WATCH CARE:** Sis. Irene Jonas, Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Jean Edwards  
**SHUT-IN:** Bro. Charles Richards

## OTHER CONCERNS

**SAVING GRACE:** **Christophe Marcellus, Yashone** Baltimore, Grantley Edwards, Martina Edwards, Roderick Williams, Dawn Williams, Dale Jones, Andrea Jeremiah, John Bowen, Arah Sheridan, Joshua Sheridan, Milbert Joseph, Donald Lewis, Gloria Lewis, Kathy Gordon, Terry Hill, Shonette Sobers, Clairfoster Lewis, Deandre Mason, Kezron Lewis, Charity Jonas, Brendalee Smith, Zethma Williams  
**NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS:** Shena Charles (Central), Malique Gerald (Covenant-restoration)

*Pray without ceasing. I Thessalonians 5:17*

## Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Psalm 119:105  
 Elementary — 1 Timothy 4:12  
 Secondary & Adults — Galatians 6:9-10

# THIS WEEK

**Sunday**  
 08:00 a.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ABS TV)  
 08:00 a.m. Worship: Tyrells & Covenant  
 09:00 a.m. Sunday School: Central  
 09:45 a.m. Sunday School: Tyrells & Covenant  
 10:00 a.m. Worship: Central  
 06:00 p.m. Joint Worship: Tyrells

**Monday**  
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

**Tuesday**  
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 06:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting: Central

**Wednesday**  
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 07:00 p.m. Monthly Stewardship Meeting: Central

**Thursday**  
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

**Friday**  
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 06:30 p.m. BLAST Girls: Central (Conference Room)  
 06:30 p.m. BLAST Boys: Central (BAA Grounds)

**Saturday**  
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 07:00 p.m. **New Member’s Forum: Central Fellowship Hall**

## ECBM DIRECTORY



Central Baptist Church	462-2894
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