

# FAMILY NEWS

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## CHRISTS' MISSION

*For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost*





*Luke 19:10*

Be sure you deeply apprehend the gracious nature of Jesus Christ. How could He have manifested more willingness to save or more tender compassion to the souls of men than He has manifested? That the Godhead should condescend to assume our nature is a thing so wonderful, even to astonishment, that it requires faith to comprehend it. How tenderly did Christ deal with all sorts of sinners! He professed that He came into the world not to condemn, but to save. He wept over unbelieving people who rejected Him. When the disciples desired to call down fire from heaven, He reproved them. Yea, He prayed for His crucifiers and cared for the others suffering crucifixion. To those that followed Him, His tenderness was unspeakable.

Consider Him as He washed the disciples' feet, or bidding Thomas to put his finger into His side, and saying, 'Do not disbelieve, but believe.' Alas! That the Lord Jesus should come from heaven to earth, from glory into human flesh, and pass through a life of misery to a cross, and from the cross to the grave, to manifest openly to the world the abundance of His love, and the tenderness of His heart to sinners. It is most certain that God is love, infinite in mercy, and has no pleasure in the death of sinners. Get high thoughts of the gracious and lovely nature of God! In Christ, God has come down into

## *From The Pulpit...*



-  Pastor Ivor Walker will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service at the Tyrells Baptist Church (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **"A Divine Antidote For Fear"** based on Isaiah 41:8-13.
-  Pastor Joshua Jonas will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service at the Covenant Baptist Church (Friars Hill Road) on the topic **"Safe And Secure"** based on Romans 8:29-30.
-  Dr. H.W.C. Jonas will preach at the 10:00 a.m. service Central Baptist Church (Radio Range) on the topic **"Follow The Money"** based on I Chronicles 29:6-20.
-  Dr. Jonas will also preach at the 6:00 p.m. joint service at the Tyrells Baptist Church (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **"Worshipping With Integrity"** based on Psalm 95.

our nature, so that infinite goodness and mercy became incarnate. The man Christ Jesus is able to save to the uttermost all that come to God by Him. Here we see the will of God putting forth itself for our help in the most astonishing way that could be imagined. It is more than mere gracious inclination. Christ has undertaken the task to seek and to save that which was lost! He is bringing home straying souls to God, making peace between God and man.

—Richard Baxter





## 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 Conference Room. 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. BAPTIST ACADEMY CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

All members of the Circuit are advised that the Christmas Programme for the Secondary Division and Grades 4 - 6 classes of the Baptist Academy will be merged with the Christmas Rally. Everyone is invited to the Christmas Programme which will be held on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Do come and celebrate the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### 5. NO BLAST YOUTH MINISTRY

All teenage boys and girls are advised that there will be no B.L.A.S.T. (Building Lives Around Scriptural Truth) this Friday due to Baptist Academy Christmas Programme.

### 6. 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> December, 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.

### 7. ECBM DISASTER RELIEF FUND

All members of the Circuit are encouraged to support the ECBM Disaster Relief Fund. This fund will assist our brethren in Barbuda, Dominica, Tortola and Haiti who have faced disasters. Any envelope labelled with these territories will go to the ECBM Disaster Relief Fund. Let us remember,

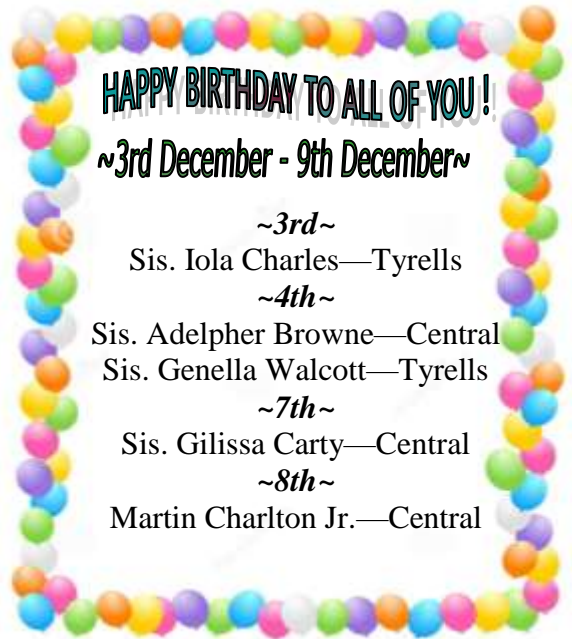
"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" Galatians 6:10.

### 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.

### 9. 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.





## Think It Through...

**"I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord." (Psalm 118:17)**

A fair assurance this! It was no doubt based upon a promise, inwardly whispered in the psalmist's heart, which he seized upon and enjoyed. Is my case like that of David? Am I depressed because the enemy affronts me? Are there multitudes against me and few on my side? Does unbelief bid me lie down and die in despair - a defeated, dishonored man? Do my enemies begin to dig my grave?

What then? Shall I yield to the whisper of fear, and give up the battle, and with it give up all hope? Far from it. There is life in me yet: "I shall not die." Vigor will return and remove my weakness: "I shall live." The Lord lives, and I shall live also. My mouth shall again be opened: "I shall declare the works of Jehovah." Yes, and I shall speak of the present trouble as another instance of the wonder-working faithfulness and love of the Lord my God. Those who would gladly measure me for my coffin had better wait a bit, for "the Lord hath chastened me sore, but he hath not given me over unto death." Glory be to His name forever! I am immortal till my work is done. Till the Lord wills it, no vault can close upon me.

—**Charles Spurgeon**

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

- Today, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>– 1 John 2
- Monday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>– 1 John 3
- Tuesday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>– 1 John 4
- Wednesday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>– 1 John 5
- Thursday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>– 2 John 1
- Friday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>– 2 John 2
- Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>– 2 John 3
- Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>– Jude 1



## E.C.B.M. MISSIONS OFFERING



Where does your mission offering go?

- Barbados: Covenant Reformed Baptist Church—Church Plant Initiative
- Haiti: Baptist Haiti Mission—Christian schools, churches, hospital, child services
- USA: Covenant Baptist Theological Seminary—Pastoral Training
- Antigua & Barbuda: ECBM Media Ministries
- *Your tithe supports the budget of your local church. Give generously above your tithes for missions!*

**Lord's Supper  
This Morning**



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

Life Transforming Truths  
Chapter 2 (Rejoicing In Election)

**"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

**PRIVATE CONCERNS:** Sis. Magella Selwood, Sis. Muriel Martin, Sis. Nadine Smith, Bro. Shaquille & Sis. Gillisa Carty

**THANKSGIVING:** Sis. Judy Browne, Bro. Ceon & Sis.

Annstacia Barlow, Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Genevieve Jarvis, Sis. Sarah Maina, Sis. Magella Selwood

**NEW MEMBERS:** Sis. Rosgue Joseph, Bro. Ronald Jean, Sis. Mowava Robinson, Sis. Leyann Lam, Bro. Tjorn 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:** Edric Tonge Sr., Edric Tonge Jr., Genevieve Simon, Diane Lake, Gary Morian, Leslie Hutson, Travis Mingo, Otis Brisport, Colin Baker, Hamadi Browne, George Browne, Khalid Browne, Chelsea Barlow, Chikaede Barlow, Annabelle Maina, Clyde Walton, David Toussaint, Grantley Edwards, Martina Edwards, Roderick Williams, Dawn Williams, Joshua Sheridan, Dale Jones, Andrea Jeremiah

**NEW MEMBER APPLICANT:** Athalia Andrew

*Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17*

## Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Matthew 6:33

Elementary — 2 Chronicles 7:14

Secondary & Adults — James 1: 13-14

# 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  
 05:00 p.m. Baptist Academy Christmas Programme: Central

## 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
Joshua M. Jonas (Staff Associate)	726-9662
Rolando A. Lewis (Staff Associate)	784-6147
Ivor J. Walker (Associate)	464-1644
Orvin D. E. Paige (Associate)	464-5395

## Diaconate

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