

# FAMILY NEWS

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## TRIALS





"The Lord trieth the righteous."  
Psalm 11:5

All events are under the control of Providence; consequently all the trials of our outward life are traceable at once to the great First Cause. Out of the golden gate of God's ordinance the armies of trial march forth in array, clad in their iron armour, and armed with weapons of war. All providences are doors to trial. Even our mercies, like roses, have their thorns. Men may be drowned in seas of prosperity as well as in rivers of affliction. Our mountains are not too high, and our valleys are not too low for temptations: trials lurk on all roads. Everywhere, above and beneath, we are beset and surrounded with dangers. Yet no shower falls unpermitted from the threatening cloud; every drop has its order ere it hastens to the earth.

The trials which come from God are sent to prove and strengthen our graces, and so at once to illustrate the power of divine grace, to test the genuineness of our virtues, and to add to their energy. Our Lord in His infinite wisdom and superabundant love, sets so high a value upon His people's faith that He will not screen them from those trials by which faith is strengthened. You would never have possessed the precious faith which now supports you if the trial of your faith had not been like unto fire. You are a tree that never would have rooted so well if the wind had not rocked you to and fro, and made you take firm hold upon the precious truths of

### From The Pulpit...



-  Pastor Rolando Lewis will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service at the Tyrells Baptist Church (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic "**Glorified Saints**" based on John 17:24.
-  Pastor Joshua Jonas will also preach at 8:00 a.m. service at the Covenant Baptist Church (Friars Hill Road) on the topic "**In The Hands Of The Lord**" based on Psalm 31.
-  Pastor Rolando Lewis will preach at the 10:00 a.m. service at the Central Baptist Church (Radio Range) on the topic "**Victory in Jesus**" based on 2 Corinthians 2:14-16.
-  Pastor Joshua Jonas will also preach at the 6:00 p.m. Joint service at the Tyrells Baptist Church (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic "**The Ultimate Defense**" based on Psalm 5.

made you take firm hold upon the precious truths of the covenant grace. Worldly ease is a great foe to faith; it loosens the joints of holy valour, and snaps the sinews of sacred courage. The balloon never rises until the cords are cut; affliction doth this sharp service for believing souls. While the wheat sleeps comfortably in the husk it is useless to man, it must be threshed out of its resting place before its value can be known. Thus it is well that Jehovah trieth the righteous, for it causeth them to grow rich towards God.

—Charles Spurgeon

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

SERIES: "Game Changer: How To Impact Your World"

Study # 1-7 Revision

*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



**Lord's Supper  
 &  
 Believer's Baptism  
 Today**



**READING THE BIBLE  
 IN A YEAR...**

Today, Dec. 04<sup>th</sup> – Daniel 4-6

Monday, Dec. 05<sup>th</sup> – Daniel 7-9; 2 John-3 John

Tuesday, Dec. 06<sup>th</sup> – Daniel 10-12; Jude

Wednesday, Dec. 07<sup>th</sup>– Hosea 1-3; Revelation 1

Thursday, Dec. 08<sup>th</sup>– Hosea 4-6; Revelation 2-3

Friday, Dec. 09<sup>th</sup>– Hosea 7-9; Revelation 4

Saturday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>– Hosea 10-12

Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>– Hosea 13-14



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

*~10th~*

Dea. Ian & Sis. Brownwen Blair

**NOONDAY PRAYER MINISTRY**



❖ We meet for prayer at **Central** from **12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.** in the Conference Room 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).

**Pray without ceasing. —1 Thessalonians 5:17**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!**

*~4th December - 10th December~*

*~ Today ~*

Sis. Adelpher Browne—Central

Sis. Genella Walcott—Tyrells

*~ 7th ~*

Sis. Gilisa Carty—Central

*~ 8th ~*

Martin Charlton Jr.—Central

**Lord's Supper  
 This Morning**





## 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 support and encourage these new converts.

### 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. 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.

### 4. 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.

### 5. BLAST YOUTH MINISTRY

All teenage boys and girls are reminded of **B.L.A.S.T.** (**B**uilding **L**ives **A**round **S**criptural **T**ruth) this **Friday**. **The BLAST Girls Club** will meet from **6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.** on the **BAA grounds**, and the **BLAST Boys Club** will meet from **6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** in the **Conference Room**. Do not miss this time of great fellowship!

### 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, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2016** 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. 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.

## LONGING FOR HOME

Hebrews 11:8-16

They were longing for a better country—a heavenly one.  
—Hebrews 11:16

My wife walked into the room and found me poking my head inside the cabinet of our grandfather clock. "What are you doing?" she asked. "This clock smells just like my parents' house," I answered sheepishly, closing the door. "I guess you could say I was going home for a moment."

The sense of smell can evoke powerful memories. We had moved the clock across the country from my parents' house nearly twenty years ago, but the aroma of the wood inside it still takes me back to my childhood.

The writer of Hebrews tells of others who were longing for home in a different way. Instead of looking backward, they were looking ahead with faith to their home in heaven. Even though what they hoped for seemed a long way off, they trusted that God was faithful to keep His promise to bring them to a place where they would be with Him forever (Heb. 11:13-16).

Philippians 3:20 reminds us that "our citizenship is in heaven," and we are to "eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ." Looking forward to seeing Jesus and receiving everything God has promised us through Him help us keep our focus. The past or the present can never compare with what's ahead of us! — James Banks

Jesus, thank You that You are faithful to keep Your promises.  
Please help me to always look forward to You.

The best home of all is our home in heaven.

—mobi.rbc.org

# 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:** Sis. Veronica Roberts, Sis. Louise Pilgrim, Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Jean Edwards, Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas, Bro. Nigel Pilgrim, Sis. Rosalind Ferris, Sis. Paula Skerritt, Sis. Cassilda Williams, Sis. Monica Gardener, Sis. Pamela Walcott, Sis. Juliette Smith, Sis. Joycelyn Henry, Sis. Curline Joseph, Sis. Magella Selwood,

**PRIVATE CONCERNS:** Bro. Ephraim Gomes, Sis. Yvonne Lee, Sis. Nadine Smith, Bro. Shaquille & Sis. Gilisa Carty, Dea. Ian & Sis. Bronwen Blair,

**THANKSGIVING:** Sis. Juliette Dorsette, Sis. Abiola Anthony, Bro. Ivan & Sis. Maria Hurst

**NEW MEMBERS:** Sis. Michelle Paige, Sis. Helena Williams, Bro. Corly Francis, Sis. Eulyn Williams, Sis. Alesha Joseph, Bro. Kyle Abraham, Bro. Enrico St. Jean, Sis. Ashika Davis, 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. Victoria Charlton, Sis. Eliena Louisa, Bro. Xavier Joseph, Bro. Zakeem Michael, Bro. Akeel Jarvis, Sis. Esther René

**WATCH CARE:** Sis. Irene Jonas, Bro. Charles Richards, Sis. Enid Matthew

**SHUT IN:** Sis. Edith McCoy

## OTHER CONCERNS

**SAVING GRACE:** Elroy Nedd, Denise Nedd, Sherlock Lawson, Jessica Josweph, Brian Griffith, Motilall Jaipaul, Theo Blair, Christophe Marcellus, Clairfoster Lewis, Deondre Mason, Clyna Lewis, Gabriella Thomas, Andy Josiah, Patrice Josiah, Edric Tonge Sr., Edric Tonge Jr., Halle Johnson

**NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS:** Kerrie-Faun Nathan (Central), Serena Richards (Covenant), Tijorn Burton (Central), Mowava Robinson (Covenant), Fabian Bertrand (Central), **Je'vivre Benjamin (Central)**

*Pray without ceasing. I Thessalonians 5:17*

## Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Luke 1:37  
 Elementary — II Chronicles 7:14  
 Secondary & Adults — Hebrews 12:1-2

# 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

## 05:30 p.m. Believers' Baptism: Tyrells

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 (BAA Grounds)  
 06:30 p.m. BLAST Boys: Central (Conference Room)

## Saturday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 07:00 p.m. **New Members' Forum:** Central Fellowship Hall

## 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

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| 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 |
| Rolando A. Lewis (Staff Associate) | 784-6147 |

### Diaconate

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