

# FAMILY NEWS

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## HEAVENLY MINDED

*But seek first the kingdom of God  
and his righteousness, and all these things  
will be added to you.*

—Matthew 6:33


Until we get our hearts out of the world, how easily our hearts are carried away with the thoughts of earthly concerns! Until we can separate and purge our spirits, how we mingle our prayers with many ridiculous thoughts! It is too usual for us to deal with God as an unskilled person that will gather a posy for His friend, and put in as many or more stinking weeds than He does choice flowers.


The flesh introduces, and our carnal hearts insert and interlace our prayers with vain thoughts and earthly distractions. Then, when we come to offer incense to God with our censer, we mingle sulphur with our incense. Therefore, we should always labour to get our hearts above the world into the presence of God, as if we were by Him in heaven, and wholly swallowed up with His glory.


Though our bodies are on earth, our spirits should be in heaven. Until we get above the mists of the world, we can see nothing of clearness and comfort; but when we can get God and our hearts together, then we can see there is much in the fountain, though nothing in the stream; and though little on earth, yet we have a God in heaven! This is our

## *From The Pulpit...*



 **Dr. H. W. C. Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **“Unmasking Narcissism”** based on **Daniel 4:28-37**. He will also preach at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church** (Radio Range) on the topic **“From Fasting To Feasting”** based on **Zachariah 8:19**.

 **Pastor Joshua Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church** (Friars Hill Road) on the topic **“The Essence of Biblical Faith”** based on **Genesis 12:4-9**.

 **Dr. H. W. C. Jonas** will preach at the **6:00 p.m.** joint service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **“Experiencing God’s Presence”** based on **I Samuel 5:1-4**.

great aim, to be with God in heaven. His residence is there, and we seek that our hearts might be there. We have liberty to ask supplies for the outward life, but chiefly we should ask spiritual and heavenly things: ‘First, seek the kingdom of God’ etc.. If God is our heavenly Father, our first and main care should be to ask things suitable to His being, and His excellencies.

When we ask supplies of the outward life, food and raiment, God may give it to us, but it is far more pleasing to Him when we ask for grace. In every prayer we should seek to be made more heavenly minded by conversing with our heavenly Father.

—Thomas Manton



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



## 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).

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!**

~5th March - 11th March~

~6th~

Sis. Michelle Paige—Covenant

~8th~

Bro. Trevor Jones — Tyrells

~9th~

Ashima Willock—Tyrells

~11th~

Bro. Kyle Abraham—Covenant



## 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

*Your tithe supports the budget of your local church.  
Give generously above your tithes for missions!*

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

Today, Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> – **Mark 9:30-50**

Monday, Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> – **Mark 10:1-31**

Tuesday, Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> – **Mark 10:32-52**

Wednesday, Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> – **Mark 11:1-18**

Thursday, Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> – **Mark 11:19-33**

Friday, Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> – **Mark 12:1-27**

Saturday, Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> – **Mark 12:28-44**

Sunday, Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> – **Mark 13:1-20**



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

SERIES: UNSTOPPABLE GOSPEL  
Study #6 Unstoppable Mission  
(Acts 1:4-14)  
–Part 1 of 2

*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



## 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. 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. 25TH CARIBBEAN BAPTIST HERITAGE CONFERENCE

The Caribbean Baptist Heritage Conference 2017 is approaching. The dates are July 2-5, 2017. The travel days are Saturday, July 1st (arrival) and Thursday, July 6th (departure). The conference will be hosted in St. Lucia by the Deliverance Baptist Church in Ciceron where Pastor Marcellus Henry is the Presiding Elder. The deadline for applications is Sunday, 30th April, 2017. If you are interested in this spiritually enriching experience, please call the church office to reserve your place.

### 7. 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. 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!

### 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...



## THE SHIP OF PRAYER!

**In all states of dilemma or of difficulty, prayer is an available source.**

**The ship of prayer may sail through all temptations, doubts and fears, straight up to the throne of God; and though she may be outward bound with only griefs, and groans, and sighs, she shall return freighted with a wealth of blessings!**

*—Charles Spurgeon*

# 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. Juliette Smith, Sis. Joycelyn Henry, Sis. Magella Selwood

**PRIVATE CONCERNS:** Bro. Abner Marcellus, Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Nadine Smith, Sis. Judy Browne

**THANKSGIVING:** Sis. Abiola Anthony, Sis. Martha Bowen, Bro. Ephraim Gomes, Sis. Muriel Martin, Sis. Judy Edwards

**NEW MEMBERS:** 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, Sis. Ashika Davis

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

## OTHER CONCERNS

**SAVING GRACE:** George Browne, Khalid Browne, Hamadi Browne, Michelle Nicholas, Sam Nicholas, Martin Browne, Theo Blair, Milbert Joseph, Margaret Joseph, Athalia Andrew, Khadijah Andrew, Cherisse James, Kurt Spencer, Christophe Marcellus, Jaeda Joseph, Brendalee Smith, Nesha Joseph, Devaughnia George, Andy Josiah, Patrice Josiah, Arah Sheridan, Joshua Joseph, John Bowen, Ajani Dowdie, Gregson Pilgrim, Jamol Pilgrim, Chelsea Barlow, Chikaede Barlow, Grantley Edwards, Martina Edwards, Egan Bazilo, Colin Baker, Otis Brisport, Carlos Jarvis, Carlon Jarvis, Carlson Jarvis, Salonge Wynter, Nadisha Jardine, Thea-Lee Hurst, Arnelie Gray, Neville Bannis, Joseph Choy

**NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS:** Tijorn Burton (Central), Mowava Robinson (Covenant), Leyann Lam (Central), Sasha Rodney (Central)

*Pray without ceasing. | Thessalonians 5:17*

## Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Ephesians 2:8-9  
 Elementary — Ecclesiastes 12:13-14  
 Secondary & Adults — Psalm 139:1-2

# 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  
 05:30 p.m. Chorus Team Practice: Central  
 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

# ECBM DIRECTORY



<b>Central Baptist Church</b>	462-2894
<b>Tyrells Baptist Church</b>	460-3557
<b>Covenant Baptist Church</b>	561-4022
<b>Baptist Academy</b>	462-2894
<b>Baptist Retreat Centre</b>	463-8801

## Eldership

Hensworth W. C. Jonas (Presiding)	771-4888
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Joshua M. Jonas (Staff Associate)	726-9662
Rolando A. Lewis (Staff Associate)	784-6147

## Diaconate

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