

# FAMILY NEWS

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## GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:  
 Ephesians 1:11*




God embraces in His providence the lowest worm as well as the highest angel. It extends to all the actions and motions of creation. The hearts of kings are in His hand; He can work them into whatever shape He pleases! The fire did not singe the three children and Daniel's ravenous loins were muzzled. The sun stood still in the valley of Ajalon, and the waves stood up in a heap for Israel.

What is casual to us is ordained by God. Things that appear random or loose acts of the creature are directed by God to a higher end than we can presently imagine. The disposing of the lot cast into the lap is from the Lord (Prov. 16:33). A soldier shoots an arrow at random, and God guides it to be the executioner of Ahab for his sin (1Kings 22:34). Providence is the great clock keeping time in order, not hourly, but instantly, to his own honour. By the bitterness of Joseph's brothers, God preserved Israel from the. Pharaoh's hardness brought his own destruction and God's glory. Pilate yielded to the people and executed what God had before ordained. God's providence and ways are mysterious.

Dark providences are often the groundwork for some excellent work He is about to discover to the world. He lets Sarah's womb be dead and then He brings out the root of a numerous progeny. He makes Jacob a

## From The Pulpit...



-  **Pastor Joshua 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 **Central Baptist Church** (Radio Range) on the topic **"Imparting Grace And Not Grief"** based on **Galatians 4:29-30.**
-  **Pastor Rolando Lewis** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **"Gospel Lifestyle"** based on **Philippians 1:27-30.**
-  **Pastor Rolando Lewis** will also preach at the **6:00 p.m.** joint service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **"Freedom From The Curse Of The Law"** based on **Galatians 3:13-14.**

cripple and then a prince to prevail with God. He gave Him a wound and then a blessing. His ends are of a higher strain than the aims of men. Joseph's imprisonment is in order for his father's relief. He is wronged as a step to his advancement. He moves from being a captive to a favourite. All of God's providences are but His touch of the strings of this great instrument of the world. And all His works are excellent because they are the fruit of his wonderful counsel and unsearchable wisdom!  
 —Stephen Charnock

**Lord's Supper**  
**This Morning**





# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



## 1. PRESIDING ELDER'S ANNIVERSARY

The Presiding Elder completed 32 years of full time pastoral service among us. There will be an Appreciation Dinner celebrating the same on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. (by invitation only). On Sunday, January 21, 2018, there will be a Joint Appreciation Service at the Covenant Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m. Let us begin to pray earnestly for all aspects of these events.

## 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. EVANGELISM FOCUS GROUP

All members of the Evangelism Focus Group are advised of a meeting on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 at 5:00p.m., at the Yorks Basketball Court.

## 4. TRUSTEES MEETING ON TUESDAY

All members of the Trustees are reminded of their meeting this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Please be punctual.

## 5. 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, 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 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.

## 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! All parents and guardians are kindly reminded that they need to pick up their children by 8:15 p.m. sharp.

## 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.

## 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.

*Discipleship Training Adult & Youth Reading*  
**Prepare for next week...**

Revision session:

Life Transforming Truths

Chapter 3 (Affirming Particular Redemption)

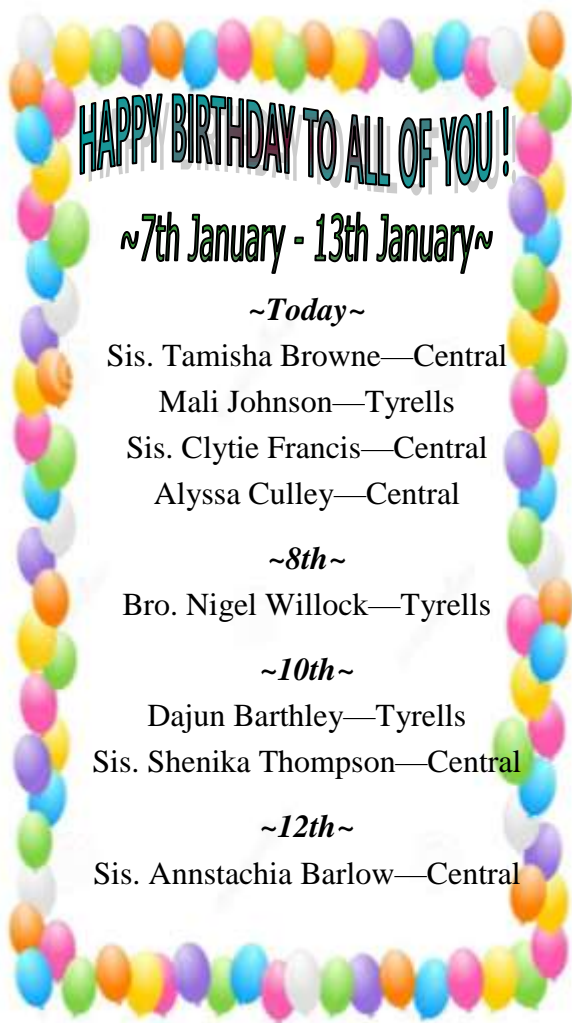
**"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth."**

—II Timothy 2:15

# BIBLE READING

- Today, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>— Genesis 18-19
- Monday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>— Genesis 20-22
- Tuesday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>— Genesis 23-24
- Wednesday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>— Genesis 25-26
- Thursday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>— Genesis 27-28
- Friday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>— Genesis 29-30
- Saturday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>— Genesis 31-32
- Sunday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>— Genesis 33-35





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~7th January - 13th January~

~Today~

Sis. Tamisha Browne—Central

Mali Johnson—Tyrells

Sis. Clytie Francis—Central

Alyssa Culley—Central

~8th~

Bro. Nigel Willock—Tyrells

~10th~

Dajun Barthley—Tyrells

Sis. Shenika Thompson—Central

~12th~

Sis. Annstachia Barlow—Central



## THINK IT THROUGH...

*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever.*

—2 Peter 3:18

"Grow in grace"-not in one grace only, but in all grace. Grow in that root-grace, faith. Believe the promises more firmly than you have done. Let faith increase in fulness, constancy, simplicity. Grow also in love. Ask that your love may become extended, more intense, more practical, influencing every thought, word, and deed. Grow likewise in humility. Seek to lie very low, and know more of your own nothingness. As you grow downward in humility, seek also to grow upward -having nearer approaches to God in prayer and more intimate fellowship with Jesus. May God the Holy Spirit enable you to "grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour." He who grows not in the knowledge of Jesus, refuses to be blessed. To know Him is "life eternal," and to advance in the knowledge of Him is to increase in happiness. He who does not long to know more of Christ, knows nothing of Him yet. Whoever hath sipped this wine will thirst for more, for although Christ doth satisfy, yet it is such a satisfaction, that the appetite is not cloyed, but whetted. If you know the love of Jesus -as the hart panteth for the water-brooks, so will you pant after deeper draughts of his love. If you do not desire to know Him better, then you love Him not, for love always cries, "Nearer, nearer." Absence from Christ is hell; but the presence of Jesus is heaven. Rest not then content without an increasing acquaintance with Jesus. Seek to know more of Him in his divine nature, in his human relationship, in his finished work, in his death, in his resurrection, in his present glorious intercession, and in his future royal advent. Abide hard by the Cross, and search the mystery of his wounds. An increase of love to Jesus, and a more perfect apprehension of his love to us is one of the best tests of growth in grace.

—Charles H. Spurgeon



# HAPPY wedding ANNIVERSARY

~Today~

Bro. Darryl Charles & Sis. Sonia Charles

# 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 Jervis, Sis. Sarah Maina, Sis. Magella Selwood

**NEW MEMBERS:** Sis. Rosgue Joseph, Bro. Ronald Jean, Sis. Leyann Lam, Bro. Tjorn Burton, Sis. Kerrie-Faun Nathan, Sis. Serena Richards, Bro. Corly Francis, Sis. Eulyn Williams, Sis. Helena Williams, Bro. Kyle Abraham

**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 APPLICANTS:** Athalia Andrew (Central), Follet Brown (Central)

*Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17*

# Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Luke 19:10

Elementary — Psalm 66:18

Secondary & Adults — Revelation 21:4

# THIS WEEK

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

**Tuesday**  
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting.  
 05:00 p.m. Evangelism Focus Group: Yorks Basketball Court

**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 Members Forum:** Central Fellowship Hall

# ECBM DIRECTORY



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|--------------------------------|----------|
| <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

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| <b>Joshua W. C. Jonas (Presiding)</b>     | 771-4888 |
| <b>Joshua M. Jonas (Staff Associate)</b>  | 726-9662 |
| <b>Rolando A. Lewis (Staff Associate)</b> | 784-6147 |
| <b>Ivor J. Walker (Associate)</b>         | 464-1644 |
| <b>Orvin D. E. Paige (Associate)</b>      | 464-5395 |

## Diaconate

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| <b>David S. Jarvis (Chairman)</b>          | 464-7477 |
| <b>Earl W. F. Skerritt (Vice Chairman)</b> | 722-4313 |
| <b>Ian J. A. Blair</b>                     | 773-1061 |
| <b>J. Patrick Tomlinson</b>                | 786-7957 |
| <b>Charlesworth A. Dowdie</b>              | 771-7845 |