

FAMILY NEWS

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A PLAN FOR GROWTH

“Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?” (vv. 27–28).

- Luke 14:25-33




The goal of reflecting the image of God more truly and consistently cannot be achieved through passivity. Paul tells us that we must work out our salvation in fear and trembling, understanding that we are to labor alongside the Holy Spirit, the empowering agent of our sanctification (Phil. 2:12–13). Practically speaking, setting goals is one of the best ways to ensure we are not just spinning our wheels in our attempts to glorify the Lord and display His character to all creation.

Our Savior addresses the importance of goal-setting in Luke 14:25–33. In order that we might have a true grasp of what Christian discipleship means, Jesus compares it to tower-building and to fighting a war. If builders and kings need to know what is demanded of them, how much more should we be aware of what following the Lord of all creation actually entails? Those who want to construct a tower must understand what they will have to pay for building materials in order to finish the project (v. 28). Wise kings rightly understand the might of their army before they take it into battle (v. 31). We who are commissioned to fight the world, the flesh, and the Devil also need a strategy for success, and we must also know the equipment required for victory in our spiritual battle (Eph. 6:10–20).

Of course, as servants of the sovereign Lord, we understand that our plans in themselves can guarantee nothing. God ultimately determines our progress and provides the energy for our growth, maturing us in ways that we cannot anticipate. The Lord may use our actions and plans, and He is regularly pleased to do so; still, growth is ultimately due to His sovereign work (James 4:13–17).

From The Pulpit...



-  Pastor Joshua Jonas will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service at the Covenant Baptist Church (Friars Hill Road) on the topic **“Godly Rebuke: Dealing With The Problem”** based on I Thessalonians 5:14.
-  Pastor Rolando Lewis will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service at the Tyrells Baptist Church (Tyrells Main Road) and also at the 10:00 a.m. service at the Central Baptist Church (Radio Range) on the topic **“Filled But Never Satisfied”** based on John 6:35.
-  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 Suffering And The Salvation”** based on Genesis 3:16-24.

Our Creator's sovereignty includes the use of means, and He has provided several avenues through which He ordinarily advances us in our sanctification. We are referring to the means of grace — things such as the reading and preaching of God's Word, the sacraments, prayer, and worship. Taking part in these means prepares us for the trials ahead and empowers us to persevere in our current settings. If we neglect what the Lord has given us, then even our best-laid plans will provide little help in making us into those who shine forth God's image brightly.

Coram Deo

Today it often seems as if the church is looking for the power of God everywhere except in the means of grace. Of course, the Lord often works in unexpected ways to bring about our growth in holiness. Yet He promises to work through Word and sacrament, prayer and praise, worship and fellowship to conform us to the image of Christ. Let us not neglect these tools, which are essential to forming His character in us.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~7th May-13th May~

~ Today ~

Bro. Andrew Joseph —Central
 Sis. Maxime James—Covenant
 Junior Exaie—Tyrells

~ 10th ~

Bro. Zorol Barthley —Tyrells

~ 11th ~

Sis. Jeneé Henry —Central

GRATEFUL!!!

Thanks to the Elders, Deacons and members of the Women’s Ministry of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches for your prayers and support at my recent wedding shower. A special thank you to all those who took the time to attend the fellowship and who made the sacrifice to buy me gifts. I am indeed grateful to you all. Please pray for my husband and me as we continue this new chapter in our lives.

—Sis. Sophia Jean

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT

IN A YEAR...

- Today, May 7th— **Luke 24:1-35**
- Monday, May 8th— **Luke 24:36-53**
- Tuesday, May 9th— **John 1:1-28**
- Wednesday, May 10th— **John 1:29-51**
- Thursday, May 11th— **John 2**
- Friday, May 12th— **John 3:1-18**
- Saturday, May 13th— **John 3:19-36**
- Sunday, May 14th— **John 4:1-30**



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

SERIES: VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIVING
 Lesson #4 Victorious Faith
 Hebrews 11:1-6
 —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

THANKS TO ALL!!!

I would like to extend sincere thanks to the Elders, Deacons and members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches for their support during my time of bereavement. Your prayers and encouraging words during my time of grief was a source of comfort. Thanks again for your love and support.

—Sis. Veronica Roberts

HAPPY
 wedding ANNIVERSARY

~ Today ~

Bro. Charlesworth & Sis. Suzette
 Dowdie

~ 11th ~

Mr. Wilson & Sis. Julie Barnes



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. CHORUS TEAM PRACTICE

All members of the Chorus Team are advised of a rehearsal this Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church (Radio Range). Please be punctual.

5. 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. Be sure to bring your Bible, pen and notepad. 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, May 13, 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. DOWNLOAD APP TODAY

All members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches are kindly asked to support our new project and 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.

8. 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. Please pray for all aspects of this conference.

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.

10. 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.

THINK IT THROUGH



Satan's greatest success is in making people think they have plenty of time before they die to consider their eternal welfare.

—John Owen

Lord's Supper
This Morning



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: Pas. Ivor Walker, 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: Sis. Nadine Smith, Sis. Diane Joseph, Bro. Shaquille & Sis. Gillisa Carty

THANKSGIVING: Sis. Judy Browne, Sis. Martha Bowen, Sis. Abiola Anthony, Bro. Charlesworth & Sis. Suzette Dowdie, Sis. Alesha Joseph, Bro. Carl & Sis. Cassandra Jarvis

NEW MEMBERS: Sis. Mowava Robinson, Sis. Leyann Lam, Bro. Tijon 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, Sis. Ashika Davis

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

OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Diane Lake, Sharon James, Floyd James, Roderick Williams, Dawn Williams, Dale Jones, Andrea Jeremiah, John Bowen, Christophe Marcellus, Sofia Morgan, Andrew Josiah, Milbert Joseph, Donald Lewis, Gloria Lewis, Kathy Gordon, Terry Hill, Shonette Sobers, Clairfoster Lewis, Deandre mason, Ajonte Williamson, Bruce Williamson, Kezron Lewis, Charity Jonas, Brendalee Smith, Nesha Joseph, Jaeda Joseph, Veronica Smith, Colette Smith

NEW MEMBER APPLICANT: Rosgue Joseph (Tyrells), Ronald Jean (Tyrells)

Pray without ceasing. | Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — 1Thessalonians 5:16-17
 Elementary — Acts 4:12
 Secondary & Adults — Matthew 5:3-5

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
 05:30 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
 07:00 p.m. **New Member's Forum: Central Fellowship Hall**

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