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THE WORD OF GOD

*...They receive the word with all eagerness...
 Acts 17: 11*

Do not leave your Bible as some do, at church, and hear nothing of it all week long. Bring it home and let it dwell with you. Do not let the Word be as a wayfaring man that tarries with you for a night and is gone. Let it be an inhabitant, one that accompanies you to bed and board and with whom you converse continually as your familiar and intimate friend.

Have you not found the Bible to be so bountiful a guest, to pay you so liberally for its board, that you always give it a hearty welcome and would not part with it for the whole world?

O consider what love the saints have had for God's law! Luther said that he hated the books he made if they hindered the reading of the Scripture. The godly have meditated in it day and night and have esteemed it above the sweetest honey and finest gold. The martyrs in England have given much of the estates for a few leaves of it, and have laid down their lives before they would lose the precious fruit in it.

O let this Book of books be often before you, and your meditation all day! If you know and believe the contents of the Word, you would hardly ever let it out of your hand. You would lay it up as the tables in the ark, in your heart.

From The Pulpit...



📖 Pastor Dr. H. W. C. Jonas 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 **“The Threat of Hopelessness”** based on **James 5:7-9.**

📖 Pastor Orvin Paige will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church** (Friars Hill Road) on the topic **“Celebrating the Gospel”** based on **Matthew 4:17-22.**

📖 Dr. Jonas will also preach at the **6:00 p.m.** joint service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **“The Serious Nature of Sin”** based on **Genesis 4:1-10.**

God reveals His eternal good in it. It is the copy of His everlasting love, of which His eternal decree is the original. It contains His precious thoughts before the foundation of the world of redeeming miserable man with the blood of His Son, and making Him an heir of the eternal weight of glory. These gracious and mysterious purposes of His, which were hidden in the night of many ages, have become visible to every eye in the Word of God. Here upon the stage of the Word, His grace and favour to mankind is fully displayed.

Take heed how you hear. Like the noble Bereans, search the Scriptures daily.

-George Swinnock-

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~7th September-13th September~

~Today~

Bro. Charlesworth Dowdie - Central

~9th September~

Bro. Reginald Ferris - Central

Bro. Ceon Barlow - Central

~10th September~

Bro. Semaj Barnes - Central

~12th September~

Sis. Dianna Richards - Central

Sis. Courtney Mack - Central

Congratulations

We celebrate with Pastor Joshua Jonas & Sis. Chanda Benjamin on their official engagement which was held on Thursday, 4th September, 2014.

Let us pray that the Lord will continue to guide them as they make plans for marriage.



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

Study Guide: A Catechism by C. H. Spurgeon

Question #75: What is baptism?

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 This Morning



E-MAIL PRAYER REQUESTS



Noonday Prayer Ministry

- ❖ We meet for prayer at **Central** from **12 noon to 1pm** from **Monday to Saturday**. All are welcomed to join us.
- ❖ Your request will be the focus of our prayers at each Noonday Prayer Meeting.
- ❖ The e-mail address for this is prayer@baptistantigua.org.

THINK IT THROUGH...

“Let your cares drive you to God. I shall not mind if you have many of them if each one leads you to prayer. If every fret makes you lean more on the Beloved, it will be a benefit.” —Charles H. Spurgeon



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 at 6:00 p.m. Avail yourself to this means of grace.

2. VOLUNTEER SERVICE FOR NEW CHURCH YEAR

All church members are encouraged to prayerfully consider the area of ministry in the church that they would like to be involved in for the new church year. You will need the recommendation of a Ministry Coordinator and the approval of the Elders to secure a volunteer service role in the church. Please note that places of service in each ministry is limited. If a given ministry that you desire is full, please ask one of the Elders to guide you concerning other areas of service. Please indicate to the Ministry Coordinator of the ministry or ministries in which you currently serve whether or not you desire to continue. Our goal is to complete the list of volunteer workers by September 30, 2014. Let us remember to "serve the Lord with gladness..." (Psalm 100:2).

3. TRUSTEES MEETING ON TUESDAY

All members of the Trustees are reminded of their meeting this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. 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. 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, 13th September, 2014, from 7:00 p.m.— 9:00 p.m. at the Tyrells Baptist Fellowship Hall. It will be a time of fellowship and encouragement in the Word.

6. EVANGELISM THRUST

All members are encouraged to pray for and be disciplined participants in our new evangelistic initiative. The adult Sunday School classes have been divided into teams for evangelism by appointment. The youth Sunday School classes will be evangelizing by canvassing the island with the assistance of their counselors and a few young adults. Let us pray for good success in extending the Kingdom of God. We thank all who made an effort yesterday and look forward to 100% participation this coming Saturday.

7. ACTEENS CLUB

All teenage girls are reminded of their regular club meeting this Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. For the Enrichment Session, we will be baking. All girls are kindly asked to bring their aprons. Be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and a pen. Please be punctual.

8. ROYAL AMBASSADORS CLUB

All teenage boys are advised of their regular club meeting this Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and pen.

9. CHURCH ATTENDANCE

All members of the Circuit are reminded of their Covenant Responsibility to attend all the stated meetings of the church unless provisionally 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.

10. 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.



BEREAVEMENT

The Elders and members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches extend sincere condolences to the Edwards' family at the passing of Wendy Edwards. Let us pray particularly for the households of **Bro. Mitchell Edwards** (brother of the deceased) and **Sis. Judy Edwards** (sister-in-law of the deceased).

Pray that the Lord will comfort them and their families and use these deaths to remind everyone of their mortality and need for the Saviour.

This Week

- Sun. 8:00 a.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ABS TV)
 8:00 a.m. Worship: Tyrells & Covenant
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Central
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School: Tyrells & Covenant
 10:00 a.m. Worship: Central
 6:00 p.m. Worship: Joint Service: Tyrells
- Mon. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
- Tues. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 3:00 p.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting: Central
- Wed. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Monthly Stewardship Meeting: Central
- Thurs. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
- Fri. 9:00 a.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 6:30 p.m. RAs: Central
 6:30 p.m. Acteens: Central
- Sat. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 3:00 p.m. Church-wide Evangelism: All Churches
 7:00 p.m. **New Members' Forum**—Tyrells 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

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| Hensworth W. C. Jonas (Presiding) | 771-4888 |
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| Joshua M. Jonas (Staff Associate) | 726-9662 |

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| David S. Jarvis (Chairman) | 464-7477 |
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| Ian J. Blair | 773-1061 |
| John Patrick Tomlinson | 786-7957 |

BE EARNEST 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 & Abundant Life Radio)

CHURCH FAMILY

HEALTH: Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas, Sis. Ann-Marie Pilgrim, Sis. Jean Edwards, Bro. Nigel Pilgrim, Sis. Rosalind Ferris, Sis. Paula Skerritt, Sis. Cassilda Williams, Sis. Monica Gardener, Sis. Pamela Walcott, Sis. Juliette Smith, Sis. Jasmine Jarvis

PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Sophia Marcellus, Sis. Muriel Martin, Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Nadine Smith, Sis. Jo-Ann Paige

THANKSGIVING: Sis. Judy Edwards, Sis. Julie Barnes, Sis. Juliette Dorsette, Sis. Maragret Joseph, Sis. Marion Locker

SAFETY IN PREGNANCY: Sis. Jenell Huston, Sis. Suzette Dowdie

NEW MEMBERS: Bro. Olrich Chery, Sis. Briana Griffith, Sis. Stacey Hector, Sis. Rickeshia Willock, Sis. Priya Jattan, Sis. Marian Locker, Sis. Nadine Fils Aime, Bro. Jonathan Wehner, Bro. Ernst Pierre-Louis, Sis. Benjy Chery, Sis. Aminata Joseph, Sis. Jenee Henry, Sis. Shinel Leo, Bro. Marc Sorel Salién, Sis. Sophia Marcellus, Sis. Marie France Blanchard, Sis. Chanda Benjamin, Sis. Juliette Smith

WATCH CARE: Sis. Irene Jonas, Sis. Diana Richards, Bro. Charles Richards

SHUT IN: Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Edith McCoy

OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Kezron Lewis, Vivian Mason, Deondre Mason, Kamoyia Williamson, Rose Smith, Barry Smith Jr., Lynda Davis, Martina Edwards, Grantley Edwards, John Bowen, Ajani Dowdie, Shakwan Serrant, Michelle Nicholas, Sam Nicholas, Akeem Agard, Saleema Anthony, Kinda Morgan, Theo Blair, John Lee, Cecil Joyce, Kiara Francis, Cequean Joyce, Nakeisha Lee, Sheniqueca Lee, Tamica Lee, Kiara Francis, Wilson Barnes, Kayla Underwood, Francis Samuel, Mark Grenville, Linsley Halley, Sharon Grenville, Dwayne Bryan, Nada Welch, Tameisha Cozier, Dion Lapps, Dion Lapps, Curtis Paige, Michelle Paige

NEW MEMBER APPLICANT: Gavin Crump (Central)

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Psalm 19:14
 Elementary — 1 Timothy 4:12
 Secondary & Adults — Ephesians 2:8-9