

# FAMILY NEWS

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## A HOLY HEART

*I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.  
Psalm 119:101*

One flaw spoils the diamond; one treason makes a traitor; one turn sends a man out of the way; one leak sinks the ship; one wound strikes Goliath dead; and one Delilah betrays Samson. So many men, by favouring one sin, lose God, heaven and their souls forever. Sin favoured even ends in tragedy. A holy heart abhors *all* sin because it pollutes his soul and strikes against God's holiness. The heart of a holy man rises against *secret sins*. He rises against wickedness in the dark, against folly in a corner, and against sin in a closet. When Joseph was tempted to be secretly wicked his heart rose against it. A holy man also rises against the *least sins*. I know there is no little sin because there is no little hell and no little God to sin against. But some sins may be said to be little compared to the more gross and odious sins. A holy man rises against the least! Little sins, if not prevented, will bring on greater.

A holy heart knows indulging in the least sin is sufficient grounds for any man to question his integrity towards God. A holy heart also knows that the least sin cost Christ His dearest blood! A holy heart also rises against his *bosom sins* that either his constitution, habit, or present inclina-

## 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 **“Gullible And Culpable”** based on Genesis 3:1-9.
-  Pastor Orvin Paige will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service at the Covenant Baptist Church (Friars Hill Road) on the topic **“The Changeless Christ”** based on Hebrews 13:8.
-  Pastor Joshua Jonas will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service at the Central Baptist Church (Radio Range) on the topic **“Practical Holiness”** based on I Thessalonians 4:1-2.

tion most dispose him to. Holy hearts rise against their darling sins. Oh, how my soul rises against them! How I detest and abhor them. Surely I will never have more to do with them. But unholy hearts are very favourable to bosom sins; they say to them as Lot of Zoar, ‘Is it not a little one?’ Bosom sins have at least a seeming sweetness in them and unholy hearts will not easily let them go. But a holy heart rises most against the Delilah in his bosom. So you see how a holy heart hates and disdains all sins. Real holiness will never mix or mingle itself with any sin, it will never incorporate with any corruption.

—Thomas Brooks





## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



### 1. 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.

### 2. EVANGELISM FOCUS GROUP

All members of the Circuit who are interested in joining the Evangelism Focus Group are kindly asked to contact Pastor Rolando Lewis.

### 3. 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 8:30 p.m. sharp.

### 4. 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.

### 5. 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...


### A Covenant He Remembers

*"He hath given meat unto them that fear Him: He will ever be mindful of His Covenant" (Psalm 111:5).*

Those who fear God need not fear want. Through all these long years the LORD has always found meat for His own children, whether they have been in the wilderness, or by the brook Cherith, or in captivity, or in the midst of famine. Hitherto the LORD has given us day by day our daily bread, and we doubt not that He will continue to feed us till we want no more. As to the higher and greater blessings of the covenant of grace, He will never cease to supply them as our case demands. He is mindful that He made the covenant and never acts as if He regretted it. He is mindful of it when we provoke Him to destroy us. He is mindful to love us, keep us, and comfort us, even as He engaged to do. He is mindful of every jot and tittle of His engagements, never suffering one of His words to fall to the ground. We are sadly unmindful of our God, but He is graciously mindful of us. He cannot forget His Son Who is the surety of the covenant, nor His Holy Spirit Who actively carries out the covenant, nor His own honor, which is bound up with the covenant. Hence the foundation of God standeth sure, and no believer shall lose his divine inheritance, which is his by a covenant of salt.

—Charles H. Spurgeon

## BEREAVEMENT



The Elders and members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches extend sincere condolences to Bro. Sherwin Parker on the loss of his brother Kelvin Parker. Let us pray for and support our brother and his family at this critical time. Pray that the Lord will comfort the family and remind his unsaved relatives of their mortality and the need for the Saviour.

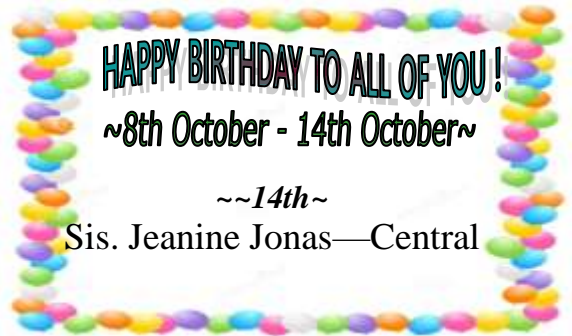
### Sunday School Adult & Youth Reading Prepare for next week...

SERIES: CHRIST—OUR IDENTITY IN LIFE  
Revision—Lessons 1-6

*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

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

- Today, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>— Philippians 4
- Monday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>— Colossians 1
- Tuesday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>— Colossians 2
- Wednesday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>— Colossians 3
- Thursday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>— Colossians 4
- Friday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>— 1 Thessalonians 1
- Saturday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>— 1 Thessalonians 2
- Sunday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>— 1 Thessalonians 3



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!**

~8th October - 14th October~

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Sis. Jeanine Jonas—Central

## NOONDAY PRAYER MINISTRY



- ❖ We meet for prayer at **Central** from **12:00 noon** to **1:00 p.m.** 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)

## E.C.B.M. MISSIONS OFFERING



Where does your mission offering go?

- Barbados: Covenant Reformed Baptist Church—Church Plant Initiative
- 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!*

# 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. Diane Joseph, Sis. Muriel Martin, Sis. Nadine Smith, Bro. Shaquille & Sis. Gillisa Carty

THANKSGIVING: Bro. Abner Marcellus, Sis. Martha Bowen, Sis. Abiola Anthony, Bro. Charlesworth & Sis. Suzette Dowdie, Sis. Alesha Joseph

NEW MEMBERS: Sis. Rosgue Joseph, Bro. Ronald Jean, Sis. Mowava Robinson, Sis. Leyann Lam, Bro. Tijorn 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**

WATCH CARE: Sis. Irene Jonas, Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Jean Edwards

SHUT-IN: Bro. Charles Richards

## OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: **Christophe Marcellus, Yashone' Baltimore,** Grantley Edwards, Martina Edwards, Roderick Williams, Dawn Williams, Dale Jones, Andrea Jeremiah, John Bowen, Arah Sheridan, Joshua Sheridan, Milbert Joseph, Donald Lewis, Gloria Lewis, Kathy Gordon, Terry Hill, Shonette Sobers, Clairfoster Lewis, Deandre Mason, Kezron Lewis, Charity Jonas, Brendalee Smith, Zethma Williams

*Pray without ceasing. I Thessalonians 5:17*

## Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Proverbs 3:5-6  
 Elementary — Hebrews 13:5  
 Secondary & Adults — Philippians 2:5-8

# 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. Worship: All Churches  
 07:00 p.m. Sunday School: All Churches

## Monday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

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12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 06:30 p.m. **Elders' Meeting: Central**

## Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 07:00 p.m. Prayer Service & Fellowship Groups: All Churches

## 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

## ECBM DIRECTORY

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
Joshua M. Jonas (Staff Associate)	726-9662
Rolando A. Lewis (Staff Associate)	784-6147
Ivor J. Walker (Associate)	464-1644
Orvin D. E. Paige (Associate)	464-5395

## Diaconate

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