

# FAMILY NEWS

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## ENDURING LOVE

*“Love ... endures all things”*

1 Cor. 13:7


Many people in our day have a shallow and superficial view of love that says it is a mere feeling that is outside of our control and can come and go as it pleases. If nothing else, 1 Corinthians 13 disabuses us of that notion. Indeed, we have seen that a true understanding of love as God has revealed this virtue realizes that love is a high calling, a demanding effort that must be put forward even when we do not feel like it. Love is no mere sentimental emotion. It actively works not to boast or show envy. Real love is selfless, and it refuses to rejoice in evil, choosing instead to seek out and proclaim the truth in all circumstances. This kind of love also has a sure hope for the future, believing the truth of the Lord's Word and taking what others say at face value until they prove themselves untrustworthy (vv. 1–7). True love, then, is a supernatural gift, because apart from our union with Christ, such love is impossible.


We find the supernatural characteristics of Christian love reinforced when Paul explains that love will bear and endure all things (1 Cor. 13:7; Gal. 6:2). Love perseveres in even the worst of circumstances, fulfilling the call of Peter and others to endure suffering of all kinds (1 Peter 2:20–21). But given the pain that this kind of suffering brings, such endurance is impossible without God pouring love for Him — and thus for others — into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Rom. 5:5).

Everyone who has ever suffered in a significant way from sickness or persecution understands that it is easy to let pain diminish our love for God. Tragedies can tempt us to doubt the Father's great love for us, but we should recall that the same Lord who poured love into our hearts also

### *From The Pulpit...*



 **Pastor Dr. H.W.C. Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church** (Friars Hill Road) on the topic **“Responding to the Cross”** based on **Luke 13:4-5**.

 **Pastor Joshua Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) and at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church** (Radio Range) on the topic **“The Art of Burden Bearing”** based on **Galatians 6:2-3**.

promises us a sure hope. His great love for us will be manifested in a new way at the return of Christ as He brings a new heaven and earth in which suffering will be nonexistent (Rev. 21:1–4). Reminding ourselves of this evidence of His love enables us to overcome any doubts about God's care as we suffer.

Furthermore, our suffering proves God's love for us and gives us opportunities to share this love with others. Our suffering as Christians demonstrates His discipline for the sake of our sanctification, which is proof of God's love for His children (Heb. 12:7–11). Our pain also helps us relate better to other suffering people and minister in the name of Christ, thereby showing forth His love for them.

#### **Coram Deo**

To speak of suffering as a loving expression of God's discipline is not to say that there is always a one-to-one correlation between a specific sin we have committed and our trial. Such a correlation may be true in some instances, but God's discipline is broader than just correcting us for specific sins. He is also teaching us to rely only on Him — to love Him absolutely even when everything may be falling apart around us.

<http://www.ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/enduring-love/>

# E-MAIL PRAYER REQUESTS



Prayer Warrior 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](mailto:prayer@baptistantigua.org).

**Pray without ceasing. —1 Thessalonians 5:17**

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

Study Guide: A Catechism by C. H. Spurgeon  
*Question 40: What did God reveal to man for the rule of his obedience. (Introduced)*

*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a work-man that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth. —II Timothy 2:15*



~12th February~

Bro. Adrian & Sis. Lenika Barron

# Save The Lost



1. Win a soul!

2. Bring a child or youth to church!

3. Invite someone to church daily!

Matthew 28:18-20

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~9th February - 15th February~

~10th ~

Monique Bowen - Central

~11th~

Kwame Payne - Central

Aurencia Barton - Covenant

~13th~

Bro. Chavez Watkins- Central

Sis. Margaret Joseph - Covenant

~14th~

Sis. Syreba Cornelius - Covenant

Sis. Aline Salien - Tyrells



## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



### 1. ECBM MARRIAGE FELLOWSHIP

All married couples of the Baptist Circuit of Churches are encouraged to participate in the second Annual ECBM Marriage Fellowship on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Baptist Retreat Centre. It will be an exciting evening in celebration of Christian marriage. It is guaranteed to be a memorable time of food and fun. The non-member spouses of church members are welcomed to participate. Make the date with your spouse. The dress code is casual elegant.

### 2. EVENTS PREPARATION MEETING

All members of the Events Preparation Ministry are advised of a meeting on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Baptist Retreat Centre. Please be punctual.

### 3. CHOIR REHEARSAL

All members of the New Creation Chorale and the Voices of Victory are advised of their rehearsal at 1:00 p.m. immediately after prayer this Saturday at Central. Please be punctual.

### 4. ACTEENS CLUB

All teenage girls are reminded of their regular club meeting this Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and a pen. Please be punctual.

### 5. 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.

### 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.

## PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER

"Pray one for another." —James 5:16

As an encouragement cheerfully to offer intercessory prayer, remember that such prayer is the sweetest God ever hears, for the prayer of Christ is of this character. In all the incense which our Great High Priest now puts into the golden censer, there is not a single grain for himself. His intercession must be the most acceptable of all supplications--and the more like our prayer is to Christ's, the sweeter it will be; thus while petitions for ourselves will be accepted, our pleadings for others, having in them more of the fruits of the Spirit, more love, more faith, more brotherly kindness, will be, through the precious merits of Jesus, the sweetest oblation that we can offer to God, the very fat of our sacrifice. Remember, again, that intercessory prayer is exceedingly prevalent. What wonders it has wrought! The Word of God teems with its marvellous deeds. Believer, thou hast a mighty engine in thy hand, use it well, use it constantly, use it with faith, and thou shalt surely be a benefactor to thy brethren. When thou hast the King's ear, speak to him for the suffering members of his body. When thou art favoured to draw very near to his throne, and the King saith to thee, "Ask, and I will give thee what thou wilt", let thy petitions be, not for thyself alone, but for the many who need his aid. If thou hast grace at all, and art not an intercessor, that grace must be small as a grain of mustard seed. Thou hast just enough grace to float thy soul clear from the quicksand, but thou hast no deep floods of grace, or else thou wouldst carry in thy joyous bark a weighty cargo of the wants of others, and thou wouldst bring back from thy Lord, for them, rich blessings which but for thee they might not have obtained:--

*"Oh, let my hands forget their skill,  
My tongue be silent, cold, and still,  
This bounding heart forget to beat,  
If I forget the mercy seat!"*

—Charles H. Spurgeon

# 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  
 6:00 p.m. Worship: All Churches  
 7:00 p.m. Sunday School: All Churches
- Mon. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. Events Preparation Meeting: BRC
- Tues. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 3:00 p.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)  
 6:30 p.m. **Elders' Meeting: Central**
- Wed. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service & Fellowship Groups: All Churches
- 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. Acteens Club: Central  
 6:30 p.m. Royal Ambassadors
- Sat. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 1:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal: VOV & NCC: Central  
 3:00 p.m. Church-wide Evangelism: All Churches  
 7:00 p.m. ECBM Marriage Fellowship: BRC

## 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
Ivor J. Walker (Associate)	764-1491
Orvin D. E. Paige (Associate)	464-1014
Joshua M. Jonas (Staff Associate)	728-9556

### Diaconate

David S. Jarvis (Chairman)	464-7477
Earl W. F. Skerritt	722-4313
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. Jean Edwards, Bro. Nigel Pilgrim, Sis. Rosalind Ferris, Sis. Paula Skerritt, Sis. Cassilda Williams, Sis. Monica Gardener, Sis. Cheryl Sims, Sis. Juliette Dorsette, Sis. Pamela Walcott  
**PRIVATE CONCERNS:** Sis. Sophia Marcellus, Bro. Marc & Sis. Aline Salien, Bro. Andre & Sis. Altude Exaie,  
**THANKSGIVING:** Sis. Muriel Martin, Bro. Marc & Sis. Aline Salien, Bro. Ephraim Gomes, Sis. Jean Edwards, Sis. Maxime James, Bro. Charlesworth & Sis. Suzette Dowdie, Sis. Abiola Anthony, Sis. Martha Bowen, Sis. Norma Grant  
**NEW MEMBERS:** 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 Salien, Sis. Sophia Marcellus, Sis. Marie France Blanchard, Sis. Chanda Benjamin, Sis. Juliette Smith, Bro. Orville Joseph, Sis. Linnette Robinson, Sis. Genevieve Leo, Bro. Shamoy Carty, Bro. Wayne Friday, Bro. Rene Rivert, Bro. Jamil Ambrose, Sis. Christine Marcellus, Bro. Devon **McCoy, Sis. Clytie Francis, Sis. T'Schea Stevens**  
**WATCH CARE:** Sis. Irene Jonas, Sis. Diana Richards, Bro. Charles Richards  
**SHUT IN:** Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Edith McCoy

### OTHER CONCERNS

**SAVING GRACE:** Christophe Marcellus, George Browne, Khalid Browne, Shawn Frederick, Vivian Mason, Clarifoster **Lewis, Michelle Paige, Annette Paige, Vaughn Aska, J'Quan Aska, Arissa Aska, Lawyne Kesto, Michelle Nicholas, Sam Nicholas, Theo Blair, Kiz Nathaniel, Saleema Anthony, Martin Browne, Devina Browne, Chris Browne, Leah Browne, Ajani Dowdie, Milbert Joseph, Donald Lewis, Gloria Lewis, Nalda Streete**  
**NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS:** Jamie Robinson (Central), Stacey Hector (Covenant), Tamisha Carr (Central)

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## Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Psalm 66:18  
 Elementary — Proverbs 3:5-6  
 Secondary & Adults — Psalm 24:1