

FAMILY NEWS

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ARE YOU BORN AGAIN?

"You must be born again." — John 3:7

Regeneration is a subject which lies at the very basis of salvation, and we should be very diligent to take heed that we really are "born again," for there are many who imagine they are, who are not. Be assured that the name of a Christian—is not the nature of a Christian; and that being born in a Christian land, and being recognized as professing the Christian religion—is of no avail whatever, unless there is something more added to it — the being "born again," by the power of the Holy Spirit.


Regeneration is a matter so **mysterious**, that human words cannot describe it. "The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."


Nevertheless, it is a change which is known and felt. It is **known** by works of holiness—and **felt** by a gracious experience.

This great work is **supernatural**. It is not an operation which a man performs for himself. It is a new principle is infused, which works in the heart, renews the soul, and affects the entire man. It is not a change of my name—but a renewal of my nature, so that I am not the man I used to be—but a new man in Christ Jesus.

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 **"The Godly Life"** based on **Ephesians 5:2**.

 **Pastor Rolando Lewis** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church** on the topic **"God's Mercies "** based on **Romans 12:1-2** and also at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church (Radio Range)** on the topic **" The Integrity of the Gospel"** based on **1 Corinthians 15:1-24**.

To wash and dress a corpse is a far different thing from making it alive! Man can do the one—God alone can do the other.

If you have then, been "born again," your acknowledgment will be, "O everlasting Father, You are my spiritual Parent; unless Your Spirit had breathed into me the breath of a new, holy, and spiritual life—I would have been to this day, 'dead in trespasses and sins.' My heavenly life is wholly derived from You—to You I ascribe it. 'My life is hid with Christ in God.' It is no longer I who live—but Christ who lives in me." May the Lord enable us to be well assured on this vital point, for to be unregenerate is to be unsaved, unpardoned, without God, and without hope!

—Charles H. Spurgeon





HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~9th April - 15th April~

~ Today ~

Sis. Dianne Joseph—Central

~ 11th ~

Bro. Noah Hurst—Central

Bro. Zakeem Michael—Covenant

~ 15th ~

Sis. Josette Watkins—Central

Sis. Ashley Powell —Central



Congratulations to
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Jean who
 were married on **Saturday,**
8th April 2017. We pray that
 God will continue to bless
 your lives together.

E.C.B.M. MISSIONS OFFERING



Where does your mission offering go?

- ◆ 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!*

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT

IN A YEAR...

Today, Apr. 9th— **Luke 10:1-24**

Monday, Apr. 10th— **Luke 10:25-42**

Tuesday, Apr. 11th— **Luke 11:1-28**

Wednesday, Apr. 12th— **Luke 11:29-54**

Thursday, Apr. 13th— **Luke 12:1-31**

Friday, Apr. 14th— **Luke 12:32-59**

Saturday, Apr. 15th— **Luke 13:1-22**

Sunday, Apr. 16th— **Luke 13:23-35**



Sunday School Adult & Youth Reading

Prepare for next week...

SERIES: VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIVING
 Lesson #2 Victorious Hope
 Matthew 8:1-13
 —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



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. EVENTS PREPARATION MEETING

All the members of the Events Preparation Ministry are advised of a meeting on Monday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be punctual.

2. GOOD FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Our annual Good Friday Fellowship is scheduled to be held on Friday, 14th April, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. This is a church-wide family picnic at the Baptist Retreat Centre at Pares Village and is opened to all members and those who regularly attend one of the churches of the Circuit. All households are expected to make a contribution to the fellowship. Let us pray for all aspects of this fellowship time of fun and games with the brethren.

3. YOUTH MEETINGS CANCELLED

All members of B.L.A.S.T. are advised that there will be no youth meeting this Friday.

4. NO NOONDAY PRAYER

All members of the Circuit are advised that there will be no noonday prayer time on Good Friday.

5. BAPTIST ACADEMY EASTER RALLY

All members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches are advised of the Baptist Academy Easter Rally which will be held on Easter Monday (April 17, 2017) at 7:00 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Centre at Perry Bay. All members are encouraged to come out and support this evangelistic effort. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will move mightily during this rally.

6. CHOIR REHEARSAL

All members of the Voices of Victory and the New Creation Singers are advised of a choir rehearsal on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. Please be punctual.

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. The deadline for applications is Sunday, 30th April, 2017. If you are interested in this spiritually enriching experience, please call the church office to reserve your place.

9. 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.



FUNERAL SERVICE

All members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches are encouraged to support the family

Sis. Edith McCoy in their bereavement. The funeral will be held on **Thursday, April 20, 2017, at the Central Baptist Church at 2:00 p.m.** "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep" (Romans 12:15).

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: 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: Bro. Abner Marcellus, Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Nadine Smith, Sis. Judy Browne

THANKSGIVING: Sis. Abiola Anthony, Sis. Martha Bowen, Bro. Ephraim Gomes, Sis. Muriel Martin, Sis. Judy Edwards

NEW MEMBERS: 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. Eulyon 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: George Browne, Khalid Browne, Hamadi Browne, Michelle Nicholas, Sam Nicholas, Martin Browne, Theo Blair, Milbert Joseph, Margaret Lewis, Athalia Andrew, Khadijah Andrew, Cherisse James, Kurt Spencer, Christophe Marcellus, Jaeda Joseph, Brendalee Smith, Nesha Joseph, Devaughnia George, Andy Josiah, Patrice Josiah, Arah Sheridan, Joshua Joseph, John Bowen, Ajani Dowdie, Gregson Pilgrim, Jamol Pilgrim, Chelsea Barlow, Chikaede Barlow, Martina Edwards, Egan Bazilo, Colin Baker, Otis Brisport, Carlos Jarvis, Carlon Jarvis, Carlson Jarvis, Salonge Wynter, Nadisha Jardine, Thea-Lee Hurst

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

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

06:00 p.m. Worship: All Churches

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

Monday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

05:00 p.m. Events Preparation Meeting: Central

Tuesday

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

09:00 a.m. Joint Good Friday Fellowship: BRC—Pares

Saturday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

05:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal: VOV & NCS

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)	464-1644
Orvin D. E. Paige (Associate)	464-1014
Joshua M. Jonas (Staff Associate)	726-9662
Rolando A. Lewis (Staff Associate)	784-6147

Diaconate

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

Pray without ceasing. | Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Philippians 4:13
 Elementary — Matthew 6:33
 Secondary & Adults — Isaiah 1:18