

FAMILY



NEWS

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THE WORD OF GOD

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.





Psalms 119:105

There is a divine supernatural principle wrought in us in regeneration that enables the soul to perform duties of holiness. We cannot learn it; it can only be taught by God. The beauty and glory of it is absolutely inexpressible. It includes conformity to God, likeness to Christ, compliance with the Holy Spirit, interest in the family of God, fellowship with angels, and separation from darkness and the world. Holiness consists in our actual obedience unto God, which is revealed to us in His Word. Indeed, the Word of God is the only adequate rule for all holy obedience. It is not to be found in our own imaginations or our inclinations. All that is commanded in the Word belongs to our obedience, and nothing else is binding. We are strictly directed neither to add to it nor to subtract from it.

We are to do not only what is commanded, but all that is commanded, and nothing more. If not commanded, it is not a part of our obedience. The inbred light of nature yet remaining in us may give us direction as to moral good and evil, but this light must be subordinate to the Word and is not the final rule of gospel holiness. The law grace writes in our hearts must answer to the law written in God's Word. God promised that His Spirit and Word always accompany one another. The Spirit does not work anything in us but the Word first requires it of us. All the internal workings of our soul are to be regulated by the Word. The Word is the sole rule of our holiness. What we are and what we do; all is answerable to the Word of God; and so far are we holy and no further. Whatever acts of devotion or duties of morality may be

From The Pulpit...



-  **Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church (Friars Hill Road)** on the topic **"Defective Repentance"** based on **Colossians 3:5-11**.
-  **Pastor Orvin Paige** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church (Tyrells Main Road)** on the topic **"The Ever Giving God"** based on **Philippians 4:19**.
-  **Bro. Rolando Lewis** will preach at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church (Radio Range)** on the topic **"Worthy is the Lamb"** based on **Revelation 5**.
-  **Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas** will also preach at the **6:00 p.m.** joint service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church (Tyrells Main Road)** on the topic **"Christian Integrity"** based on **Ephesians 4:25**.

performed, they are only a part of our sanctification if they conform with the Word of God.

—JOHN OWEN

BELIEVER'S BAPTISM



Today
5:30 p.m. @ Tyrells

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~10th January - 16th January~

~Today~

Sis. Shenika Thompson — Central
Dajun Barthley — Tyrells

~12th~

Sis. Annstachia Barlow — Central

~13th~

Bro. Jean Yvon Joseph — Central

~14th~

Sis. Janet Walker — Tyrells

READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Friday, January 15th – Gen. 36–37; Matt. 10:1-24
 Saturday, January 16th – Gen. 38–40; Matt. 10:25-42
 Sunday, January 17th – Gen. 41–43; Matt. 11:1-15
 Monday, January 18th – Gen. 44–45; Matt. 11:16-30
 Tuesday, January 19th – Gen. 46–47; Matt. 12:1-32
 Wednesday, January 20th – Gen. 48–49; Matt. 12:33-50
 Thursday, January 21st – Gen. 50– Ex.1; Matt. 13:1-23



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.
Pray without ceasing. —1 Thessalonians 5:17

A GRATEFUL HEART!!!

I would like to express thanks to the Elders, Deacons and members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches for the overwhelming love and concern that was shown to me when I was recuperating after my surgery. Special thanks to the Wehner Family for the care that was given to me during my five week convalescence stay. I also want to express my gratitude to the brethren who took the time out of their busy schedules to visit me at the hospital, called to pray with me on the phone; sent cards, love tokens, Facebook and Whatsapp messages. Thanks for your prayers, love and encouragement. It was greatly appreciated. Do continue to pray for my full recovery.

Love,
Sis. Nadine Smith



Sin is naturally exceeding dear to us; to part with it is compared to plucking out our right eyes. Men may refrain from wonted ways of sin for a little while, and may deny their lusts in a partial degree, with less difficulty; but it is heart-rending work, finally to part with all sin, and to give our dearest lusts a bill of divorce, utterly to send them away. But this we must do, if we would follow those that are truly turning to God: yea, we must not only forsake sin, but must, in a sense, forsake all the world, Luke 14:33 'Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.'

—JONATHAN EDWARDS

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

- SERIES: "PROTECTING CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS"
- Study #3 Stick With Forgiveness — Part 2 of 2 (Matthew 18:21-28, 32-33)
- 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. PRESIDING ELDER'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

On January 16-17, 2016, we will celebrate the 30th anniversary of our Presiding Elder's full time pastoral service among us. On Saturday, January 16th, there will be an Appreciation Dinner in his honour at 7:00 p.m. at the Antigua & Barbuda Hospitality Training Institute (by invitation only). On Sunday, January 17th, there will be an appreciation Joint Service at the Central Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m. on the theme "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15). The Sunday morning services will be according to the normal schedule. Our special guest preacher will be Pastor Roger Skepple of the Berean Bible Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia, USA. Let us begin to pray earnestly for all aspects of these events.

2. BELIEVER'S BAPTISM AT 5:30 P.M.

All members are advised that we will be observing the Ordinance of Believer's Baptism, this afternoon at 5:30 p.m., at the Tyrells Baptist Church. Please be in your places by 5:15 p.m. to support and encourage these new converts.

3. 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.

4. TRUSTEES MEETING ON TUESDAY

All members of the Trustees are reminded of their meeting this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Please be punctual.

5. 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.

6. NEW MEMBERS' FORUM CANCELLED

All members who have not completed 12 months of membership in our churches are advised that there will be no New Members' Forum this Saturday.

7. READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

All church members of the Circuit are advised that the Elders have determined that each and every member should join them in reading through the entire Bible on a strict daily schedule for 2016. Each week in the Family News, we will print the passages that will be read for 7 days at a time. Some

of us have read through the entire Bible before. We will do it again to the edification of our souls. Some have never done so. If you are a true Christian, this should be a priority, for how can you credibly claim that the Bible is the most important book in your lives and you have never read it in its entirety. We strongly recommend that this project be completed using the technology that is available to us. Open your Bibles as a family (or individually) to the prescribed passages each day, whether you plan to read it all at once or morning and evening, and play an audio of the passage while you follow along in your Bibles. Recommended versions of the Bible are KJV, NKJV, HCSB, and NASB. You may find audio at the following website: [BibleGateway.com-Audio Bibles](http://BibleGateway.com-AudioBibles)

8. BLAST YOUTH MINISTRY

All teenage boys and girls are reminded of B.L.A.S.T. (Building Lives Around Scriptural Truth) this Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and a pen. Be there!

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.

**Lord's Supper
This Morning**



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
 5:30 p.m. **Believer's Baptism: Tyrells**
 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. BLAST Youth Ministry: Central
- Sat. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 6:30 p.m. **Presiding Elder's Appreciation Dinner:**
 A & B Hospitality Institute



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 |
| Ivor J. Walker (Associate) | 464-1644 |
| Orvin D. E. Paige (Associate) | 464-1014 |
| Joshua M. Jonas (Staff Associate) | 726-9662 |

Diaconate

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| David S. Jarvis (Chairman) | 464-7477 |
| Earl W. F. Skerriit | 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: Sis. Chanda Jonas, Sis. Veronica Roberts,
 Sis. Louise Pilgrim, Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Sharon Carty,
 Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas, Sis. Ann-Marie Pilgrim,
 Sis. Jean Edwards, Bro. Nigel Pilgrim, Sis. Rosalind
 Ferris, Sis. Paula Skerriit, Sis. Cassilda Williams,
 Sis. Monica Gardener, Sis. Pamela Walcott, Sis. Juliette
 Smith, Sis. Priya Jattan, Sis. Nadine Smith

PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Dianne Joseph, Sis. Magella
 Selwood, Bro. Nigel & Sis. AnnMarie Pilgrim, Bro. Ernest
 Davis

THANKSGIVING: Dea. Ian & Sis. Bronwen Blair, Bro. Ivan
 & Sis. Maria Hurst, Bro. Xavier Joseph, Sis. Louisa
 Valcin, Sis. Linette Robinson, Bro. Malique Gerald

NEW MEMBERS: Bro. Kareem Michael, Sis. Clytie Francis,
 Bro. R. Oliver Baptiste, Bro. Shane Cory, Sis. Rosamund
 Haynes, Sis. Victoria Charlton, Sis. Eliena Louisa,
 Bro. Xavier Joseph, Bro. Zakeem Michael, Sis. Nia
 Santana, Bro. Jonathas René, Bro. Akeel Jarvis,
 Sis. Curline Joseph, Sis. Esther René

WATCH CARE: Sis. Irene Jonas, Bro. Charles Richards
 SHUT IN: Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Edith McCoy

OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Thea-Lee Hurst, Julietta George,
 Clement Henry, Moses Walton, Davis Toussaint, Ken
 Hurst, Sophia Steele, George Steele, Charlesworth
 Bryan, Charles Bryan, Cecil Henry, Tanisha Henry,
 Clairfoster Lewis, Deondre Mason, Ayesha Charles
 NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Sonel Saint Jean (Tyrells),
Celine Bolivard (Tyrells), La'Rica Locker (Covenant),
 Telesha Choy (Central), Charissa Watkins (Central),
 Eulyn Williams (Central), Gloria Herrera (Tyrells), Ken
 Murray (Covenant), Carlos Jarvis (Central), Ashika Davis
 (Covenant), Latisha Thomas (Covenant)

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17



Memory Verses For Next Week

Pre-school — John 3:16
 Elementary — Psalm 27:1
 Secondary & Adults — Revelation 22:12-13