

FAMILY NEWS

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UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION

Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.


Romans 8:33


God has engaged Himself, having chosen a people for Himself, and secured them from all that any can do against them. Election is as eternal as God is, without variableness or shadow of change, and thus is called 'an eternal purpose', and it must stand (Eph. 3:11; Rom. 9:11). It is absolute and unconditional. No works were foreseen in us that were the cause of God's choosing us; and no sin in us shall frustrate or make election void. By the act of election, we are wrapped and covered in Christ; He has chosen us in Him; not in ourselves, not in our virtues, no, not for or because of anything but His own will (Eph. 1:4-11). Election is the permanent resolution of God to glorify His mercy on the vessels of mercy He foreordained unto glory (Rom. 9:15, 18, 23).

By the act of electing love, it is concluded that all things whatsoever shall work together for good to those called according to the eternal purpose of God (Rom. 8: 28-30). The eternal inheritance is by a covenant of free and unchangeable grace signed over to those who are

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 "**A Real Encounter With The Living God**" based on **Genesis 32:26-28**.

 **Pastor Joshua 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 "**Steadfast and Sure**" based on **Hebrews 6:13-20**.

chosen. It secures them from the danger of sin, and from the malice of Satan. The covenant is sealed by the blood of our advocate the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the mediator of this covenant and the guarantee for us in the great day of judgment. We are safe and sound before the Father's face (Rom. 9: 23; Heb. 7:22; 9:15, 7-24; 13:20; John 10:28-29). By God's choice, purpose, and decree, the elect have been allotted in Christ a sufficiency of grace to bring them through all difficulties to glory. Every one of them, after the first act of faith— which also they shall certainly attain— shall receive the earnest and firstfruits of the Spirit into their souls which is part of the promise.

— JOHN BUNYAN

E.C.B.M. MISSIONS OFFERING



Where does your mission offering go?

- ♦ Haiti: Baptist Haiti Mission--Christian schools, churches, hospital, child services
- ♦ Dominica: Berean Christian Academy--Staff Support
- ♦ USA: Covenant Baptist Theological Seminary--Pastoral Training
- ♦ Antigua & Barbuda: Sovereign Grace Hour--Television & Radio

Your tithe supports the budget of your local church.
Give generously above your tithes for missions!

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

SERIES: "AWAKE:THE CALL TO A RENEWED LIFE"

Study #4 Return To God's Word — Part 1 of 2
(Nehemiah 8:1-8)

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

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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.

THINK IT THROUGH

God's tender mercy!

And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

Luke 15:20

This parable is chiefly designed to set forth the grace and mercy of God to poor sinners who repent and return to Him, and His readiness to forgive them.

How lively are the images of God's tender mercy presented here!

His father *saw* the son — there were *eyes* of mercy; he was filled with *compassion* for him — there was a *heart* of mercy;

he *ran* to meet him — there were *feet* of mercy; he threw his *arms* around him — there were *arms* of mercy;

he *kissed* him — there were *lips* of mercy!

Oh, what a *God of mercy* He is!

Wonders of mercy — all mercy!

The prodigal came home in rags — and his father not only clothed him, but *adorned* him! "Quick! Bring the *best robe* and put it on him. Put a *ring* on his finger and *sandals* on his feet."

Luke 15:22

The prodigal came home hungry — and his father not only fed him, but *feasted* him! "Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate!"

Luke 15:23

Oh, what a precious reception for one of the chief of sinners!

—Matthew Henry

Truths to affirm...

Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein He pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

—Westminster Shorter Catechism



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. 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 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and the BLAST Boys Club will meet from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and a pen. Be there!

2. 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.

3. CARIBBEAN BAPTIST HERITAGE CONFERENCE

Please keep prominent in your prayers the Caribbean Baptist Heritage Conference 2016, which is fast approaching. The dates are July 3-6, 2016. The travel days are Saturday, July 2nd (arrival) and Thursday, July 7th (departure). All delegates are reminded to book their airline tickets accordingly and to do so as soon as possible. The conference will be hosted in Martinique, FWI, by the Eglise Evangélique Baptiste Rivière Salée where Pastor Gabriel Ambroisine is the Presiding Elder. Our Antigua & Barbuda delegation from the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches will be 15 persons. Let us pray for all aspects of the conference.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~10th April - 16th April~

~11th~

Bro. Noah Hurst — Central
Bro. Zakeem Michael — Covenant

~15th~

Sis. Josette Watkins — Central
Sis. Ashely Powell — Central

BEREAVEMENT



The ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches offers our deepest condolences to the family of the late Elvin Tomlinson of Fitches Creek who just passed this weekend. His wife, the late Yvette Tomlinson, is the cousin of Sister Velma Braithwaite, and they were raised as sisters. The late Elvin Tomlinson served in the role as 'daddy' to Sister Ronda Frederick. He is also the uncle of Deacon J. Patrick Tomlinson. Please pray for and support the entire family in this time of mourning. Pray that our Sovereign Lord will be glorified.

READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

- Today, April 10th– 1 Samuel 6-8
- Monday, April 11th– 1 Samuel 9-10; Luke 11
- Tuesday, April 12th– 1 Samuel 11-12; Luke 12:1-34
- Wednesday, April 13th – 1 Samuel 13-14; Luke 12:35-59
- Thursday, April 14th – 1 Samuel 15-17; Luke 13:1-21
- Friday, April 15th– 1 Samuel 18-19; Luke 13:22-35
- Saturday, April 16th– 1 Samuel 20-21
- Sunday, April 17th– 1 Samuel 22-24



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 & Abundant Life Radio)

CHURCH FAMILY

HEALTH: 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 Skerritt, Sis. Cassilda Williams, Sis. Monica Gardener, Sis. Pamela Walcott, Sis. Juliette Smith, Sis. Priya Jattan, Sis. Faye Charlton, Sis. Virginia Garnette, Sis. Cecelia Irish

PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Dianne Joseph, Sis. Yvonne Lee, Bro. Ken Murray, Bro. Nigel & Sis. Ann-Marie Pilgrim

THANKSGIVING: Bro. Ernest Davis, Sis. Judy Edwards, Sis. Telesha Choy

NEW MEMBERS: Sis. Celinne Bolivard, Sis. Telesha Choy, Sis. Charissa Watkins, Bro. Ken Murray, Sis. Gloria Herrera, 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. Akeel Jarvis, Sis. Curline Joseph, Sis. Esther René

WATCH CARE: Sis. Irene Jonas, Bro. Charles Richards, Sis. Enid Matthew

SHUT IN: Sis. Edith McCoy

OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Milbert Joseph, Donald Lewis, Gloria Lewis, John Lee, Sheniqueca Joyce, Tamica Lee, Nakeisha Lee, Cequean Joyce, Kiara Francis, Serenity Joyce, Margaret Lewis, Stevie Jarvis, Lynda Davis, Nakime Davis, Curtis Paige, Michelle Paige, Zahara Paige, Shamma Joseph, Ashawna Zachariah, Tijorn Burton, Alex Isaac, Yarea Wahbeh, Jaeda Joseph, Jamol Pilgrim, Vernon Williams

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: **La'Rica Locker (Covenant)**, Eulyn Williams (Central), Carlos Jarvis (Central), Ashika Davis (Covenant), Alesha Joseph (Central), Kyle Abraham (Covenant), Enrico St. Jean (Central), Helena Williams (Central)

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Philippians 4:13
 Elementary — Matthew 6:33
 Secondary & Adults — Isaiah 40:31

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
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	10:00 a.m.	Worship: Central
	6:00 p.m.	Worship: All Churches
	7:00 p.m.	Sunday School: All Churches
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.	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
	6:00 p.m.	BLAST (Girls) Youth Ministry: Central
	6:30 p.m.	BLAST (Boys) Youth Ministry: Central
Sat.	12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal: VOV & NCS

ECBM DIRECTORY



Central Baptist Church	462-2894
Tyrells Baptist Church	460-3557
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Baptist Academy	462-2894
Baptist Retreat Centre	463-8801

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