

FAMILY NEWS

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GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS

Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.

—Isaiah 65:24

God's willingness to answer our prayers is seen—

1. *In his secret will.* He was willing, resolved, and determined to hear, before you were willing to ask. He decreed it from eternity; He was willing before you had a will, a being. Nay, he was not only willing before, but He was the cause why you are willing! You must not think that your prayers move God to be willing; His will is the same forever, and not subject to the least motion or alteration. Prayers are a sign that God is willing, rather than the cause for His willingness. He is not made willing because we pray, but because He is willing, He stirs up our hearts to pray. He is first desirous to do us good, and then makes us desire it and pray for it that we may have them in His own way.

2. *His revealed will.* The Lord has commanded such a course of prayer that we might get audience without fail, and if punctually followed, prayer can never return without the answer desired. But the best of men are more or less negligent in observing this instruction, therefore He is more willing our prayers should be heard than we ourselves! If God is so willing to hear, why should we not believe that He will hear? What strong encouragement is this to pray in faith! There is as much reason to believe that God will hear, as there is to believe that you are

From The Pulpit...



📖 Dr. H. W. C. Jonas will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service Tyrells Baptist Church (Tyrells Main Road)) on the topic **“Regenerating Power”** based on John 3:1-8.

📖 Pastor Joshua Jonas will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service at the Covenant Baptist Church (Friars Hill Road) and also at the 10:00 a.m. service at the Central Baptist Church (Radio Range on the topic **“The Master’s Touch”** based on Luke 8:40-48.

willing to be heard.

3. *Christ’s intercession.* This is a great encouragement to faith (Hebrews 4:14-16). You may have confident freedom to speak all of your mind and heart, and speak it with the assurance of prevailing (Hebrews 10:19, 22). Having such a high priest whose office is to intercede, gives us boldness, full assurance and access— ‘In whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in Him’ (Ephesians 3:12). This affords many things to strengthen our faith and make us confident in our access to God through prayer.

—DAVID CLARKSON

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

1. TRUSTEES MEETING ON TUESDAY

All members of the Trustees are reminded of their meeting this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Presiding Elder's office. Be punctual.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. DOWNLOAD APP TODAY

All members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches are kindly asked to 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.

5. BLAST YOUTH MINISTRY

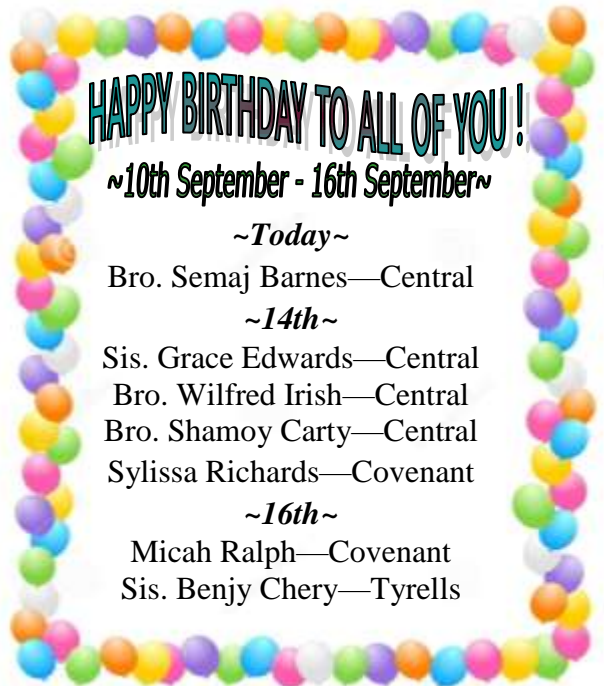
All teenage boys and girls are reminded of B.L.A.S.T. (Building Lives Around Scriptural Truth) this Friday. The BLAST Girls Club will meet from 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. in the Conference Room and the BLAST Boys Club will meet from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on the BAA Grounds. Be sure to bring your Bible, pen and notepad. Do not miss this time of great fellowship!

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. NEW MEMBERS' FORUM

All members who have not completed 12 months of membership in our churches are expected to attend the New Members' Forum to be held on Saturday, 16th September, 2017 from 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Fellowship Hall. It will be a time of fellowship and encouragement in the Word.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~10th September - 16th September~

~Today~

Bro. Semaj Barnes—Central

~14th~

Sis. Grace Edwards—Central

Bro. Wilfred Irish—Central

Bro. Shamoy Carty—Central

Sylissa Richards—Covenant

~16th~

Micah Ralph—Covenant

Sis. Benji Chery—Tyrells

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT

IN A YEAR...

- Today, Sept. 10th— **2 Corinthians 3**
- Monday, Sept. 11th— **2 Corinthians 4**
- Tuesday, Sept. 12th— **2 Corinthians 5**
- Wednesday, Sept. 13th— **2 Corinthians 6**
- Thursday, Sept. 14th— **2 Corinthians 7**
- Friday, Sept. 15th— **2 Corinthians 8**
- Saturday, Sept. 16th— **2 Corinthians 9**
- Sunday, Sept. 17th— **2 Corinthians 10**





THINK IT THROUGH...

"The mercy of God." Psalm 52:8

Meditate a little on this mercy of the Lord. It is tender mercy. With gentle, loving touch, He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds. He is as gracious in the manner of His mercy as in the matter of it. It is great mercy. There is nothing little in God; His mercy is like Himself--it is infinite. You cannot measure it. His mercy is so great that it forgives great sins to great sinners, after great lengths of time, and then gives great favours and great privileges, and raises us up to great enjoyments in the great heaven of the great God.

It is undeserved mercy, as indeed all true mercy must be, for deserved mercy is only a misnomer for justice. There was no right on the sinner's part to the kind consideration of the Most High; had the rebel been doomed at once to eternal fire He would have richly merited the doom, and if delivered from wrath, sovereign love alone has found a cause, for there was none in the sinner himself. It is rich mercy. Some things are great, but have little efficacy in them, but this mercy is a cordial to your drooping spirits; a golden ointment to your bleeding wounds; a heavenly bandage to your broken bones; a royal chariot for your weary feet; a bosom of love for your trembling heart. It is manifold mercy. As Bunyan says, "All the flowers in God's garden are double." There is no single mercy. You may think you have but one mercy, but you shall find it to be a whole cluster of mercies. It is abounding mercy. Millions have received it, yet far from its being exhausted; it is as fresh, as full, and as free as ever. It is unailing mercy. It will never leave thee. If mercy be thy friend, mercy will be with thee in temptation to keep thee from yielding; with thee in trouble to prevent thee from sinking; with thee living to be the light and life of thy countenance; and with thee dying to be the joy of thy soul when earthly comfort is ebbing fast.

—Charles H. Spurgeon

HAPPY
wedding ANNIVERSARY
~15th September~

Bro. Carl Jarvis & Sis. Cassandra Jarvis

Mr. John Bowen & Sis. Martha Bowen

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.

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

SERIES: CHRIST—OUR IDENTITY IN LIFE

Lesson #5—Life In The Community—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

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!*

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, Bro. 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**

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

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Shena Charles (Central), Malique Gerald (Covenant-restoration)

Pray without ceasing. I Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Psalm 119:105
 Elementary — 1 Timothy 6:7
 Secondary & Adults — Ephesians 4:26

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

Tuesday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 06:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting: Central

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 07:00 p.m. Monthly Stewardship Meeting: Central

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
 05:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal: VOV & NCS: Central
 07:00 p.m. **New Member's Forum: Central Fellowship Hall**

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Central Baptist Church	462-2894
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Covenant Baptist Church	561-4022
Baptist Academy	462-2894
Baptist Retreat Centre	463-8801



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