

FAMILY



NEWS

ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches
P.O. Box 2678 • St. John's • Antigua & Barbuda
E-mail: admin@baptistantigua.org • Website: www.baptistantigua.org
Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas, Presiding Elder

Vol. XXV, No. 15

January 11, 2015

FACING TRIALS

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

1 Peter 1:7

Faith untried may be true faith, but it is sure to be little faith, and it is likely to remain dwarfish so long as it is without trials. Faith never prospers so well as when all things are against her: tempests are her trainers, and lightnings are her illuminators. When a calm reigns on the sea, spread the sails as you will, the ship moves not to its harbour; for on a slumbering ocean the keel sleeps too. Let the winds rush howling forth, and let the waters lift up themselves, then, though the vessel may rock, and her deck may be washed with waves, and her mast may creak under the pressure of the full and swelling sail, it is then that she makes headway towards her desired haven.

No flowers wear so lovely a blue as those which grow at the foot of the frozen glacier; no stars gleam so brightly as those which glisten in the polar sky; no water tastes so sweet as that which springs amid the desert sand; and no faith is so precious as that which lives and triumphs in adversity. Tried faith brings experience. You could not have believed your own weakness had you not been compelled to pass through the rivers;

From The Pulpit...



 **Pastor 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 "**Authentic Contrition**" based on **2 Samuel 24:10-25**.

 **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 "**Our Source Of Joy**" based on **John 17:13**.

and you would never have known God's strength had you not been supported amid the water-floods. Faith increases in solidity, assurance, and intensity, the more it is exercised with tribulation. Faith is precious, and its trial is precious too.

Let not this, however, discourage those who are young in faith. You will have trials enough without seeking them: the full portion will be measured out to you in due season. Meanwhile, if you cannot yet claim the result of long experience, thank God for what grace you have; praise Him for that degree of holy confidence whereunto you have attained: walk according to that rule, and you shall yet have more and more of the blessing of God, till your faith shall remove mountains and conquer impossibilities.

--Charles H. Spurgeon

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~11th January - 18th January~

~12th~

Sis. Annstachia Barlow - Central

~13th~

Bro. Jean Yvon Joseph - Central

~14th~

Sis. Janet Walker - Tyrells

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

Series: "CONNECTED—MY LIFE IN THE CHURCH"

Study #5—Connected In Prayer (Ephesians 6:17-22) [Part 1]

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

FUNERAL SERVICE



All members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches are encouraged to support Sister Charmaine Nickeo and her family in their bereavement due to the death of her brother, Wendell DeSouza. The funeral will be on **Monday, January 19, 2015**, at the **Spring Gardens Moravian Church at 1:30 p.m.** "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep" (Romans 12:15).

LIVING WITH A CLEAR VIEW

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
Romans 12:1

I love Wrigley Field in Chicago. But like most old ballparks, it has the necessary but aggravating problem of support posts that obscure the view of the game. Unfortunately, I got stuck behind one of those posts at a game once, and, needless to say, it was disappointing. Without a clear view, I became easily distracted.

It can be like that with worship. Without a clear view of what really counts, we are quickly distracted by lesser things in life. And when that happens, our worship becomes ritualistic and routine. **Worship isn't meant to be a drab experience, but rather an active, ongoing, enthusiastic response to God for His work and worth in our lives.**

As I sat distractedly behind the post, I often wondered why everyone was cheering. What had I missed? Losing sight of the **real game, God's wonderful worth to us, will make you wonder** why others are so excited about God and why you are only excited about your own dreams, desires, and possessions. **Maybe it's time to look around the obstructions of life to see** Jesus clearly again and notice what He is worth to you—*personally.*

And what would that worship look like? Well, it would be more than singing in church. True worship is a surrender of all that we **are and have. Paul told the believers in Rome to "offer your bodies as living sacrifices"** (Romans 12:1). Our lives are to be placed on the altar as an act of worship as well! Is He worth that kind of sacrifice? You bet! He gave up everything to set you **eternally free. It's time to tell Him how much He is worth by** returning the favor. Being truthful, loving, honest, and forgiving even when it hurts would be a great place to start. And be careful, living sacrifices tend to want to climb off the altar! Go ahead—get out from behind the support posts so you can **get a fresh glimpse of Jesus. He's the only action worth worshipping in your life!**
YOUR JOURNEY...

- What is God worth to you? Is He worth your resources of time and attention, and even your money? What are some specific reasons *why* He is worth that much to you?
- Do you feel stuck behind a support post, with a dim view of God and a discouraging experience of worship? If so, why? **What can you do to move to a "new seat"?** What living sacrifices have you demonstrated lately? How have they shown up at home, and at work, school, or play?
—<http://getmorestrength.org>



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. PRESIDING ELDER'S 29TH ANNIVERSARY

On January 17-18, 2015, we will celebrate the 29th anniversary of our Presiding Elder's full time pastoral service among us. On Saturday, January 17th, there will be a Leadership Dinner in his honour at 6:30 p.m. at the Baptist Retreat Centre (by invitation only). On Sunday, January 18th, there will be an appreciation Joint Service at the Tyrells Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m. The Sunday morning services will be according to the normal schedule. Our special guest preachers will be Elder David Morris of North Carolina, USA, and Pastor Garnet Samuels of Grenada. Let us give thanks in the spirit of 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13. "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; [13] And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves."

2. CHOIR REHEARSAL

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

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. ACTEENS CLUB

All teenage girls are reminded 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 a pen. Please be punctual.

7. 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.

8. CHORUS TEAM PRACTICE

All members of the Chorus Team are advised that there will be a rehearsal on Friday, 16th January, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at

Think it through...

[The godly man] is not content to go to heaven alone but wants to take others there. Spiders work only for themselves, but bees work for others. A godly man is both a diamond and a magnet - a diamond for the sparkling luster of grace and a magnet for his attractiveness. He is always drawing others to embrace piety. —Thomas Watson

CARE FOR THEIR SOULS

Matthew 28: 19-20

RELATIVES
FRIENDS
CO-WORKERS

BRING THEM UNDER THE PREACHED WORD!

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
	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
	5:30 p.m.	Chorus Team Practice: Central
	6:30 p.m.	RAs: Central
	6:30 p.m.	Acteens: Central
Sat.	12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer Meeting
	3:00 p.m.	Church-wide Evangelism: All Churches
	1:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal: (VOV & NCC)
	6:30 p.m.	Presiding Elder's Anniversary Dinner (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)	726-9662

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. 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. Jasmine Jarvis, Sis. Priya Jattan, Sis. Nelseta Gordon
PRIVATE CONCERNS: Bro. Ernest Davis, Sis. Judy Edwards, Sis. Genevieve Leo, Bro. Sherwin & Sis. Nicole Parker, Sis. Muriel Martin

THANKSGIVING: Sis. Judy Edwards, Sis. Genevieve Leo, Bro. Sherwin & Sis. Nicole Parker, Sis. Yvonne Lee, Sis. Chanda Benjamin, Sis. Shereese Mack, Sis. Dianne Joseph

SAFETY IN PREGNANCY: Sis. Jo-Ann Paige, Sis. Altude Exaie
NEW MEMBERS: Bro. Olrich Chery, Sis. Briana Griffith, Sis. Stacey Hector, Sis. Rickeshia Willock, Sis. Priya Jattan, Sis. Marian Locker, Sis. Nadine Fils Aime, Bro. Ernst Pierre-Louis, Sis. Benjy Chery, Sis. Aminata Joseph, Sis. Jenee Henry, Sis. Shinel Leo

WATCH CARE: Sis. Irene Jonas, Sis. Diana Richards, Bro. Charles Richards

SHUT IN: Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Edith McCoy

OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Curtis Paige, Michelle Paige, Dion Andrew, Otelle Setal, Charles Nurse, Akeieira Bratihwaite, Selina Naddour, Xena Joseph, Sinclair Joseph, George Browne, Khalid Browne, Hamadi Browne, Lynda Davis, Asheka Davis, Vivian Mason, Dedra Mason, Kezron Lewis, Deondre Mason, Lorraine Mason, Clairfoster Lewis, Jamol Pilgrim, Chelsea Barlow, Chikaede Barlow, Yvette Henry, Brian Williams, Latanyce Williams, Kurt Spencer, Cherisse James, Joshua Joseph, Theo Blair, Art Bazilio, Egan Bazilio, Andy Josiah, Partice Josiah

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Esther René (Central), Trishel Wetherill (Covenant), Jonathas René (Central), Rivert René (Central—Restoration), Akeel Jarvis (Central) Curline Joseph (Tyrells—Transfer)

Pray without ceasing. | Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Matthew 6:33
 Elementary — Psalm 66:18
 Secondary & Adults — Revelation 4:11