

FAMILY NEWS

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THE ONE MEDIATOR



“For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.” —1 Timothy 2:5–6

We have established that our Savior’s virginal conception freed Him of the sin with which all of Adam’s fallen children are born (Luke 1:26–38). Furthermore, we have seen that His entering history through Adam’s line (by way of Mary) means that He possesses our true humanity, sympathizes with our condition, and can help us in our temptations (3:23–38; Heb. 2:16–18). Yet these are not all the benefits that attend the incarnation. The Son of God’s incarnation — His assumption of a true human nature — also qualifies Him to be our Mediator.

1 Timothy 2:5–6 is a key text on the mediatorial work of Christ. Let us first remember that a mediator’s job is to secure peace between two warring parties. God hates evildoers and evildoers hate God (Ps. 5:5; Rom. 3:9–18). But Jesus purchased our justification and secured peace between God and His people on

From The Pulpit...



-  **Pastor Rolando Lewis** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church** (Friars Hill Road) on the topic **“Indispensable Truth”** based on **John 17:17**.
-  **Pastor Joshua Jonas** will also preach at **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **“In The Hands Of The Lord”** based on **Psalm 31** and also at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church** (Radio Range) on the topic **“Investing In Jesus”** based on **2 Timothy 1:12-14**.

the cross (Rom. 5:1–11). He represented His people, and in Him we stood fully exposed to the Father’s righteous wrath against us and our sin. Jesus also represented the Father, showing His great love by dying for His elect. After all, while God hates impenitent sinners, He loves His people and adopts children for Himself out of Adam’s fallen race.

Jesus does not act as Mediator for everyone who has ever lived. In today’s passage, Paul says that Jesus “gave himself as a ransom for all” (1 Tim. 2:5–6), but contextually the word *all* refers to all kinds of people, not all people without distinction.

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The Apostle calls us to pray for all people (v. 1), but he surely cannot mean that we must pray for everyone who has ever lived, for our finitude makes us incapable of doing that. By mentioning kings and leaders in verse 2, he reveals that he has *all kinds* of people in mind. When we pray for all people, we are to pray not only for those in low positions but also for those who have great authority. John Calvin comments, “The universal term *all* must always be referred to classes of men, and not to persons; as if he had said, that not only Jews, but Gentiles also, not only persons of humble rank, but princes also, were redeemed by the death of Christ.”

Our Savior mediates only between God and His people. He died to save His sheep alone, guaranteeing our eternal salvation (John 10:11; Heb. 7:23–25).

Coram Deo

Some people may protest that it does not seem fair for Jesus to have died only for the sins of some and not for the sins of all. If we find ourselves thinking this way, then we need to take a long, hard look at what we think the Lord owes us. The truth of the matter is that God does not owe anyone grace; in fact, the only thing He owes us is wrath. We need to be thankful that Jesus died for even one human being and not demand that He atone for all.

Passages for Further Study: Isaiah 59:15b–16; Jeremiah 23:5–6; Zechariah 10:6–7; Hebrews 12:18–24

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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: Sovereign Grace Hour--Television
Your tithe supports the budget of your local church.

Give generously above your tithes for missions!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

~ 17th ~

Bro. Mitchell & Sis. Jean Edwards

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~ 11th December - 17th December ~

~ Today ~

Grantley Edwards —Central
Bro. Enrico St. Jean—Tyrells

~ 13th ~

Sis. Judy Browne—Central
Sis. Gertrude Butters—Tyrells

~ 15th ~

Bro. Graham Edwards—Central
~ 16th ~

Bro. Stephen Jarvis—Central
Jayden Joseph—Central

~ 17th ~

Sis. Celinne Bolivard—Tyrells
Sis. Juliette Smith—Central



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 6:30 p.m. — 8:00 p.m. on the BAA grounds and the BLAST Boys Club will meet from 6:30 p.m. — 8:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Do not miss this time of great fellowship!

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. 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.

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.

Sunday School Adult & Youth Reading

Prepare for next week...

- SERIES: **Christmas Emphasis: "Who is Christ"** by Michael Haykin (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

READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR...

Today, Dec. 11th—Hosea 13-14

Monday, Dec. 12th—Joel 1-3; Revelation 5

Tuesday, Dec. 13th—Amos 1-3; Revelation 6

Wednesday, Dec. 14th—Amos 4-6; Revelation 7

Thursday, Dec. 15th—Amos 7-9; Revelation 8-9

Friday, Dec. 16th—Obadiah - Jonah 1-2; Revelation 10

Saturday, Dec. 17th—Jonah 3-4

Sunday, Dec. 18th—Micah 1-3



NOONDAY PRAYER MINISTRY



- ❖ We meet for prayer at **Central** from **12:00 noon** to **1:00 p.m.** in the Conference Room 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

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. Pamela Walcott, Sis. Juliette Smith, Sis. Joycelyn Henry, Sis. Curline Joseph, Sis. Magella Selwood,

PRIVATE CONCERNS: Bro. Ephraim Gomes, Sis. Yvonne Lee, Sis. Nadine Smith, Bro. Shaquille & Sis. Gilisa Carty, Dea. Ian & Sis. Bronwen Blair,

THANKSGIVING: Sis. Juliette Dorsette, Sis. Abiola Anthony, Bro. Ivan & Sis. Maria Hurst

NEW MEMBERS: Sis. Kerrie-Faun Nathan, Sis. Serena Richards, Sis. Michelle Paige, Sis. Helena Williams, Bro. Corly Francis, Sis. Eulyn Williams, Sis. Alesha Joseph, Bro. Kyle Abraham, Bro. Enrico St. Jean, Sis. Ashika Davis, Sis. Celinne Bolivard, Sis. Telesha Choy, Sis. Charissa Watkins, Bro. Ken Murray, Sis. Gloria Herrera, Bro. Kareem Michael, Sis. Clytie Francis, Bro. Shane Cory, Sis. Victoria Charlton, Sis. Eliena Louisa, Bro. Xavier Joseph, Bro. Zakeem Michael, Sis. Esther René

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

SHUT IN: Sis. Edith McCoy

OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Elroy Nedd, Denise Nedd, Sherlock Lawson, Jessica Josweph, Brian Griffith, Motilall Jaipaul, Theo Blair, Christophe Marcellus, Clairfoster Lewis, Deondre Mason, Clyna Lewis, Gabriella Thomas, Andy Josiah, Patrice Josiah, Edric Tonge Sr., Edric Tonge Jr., Halle Johnson

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Tijorn Burton (Central), Mowava Robinson (Covenant), Fabian Bertrand (Central), **Je’vivre Benjamin (Central)**

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

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

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 06:30 p.m. BLAST Girls: Central (BAA Grounds)
 06:30 p.m. BLAST Boys: Central (Conference Room)

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 — Luke 19:10
 Elementary — Psalm 1:1-2
 Secondary & Adults — Hebrews 13:5