

FAMILY



NEWS

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FAITH AND JOY

*And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.
 Acts 13:52*

Live by faith. Rejoice through faith in the Lord. It is the neglect of this exercise that will allow discouragement to erupt, and Satan to interrupt your happiness and spiritual cheerfulness. It will cast you into the dumps and into mourning.

What good is faith if it is not used? It is like a soldier's sword unused in battle. If a discouragement overtakes you, **cannot your faith say, 'Why are you disturbed?'** The Master can rebuke this wind and the storm immediately. Do not **most men have temporal weapons they use? As David's** harp, some seek refreshment in company, or wine, or tobacco. They would not think of going far without a supply of these. Is not faith far better? Would not the wise Christian take in sweet air from the precious promises of God?

Keep your faith, and it will keep your joy. It keeps you even without ebb and flow, turning ever upon the hinges of heavenly joys. How unattractive it is to go about dropping and hanging the head!

Is it not fitting for the righteous to rejoice? What is a Christian but one who is joyful? Does not the kingdom of heaven consist in joy? Does not heaviness drive people away,

From The Pulpit...



-  **Pastor Dr. H.W. C. Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m. service at the Covenant Baptist Church** (Friars Hill Road) on the topic **"Embracing The Pain"** based on **I Peter 1:6**.
-  **Bro. Rolando Lewis** will preach at the **8:00 a.m. service at Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **"The Truth About Humanity"** based on **Jeremiah 17:9**.
-  **Pastor Joshua Jonas** will preach at the **10:00 a.m. service at the Central Baptist Church** (Radio Range) on the topic **"A Different Gospel"** based on **Galatians 1:6-10**.

while joy draws and win? Men wonder to see a rich man **with all of his heart's desire in a fit of heaviness, but much more** if one knows that all will work for his good, and if Christ is his friend, and God his shepherd. For Nabal to be as dead as a stone is not surprise, but to see **Nehe-miah's countenance changed, there must be some ex-traordinary cause.** Can you be sad when you have all the treasures in heavenly places? Our treasures are out of the **devil's reach forever and ever. O vain man!**

Show me your faith by your joy. Use you faith, and have joy; increase your faith and increase your joy.

—Samuel Ward

MEDITATE ON THIS

"Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught."—Luke 5:4.

We learn from this narrative, *the necessity of human agency*. The draught of fishes was miraculous, yet neither the fisherman nor his boat, nor his fishing tackle were ignored; but all were used to take the fishes. So in the saving of souls, God worketh by means; and while the present economy of grace shall stand, God will be pleased by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. When God worketh without instruments, doubtless He is glorified; but He hath Himself selected the plan of instrumentality as being that by which He is most magnified in the earth.

Means of themselves are utterly unavailing.

"Master, we have toiled all the night and have taken nothing." What was the reason of this? Were they not fishermen plying their special calling? Verily, they were no raw hands; they understood the work. Had they gone about the toil unskillfully? No. Had they lacked industry? No, they had toiled. Had they lacked perseverance? No, they had *toiled all the night*. Was there a deficiency of fish in the sea? Certainly not, for as soon as the Master came, they swam to the net in shoals. What, then, is the reason? Is it because there is no power in the means of themselves apart from the presence of Jesus? "Without Him we can do nothing." But with Christ we can do all things. *Christ's presence confers success*. Jesus sat in Peter's boat, and His will, by a mysterious influence, drew the fish to the net. When Jesus is lifted up in His Church, His presence is the Church's power—the shout of a king is in the midst of her. "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." Let us go out this morning on our work of soul fishing, looking up in faith, and around us in solemn anxiety. Let us toil till night comes, and we shall not labour in vain, for He who bids us let down the net, will fill it with fishes.

-Charles Spurgeon



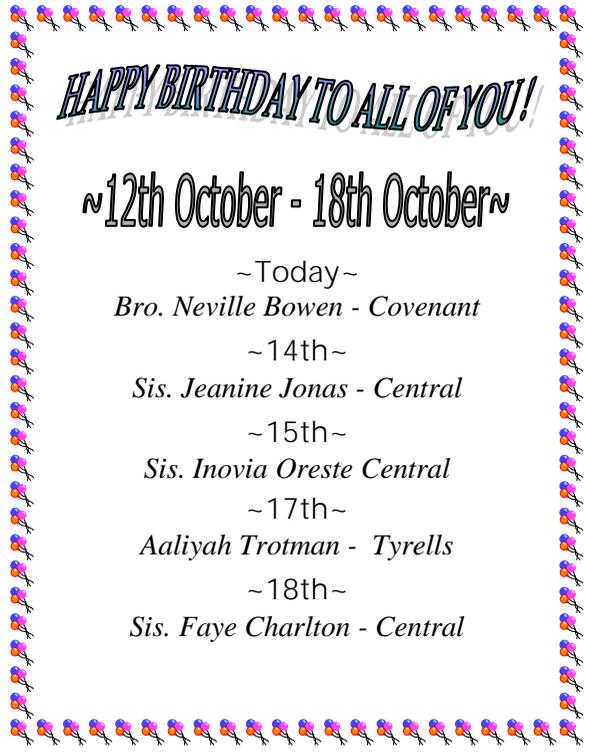
THINK IT THROUGH

"Sin is naturally exceeding dear to us; to part with it is compared to plucking out our right eyes. Men may refrain from wanted

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~12th October - 18th October~

~Today~

Bro. Neville Bowen - Covenant

~14th~

Sis. Jeanine Jonas - Central

~15th~

Sis. Inovia Oreste Central

~17th~

Aaliyah Trotman - Tyrells

~18th~

Sis. Faye Charlton - Central



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. BAPTIST ACADEMY ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Church members are encouraged to plan to attend a service of thanksgiving to mark 23 years of service for the Baptist Academy of Antigua on October 19, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Let us celebrate the blessing of God upon this ministry of the ECBM.

2. ACTEENS CLUB

All teenage girls are reminded of their regular club meeting this Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and a pen. Please be punctual.

3. 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.

4. CHOIR REHEARSAL

All members of the Voices of Victory and the New Creation Chorale are advised of a choir rehearsal on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. Please be punctual.

5. 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. We thank all who made an effort yesterday and look forward to 100% participation this coming Saturday.

6. 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.

7. 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.

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• *Sunday School Adult & Youth Reading* •

• **Prepare for next week...** •

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• Study Guide: A Catechism by C. H. •

• Spurgeon •

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• Question #81: What is required to the wor- •

• **thy receiving of the Lord's Supper ?** •

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• *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a work-* •

• *man that needeth not to be ashamed rightly divid-* •

• *ing the word of truth. —II Timothy 2:15* •

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E-MAIL PRAYER REQUESTS



Noonday Prayer Ministry

- ❖ We meet for prayer at **Central** from **12 noon to 1pm** from **Monday to Saturday**. All are welcomed to join us.
- ❖ Your request 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

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
 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
 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal: (VOV & NCC)



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
PRIVATE CONCERNS: Bro. Neville Bowen, Bro. Ernest Davis, Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Nadine Smith
THANKSGIVING: Sis. Margaret Joseph, Bro. Neville Bowen, Sis. Stacey Hector, Sis. Sonia Charles, Sis. Nadine Smith, Bro. Wilfred Irish, Sis. Yvonne Lee
SAFETY IN PREGNANCY: Suzette Dowdie, Sis. Jo-Ann Paige
NEW MEMBERS: Bro. Olrich Chery, Sis. Briana Griffith, Sis. Stacey Hector, Sis. Rickesha Willock, Sis. Priya Jattan, Sis. Marian Locker, Sis. Nadine Fils Aime, Bro. Jonathan Wehner, Bro. Ernst Pierre-Louis, Sis. Benjy Chery, Sis. Aminata Joseph, Sis. Jenee Henry, Sis. Shinel Leo, Bro. Marc Sorel Salien, Sis. Sophia Marcellus, Sis. Marie France Blanchard
WATCH CARE: Sis. Irene Jonas, Sis. Diana Richards, Bro. Charles Richards
SHUT IN: Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Edith McCoy

OTHER CONCERNS
SAVING GRACE: Carlos Jarvis, Carlon Jarvis, Carlson Jarvis, Earl Jarvis, Donald Jarvis, Philmore Jarvis, Clarissa Williams, Clibert Hector, Keshawn Bowen, John Bowen, Maxine Sherril, Ayesha Charles, Michelle Paige, Curtis Paige, Christal Thomas, Micah Ralph, Alvin Valcin, Joyce Davis, Lynda Davis, Namkime Davis, Brandon Davis, Shakime Davis, **Shakeel Davis, Asheka Davis, Patroy Locker, La'Rica Locker, La'Nica Locker, Jahnecia Stevens, Sateba Stevens, Jace Spencer, Kurt Spencer, Arah Sheridan, Diane Walker, Joshua Joseph, Jamol Pilgrim, Phyllis Mayers, Phyllis Hill**
NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Esther Rene (Central), Trishel Wetherill (Covenant)

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

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Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Psalm 66:18
 Elementary — Hebrews 13:5
 Secondary & Adults — Philippians 4:19