

FAMILY NEWS

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Directions To Increase Faith




**And the apostles said unto the Lord,
Increase our faith.
—Luke 17:5**

Directions to get an increase our faith: (1.) Beg the Holy Spirit of God for illumination to show you the truth of the word, and the good things offered in it. Paul so prays for the Ephesians (Ephesians 1:16-20). You may believe literal knowledge from men, but that is weak and washy, like a golden dream of rubies; but saving knowledge is only from the Spirit.

(2.) Employ, your reason serious consideration, and discourse. The devil throws the golden ball of honour, pleasure, and profit in our own way to divert us from heavenly things. If the intention of them is diverted, the impressions of religion are weak and faint. It is like eggs that get chilled when a bird leaves her nest. Lack of attention is as great an enemy to faith as ignorance. The scattering and vanity of the thoughts makes our assent but weak and trembling (Deuteronomy 32:29). Men fail to have a deep apprehension of the beauty of holiness and the excellency of Christ, because they do not their thoughts more upon these things. By consideration, truths are kept near the heart and in the plain view of the understanding.

From The Pulpit...



-  **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 **“Matchless Grace”** based on **2 Corinthians 8:9**.
-  **Pastor Rolando Lewis** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church** (Friars Hill Road) on the topic **“A Friend Of Sinners”** based on **Matthew 9:9-13**.
-  **Pastor Joshua Jonas** will also preach at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church** (Radio Range) on the topic **“Safe And Secure”** based on **Romans 8:29-30**.

(3.) Labour to get a heart purged from carnal affections. Where there is more purity, there will be more clarity; ‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God’ (Matthew 5:8). Sin weakens our faith! We will always stagger and waver in uncertain doubtfulness concerning supernatural verities while we indulge our lusts. Sin blinds our eyes (2 Corinthians 4:3-4). We need to keep our eyes clear that we may discern things unseen and the comforts and blessedness of another world. By sin, you grieve the Spirit who would help you in believing (Ephesians 4:30). Men sin away their faith, wound their conscience, and put out the light that should guide them. Therefore get your hearts purged from sin. As faith make a way for holiness, so does holiness make a way for faith.

—THOMAS MANTON



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. HARVEST AND ANNIVERSARY 2017

Harvest in the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches is here again! This year's celebrations also includes the 52nd Anniversary of Central Baptist Church as well as the 25th Anniversary of Tyrells Baptist Church. The dates are November 24-26, 2017. The guest preacher is Pastor H. B. Charles from Jacksonville, Florida, USA. Our activities will include the following weekend schedule:

- ❖ ECBM Harvest Gospel Meeting at the Tyrells Baptist Church (Friday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m.)
- ❖ ECBM Elders Luncheon at the BAA Canteen (Saturday, November 25 at 1:30 p.m.)
- ❖ ECBM Harvest Gospel Meeting at the Covenant Baptist Church (Saturday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m.)
- ❖ Sunday Morning Services at all Churches Sunday, November 26 at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.)
- ❖ Local Church Luncheon at all Churches (Sunday, November 26 at 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.)
- ❖ ECBM Harvest Gospel Meeting at Central Baptist Church (Sunday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m.)

Each and every church member is challenged to make a sacrificial contribution this year to the filling of the house in all of the meetings, the decorations of each church's chapel for Harvest, the food for the Church-Wide meals, the prayers for the guest preacher and other guests, and the prayers for the planning of the events. Members may indicate and sign up for what they plan to contribute for the decorations and also **for the church dinners in the Women's and Men's Fellowship Groups.**

2. 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! All

parents and guardians are kindly reminded that they need to pick up their children by 8:30 p.m. sharp.

3. 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.

4. MEMORY VERSE COMPETITION

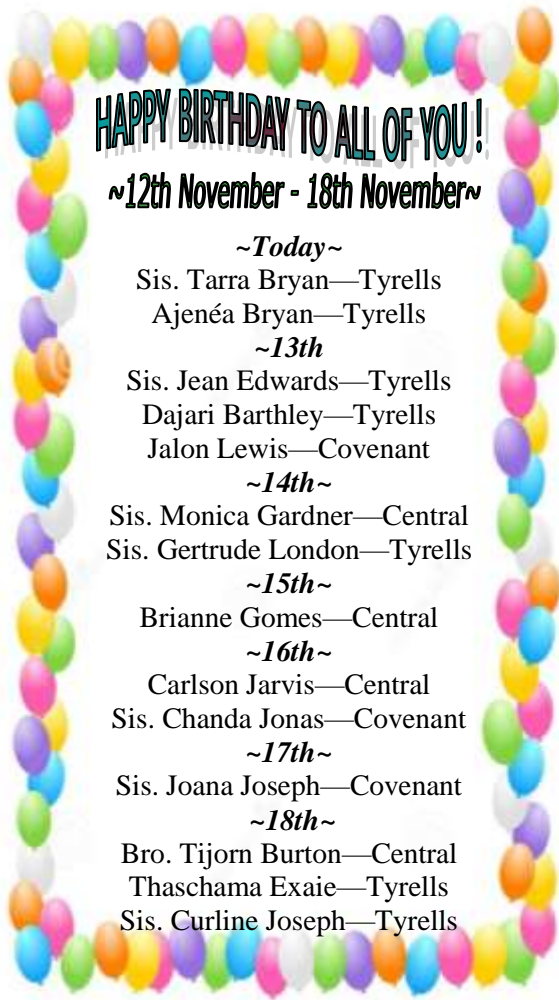
All members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches are advised of our joint Annual Memory Verse Competition which will be held on Wednesday, 22nd November, 2017, at the Covenant Baptist Church. Sunday School teachers should begin to prepare secondary students and elementary students. The memory verse lists for the elementary and preschool students are printed in the Family News. Secondary students must consult their teachers concerning their lists.

5. ECBM DISASTER RELIEF FUND

All members of the Circuit are encouraged to support the ECBM Disaster Relief Fund. This fund will assist our brethren in Barbuda, Dominica, Tortola and Haiti who have faced disasters. Any envelope labelled with these territories will go to the ECBM Disaster Relief Fund. **Let us remember, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" Galatians 6:10.**

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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~12th November - 18th November~

~Today~

Sis. Tarra Bryan—Tyrells
Ajenéa Bryan—Tyrells

~13th

Sis. Jean Edwards—Tyrells
Dajari Barthley—Tyrells
Jalon Lewis—Covenant

~14th~

Sis. Monica Gardner—Central
Sis. Gertrude London—Tyrells

~15th~

Brianne Gomes—Central

~16th~

Carlson Jarvis—Central
Sis. Chanda Jonas—Covenant

~17th~

Sis. Joana Joseph—Covenant

~18th~

Bro. Tijorn Burton—Central
Thaschama Exaie—Tyrells
Sis. Curline Joseph—Tyrells

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN A YEAR...

- Today, Nov. 12th— Hebrews 9
- Monday, Nov. 13th— Hebrews 10:1-18
- Tuesday, Nov. 14th— Hebrews 10:19-39
- Wednesday, Nov. 15th— Hebrews 11:1-19
- Thursday, Nov. 16th— Hebrews 11:20-40
- Friday, Nov. 17th— Hebrews 12
- Saturday, Nov. 18th— Hebrews 13
- Sunday, Nov. 19th— James 1



E.C.B.M. MISSIONS OFFERING



Where does your mission offering go?

- ♦ Barbados: Covenant Reformed Baptist Church—Church Plant Initiative
- ♦ 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!*



Think It Through...

No one can believe how powerful prayer is and what it can effect, except those who have learned it by experience. Whenever I have prayed earnestly, I have been heard and have obtained more than I prayed for. God sometimes delays, but He always comes.

—**MARTIN LUTHER**

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

Life Transforming Truths
Foreword, Introduction, Chapter 1 (Understanding Depravity)

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

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. Magella Selwood, Sis. Muriel Martin, Sis. Nadine Smith, Bro. Shaquille & Sis. Gillisa Carty
THANKSGIVING: Sis. Judy Browne, Bro. Ceon & Sis. Annstacia Barlow, Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Genevieve Jervis, Sis. Sarah Maina, Sis. Magella Selwood

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. Eulyn 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: Edric Tonge Sr., Edric Tonge Jr., Genevieve Travis Mingo, Otis Brisport, Colin Baker, Hamadi Browne, George Browne, Khalid Browne, Chelsea Barlow, Chikaede Barlow, Annabelle Maina, David Toussaint, Grantley Edwards, Martina Edwards, Roderick Williams, Dawn Williams, Arah Sheridan, Joshua Sheridan, Clyde Walton

NEW MEMBER APPLICANT: Athalia Andrew

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Matthew 1:21

Elementary — Revelation 4:11

Secondary & Adults — Hebrews 13:5

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
 06:00 p.m. Worship: All Churches
 07:00 p.m. Sunday School: All Churches

Monday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

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12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 06:30 p.m. **Elders' Meeting: Central**

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 (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

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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
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Rolando A. Lewis (Staff Associate)	784-6147
Ivor J. Walker (Associate)	464-1644
Orvin D. E. Paige (Associate)	464-5395

Diaconate

David S. Jarvis (Chairman)	464-7477
Earl W. F. Skerritt (Vice Chairman)	722-4313
Ian J. Blair	773-1061
J. Patrick Tomlinson	786-7957