

FAMILY NEWS

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TESTING OF OUR FAITH

Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

—*Hebrews 13:21*


Satan is a troubler of our souls. He will test you as to your fear of the future: ‘What will become of you if God should bring you into such and such affliction or trial, when you must burn at the stake or deny the Lord, or when all your outward estate is torn from you, and there is no money in your purse? Do you dare to think that your faith will hold out in such an hour of temptation?’ He is tossing you a snare. He is seeking by the fear of future troubles to get you to neglect your present duty, and then be unprepared for your future trials when they come. If a man has a great amount of business to do the next day, he needs to put it out of his mind the night before, to get the rest he needs to be prepared for the next day. The less rest the soul has in God now, the less strength it will find to bear trials when the pinch comes.


Comfort your soul with three plain conclusions:

(1) Every event is the product of God’s providence; not a sparrow, much less a saint falls to the ground by poverty, sickness, or persecution, but the hand of God is in it.

From The Pulpit...



 **Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church** (Friars Hill Road) on the topic “**Never Abandoned**” based on **Mark 14:22-31**.

 **Pastor Ivor Walker** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) and also at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church** (Radio Range) on the topic “**A Charge To The Committed**” based on **1 Chronicles 28:9-10**.

(2) God has promised, ‘I will never leave you, nor forsake you’ (Heb.13:5). God will teach His servants all they need to know. At the first moment of your spiritual life, suffering grace was infused into you as well as praying grace.

(3) God in wisdom conceals the comforts He intends to give you at the various stages of your life, so that he may encourage your heart to full dependence upon His faithful promises now. Thus, to try the metal of Abraham’s faith, He let Him go on, until his hand was stretched forth to slay Isaac, and then He came to his rescue. Christ sent His disciples to sea, but stayed behind himself, with the design to test their faith, and show His love. Comfort yourself with this: though you do not see God in the way, yet you will find Him in the end.

—**WILLIAM GURNALL**

E.C.B.M. MISSIONS OFFERING



Where does your mission offering go?

- ♦ Haiti: Baptist Haiti Mission--Christian schools, churches, hospital, child services
- ♦ Dominica: Berean Christian Academy--Staff Support
- ♦ USA: Covenant Baptist Theological Seminary--Pastoral Training
- ♦ Antigua & Barbuda: Sovereign Grace Hour--Television & Radio

Your tithe supports the budget of your local church.
Give generously above your tithes for missions!

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

SERIES: "AWAKE: THE CALL TO A RENEWED LIFE"

Study #1 Return To Your First Love — Part 1 of 2
(Revelation 2:1-7)

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

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.

BAPTIST ACADEMY EASTER RALLY

BAA Steel Ensemble



Secondary Choir & Dance Group



ECBM Creative Arts Ministry

Location:

The Multi-Purpose Centre
at Perry Bay

Date: March 28th, 2016
Easter Monday

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Presentations from the Elementary & Pre-School Divisions

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~14th March - 20th March~

~ Today ~

Bro. Marc Salien—Tyrells

~ 17th ~

Sis. Ariadne Walker—Tyrells

~ 18th ~

Sis. Brianna Griffith—Central

~ 19th ~

Sis. Alexandra Joseph—Central

Sis. Icilma Josiah—Tyrells

Alisa Lamothe—Covenant





MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. GOOD FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Our annual Good Friday Fellowship is scheduled to be held on Friday, 25th March, 2016. This is a church-wide family picnic at the Baptist Retreat Centre at Pares Village and is opened to all members and those who regularly attend one of the churches of the Circuit. Regular non-members will be required to collect admission tickets from their Resident Elder. Tickets will be available on Sunday, 20th March, 2016. All households are expected to make a contribution to the fellowship. Let us pray for all aspects of this fellowship time of fun and games with the brethren.

2. CREATIVE ARTS MINISTRY MEETING

All members of the ECBM Creative Arts Ministry are advised of their rehearsal on Monday at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be punctual.

3. EVENTS PREPARATION MEETINGS

All the members of the Events Preparation Ministry are advised of a meeting on Monday and Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be punctual.

4. CARIBBEAN BAPTIST HERITAGE CONFERENCE

The Caribbean Baptist Heritage Conference 2016 is fast approaching. The dates are July 3-6, 2016. The travel days are Saturday, July 2nd (arrival) and Thursday, July 7th (departure). Please book your airline tickets accordingly. The conference will be hosted in Martinique, FWI, by the Eglise Evangélique Baptiste Rivière Salée where Pastor Gabriel Ambrosine is the Presiding Elder. Our Antigua & Barbuda delegation from the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches will be 15 persons. Fourteen places have already been filled. The registration fee is US\$200.00. This must be paid by March 31 in US currency. If you are interested in this restful and spiritually enriching experience, please call the church office to reserve your place.

5. 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.

6. 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 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and the BLAST Boys Club will meet from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and a pen. Be there!

7. BAPTIST ACADEMY EASTER RALLY

All members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches are advised of the Baptist Academy Easter Rally which will be held on Easter Monday (March 28, 2016) at 7:00 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Centre at Perry Bay. All members are encouraged to come out and support this evangelistic effort. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will move mightily during this rally.

8. COVENANT BAPTIST CHURCH 12TH ANNIVERSARY

All members of the ECBM Baptist Circuit of Churches are advised of the up-coming celebration of the 12th Anniversary of the Covenant Baptist Church (Friars Hill Road) on Sunday, 29th March, 2016. That Sunday also coincides with our Easter Sunday celebrations. Members are encouraged to fill every seat in their local churches on that Sunday. There will also be a Joint Service for the Circuit in the evening, and there will be a reception after the service. Let us pray that God will continue to flourish the ministries of Covenant Baptist Church.

READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

- Today, March 13th – Deut. 23-25
- Monday, March 14th – Deut. 26-28; Mark 13
- Tuesday, March 15th – Deut. 29-31; Mark 14:1-31
- Wednesday, March 16th – Deut. 32-33; Mark 14:32-52
- Thursday, March 17th – Deut. 34; Mark 14:53-72
- Friday, March 18th – Joshua 1-2; Mark 15
- Saturday, March 19th – Joshua 3-4
- Sunday, March 20th – Joshua 5-6



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 & Abundant Life Radio)

CHURCH FAMILY

HEALTH: Sis. Chanda Jonas, Sis. Veronica Roberts,
 Sis. Louise Pilgrim, Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Sharon Carty,
 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. Priya Jattan,
 Sis. Faye Charlton, Sis. Virginia Garnette, Sis. Cecelia Irish

PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Dianne Joseph, Bro. Abner
 Marcellus, Bro. Ephraim Gomes,

THANKSGIVING: Bro. Xavier Joseph, Bro. Ivan & Sis. Maria
 Hurst, Bro. Ernest Davis, Bro. Malique Gerald, Sis. Pamela
 Walcott, Sis. Nadine Smith

NEW MEMBERS: Sis. Celinne Bolivard, Sis. Telesha Choy,
 Sis. Charissa Watkins, Bro. Ken Murray, Sis. Gloria Herrera,
 Bro. Kareem Michael, Sis. Clytie Francis, Bro. R. Oliver
 Baptiste, Bro. Shane Cory, Sis. Rosamund Haynes, Sis.
 Victoria Charlton, Sis. Eliena Louisa, Bro. Xavier Joseph,
 Bro. Zakeem Michael, Sis. Nia Santana, Bro. Akeel Jarvis,
 Sis. Curline Joseph, Sis. Esther René

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

SHUT IN: Sis. Edith McCoy

OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Julietta George, Moses Walton, Dave
 Walton, David Walton, Daid Toussaint, Lynda Davis,
 Christophe Marcellus, Sofia Morgan, Jace Spencer, Kurt
 Spencer, Dawn Williams, Arriana Dowdie, Ajani Dowdie,
 Theo Blair, Edric Tonge Jr., Edric Tonge Sr., Halle Johnson,
 Craig Williams, Theresa Edwards

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: La'Rica Locker (Covenant),
 Eulyn Williams (Central), Carlos Jarvis (Central), Ashika
 Davis (Covenant), Alesha Joseph (Central), Kyle Abraham
 (Covenant), Enrico St. Jean (Central)

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Ephesians 4:32
 Elementary — Lamentation 3:22-23
 Secondary & Adults — Psalm 119:105

THIS WEEK

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| 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 |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Events Preparation Meeting: Central |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Creative Arts Rehearsal: Central |
| 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 |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Events Preparation Meeting: Central |
| Fri. | 9:00 a.m. | Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM) |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Noonday Prayer Meeting |
| | 6:00 p.m. | BLAST (Girls) Youth Ministry: Central |
| | 6:30 p.m. | BLAST (Boys) Youth Ministry: Central |
| Sat. | 12:00 p.m. | Noonday Prayer Meeting |
| | 5:00 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
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Joshua M. Jonas (Staff Associate)	726-9662

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