

FAMILY NEWS

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THE JUST GOD



Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked... Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?

Genesis 18:25

Question: If there is a providence, why is it so bad with good men as if they were enemies of God, and so well with the wicked, as if affectionate friends? Does not virtue languish in obscurity while wickedness struts about the world? Why is virtue oppressed by injustice, and why are notorious vices triumphing in prosperity? It would make men believe the world was governed by a blind governor, rather than by a wise, good, and just One, when we see things in such disorder.

Answer: This consideration has strengthened the minds of many against God's providence and has been a stumbling block to many: 'Why does the way of the wicked prosper?' (Jeremiah 12:1); 'Why do you idly look at traitors and remain silent when the wicked swallows up the man more righteous than he?' (Habakkuk 1:13). Is it not high presumption for ignorance to judge God's proceedings? In the course of providence, such things are done that men could not imagine could be done without injustice, yet, when the whole connection of their end is unraveled, they appear highly beautiful, and discover a glorious wisdom and right-

From The Pulpit...

-  Pastor Rolando Lewis will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service at the Tyrells Baptist Church (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **“A Friend Of Sinners”** based on Matthew 9:9-13.
-  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 **“A Heavenly Mindset”** based on Colossians 3:1-4.

eousness. It will be proven to be so at last, in God's dealing with all His members. We are incompetent judges of the righteousness and wisdom of God. We would need infinite wisdom to understand all of God's actions. We judge according to sense and self, which are inferior to the rules by which God works. A false judgment is easily made when the counsel of men's hearts, or the particular laws of God's actions, are not known. He may see some inward corruption in good men to be demolished by afflictions, or some useful design or service He may employ through wicked men. It is certain, God righteously orders His providences.

—STEPHEN CHARNOCK



 **MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS** 

1. DOWNLOAD APP TODAY

All members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches are kindly asked to download the ECBM App from your local App store. Search for "ECBM App" or "Antigua Reformed Baptist," and download, for free, an exciting new way to connect to your church, share the Gospel and be spiritually edified in the palm of your hand.

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!

3. CHOIR REHEARSAL

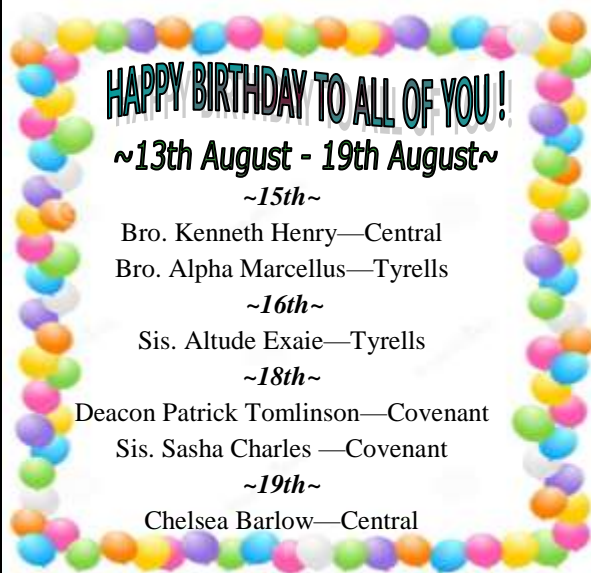
All members of the Voices of Victory and the New Creation Singers are advised of a choir rehearsal on **Saturday** at **5:00 p.m.** Please be punctual.

4. 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.

5. CHURCH ATTENDANCE

All members of the Circuit are reminded of their Covenant Responsibility to attend all the stated meetings of the church unless provisionally 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!

~13th August - 19th August~

~15th~

Bro. Kenneth Henry—Central

Bro. Alpha Marcellus—Tyrells

~16th~

Sis. Altude Exaie—Tyrells

~18th~

Deacon Patrick Tomlinson—Covenant

Sis. Sasha Charles —Covenant

~19th~

Chelsea Barlow—Central

Sunday School Adult & Youth Reading

Prepare for next week...

SERIES: CHRIST—OUR IDENTITY IN LIFE
Lesson #4—Life At Work—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 NEW TESTAMENT

IN A YEAR...

- Today, Aug. 13th— **Romans 13**
- Monday, Aug. 14th— **Romans 14**
- Tuesday, Aug. 15th— **Romans 15:1-13**
- Wednesday, Aug. 16th— **Romans 15:14-33**
- Thursday, Aug. 17th— **Romans 16**
- Friday, Aug. 18th— **1 Corinthians 1**
- Saturday, Aug. 19th— **1 Corinthians 2**
- Sunday, Aug. 20th— **1 Corinthians 3**





THINK IT THROUGH...

"Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."—John 6:37

No limit is set to the duration of this promise. It does not merely say, "I will not cast out a sinner at his first coming," but, "I will in no wise cast out." The original reads, "I will not, not cast out," or "I will never, never cast out." The text means, that Christ will not at first reject a believer; and that as he will not do it at first, so he will not to the last.

But suppose the believer sins after coming? "If any man sin we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." But suppose that believers backslide? "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him." But believers may fall under temptation! "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." But the believer may fall into sin as David did! Yes, but he will "Purge them with hyssop, and they shall be clean; he will wash them and they shall be whiter than snow";

"From all their iniquities will I cleanse them."

**"Once in Christ, in Christ forever,
Nothing from his love can sever."**

"I give unto my sheep," saith he, "eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." What sayest thou to this, O trembling feeble mind? Is not this a precious mercy, that coming to Christ, thou dost not come to One who will treat thee well for a little while, and then send thee about thy business, but he will receive thee and make thee his bride, and thou shalt be his forever? Receive no longer the spirit of bondage again to fear, but the spirit of adoption whereby thou shalt cry, Abba, Father! Oh! the grace of these words:

"I will in no wise cast out."

—Charles H. Spurgeon

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.

THANKS!!!

The Children In Action Ministry leaders would like to thank all those who fervently prayed for the Children's Camp. Thanks also to those who narrated Bible stories and gave sponsorship. Sincere thanks to the Events Preparation Ministry, Transportation Ministry and the young people who gave assistance. We thank God for the success of the Children's Camp and for what He is doing in the lives of our children.

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: ECBM Media Ministries

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

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. 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. Muriel Martin, Sis. Nadine Smith, Bro. Shaquille & Sis. Gillisa Carty

THANKSGIVING: Bro. Abner Marcellus, Sis. Martha Bowen, Sis. Abiola Anthony, Bro. Charlesworth & Sis. Suzette Dowdie, Sis. Alesha Joseph, Bro. Carl & Sis. Cassandra Jarvis

NEW MEMBERS: Sis. Rosgue Joseph, Bro. Ronald Jean, Sis. 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: **Christophe Marcellus, Yashone' Baltimore,** Grantley Edwards, Martina Edwards, Roderick Williams, Dawn Williams, Dale Jones, Andrea Jeremiah, John Bowen, Arah Sheridan, Joshua Sheridan, Milbert Joseph, Donald Lewis, Gloria Lewis, Kathy Gordon, Terry Hill, Shonette Sobers, Clairfoster Lewis, Deandre Mason, Kezron Lewis, Charity Jonas, Brendalee Smith, Zethma Williams
NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Shena Charles (Central), Malique Gerald (Covenant-restoration)

Pray without ceasing. | Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Psalm 66:18
 Elementary — Philippians 4:19
 Secondary & Adults — 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

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
 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 |
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| Covenant Baptist Church | 561-4022 |
| Baptist Academy | 462-2894 |
| Baptist Retreat Centre | 463-8801 |



Eldership

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| Orvin D. E. Paige (Associate) | 464-5395 |

Diaconate

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| David S. Jarvis (Chairman) | 464-7477 |
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