

# FAMILY



# NEWS

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## GOD'S PROMISES

*He has granted to us his precious and very great promises...*




*2 Peter 1:4*

**B**y faith you can extract the comfort of a promise from most scriptures. There are innumerable types and implied promises that we can apply. A life of faith lives in the strength of a promise. Faith reasons with God on the basis of His promises with a holy kind of reasoning. A promise given to another can also be applied specifically to us if there is no special reason for its restriction. Types can be personally applied as promises: manna from heaven as spiritual nourishment by Christ. Temporal promises can be applied to spiritual, and spiritual to temporal.

'If God gives His beloved food, will He let the soul famish? Will He deliver the soul from death, but not provide a few husks of the things of the earth?' Believers should also not hesitate to claim conditional promises because the condition is poorly met. It may be that grace has not broken into an outward flame, but it is smouldering. You may not have grown to the height of a cedar, but Christ delights in bruised reeds. This should not discourage you from applying the promises. He offers conditions at a low rate. Believing is more acceptable to God and gives a clearer title to the promise than the condition attached to it. Meeting the conditions cannot obtain the promise without faith. If you bring faith to a promise you bring that which is most pleasing to God. And claiming one promise gives you an interest in all. The first act of faith gives you an interest in Christ, and all who have Christ, have all. He that believes has a right to all the promises, and may confi-

## From The Pulpit...



-  **Pastor Joshua Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church (Friars Hill Road)** on the topic **"Nobody But Jesus"** based on **John 19:12-16.**
-  **Pastor Orvin Paige** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church (Tyrells Main Road)** on the topic **"Genuine Disciples"** based on **Mark 8:34-37.**
-  **Pastor Ivor Walker** will preach at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church (Radio Range)** on the topic **"The Lord Jesus Christ: Who Is He?"** based on **Colossians 1:15-18.**

dently apply them all. God had you in mind when He made the promise. What a sweet encouragement is this!

Act and live by faith, and consider that you were in the thoughts and eyes of God when He promised.

—**DAVID CLARKSON**

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### Sunday School Adult & Youth Reading

**Prepare for next week...**

SERIES: "PROTECTING CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS"

Study #1 Stick With Love — Part 2 of 2  
(John 15:9-14)

*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

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~13th December - 19th December~

~Today~

Sis. Judy Browne—Central

~15th~

Bro. Graham Edwards—Central

Mikeila Longford—Tyrells

~16th~

Bro. Stephen Jarvis—Central

Jayden Joseph—Central

~17th~

Sis. Juliette Smith—Central

~18th~

Bro. Ivan Hurst—Central

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

~17th~

Bro. Mitchell & Sis. Jean Edwards

~18th~

Bro. Egbert & Sis. Nelseta Gordon

# NOONDAY PRAYER MINISTRY



- ❖ We meet for prayer at **Central** from **12:00 noon to 1:00pm** 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](mailto:prayer@baptistantigua.org).
- Pray without ceasing. —1 Thessalonians 5:17**

# Congratulations

We rejoice with the students of the Baptist Academy who received awards at the CIBC First Caribbean Primary Schools Awards Ceremony which was held on Thursday, 10th December, 2015. Nine of our students received awards.

1. Ajonté Josiah—6 Awards: **Top National Assessment Student Award, Top Male Award, Pringle's Plaque** for Excellence, Gold Award, Top English Student Award & Certificate of National Recognition
2. Xavier Louard—3 Awards: #2 National Assessment Student Award, Gold Award & Certificate of National Recognition
3. Aaliyah Sealey—2 Awards: Silver Award & Certificate of National Recognition
4. Kyra Mills—2 Awards: Silver Award & Certificate of National Recognition
5. Siandrè Bovell—2 Awards: Bronze Award & Certificate of National Recognition
6. Lejare Browne—2 Awards: Bronze Award & Certificate of National Recognition
7. Hannah Edwards—2 Awards: Bronze Award & Certificate of National Recognition
8. Dajun Barthley—2 Awards: Bronze Award & Certificate of National Recognition
9. Osei Hazel—2 Awards: Bronze Award & Certificate of National Recognition

We thank God for the successes of our students, and we pray that He will continue to bless the Baptist Academy of Antigua.



# BEREAVEMENT

The Elders and members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches extend sincere condolences to Sis. Lorna-Mae Jarvis and family upon the death of her niece, Mrs. Teisha McPherson. Let us pray for and support our sister and her family at this critical time. Pray that the Lord will comfort the family and remind her unsaved relatives of their mortality and need for the Saviour.



## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



### 1. CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME PRACTICE SESSIONS

All Pre-School, Elementary and Secondary students are advised of rehearsals on Monday, Thursday and Friday from 1:00p.m.—3:00p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. This is in preparation for our up-coming Christmas Programme which will be held next Sunday evening at the joint service at the Central Baptist Church. Parents are kindly asked to ensure that their children learn their parts and that they are punctual for the practices.

### 2. BLAST YOUTH MINISTRY

All teenage boys and girls are reminded of B.L.A.S.T. (Building Lives Around Scriptural Truth) this Friday at 6:30p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and a pen. Be there! Also, all youth are encouraged to begin to prepare for the costume party which will be held on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2016.

### 3. GOLDEN JUBILEE MAGAZINE

All church members who have not yet received a copy of the Golden Jubilee Magazine are kindly asked to check with their Resident Elder. If you are not a member and would like to have the magazine, please view or download it from the church's website at [www.baptistantigua.org](http://www.baptistantigua.org).

### 4. TRUTH CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

All members 18 years and older are advised of the T.R.U.T.H. (Totally Reserved Unto True Holiness) Connection Ministry Meeting on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 at 6:30p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. It will be a time of fun and growth in the Lord. Be There!

### 5. DOMINICA RELIEF FUND

Special envelopes are still available for aid to our Dominican brethren. Although we sent \$30,000 (Eastern Caribbean Dollars) to bring relief to the Roseau Berean Bible Church and the Berean Christian Academy, we did not reach our goal and so the fund will remain open. Let every one give generously, remembering God's grace to us in our time of need. Luke 6:38—"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom..."

### 6. 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.

### 7. 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.

**THINK IT THROUGH...**

## The Magnitude of Grace

*My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness.*

2 Corinthians 12:9

Our weakness should be prized as making room for divine strength. We might never have known the power of grace if we had not felt the weakness of nature. Blessed be the Lord for the thorn in the flesh, and the messenger of Satan, when they drive us to the strength of God.

This is a precious word from our Lord's own lips. It has made the writer laugh for joy. God's grace enough for me! I should think it is. Is not the sky enough for the bird and the ocean enough for the fish? The All-Sufficient is sufficient for my largest want. He who is sufficient for earth and heaven is certainly able to meet the case of one poor worm like me.

Let us, then, fall back upon our God and His grace. If He does not remove our grief, He will enable us to bear it. His strength shall be poured into us till the worm shall thresh the mountains, and a nothing shall be victor over all the high and mighty ones. It is better for us to have God's strength than our own; for if we were a thousand times as strong as we are, it would amount to nothing in the face of the enemy; and if we could be weaker than we are, which is scarcely possible, yet we could do all things through Christ.

—Charles Spurgeon

# 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
	1:00 p.m.	Christmas Programme Practice: 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
	1:00 p.m.	Christmas Programme Practice: Central
Fri.	9:00 a.m.	Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
	12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Christmas Programme Practice: Central
	6:30 p.m.	BLAST Youth Ministry: Central
Sat.	12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	TRUTH Connections Ministry: Central

# 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:** 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 Skerriit, Sis. Cassilda Williams, Sis. Monica Gardener, Sis. Pamela Walcott, Sis. Juliette Smith, Sis. Priya Jattan, Sis. Nadine Smith

**PRIVATE CONCERNS:** Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Nadine Smith, Sis. Yvonne Lee, Sis. Sofia Marcellus, Sis. Curline Joseph, Sis. Genevieve Leo, Sis. Judy Edwards

**THANKSGIVING:** Bro. Abner Marcellus, Sis. Norma Grant, Bro. Ivan & Sis. Maria Hurst, Sis. Maxime James, Sis. Yvonne Lee, Sis. Pamela Walcott, Sis. Jean Edwards

**NEW MEMBERS:** 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. Jonathas René, Bro. Akeel Jarvis, Sis. Curline Joseph, Sis. Esther René

**WATCH CARE:** Sis. Irene Jonas, Bro. Charles Richards  
**SHUT IN:** Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Edith McCoy

## OTHER CONCERNS

**SAVING GRACE:** Thea-Lee Hurst, Julietta George, Clement Henry, Dave Walton, Moses Walton, Theo Blair, Travis Mingo, Colin Baker, Ron Selwood, Aaliyah Edwards, Tamara Selwood, Renita Joseph, Sinclair Joseph, Xena Joseph, Xadrian Joseph, Shantol Johnson, Sateba Stevens, Lynda Davis, Asheka Davis, Patroy Locker, La’Nica Locker, Clairfoster Lewis

**NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS:** Soneil Saint Jean (Tyrells), **Celinne Bolivard (Tyrells), La’Rica Locker (Covenant),** Telesha Choy (Central), Charissa Watkins (Central), Eulyn Williams (Central)

*Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17*

## 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

### Diaconate

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



## Memory Verses For Next Week

Pre-school — Luke 1:37  
 Elementary — Psalm 1:1-2  
 Secondary & Adults — James 1:27