

FAMILY NEWS

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LOVE FOR GOD

*Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."
Matthew 22:37*


Love to God must penetrate and possess our whole nature and all the powers of it. The mind must think of God, the will must delight in God, in short, our whole being must be employed to please Him. We must love nothing more than God, nothing equal with God, and we must love God above all.


We must be willing to lose all, yea life itself rather than to anything contrary to the love of God. Love desires to enjoy perpetual union with the thing loved. Every faculty of the soul is engaged, the mind is musing and plotting how to please God, and enjoy Him, the will does not turn from this object, the affections are passionate in their eager motion towards God, and the conscience is busy keeping watch.

Our love to God should be like or exceed Jacob's love for Benjamin (Genesis 42:38). He would rather starve than part with Benjamin. Then when hunger forced the separation, Judah offered himself to take

From The Pulpit...



 **Pastor Rolando Lewis** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church** (Friars Hill Road) on the topic **"Conspicuous Christianity"** based on **Matthew 5:16**. He will also preach at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church** (Radio Range) on the topic **"The Joy Of God's Grace"** based on **Luke 15:25-32**.

 **Pastor Joshua Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **"Imparting Grace And Not Grief"** based on **Galatians 4:29-30**.

Benjamin's place since Jacob's life was bound up in the lad's life (Genesis 44:30). The soul that loves God is not able to bear the thoughts of parting with Him. His life is bound up in enjoying His presence. We are to so love God, that nothing contrary to the love of God shall be entertained in our hearts.

Our love to God speaks of interest and union. Love for an earthly object is earthly love; if sensual, it is a brutish love; if it be man, it is a human love; and if God, it is a divine love. The object of our love transforms us into a thing more noble or more vile. We debase ourselves in loving anything but God there is nothing else worthy of our love. Whatsoever we love, we give it a kind of dominion over us. Therefore, we must so love God as if there were nothing else in the world to bestow our love upon. Alas, outward things may be gone tomorrow, but God, once yours, will be



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

1. PRESIDING ELDER’S ANNIVERSARY

The Presiding Elder completed 32 years of full time pastoral service among us. There will be an Appreciation Dinner celebrating the same on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. (by invitation only). On Sunday, January 21, 2018, there will be a Joint Appreciation Service at the Covenant Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m. Our special guest preachers will be Pastor Rommel Williams of Lilydale P.M. Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois. Let us begin to pray earnestly for all aspects of these events.

2. EVANGELISM FOCUS GROUP

All members of the Evangelism Focus Group are advised of a meeting on Monday, 15th January, 2018 at 5:00p.m., at the Tyrells Baptist Church.

3. 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 8:15 p.m. sharp.

4. 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.

5. 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.

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), Mid-week 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.

BIBLE READING

- Today, Jan. 14th– Genesis 33-35
- Monday, Jan. 15th– Genesis 36-38
- Tuesday, Jan. 16th– Genesis 39-40
- Wednesday, Jan. 17th– Genesis 41-42
- Thursday, Jan.18th– Genesis 43-45
- Friday, Jan. 19th– Genesis 46-48
- Saturday, Jan. 20th– Genesis 49-50
- Sunday, Jan. 21st– Exodus 1-3





HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~14th January - 20th January~

~Today~

Sis. Janet Walker—Tyrells

~18th~

Daniel Jonas—Central

~19th~

Bro. Carl Andrew—Central

Semaj Cochrane—Covenant

Discipleship Training

***Adult & Youth Reading
Prepare for next week...***



Revision session:
Life Transforming Truths
Chapter 3 (Affirming Particular Redemption)

***"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



THINK IT THROUGH...

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***For the LORD will not cast off for
ever"***

Lamentations 3:31

He may cast away for a season but not forever. A woman may leave off her ornaments for a few days, but *she* will not forget them or throw them upon the dunghill. It is not like the LORD to cast off those whom He loves, for "having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end." Some talk of our being in grace and out of it, as if we were like rabbits that run in and out of their burrows; but, indeed, it is not so. The LORD's love is a far more serious and abiding matter than this.

He chose us from eternity, and He will love us throughout eternity. He loved us so as to die for us, and we may therefore be sure that His love will never die. His honor is so wrapped up in the salvation of the believer that He can no more cast Him off than He can cast off His own robes of office as King of glory. No, no! The LORD Jesus, as a Head, never casts off His members; as a Husband, He never casts off His bride. Did you think you were cast off? Why did you think so evil of the LORD who has betrothed you to Himself? Cast off such thoughts, and never let them lodge in your soul again. "The LORD hath not cast away His people which He foreknew" (Romans 11:2). "He hateth putting away" (Malachi 2:16).

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. 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, Sis. Leyann Lam, Bro. Tijorn Burton, Sis. Kerrie-Faun Nathan, Sis. Serena Richards, Bro. Corly Francis, Sis. Eulyn Williams, Sis. Helena Williams, Bro. Kyle Abraham

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 Simon, Diane Lake, Gary Morian, Leslie Hutson, Travis Mingo, Otis Brisport, Colin Baker, Hamadi Browne, George Browne, Khalid Browne, Chelsea Barlow, Chikaede Barlow, Annabelle Maina, Clyde Walton, David Toussaint, Grantley Edwards, Martina Edwards, Roderick Williams, Dawn Williams, Joshua Sheridan, Dale Jones, Andrea Jeremiah

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Athalia Andrew (Central), Follet Brown (Central)

Pray without ceasing. I Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — John 3:16

Elementary — Psalm 90:11-12

Secondary & Adults — Revelation 22:12-13

THIS WEEK

Sunday

08:00 a.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ABS TV)
 08:00 a.m. Worship: Tyrells & Covenant
 09:00 a.m. Discipleship Training: Central
 09:45 a.m. Discipleship Training: Tyrells & Covenant
 10:00 a.m. Worship: Central
 06:00 p.m. Worship: All Churches
 07:00 p.m. Discipleship Training: All Churches

Monday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting.
 05:00 p.m. Evangelism Focus Group: Tyrells

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

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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Ivor J. Walker (Associate)	464-1644
Orvin D. E. Paige (Associate)	464-5395

Diaconate

David S. Jarvis (Chairman)	464-7477
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