

FAMILY NEWS

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THE OMNI POTENT GOD




*O our God, wilt thou not judge them?
for we have no might against this
great company that cometh against
us; neither know we what to do: but
our eyes are upon thee.*

—2 Chronicles 20:12

Times of adversity are seasonable times to trust in God. When we have no bread to eat, or water to drink, but only afflictions and astonishments, this is a time not for over-grieving, murmuring, sinking, desponding, despairing, but for trusting. In a tempest a believer must cast **his anchor upward. Trust is a believer's** choicest antidote against fainting, swooning, and sinking. When the hand of the Lord has greatly multiplied our sorrows; when He breaks upon us with breach upon breach; when His arrows stick fast in us, and His hand presses us sore; when we are fain to eat ashes like bread and to mingle our drink with weeping; now is a time to stir up our faith to purpose. In this tempest, faith sits at the helm and preserves the soul from shipwreck. Faith grapples with the Goliath of affliction, and overcomes it. When the heart is apt to fail, when the soul is apt to swoon, faith draws forth its bottle and administers a reviving cordial. Amidst all storms, winds, and tempests, yea, in a hurricane of sorrow and misery, faith knows where and how **to cast anchor: 'Let not your hearts be**

From The Pulpit...



-  **Dr. Hensworth Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church** (Friars Hill Road) on the topic **"Spiritual Fatigue"** based on **Matthew 11:28-30**.
-  **Pastor Joshua Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **"The Sovereignty of God"** based on **Psalm 97**.
-  **Pastor Ivor Walker** will preach at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church** (Radio Range) on the topic **"A Focused Christian"** based on **Hebrews 6:9-12**.

troubled' (John 14: 1). Faith is the antidote and healer of all diseases. It allows a believer to live in the midst of death. God has extraordinary means to bear us up when ordinary ones fail. He can turn poisons into antidotes, hindrances into furtherances, and destructions into deliverances. The ravens **give Elijah food. A whale becomes Jonah's** ship, and pilot too. An Almighty God can work without means. God often brings His people into such a condition that they do not know what to do. He does this that they might know what He can do. God is with His people at all times, but He is most sweetly with them in the worst of times.

—THOMAS LYE



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

~Today~

Pastor Joshua & Sis. Chanda Jonas

~20th February~

Bro. Carl & Sis. Tullis Andrew

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU

~14th February - 20th February~

~Today~

Sis. Syreba Cornelius — Covenant

Sis. Aline Salien—Tyrells

~16th~

Sis. Sharon Carty — Central

Sis. Nicole Parker—Tyrells

Gaviann Parades—Tyrells

Alicia Valcin—Covenant

~19th~

Sis. Magella Selwood— Central

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!

READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Friday, February 19th – Lev. 26–27; Matt. 27

Saturday, February 20th – Num. 1-3; Matt. 28

Sunday, February 21st – Num. 4-5

Monday, February 22nd – Num. 6-7; Mark 1

Tuesday, February 23rd – Num. 8-10; Mark 2

Wednesday, February 24th – Num. 11-12; Mark 3

Thursday, February 25th – Num. 13-15; Mark 4



THINK IT THROUGH...

As sure as God puts His children in the furnace of affliction, He will be with them in it. —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.

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

SERIES: "PROTECTING CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS"

Study #5 Stick With Acceptance—Part 1 of 2
(Romans 14:1-4, 13-19)

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



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. ECBM MARRIAGE FORUM ON SATURDAY

It will be a 'date night' to be remembered for all married couples who attend our churches, both members and non-members. It will be held on Saturday, 20th February, 2016 at the **Covenant Baptist Church (Friar's Hill Road)** at 7:00 p.m. It will be a time of sweet Christian fellowship.

2. CREATIVE ARTS MINISTRY MEETING

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

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 6:00 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!

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 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.

6. READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

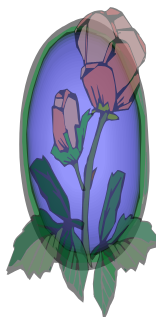
All church members of the Circuit are advised that the Elders have determined that each and every member should join them in reading through the entire Bible on a strict daily schedule for 2016. Each week in the Family News, we will print the passages that will be read for 7 days at a time. Some of us have read through the entire Bible before. We will do it again to the edification of our souls. Some have never done so. If you are a true Christian, this should be a priority, for how can you credibly claim that the Bible is the most important book in your lives and you have never read it in its entirety. We strongly recommend that this project be completed using the technology that is available to us. Open your Bibles as a family (or individually) to the prescribed passages each day, whether you plan to read it all at once or morning and evening, and play an audio of the passage while you follow along in your Bibles. Recommended versions of the Bible are KJV, NKJV, HCSB, and NASB. You may find audio at the following website: BibleGateway.com- [Audio Bibles](#)

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Romans 6:23
 Elementary — Psalm 121:1-2
 Secondary & Adults — Psalm 27:1

BEREAVEMENT



All members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches extend sincere condolences to **Deacon John Patrick Tomlinson** on the death of his sister, Nioka Reynolds. Please remember to pray for the family in their time of bereavement. Pray that the Lord will comfort the family and remind them of their mortality and their need for the Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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. Nadine Smith

PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Diane Joseph, Bro. Nigel & Sis. Ann-Marie Pilgrim, Bro. Ephraim Gomes

THANKSGIVING: Sis. Nadine Smith, Sis. Judy Browne, Sis. Norma Grant, Bro. Ernest Davis, Bro. Xavier Joseph

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. Jonathas René, 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: Arah Sheridan, Joshua Joseph, Gregson Pilgrim, Jamol Pilgrim, Vernon Edwards, Milbert Joseph, Donald Lewis, Gloria Lewis, Debbie Roach, Rakeem Michael, Andy Josiah, Patrice Josiah, Jace Spencer, Kurt Spencer, Craig Williams, Brian Williams, Theo Blair

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Sonel Saint Jean (Tyrells), 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

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
	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)
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
	6:00 p.m.	Creative Arts Rehearsal: 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
	7:00 p.m.	ECBM Marriage Forum: Covenant

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

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Orvin D. E. Paige (Associate)	464-1014
Joshua M. Jonas (Staff Associate)	726-9662

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