

# FAMILY NEWS

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## THE WORD OF GOD

*Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.*

—John 5:39


**T**he Greek word here rendered search signifies a strict, close, diligent, curious search, such as men make when they are seeking gold, or hunters when they are in earnest after game. We must not rest content with having given a superficial reading to a chapter or two, but with the candle of the Spirit we must deliberately seek out the hidden meaning of the word.


Holy Scripture requires searching—much of it can only be learned by careful study. There is milk for babes, but also meat for strong men. The rabbis wisely say that a mountain of matter hangs upon every word, yea, upon every title of Scripture. Tertullian exclaims, "I adore the fulness of the Scriptures." No man who merely skims the book of God can profit thereby; we must dig and mine until we obtain the hid treasure. The door of the word only opens to the key of diligence.

The Scriptures claim searching. They are the writings of God, bearing the divine stamp and imprimatur— who shall dare to treat them with levity? He who despises them despises the God who wrote them. God forbid that any of us should leave our Bibles to become swift witnesses against us in the great day of account.

## *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 **“The Perfect Representative”** based on Romans 5:19.

 Pastor Joshua Jonas 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 **“Godly Rebuke: Dealing With The Problem”** based on I Thessalonians 5:14.

The Word of God will repay searching. God does not bid us sift a mountain of chaff with here and there a grain of wheat in it, but the Bible is winnowed corn—we have but to open the granary door and find it. Scripture grows upon the student. It is full of surprises. Under the teaching of the Holy Spirit, to the searching eye it glows with splendour of revelation, like a vast temple paved with wrought gold, and roofed with rubies, emeralds, and all manner of gems. No merchandise like the merchandise of Scripture truth. Lastly, the Scriptures reveal Jesus: "They are they which testify of Me." No more powerful motive can be urged upon Bible readers than this: he who finds Jesus finds life, heaven, all things.

Happy is he, who searching his Bible, discovers his Saviour.

~Charles Spurgeon~



## A DEVOTED MOTHER

*According to His perfect will, God gave Hannah a son  
—Samuel.*

*And Elkanah had relations with Hannah his wife, and the Lord remembered her. It came about in due time, after Hannah had conceived, that she gave birth to a son: and she named him Samuel, saying, "Because I have asked him of the Lord." (1 Samuel 1:19-20)*

Hannah named her son in remembrance of God's goodness, and she devoted herself to her motherly responsibilities—she was fully committed to her home. The time came for one of the annual trips to Shiloh, and Elkanah came to Hannah to prepare her for the trip.

Then the man Elkanah went up with all his household to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "I will not go up until the child is weaned: then I will bring him, that he may appear before the Lord and stay there forever."

When God gave the child, Hannah dedicated herself to raising him. She would be devoted to that task for several years, knowing her time with him was short. That's so different from what you see today, isn't it? Women have babies, and a couple of months later they slam the baby in some day care center and take off for the job.

Not Hannah. She was totally committed to stay in the home until that little life was trained. She had important work to do—nursing, loving cherishing, instructing. Hannah understood how vital those early years are, when 90 percent of personality is formed. She prepared him in those formative years for a lifetime of service to God—such a high calling.

Don't mistake her devotion to raising Samuel for the modern tendency to make the child the center of the universe. Hannah discharged her responsibility as a steward—one day she had to give Samuel back. It wasn't about fulfilling her deepest needs through her child. It was about fulfilling her oath to God. It was about being faithful to her calling to be a godly mother.

For those of you who are mothers, think about Hannah this Mother's Day. Be devoted to your husband; be devoted to your God; and be devoted to your home in the fear of the Lord. That's your high calling and your greatest joy. For those of you whose mothers are still living, recognize your mother this Mother's Day for the things she did well. Look in love beyond any of her shortcomings and honor the one who introduced you to life.

—www.gty.org



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!**

**~14th May-20th May~**

*~ Today ~*

Pastor Orvin Paige — Covenant

*~ 15th ~*

Sis. Eliena Louisa — Central

*~ 16th ~*

Sis. Leyann Lam—Central

*~ 17th ~*

*Dejon Hutson — Central*

*Bro. Ernest Davis—Covenant*

*Sis. Abiola Anthony—Central*

*~ 19th ~*

*Bro. Brian Jordan—Tyrells*

*~ 20th ~*

*Sis. Jamelia Edwards—Covenant*

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT

**IN A YEAR...**

- Today, May 14<sup>th</sup>— **John 4:1-30**
- Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>— **John 4:31-54**
- Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>— **John 5:1-24**
- Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>— **John 5:25-47**
- Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>— **John 6:1-21**
- Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>— **John 6:22-44**
- Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>— **John 6:45-71**
- Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>— **John 7:1-27**





## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



### 1. YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP MEETING

All members of the Youth Ministry Leadership are advised of a meeting on Monday at 5:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be punctual.

### 2. EVANGELISM FOCUS MINISTRY MEETING

All the members of the Evangelism Focus Ministry are advised of a meeting on Monday and Thursday at 5:00 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 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. on the BAA grounds. and the BLAST Boys Club will meet from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Be sure to bring your Bible, pen and notepad. Do not miss this time of great fellowship!

### 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.

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



A Mother's love is something  
that no one can explain,  
It is made of deep devotion  
and of sacrifice and pain,  
It is endless and unselfish  
and enduring come what may  
For nothing can destroy it  
or take that love away . . .  
It is patient and forgiving  
when all others are forsaking,  
And it never fails or falters  
even though the heart is breaking . . .  
It believes beyond believing  
when the world around condemns,  
And it glows with all the beauty  
of the rarest, brightest gems . . .  
It is far beyond defining,  
it defies all explanation,  
And it still remains a secret  
like the mysteries of creation . . .  
A many splendored miracle  
man cannot understand  
And another wondrous evidence  
of God's tender guiding hand.

— Anonymous

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

SERIES: VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIVING  
Lesson #4 Victorious Faith  
Hebrews 11:1-6  
—Part 2 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

## 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: Pas. Ivor Walker, Sis. Veronica Roberts, Sis. Louise

Pilgrim, Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Jean Edwards,  
 Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas, 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. Nadine Smith, Sis. Diane Joseph,  
 Bro. Shaquille & Sis. Gillis Carty

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

NEW MEMBERS: Sis. Mowava Robinson, Sis. Leyann Lam,  
**Bro. Tijon 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,  
 Sis. Ashika Davis

WATCH CARE: Sis. Irene Jonas, Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Jean  
 Edwards

SHUT-IN: Bro. Charles Richards

### OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Diane Lake, Sharon James, Floyd James,  
 Roderick Williams, Dawn Williams, Dale Jones, Andrea  
 Jeremiah, John Bowen, Christophe Marcellus, Sofia Morgan,  
 Andrew Josiah, Milbert Joseph, Donald Lewis, Gloria Lewis,  
 Kathy Gordon, Terry Hill, Shonette Sobers, Clairfoster Lewis,  
 Deandre Mason, Ajonte Williamson, Bruce Williamson,  
 Kezron Lewis, Charity Jonas, Brendalee Smith, Neshia  
 Joseph, Jaeda Joseph, Veronica Smith, Colette Smith

NEW MEMBER APPLICANT: Rosgue Joseph (Tyrells),

*Pray without ceasing. I Thessalonians 5:17*

## Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Revelation 4:11  
 Elementary — Romans 3:23  
 Secondary & Adults — Matthew 5:6-8

## 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  
 05:00 p.m. Evangelism Focus Ministry Meeting: Central  
 05:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Leadership Meeting: Central

### 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  
 05:00 p.m. Evangelism Focus Ministry Meeting: Central

### Friday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 06:30 p.m. BLAST Girls: Central (BAA Grounds)  
 06:30 p.m. BLAST Boys: Central (Conference Room)

### Saturday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

## ECBM DIRECTORY

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