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Saints are blessed

*...Your blessing be on your people!
 Psalm 3:8*



The godly are blessed not only in heaven but as they travel to glory. This a paradox to flesh and blood; blessed while being reproached and maligned? No matter how sense and reason cast their vote, the godly man is blessed. Though a mourner and martyr, yet blessed. Saints are blessed when cursed or bruised. Not only shall they be blessed, they are blessed. They are partakers of the Divine nature, so this blessedness has begun. Believers have the seed of God abiding in them. Grace and glory differ not in kind but degree. One is the root, and the other is the fruit.

Grace is glory in the dawning. A godly man's heart is a paradise, planted with the choicest fruit, and God Himself walks in the midst of this paradise. We are blessed because our sins are gone. The debt book is cancelled in Christ's blood. Saints are blessed because they are in covenant with God (Ps. 144:15). This is the crowing blessing, to have the Lord for our God. This sweet word, "I will be your God", implies that all that is in God is ours—His love, His Spirit, and His mercy are ours.

If the son of a prince are happy, how blessed are the saints who are of true royal blood! We have a title to heaven after the lease of life is run out. Saints are

From The Pulpit...



-  **Pastor Dr. H. W. C. Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church** (Friars Hill Road) on the topic **"The Threat of Hopelessness"** based on **James 5:7-9.**
-  **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 **Central Baptist Church** on the topic **"The Importance Of Sound Doctrine"** based on **Titus 2:1-15.**

blessed now because they have the first fruits of heaven. We have the earnest of the Holy Spirit. **Heaven has already begun in a believer; 'the Kingdom of God is peace and joy in the Holy Spirit'** (Rom. 14:17). This kingdom is in a believer's heart (Luke 17:21). Israel tasted the fruit of the land before they entered Canaan. Believers have secret incomes of the Spirit, the smiles of Christ's face, those kisses, those love-tokens, and they think themselves sometimes in heaven.

A Christian sees heaven by faith, and tastes it by joy, and what is this, but blessedness? This makes a happy man.

~Thomas Watson~

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

- Study Guide: A Catechism by C. H. Spurgeon
- Question #76: To Whom Is Baptism To Be Administered?
- Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a work-man that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth. —II Timothy 2:15

Think it through...

I know of nothing which I would choose to have as the subject of my ambition for life than to be kept faithful to my God till death, still to be a soul winner, still to be a true herald of the cross, and testify the name of Jesus to the last hour. It is only such who in the ministry shall be saved.

—Charles H. Spurgeon

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Happy Wedding Anniversary

~15th~

Mr. John & Sis. Martha Bowen

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~14th September-20th September~
 ~Today~

Sis. Grace Edwards - Central
 Bro. Wilfred Irish - Central
 Mandela Edwards - Tyrells
 Bro. Shamoy Carty - Central
 Sylissa Richards - Covenant
 ~16th September~
 Micah Ralph - Covenant
 Ashika Davis - Covenant
 Sis. Benjy Chery - Tyrells
 ~17th September~
 Bro. Carl Jarvis - Central
 Shaquille Forbes - Covenant
 ~20th September~
 Sis. Natalya Lawrence - Central
 Sis. Nadine Smith - Central
 Sis. Louise Pilgrim - Central
 Sis. Claudette Willock - Tyrells

E-MAIL PRAYER REQUESTS



Noonday Prayer Ministry

- ❖ We meet for prayer at **Central** from **12 noon to 1pm** from **Monday to Saturday**. All are welcomed to join us.
- ❖ Your request will be the focus of our prayers at each Noonday Prayer Meeting.
- ❖ The e-mail address for this is prayer@baptistantigua.org.



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. VOLUNTEER SERVICE FOR NEW CHURCH YEAR

All church members are encouraged to prayerfully consider the area of ministry in the church that they would like to be involved in for the new church year. You will need the recommendation of a Ministry Coordinator and the approval of the Elders to secure a volunteer service role in the church. Please note that places of service in each ministry is limited. If a given ministry that you desire is full, please ask one of the Elders to guide you concerning other areas of service. Please indicate to the Ministry Coordinator of the ministry or ministries in which you currently serve whether or not you desire to continue. Our goal is to complete the list of volunteer workers by September 30, 2014. Let us remember to "serve the Lord with gladness..." (Psalm 100:2).

2. EVANGELISM THRUST

All members are encouraged to pray for and be disciplined participants in our new evangelistic initiative. The adult Sunday School classes have been divided into teams for evangelism by appointment. The youth Sunday School classes will be evangelizing by canvassing the island with the assistance of their counselors and a few young adults. Let us pray for good success in extending the Kingdom of God. We thank all who made an effort yesterday and look forward to 100% participation this coming Saturday.

3. ACTEENS CLUB

All teenage girls are reminded of their regular club meeting this Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and a pen.

4. ROYAL AMBASSADORS CLUB

All teenage boys are advised of their regular club meeting this Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and pen.

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. 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. CHOIR REHEARSAL

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

QUIET MEDITATION

Psalm 47:4

On a plateau high above the Atacama Desert in Chile, **one of the world's largest radio telescopes is giving** astronomers a view of the universe never seen before. In an Associated Press article, Luis Andres Henao **spoke of scientists from many countries "looking for** clues about the dawn of the cosmos—from the coldest gases and dust where galaxies are formed and stars **are born to the energy produced by the Big Bang."**

The Bible celebrates the mighty power and infinite **understanding of God who "counts the number of the stars" and "calls them all by name" (Ps. 147:4).** Yet the Creator of the universe is not a remote, uncaring force, but a loving heavenly Father who **"heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds" (v.3). "The Lord lifts up the humble" (v.6) and "takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His mercy" (v.11).**

He loves us so much that "He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

British author J. B. Phillips called Earth "the visited planet," where the Prince of Glory is still working out His plan.

Our hope for today and forever lies in the loving mercy of God who calls each star by name.

The God who made the firmament,
Who made the deepest sea,
The God who put the stars in place
Is the God who cares for me. —Berg

God, who knows the name of every star, knows all our names as well.

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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
- 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
- Fri. 9:00 a.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 6:30 p.m. RAs: Central
 6:30 p.m. Acteens: Central
- Sat. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 3:00 p.m. Church-wide Evangelism: All Churches
 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal: (VOV & NCC)



ECBM DIRECTORY

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| 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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| Hensworth W. C. Jonas (Presiding) | 771-4888 |
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| Orvin D. E. Paige (Associate) | 464-1014 |
| Joshua M. Jonas (Staff Associate) | 726-9662 |

Diaconate

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

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: 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. Jasmine Jarvis

PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Sophia Marcellus, Sis. Muriel Martin, Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Nadine Smith, Sis. Jo-Ann Paige

THANKSGIVING: Sis. Judy Edwards, Sis. Julie Barnes, Sis. Juliette Dorsette, Sis. Maragret Joseph, Sis. Marion Locker

SAFETY IN PREGNANCY: Sis. Jenell Huston, Sis. Suzette Dowdie

NEW MEMBERS: Bro. Olrich Chery, Sis. Briana Griffith, Sis. Stacey Hector, Sis. Rickeshia Willock, Sis. Priya Jattan, Sis. Marian Locker, Sis. Nadine Fils Aime, Bro. Jonathan Wehner, Bro. Ernst Pierre-Louis, Sis. Benjy Chery, Sis. Aminata Joseph, Sis. Jenee Henry, Sis. Shinel Leo, Bro. Marc Sorel Salien, Sis. Sophia Marcellus, Sis. Marie France Blanchard

WATCH CARE: Sis. Irene Jonas, Sis. Diana Richards, Bro. Charles Richards

SHUT IN: Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Edith McCoy

OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Kezron Lewis, Vivian Mason, Deondre Mason, Kamoyia Williamson, Rose Smith, Barry Smith Jr., Lynda Davis, Martina Edwards, Grantley Edwards, John Bowen, Ajani Dowdie, Shakwan Serrant, Michelle Nicholas, Sam Nicholas, Akeem Agard, Saleema Anthony, Kinda Morgan, Theo Blair, John Lee, Cecil Joyce, Kiara Francis, Cequean Joyce, Nakeisha Lee, Sheniqueca Lee, Tamica Lee, Kiara Francis, Wilson Barnes, Kayla Underwood, Francis Samuel, Mark Grenville, Linsley Halley, Sharon Grenville, Dwayne Bryan, Nada Welch, Tameisha Cozier, Dion Lapps, Dion Lapps, Curtis Paige, Michelle Paige

NEW MEMBER APPLICANT: Gavin Crump (Central)

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Psalm 23:1
 Elementary — I Timothy 6:6-7
 Secondary & Adults — Ephesians 4:32