

FAMILY NEWS

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MORTIFY SIN!

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

—Hebrews 12:1




At times temptation presses in with violent demands. To combat the power and force of these we must prepare our hearts with strong antidotes beforehand. Fix your heart upon your true treasure, your fellowship with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ. Flee to God to hide you. Here the tempter cannot reach you. Be much in communion with God, and the devil will have little communication with you. If he does try, he will have little effect. The soul is secure under the deep, warm, and constant sense of God's being your all in all.

What powerful ammunition this is against the assaults and incursions of the tempter. Take up your wings, O Christian, and fly away that you may be at rest (Isa. 40:31). When the soul has taken its flight, O how easily does it soar above the smoke and dust of fleshly lusts! Rusty spots on cold metal disappear when it is heated and burns red hot. Get your heart on fire and you will be Elijah-like in a flaming chariot of holy longings after God. Love your dear Master, and you will not find a love for sin.

Consider also that things morally good or evil are not so just because one is commanded and the other for-

From The Pulpit...



-  **Pastor Dr. H.W.C. Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic "**The Problem of Proximity**" based on **Mark 12:28-34**.
-  **Bro. Rolando Lewis** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church (Friars Hill Road)** on the topic "**A Portrait of Redemption**" based on **Ruth 4:1-10**.
-  **Pastor Joshua Jonas** will preach at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church** (Radio Range) on the topic "**Call His Name Immanuel**" based on **Matthew 1:18-25**.

bidden, but it is what they are essentially and unalterably. They are fixed in their natures. Bathe your soul with the everlasting beauty of holiness, and the horror and ugliness of all iniquity. Also, understand your own self. Do not be a stranger to yourself. Unlock your bosom, and ransack every corner of your heart. Make a diligent search. Feel the pulse of your soul. Don't let any region of your mind be undiscovered. Watch how the tempter has taken advantage of you in the past. Make these searches daily and compare them to the eternal law of God. These considerations will greatly help in the prevention and cure for the sins which so easily beset us.

—John Gibbon



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~14th December - 20th December~
~15th~

Bro. Graham Edwards - Central
Mikeila Longford - Tyrells
~16th~

Bro. Stephen Jarvis - Central
~17th~

Sis. Juliette Smith - Central
~18th

Bro. Ivan Hurst - Central
~20th~

Bro. Aziz Ibrahim - Central

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

~17th December~

Bro. Mitchell & Sis. Jean Edwards

~18th December~

Bro. Egbert & Sis. Nelseta Gordon

**CONGRATULATIONS!
BABY CONCEPTION**



We rejoice with Bro. André & Sis. Altude Exaie on the conception of their baby. May the Lord continue to keep our sister and the baby in good health.

BABY DEDICATION

Congratulations to..

Sis. Jenell Hutson on the dedication of her son, **Darion David Hutson, today.** He was born on Monday, 29th September, 2014. We pray that the Lord will continue to keep and bless this family.

CONGRATULATIONS...

The Elders and members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches rejoice with Sis. Joycelyn Henry on her retirement. Sis. Henry began her teaching profession on March 12, 1973 and has served 31 years as a teacher at different levels and 10½ years as a principal. On Wednesday, 10th December, the Urlings Primary School had a Thanksgiving Service and Dinner in honour of her faithful service. We thank God that He has been pleased to use her to touch many lives, and we pray that the Lord will continue to use her for his honour and glory.

Congratulations

We rejoice with the students of the Baptist Academy who received awards at the CIBC First Caribbean Primary Schools Award Ceremony which was held on Thursday, 11th December, 2014. One of our students received the Silver Award—Shanese Archibald; eight received Bronze: Xadique Browne, Gabrielle Whyte, Michelle Paige, Xavier Joseph, Destiny Lewis, Javantia Bowen, Nakia Francis and Syllisa Richards and five received a certificate of National Recognition: Lorien Amory, Alex Isaac, Tahjeed Evanson, Cayjah Baptiste and Tijorn Burton. Shanese Archibald was also awarded as the Top Female in the Nation. She placed #2 in the Nation in the 2014 Grade Six National Assessment. We thank God for the successes of our students, and we pray that He will continue to bless the Baptist Academy.

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

- Series: "CONNECTED—MY LIFE IN THE CHURCH"
- Study #4—Connected Through Words (Ephesians 4: 25-32)
- [Part 1]
- *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. SPECIAL OFFERING

The Elders of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches are challenging all members to make a sacrificial offering to the needs of the Haitian people in general and the Baptist Haiti Mission in particular. Every man, woman, boy and girl should get a special envelope from the ushers to show their love and compassion of Christ. This special offering given will be added to the regular monthly contribution of our churches to the Baptist Haiti Mission.

2. CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME PRACTICE SESSIONS

All children and youths are asked to be at a rehearsal for the Christmas Programme on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00p.m.—4:30p.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 have learned their parts and that they are punctual for the practice. Parents are also kindly asked to pick up their children promptly after the rehearsals.

3. DRAMA & DANCE MINISTRY

All members of the ECBM Drama & Dance Ministry are advised of rehearsals on Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be punctual.

4. ACTEENS CLUB

All teenage girls are reminded of their regular club meeting this Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. For the Enrichment session, we will be making pizza with Sis. Vandah Jonas. Be sure to bring your apron, your Bible, a notebook and a pen. Be there!

5. 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.

6. 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.

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.

8. 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.

THANK YOU!!!

We thank God for a blessed Open Air Meeting at the Ottos Basketball Court last Friday. The Elders would like to thank Pastor Joshua Jonas and Brother Rolando Lewis for declaring the Gospel with power. Thanks to the Drama & Dance Ministry for their soul-searching presentations. Also, special thanks to Sis. Charmaine Nickeo and the Baptist Academy Steel Ensemble for their magnificent musical presentations.

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@baptistantiqua.org.

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 6:00 p.m. Worship: All Churches 7:00 p.m. Sunday School: All Churches
Mon.	12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting 3:00 p.m. Christmas Programme Practice : Central 6:00 p.m. Drama & Dance Ministry: 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 3:00 p.m. Christmas Programme Practice : Central 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service & Fellowship Groups: All Churches
Thurs.	12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting 3:00 p.m. Christmas Programme Practice : Central 6:00 p.m. Drama & Dance Ministry: Central
Fri.	9:00 a.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM) 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting 3:00 p.m. Christmas Programme Practice : Central 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 6:00 p.m. Drama & Dance Ministry: Central



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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

Hensworth W. C. Jonas (Presiding)	771-4888
Ivor J. Walker (Associate)	764-1491
Orvin D. E. Paige (Associate)	464-1014
Joshua M. Jonas (Staff Associate)	726-9662

Diaconate

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, Sis. Priya Jattan, Sis. Nelseta Gordon
PRIVATE CONCERNS: Bro. Ernest Davis, Sis. Judy Edwards, Sis. Genevieve Leo, Bro. Sherwin & Sis. Nicole Parker
THANKSGIVING: Sis. Judy Edwards, Sis. Genevieve Leo, Bro. Sherwin & Sis. Nicole Parker, Sis. Yvonne Lee, Sis. Chanda Benjamin, Sis. Shereese Mack, Sis. Dianne Joseph
SAFETY IN PREGNANCY: Sis. Suzette Dowdie, Sis. Jo-Ann Paige
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
WATCH CARE: Sis. Irene Jonas, Sis. Diana Richards, Bro. Charles Richards
SHUT IN: Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Edith McCoy

OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Lynda Davis, Asheka Davis, Vivian Mason, Dedra Mason, Kezron Lewis, Deondre Mason, Lorraine Mason, Clairfoster Lewis, Jamol Pilgrim, Curtis Paige, Michelle Paige, Dion Andrew, Vaughn Aska, Jamol Andrew, **Marius Andrew, J'Quan Aska, Desmond Spencer, Xavier Joseph, Alvin Valcin, Kenmore James, Dian James, Delta Samuel, Grantley Edwards, Martina Edwards, Ajani Dowdie, Clibert Hector, Ayesha Charles, Xadrian Joseph, Xena Joseph, Sinclair Joseph, George Browne, Khalid Browne, Hamadi Browne, Chelsea Barlow, Chikaede Barlow, Yvette Henry, Brian Williams, Latanyce Williams, Kurt Spencer, Cherrisse James, Theo Blair, Art Bazilio, Egan Bazilio**
NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Esther René (Central), Trishel Wetherill (Covenant), Jonathas René (Central), Rivert René (Central—Restoration), Akeel Jarvis (Central)

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Matthew 1:21
Elementary — Psalm 1:1-2
Secondary & Adults — James 4:3