

# FAMILY NEWS

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## RELY ON GOD


Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.  
—2 Corinthians 1:9

God's providence extends to the smallest things, to the sparrow and to the hairs of our heads. He governs every particular passage in our lives. This should teach us to look up to heaven for permission, power, and perseverance in all the affairs of life. We should not do anything in which we cannot expect God's guidance, and this, so we can trust Him for a blessing upon all that we do. One way or the other, God will provide for His children. If we could live by faith as we should, we would not worry about anything, for God has promised liberally to provide for us, and if we could believe, He will not be less than His Word. He does suffer His children to lack a few outward things, but it is always for their good. God always gives us patience to suffer and to wait for the time of His deliverance. God often allows His children to come to great extremities and desperate estates, yea, even to the jaws of death itself, as Hezekiah, Job, Jonah, David, Daniel, and the three children. He allowed His disciples to be overwhelmed with water before He took notice of it.

## *From The Pulpit...*



 **Pastor Rolando Lewis** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **“Victory In Jesus”** based on **2 Corinthians 2:14-16.**

 **Pastor Joshua Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church** (Friars Hill Road) and also at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church** (Radio Range) on the topic **“Hiding From God”** based on **Genesis 3:7-15.**

The Father suffered His only Son upon the cross: ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’ When it comes to pass that all natural and ordinary means fail, we must look to a more durable and constant help— God's own good will and power. When we have experienced His helping hand, we are able to rely more confidently upon Him in all adversities. His power is seen in man's weakness. God is never nearer than in our extremities. He allows these to test us that He might exercise His grace in us. We should not be dismayed, though we find ourselves in the most forlorn estate. Every man's life is a struggle, but in our extremities our graces are strengthened.

—RICHARD SIBBES



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~15th January - 21st January~

~ 18th ~

Daniel Jonas—Central

~ 19th ~

Bro. Carl Andrew—Central  
Semaj Cochrane—Covenant

# HAPPY wedding ANNIVERSARY

~ 21st ~

Bro. Daniel & Sis. Sarah Maina

## READING THE NEW TESTAMENT

### IN A YEAR...

Today, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> – **Matthew 10:21-42**

Monday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> – **Matthew 11**

Tuesday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> – **Matthew 12:1-23**

Wednesday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> – **Matthew 12:24-50**

Thursday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> – **Matthew 13:1-30**

Friday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> – **Matthew 13:31-58**

Saturday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> – **Matthew 14:1-21**

Sunday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> – **Matthew 14:22-36**



## E.C.B.M. MISSIONS OFFERING



Where does your mission offering go?

- Haiti: Baptist Haiti Mission--Christian schools, churches, hospital, child services
- USA: Covenant Baptist Theological Seminary--Pastoral Training
- Antigua & Barbuda: Sovereign Grace Hour--Television

*Your tithe supports the budget of your local church.  
Give generously above your tithes for missions!*

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

SERIES: UNSTOPPABLE GOSPEL

Study #2 Unstoppable Courage (Acts 4:1-20)

–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

## NOONDAY PRAYER MINISTRY



- ❖ We meet for prayer at **Central** from **12:00 noon** to **1:00 p.m.** in the Conference Room 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](mailto:prayer@baptistantigua.org).

**Pray without ceasing. —1 Thessalonians 5:17**



## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



### 1. PRESIDING ELDER'S ANNIVERSARY

The Presiding Elder has completed 31 years of full time pastoral service. There will be an Appreciation Dinner celebrating the same on **Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Antigua & Barbuda Hospitality Training Institute at Dutchman's Bay** (by invitation only). On **Sunday, January 22, 2017**, there will be a **Joint Appreciation Service** at the **Tyrells Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m.** The Rev. Dennis Bullock of the All Saints Reformed Presbyterian Church of Richmond, Virginia, USA, will be our guest preacher. He will be accompanied by his wife, Katherine. Let us pray earnestly for all aspects of these events.

### 2. 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.** Girls are kindly asked to wear sneakers, headband and warmer pants for an exciting activity. **BLAST Boys Club** will meet from **6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** in the **Conference Room.** Do not miss this time of great fun, food and great fellowship!

### 3. FRIDAY CHOIR REHEARSAL

All members of the Voices of Victory and the New Creation Singers are advised of a choir rehearsal on **Friday at 6:00 p.m.** Please be punctual.



## Think It Through...



"He will keep the feet of his saints."

—1 Samuel 2:9

The Lord sees His poor scattered pilgrims traveling through a valley of tears, journeying through a waste howling wilderness, a path beset with baits, traps, and snares in every direction. How can they escape? Why, the Lord keeps their feet, carries them through every rough place, as a tender parent carries a little child; when about to fall, graciously lays the everlasting arms underneath them, and when tottering and stumbling, and their feet ready to slip, mercifully upholds them from falling altogether. Thus the Lord keeps the feet of His saints.

But do you think that He has not different ways for different feet? The God of creation has not made two flowers, nor two leaves upon a tree alike; and will He cause all His people to walk in precisely the same path? No; we have each our path, each our troubles, each our trials, each peculiar traps and snares laid for our feet. And the wisdom of the all-wise and only-wise God is shown by His eyes being in every place, marking the footsteps of every pilgrim, suiting His remedies to meet their individual case and necessity, appearing for them when nobody else could do them any good; watching so tenderly over them, as though the eyes of His affection were bent on one individual; and carefully noting the goings of each, as though all the powers of the Godhead were concentrated on that one person to keep him from harm.

—Joseph Philpot

# 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:** 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. Pamela Walcott, Sis. Juliette Smith, Sis. Joycelyn Henry, Sis. Curline Joseph, Sis. Magella Selwood

**PRIVATE CONCERNS:** Bro. Ephraim Gomes, Sis. Yvonne Lee, Sis. Nadine Smith, Bro. Shaquille & Sis. Gilisa Carty, Dea. Ian & Sis. Bronwen Blair

**THANKSGIVING:** Sis. Juliette Dorsette, Sis. Abiola Anthony, Bro. Ivan & Sis. Maria Hurst

**NEW MEMBERS:** 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, Sis. Celinne Bolivard, Sis. Telesha Choy, Sis. Charissa Watkins, Bro. Ken Murray, Sis. Gloria Herrera-Panpoja, Bro. Kareem Michael, Sis. Clytie Francis, Bro. Shane Cory, Sis. Victoria Charlton, Sis. Eliena Louisa, Bro. Xavier Joseph, Bro. Zakeem Michael, Sis. Esther René

**WATCH CARE:** Sis. Irene Jonas, Bro. Charles Richards, Sis. Enid Matthew

**SHUT IN:** Sis. Edith McCoy

## OTHER CONCERNS

**SAVING GRACE:** Elroy Nedd, Denise Nedd, Sherlock Lawson, Jessica Joseph, Brian Griffith, Motilall Jaipaul, Theo Blair, Christophe Marcellus, Clairfoster Lewis, Deondre Mason, Clyna Lewis, Gabriella Thomas, Andy Josiah, Patrice Josiah, Edric Tonge Sr., Edric Tonge Jr., Halle Johnson

**NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS:** Tijorn Burton (Central), Mowava Robinson (Covenant), Fabian Bertrand (Central), **Je’vivre Benjamin (Central), Leyann Lam (Central)**

# 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

**Tuesday**  
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

**Wednesday**  
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 07:00 p.m. Prayer & Fellowship Groups: All Churches

**Thursday**  
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

**Friday**  
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 06:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal: VOV & NCS  
 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  
 07:00 p.m. **Presiding Elder’s Appreciation Dinner: A & B Hospitality Institute (Dutchman’s Bay)**

# ECBM DIRECTORY

<b>Central Baptist Church</b>	462-2894
<b>Tyrells Baptist Church</b>	460-3557
<b>Covenant Baptist Church</b>	561-4022
<b>Baptist Academy</b>	462-2894
<b>Baptist Retreat Centre</b>	463-8801



## Eldership

Hensworth W. C. Jonas (Presiding)	771-4888
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Joshua M. Jonas (Staff Associate)	726-9662
Rolando A. Lewis (Staff Associate)	784-6147

## Diaconate

David S. Jarvis (Chairman)	464-7477
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Ian J. Blair	773-1061
John Patrick Tomlinson	786-7957

*Pray without ceasing. | Thessalonians 5:17*

## Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — John 14:6  
 Elementary — Psalm 90:11-12  
 Secondary & Adults — Revelation 4:11