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## THE POWER OF TEMPTATION

**I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.**

—John 15:5

**T**he greatest folly of the hearts of men is shown by a cursed boldness and neglect of the warnings of God, and before their very eyes they watch others run and put themselves under the power of temptation. All who do not seriously consider the danger of entering into temptation do not realize how poor their soul is and how strong the enemy. They walk over the slain who have fallen on this path without regard or trembling.

But we are weakness itself with no power to withstand. If a castle or fort is very strong and well fortified, yet there is a traitor on the inside who is ready to betray at the first opportunity, that fort is not secure from the enemy. We have a traitor in our very heart, who is ready to unite against us. He will argue for us to give up in the assault; yea, he will solicit and bribe the temptation to do its work. Do not flatter yourself that you can hold out. There are secret lusts that lie dormant, lurking in your hearts, temporarily quiet, waiting for the opportunity of temptation to befall you. It will then rise, argue, cry, disquiet, and seduce, with perseverance, until either they are killed or satisfied. He that promises himself that the frame of his heart will be the same under

## From The Pulpit...



**Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church (Tyrells Main Road)** on the topic “**Confusion or Completeness**” based on **Colossians 2:8-10** and also at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church (Radio Range)** on the topic “**The Human Condition: Smiling Or Frowning**” based on **Matthew 5:13-16.**

**Pastor Orvin Paige** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church (Friars Hill Main Road)** on the topic “**Genuine Discipleship**” based on **Mark 8:34-37.**

the power of the temptation as it was before, will be woefully mistaken. He whose heart currently abhors the thoughts of a particular sin, will be powerfully inflamed towards it when he enters into temptation. All contrary reasonings and objections will be overpowered and silenced. He will deride his former fears, cast out his scruples, and condemn his former convictions. Little did Peter ever think he could so easily deny his Master. When the hour of temptation came, all resolutions were forgotten and all love to Christ was buried. The present temptation united with Peter's carnal fear and carried him away before it.

—JOHN OWEN

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~15th November - 21st November~

~Today~

Brianne Gomes—Central

~16th~

Carlson Jarvis—Central

Sis. Chanda Jonas—Central

~17th~

Sis. Joana Joseph—Central

~18th~

Tijorn Burton—Central

Thaschama Exaie—Tyrells

Sis. Curline Joseph—Tyrells

~21st~

Sis. Karen Wehner—Central

Bro. Akeel Jarvis—Central

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

~20th~

Mr. George & Sis. Adelpher Browne

Bro. Ernst & Sis. Jhislaine Pierre Louis

# 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](mailto:prayer@baptistantigua.org).

# THANK YOU!!!

*THANK YOU to the Elders, Deacons and members of the ECBM Circuit of Churches for your prayers and support at my recent baby shower. A special thank you to all those who gave gifts and who took the time to attend this fellowship of celebration with me. Your love and expressions of the same were overwhelming. I thank the Lord for all of you, and I covet your prayers as Bro. Sherwin and I embark on training Nathan in the fear and admonition of the Lord.*

*Love,  
Sis. Nicole Parker*



# BEREAVEMENT

The Elders and members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches extend sincere condolences to Bro. Charles Richards upon the death of his wife, Sis. Dianna Richards. The funeral service is scheduled for Thursday, December 3, 2015, at the Central Baptist Church. Let us pray for and support our brother and his family at this trying time. Pray that the Lord will comfort them and remind his unsaved relatives of their mortality and need for the Saviour.

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

SERIES: "LIKE NO OTHER—THE LIFE OF CHRIST"

Study #8 Exalted Like No Other—Part 2 of 2  
(Ephesians 1:7-10, 18-23)

*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. ANNUAL ECBM MEMORY VERSE COMPETITION

All members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches are advised of our joint Annual Memory Verse Competition which will be held on Wednesday, 18th November, at the Covenant Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. Please avail yourself to this means of grace.

### 2. CREOLE PRAISE MINISTRY

All of our Haitian, Dominican or St. Lucian members as well as all who speak the Creole language, are advised that there will be no Creole Praise Meeting in the month of November due to our Harvest and Anniversary activities. The next meeting will be held in December.

### 3. HARVEST & ANNIVERSARY PLANNING

All Elders, Deacons, and the members of the Events Preparation Ministry are advised of two important meetings—Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th, November, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. sharp at the Central Baptist Church for the planning of our 50th anniversary. Please be on time.

### 4. 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.

### 5. BLAST YOUTH MINISTRY

All teenage boys and girls are reminded of BLAST (Building Lives Around Scriptural Truth) this Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and a pen. Be there!

### 6. DOMINICA RELIEF FUND

Special envelopes are still available for aid to our Dominican brethren. Although we sent \$30,000 (Eastern Caribbean Dollars) to bring relief to the Roseau Berean Bible Church and the Berean Christian Academy, we did not reach our goal and so the fund will remain open. Let every one give generously, remembering God's grace to us in our time of need. Luke 6:38-- "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom..."

### 7. CHOIR REHEARSAL

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

### 8. HARVEST AND ANNIVERSARY 2015

Harvest in the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches is here again! This year's celebrations also includes the 50th Anniversary of Central Baptist Church as well as the 23rd Anniversary of Tyrells Baptist Church. The dates are November 27-29, 2015. The theme is "Lay Aside Every Weight" (Hebrews 12:1). The guest preacher is Pastor Patrick Harrison of the Reformed Baptist Church of Lafayette, New Jersey, USA. Our activities will include the following weekend schedule:

- ❖ Gospel Meeting at the Tyrells Baptist Church (Friday, November 27th at 7:00 p.m.)
- ❖ Circuit Prayer Breakfast at the Baptist Retreat Centre (Saturday, November 28th at 7:00 a.m.)
- ❖ Elders & Deacons Luncheon at Central Baptist Church (Saturday, November 28th at 1:30 p.m.)
- ❖ Gospel Meeting at the Covenant Baptist Church (Saturday, November 28th at 7:00 p.m.)
- ❖ Sunday Morning Services at all Churches (Sunday, November 29th at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.)
- ❖ Local Church Luncheon at all Churches (Sunday, November 29th at 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.)
- ❖ Gospel Meeting at Central Baptist Church (Sunday, November 29th at 7:00 p.m.)

Each and every church member is challenged to make a sacrificial contribution this year to the filling of the house in all of the meetings, the decorations of each church's chapel for Harvest, the food for the Church-Wide meals, the prayers for the guests preacher and other guests, and the prayers for the planning of the event.

### 9. 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.

### 10. 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.

# 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)  
 6:00 p.m. Harvest Planning Meeting: Central
- Wed. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. ECBM Memory Verse Competition: Covenant
- Thurs. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. Creative Arts Rehearsal: Central  
 6:00 p.m. Harvest Planning Meeting: Central
- Fri. 9:00 a.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)  
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 6:30 p.m. BLAST Youth Ministry: Central
- Sat. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal: (VOV & NCS)

# 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:** 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 Skerriit, Sis. Cassilda Williams,  
 Sis. Monica Gardener, Sis. Pamela Walcott, Sis. Juliette  
 Smith, Sis. Priya Jattan

**PRIVATE CONCERNS:** Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Nadine  
 Smith, Sis. Yvonne Lee, Sis. Shana-Kay Johnson

**THANKSGIVING:** Sis. Linette Robinson, Bro. Egbert &  
 Sis. Nelseta Gordon, Sis. Norma Grant, Bro. Malique  
 Gerald, Sis. Louise Pilgrim

**NEW MEMBERS:** 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, Sis. Diana Richards,  
 Bro. Charles Richards

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

## OTHER CONCERNS

**SAVING GRACE:** Debbie Roach, Alisha Francis, Patrece  
 Edwards, Shonita Davis, Akeem Michael, Leah Browne,  
 Michelle Nicholas, Sam Nicholas, Martin Browne, Theo  
 Blair, Athalia Andrew, Khadijah Andrew, Milbert Joseph,  
 Donald Lewis, Gloria Lewis, Anna-Kay Johnson,  
 Stoshana Johnson, Patroy Locker, Gregson Pilgrim,  
**Arriana Dowdie, Ajani Dowdie, La'Rica Locker, La'Nica  
 Locker**

**NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS:** Sonel Saint Jean (Tyrells),  
 Clytie Francis (Central—restoration), Kareem Michael  
 (Covenant), Celinne Bolivard (Tyrells)

*Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17*

## 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

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

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

## Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Matthew 5:16  
 Elementary — Revelation 4:11  
 Secondary & Adults — James 1:2-4