

FAMILY NEWS

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REDEEM THE TIME


*Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
Ephesians 5:16*


Time is man's opportunity to accomplish the work for which he is living. He who makes best use of the time considers what he parts with of lesser value than what is gained. It is God that calls you to labour; will you stand by or be doing other things while he expects duty from you? Moses must go to Pharaoh when God bids him, Jonah must go to Nineveh, and Abraham must sacrifice his son when God bids him. And will you go about your fleshly pleasures when God commands you to his service? Heaven and hell are the outcome of our warfare. Have we time to spare in the midst of such a fight? The loss of time is no small part of the enemy's victory.

Can we play and loiter away our time with so much serious work to do? We must arise and stir up our soul as if a bear were at our back, or our house were burning. Consider in review how profitable redeeming the time has been in time past. How cheerfully would we redeem the time when heaven, communion with God along the way, a life of holy strength and comfort, and a death full of joy and hope are to be gained! Look back on the times past, and tell me which part is sweetest to your thoughts? At death, I can tell you that it will bring unspeakable comfort to

From The Pulpit...



 Dr. Hensworth Jonas will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service at the Covenant Baptist Church (Friars Hill Road) on the topic **“When Temptation Comes”** based on I Corinthians 10:13 and also at the 10:00 a.m. service at the Central Baptist Church (Radio Range) on the topic **“Effective Fighting”** based on Ephesians 6:10-12.

 Pastor Rolando Lewis will preach at the 10:00 a.m. service at the Tyrells Baptist Church (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **“Christian Warfare: Fighting the Giants”** based on I Samuel 17:41-47.

look back on a well-spent life. What a joy in going out of the world to be able to say, ‘I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do’ (John 17: 4), or with Paul, ‘I have finished the race’ (2 Tim. 4: 6-8).

O, time well spent is a precious cordial to a soul that is making up its last accounts. How precious is time to a dying man! O what would an ungodly, unprepared sinner give for some of the time he wasted before as nothing! O how they wish they had made much of every minute! What is undone at death must be undone forever. —**RICHARD BAXTER**



READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR...



Today, Oct. 16th— Isa. 61-63
 Monday, Oct. 17th— Isa. 64-66; 2 Thes. 1-2
 Tuesday, Oct. 18th— Jer. 1-3; 2 Thes. 3-4
 Wednesday, Oct. 19th— Jer. 4-5; 1Tim. 1
 Thursday, Oct. 20th— Jer. 6-7; 1Tim. 2-3
 Friday, Oct. 21st— Jer. 8-9; 1Tim. 4-5
 Saturday, Oct. 22nd— Jer. 10-11
 Sunday, Oct. 23rd— Jer. 12-13

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.
Pray without ceasing. —1 Thessalonians 5:17

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

SERIES: **"Game Changer: How To Impact Your World"**

Study #4 Live Humbly —Part 2 of 2
 (Daniel 4:28-35)

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth.

The Baptist Academy of Antigua

25th Anniversary Service

Founded 1991

Celebrating 25
years of service!



Sunday, October 23, 2016

Central Baptist Church

@ 4:00 pm

"Academic Excellence with Biblical Values"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~16th October - 22nd October~

~ 17th ~

Aaliyah Trotman —Tyrells

~ 18th ~

Sis. Faye Charlton—Central

~ 19th ~

Sis. Norma Grant—Central

~ 20th ~

Sis. Yvette Samuel—Central

Sis. Jhislaine Pierre-Louis—Tyrells

~ 21st ~

Theo Blair—Central



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. BAPTIST ACADEMY ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Church members are encouraged to plan to attend a service of thanksgiving to mark 25 years of service for the Baptist Academy of Antigua on October 23rd, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church (Radio Range). Let us celebrate the blessing of God upon this ministry of the ECBM.

2. HARVEST AND ANNIVERSARY 2016

Harvest in the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches is here again! This year's celebrations also includes the 51st Anniversary of Central Baptist Church as well as the 24th Anniversary of Tyrells Baptist Church. The dates are November 25-27, 2016. The guest preacher is Elder David Morris of North Carolina, USA. Our activities will include the following weekend schedule:

- ❖ ECBM Harvest Gospel Meeting at the Tyrells Baptist Church (Friday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m.)
- ❖ ECBM Elders Luncheon at the BAA Canteen (Saturday, November 26 at 1:30 p.m.)
- ❖ ECBM Harvest Gospel Meeting at the Covenant Baptist Church (Saturday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m.)
- ❖ Sunday Morning Services at all Churches Sunday, November 27 at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.)
- ❖ Local Church Luncheon at all Churches (Sunday, November 27 at 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.)
- ❖ ECBM Harvest Gospel Meeting at Central Baptist Church (Sunday, November 27 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 guest preacher and other guests, and the prayers for the planning of the events.

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 now meet from 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. in the Central Baptist Fellowship Hall. and the BLAST Boys Club will meet from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in **Pastor Joshua Jonas' office**. Do not miss this time of great fellowship!



Think It Through

"I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord."

—*Philippians 3:8.*

SPIRITUAL knowledge of Christ will be a *personal* knowledge. I cannot know Jesus through another person's acquaintance with Him. No, I must know Him *myself*; I must know Him on my own account. It will be an *intelligent* knowledge—I must know *Him*, not as the visionary dreams of Him, but as the Word reveals Him. I must know His natures, divine and human. I must know His offices—His attributes—His works—His shame—His glory. I must meditate upon Him until I "comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge."

It will be an *affectionate* knowledge of Him; indeed, if I know Him at all, I must love Him. An ounce of heart knowledge is worth a ton of head learning.

Our knowledge of Him will be a *satisfying* knowledge. When I know my Saviour, my mind will be full to the brim—I shall feel that I have that which my spirit panted after. "This is that bread whereof if a man eat he shall never hunger."

At the same time it will be an *exciting* knowledge; the more I know of my Beloved, the more I shall want to know. The higher I climb the loftier will be the summits which invite my eager footsteps. I shall want the more as I get the more. Like the miser's treasure, my gold will make me covet more.

To conclude; this knowledge of Christ Jesus will be a most *happy* one; in fact, so elevating, that sometimes it will completely bear me up above all trials, and doubts, and sorrows; and it will, while I enjoy it, make me something more than "Man that is born of woman, who is of few days, and full of trouble"; for it will fling about me the immortality of the ever living Saviour, and gird me with the golden girdle of His eternal joy. Come, my soul, sit at Jesus's feet and learn of Him all this day.

—*Charles Spurgeon*

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 & Abundant Life Radio)

CHURCH FAMILY

HEALTH: Bro. Egbert Gordon, Sis. Sharon Carty, Sis. Chanda Jonas, Sis. Veronica Roberts, Sis. Louise Pilgrim, Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Jean Edwards, Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas, Sis. Ann-Marie Pilgrim, Bro. Nigel Pilgrim, Sis. Rosalind Ferris, Sis. Paula Skerriit, Sis. Cassilda Williams, Sis. Sonia Charles, Sis. Monica Gardener, Sis. Pamela Walcott, Sis. Juliette Smith, Sis. Priya Jattan

PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Maria Hurst, Sis. Yvonne Lee, Sis. Nadine Smith, Sis. Curline Joseph, Dea. Ian & Sis. Bronwen Blair

THANKSGIVING: Bro. Sherwin & Sis. Sandra Nicole Parker, Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Alesha Joseph, Sis. Abiola Anthony

NEW MEMBERS: 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, Bro. Kareem Michael, Sis. Clytie Francis, Bro. R. Oliver Baptiste, Bro. Shane Cory, Sis. Rosamund Haynes, Sis. Victoria Charlton, Sis. Eliena Louisa, Bro. Xavier Joseph, Bro. Zakeem Michael, Bro. Akeel Jarvis, Sis. Esther René

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

SHUT IN: Sis. Edith McCoy

OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Athalia Andrew, Khadijah Andrew, Brendalee Smith, Neshia Joseph, David Walton, Moses Walton, Dave Walton, David Toussaint, Henderson Joseph, John Bowen, Brian Griffith, John Lee, Nikeisha Lee, Gregson Pilgrim,

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Christine Powell (Central), Kimberly Nathan (Central) Z'Roya Ambrose (Central), Denley Buckley (Tyrells), Kerrie-Faun Nathan (Central), Nefetari Dinnall (Tyrells), Serena Richards (Covenant)

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Matthew 1:21
 Elementary — James 4:6-7
 Secondary & Adults — Philippians 4:19

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)
	6:30 p.m.	Elders' Meeting: Central
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
	6:00 p.m.	BLAST (Girls) Youth Ministry: Central
	6:30 p.m.	BLAST (Boys) Youth Ministry: Central
Sat.	12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer Meeting

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