

# FAMILY NEWS

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## REJOICING IN GOD

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.


Psalm 84:2


**E** arthly portions are limited in their nature and the comfort they yield. Health is better than sickness, but does not help poverty. Honour is better than disgrace, but does not help against pain. Money is said to be the answer of all things, but cannot command ease in sickness, or much less quiet a wounded spirit. Ahab was miserable in his ivory palace. Haman, though he had the favour of the king and adoration of the people was yet discontented because he wanted Mordecai's submission. If the world's darlings enjoy many good things, they lack all without Christ. God is all good things, and every good thing. He is self-sufficient, alone-sufficient, and all-sufficient. If God were your portion, you would find in Him whatsoever your heart could desire, and tend to your happiness. Are you ambitious?

He is a crown of glory. Are you covetous? He is unsearchable riches and righteousness. Do you desire pleasure? He is rivers of pleasures and fullness of joy. Are you hungry? He is a feast of wine on the lees and the fat things full of marrow. Are you weary? He is rest, a shadow from the

## *From The Pulpit...*



 **Pastor Joshua Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church** (Friars Hill Road) on the topic **“Love In The Midst Of Suffering”** based on **John 11:1-6**.

 **Bro. Rolando Lewis** 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 the **Central Baptist Church** (Radio Range) on the topic **“Preparation For Affliction”** based on **1 Peter 1:1-5**.

heat, and a shelter from the storm. Are you weak? He is everlasting strength. Are you doubting? He is marvelous in counsel. Are you in darkness? He is the Sun of righteousness. Are you sick? He is the God of your health. Are you sorrowful? He is the God of all consolations. Whatever your calamity, He can remove it. Whatever your necessity, He can relieve it. He is silver, gold, honour, delight, food, raiment, house, land, peace, wisdom, power, beauty, father, mother, wife, husband, mercy, love, grace, glory, and infinitely more than all these. There are all sorts of delights in Him. He is the tree of life bearing all manner of fruits, and a variety of all comforts. See God, and you see all. Enjoy God, and enjoy all.

—**GEORGE SWINNOCK**

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



Where does your mission offering go?

- ♦ Haiti: Baptist Haiti Mission--Christian schools, churches, hospital, child services
- ♦ Dominica: Berean Christian Academy--Staff Support
- ♦ USA: Covenant Baptist Theological Seminary--Pastoral Training
- ♦ Antigua & Barbuda: Sovereign Grace Hour--Television & Radio

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: **"AWAKE:THE CALL TO A RENEWED LIFE"**

Study #4 **Return To God's Word** — Part 2 of 2  
(Nehemiah 8:1-8)

*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.** 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).

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

~20<sup>th</sup>~

Bro. Roderick & Sis. Melanie Benn

~22<sup>nd</sup>~

Bro. Zorol & Sis. Molvie Barthley

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~17<sup>th</sup> April - 23<sup>rd</sup> April~

~Today~

Bro. Nigel Pilgrim — Covenant

~18<sup>th</sup>~

Thea-Lee Hurst — Central

Claudell Royer — Tyrells

~21<sup>st</sup>~

Serena Richards — Covenant

## READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

- Today, April 17<sup>th</sup>— 1 Samuel 22-24
- Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>— 1 Samuel 25-26; Luke 14
- Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>— 1 Samuel 27-28; Luke 15
- Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>— 1 Samuel 29-31; Luke 16
- Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>— 2 Samuel 1-3; Luke 17
- Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>— 2 Samuel 4-5; Luke 18:1-34
- Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>— 2 Samuel 6-7
- Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>— 2 Samuel 8-10





## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



### 1. 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 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and the BLAST Boys Club will meet from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and a pen. Be there!

### 2. WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

All women of the Circuit are expected to be at the **Women's Prayer Breakfast** this Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2016 at 7:00 a.m. at the Baptist Retreat Centre at Pares Village. **The Men's Ministry is reminded that it is responsible for the food preparation.** Bring your Bibles as we go before the Lord in prayer, study His Word and fellowship together. Please avail yourself to this means of grace.

### 3. CARIBBEAN BAPTIST HERITAGE CONFERENCE

Please keep prominent in your prayers the Caribbean Baptist Heritage Conference 2016, which is fast approaching. The dates are July 3-6, 2016. The travel days are Saturday, July 2nd (arrival) and Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> (departure). All delegates are reminded to book their airline tickets accordingly and to do so as soon as possible. The conference will be hosted in Martinique, FWI, by the Eglise Evangélique Baptiste Rivière Salée where Pastor Gabriel Ambroisine is the Presiding Elder. Pray for our Antigua & Barbuda delegation from the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches and for all aspects of the conference.

### 4. 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.

### 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.

## BEREAVEMENT



The ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches offers our deepest condolences to the family of the late Elvin Tomlinson of Fitches Creek. His wife, the late Yvette Tomlinon, is the cousin of Sister Velma Braithwaite, and they were raised as sisters. The late Elvin Tomlinson served in the role as 'daddy' to Sister Ronda Frederick. He is also the uncle of Deacon J. Patrick Tomlinson. Please pray for and support the entire family in this time of mourning. Pray that our Sovereign Lord will be glorified.

### Our Saviour's Prayer in His Hour of Trial.

It was *lonely prayer*. He withdrew even from His three favoured disciples. Believer, be much in solitary prayer, especially in times of trial. Family prayer, social prayer, prayer in the Church, will not suffice, these are very precious, but the best beaten spice will smoke in your censer in your private devotions, where no ear hears but God's.

It was *humble prayer*. Luke says He knelt, but another evangelist says He "fell on His face." Where, then, must be THY place, thou humble servant of the great Master? What dust and ashes should cover *thy* head! Humility gives us good foot-hold in prayer. There is no hope of prevalence with God unless we abase ourselves that He may exalt us in due time.

It was *filial prayer*. "Abba, Father." You will find it a stronghold in the day of trial to plead your adoption. You have no rights as a subject, you have forfeited them by your treason: but nothing can forfeit a child's right to a father's protection. Be not afraid to say, "My Father, hear my cry."

Observe that it was *persevering prayer*. He prayed three times. Cease not until you prevail. Be as the importunate widow, whose continual coming earned what her first supplication could not win. Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving.

Lastly, it was *the prayer of resignation*. "Nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt." Yield, and God yields. Let it be as God wills, and God will determine for the best. Be thou content to leave thy prayer in his hands, who knows when to give, and how to give, and what to give, and what to withhold. So pleading, earnestly, importunately, yet with humility and resignation, thou shalt surely prevail.

—Charles H. 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:** 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 Skerritt, Sis. Cassilda Williams, Sis. Monica Gardener, Sis. Pamela Walcott, Sis. Juliette Smith, Sis. Priya Jattan, Sis. Faye Charlton, Sis. Virginia Garnette, Sis. Cecelia Irish

**PRIVATE CONCERNS:** Sis. Dianne Joseph, Sis. Yvonne Lee, Bro. Ken Murray, Bro. Nigel & Sis. Ann-Marie Pilgrim, Sis. Nadine Smith

**THANKSGIVING:** Bro. Ernest Davis, Sis. Judy Edwards, Sis. Telesha Choy

**NEW MEMBERS:** Sis. Celinne Bolivard, Sis. Telesha Choy, Sis. Charissa Watkins, Bro. Ken Murray, Sis. Gloria Herrera, Bro. Kareem Michael, Sis. Clytie Francis, Bro. R. Oliver Baptist, Bro. Shane Cory, Sis. Rosamund Haynes, Sis. Victoria Charlton, Sis. Eliena Louisa, Bro. Xavier Joseph, Bro. Zakeem Michael, Sis. Nia Santana, Bro. Akeel Jarvis, Sis. Curline Joseph, Sis. Esther René

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

**SHUT IN:** Sis. Edith McCoy

## OTHER CONCERNS

**SAVING GRACE:** Milbert Joseph, Donald Lewis, Gloria Lewis, John Lee, Sheniqueca Joyce, Tamica Lee, Nakeisha Lee, Cequean Joyce, Kiara Francis, Serenity Joyce, Margaret Lewis, Curtis Paige, Michelle Paige, Zahara Paige, Shamma Joseph, Ashawna Zachariah, Tijorn Burton, Alex Isaac, Yarea Wahbeh, Jaeda Joseph, Jamol Pilgrim, Vernon Williams

**NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS:** **La'Rica Locker (Covenant)**, Eulyn Williams (Central), Carlos Jarvis (Central), Ashika Davis (Covenant), Alesha Joseph (Central), Kyle Abraham (Covenant), Enrico St. Jean (Central), Helena Williams (Central)

*Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17*

## Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Philippians 4:19  
 Elementary — John 3:16-17  
 Secondary & Adults — Jeremiah 17:9

# 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. 7:00 a.m. **Women's Prayer Breakfast: BRC—Pares**  
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting



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