

FAMILY NEWS

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CHRIST'S INTERCESSION

For Christ has entered...into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

Hebrews 9:24

Christ entered heaven for this very purpose. How confidently you might pray if you are assured that the One who not only has the greatest power, but all power in heaven and earth, is appearing for you! Can you doubt that your petitions will prevail when Christ owns you and stands up on your behalf? He presents us fully acquitted from guilt, adorned with His righteousness, and united to Himself. If we are rejected, He must be rejected! He offers our prayers, and the father receives our petitions from His hand. He sanctifies our prayers, and separates whatever is offensive from them (Philemon 18-19), He stands up as our advocate to prevent the prejudice that sin might bring to our prayers.

He not only petitions, but pleads. Is there any room for faith to doubt here? Will not the Lord accept that which is rendered acceptable by Christ? Can He be displeased with that which through Christ is pleasing to Him? Christ's intercession leaves no exception. Christ mingles His own prayers and intercession with our requests. He joins with us, and, as it were, petitions that our petitions may be

From The Pulpit...



📖 Dr. H.W.C. 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 **“The Sufficiency of Christ”** based on Hebrews 9:23-28.

📖 Pastor Joshua Jonas will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service Tyrells Baptist Church (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **“The Master's Touch”** based on Luke 8:40-48.

received! He adds the virtue of His own merit to our prayers, and this as incense, sweetens and makes them acceptable, a sweet-smelling-savour.

While the people prayed outside, the priest offered incense inside (luke1:8-10) to sweeten them and make them ascend as a delightful smell before God. If the Lord denies us, He must Christ too! We are assured to be heard as Christ Himself, and the Father always hears Him (John 11:42). There is no surer ground of confidence in the world than Christ's prayer for us. If Christ is praying for us, this is a strong confirmation for our faith that leaves no room for doubting the success of our prayers.

—David Clarkson

 **MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS** 

1. PRESIDING ELDER TRAVELS

All members of the Circuit are advised that from September 19-21, the Presiding Elder will preach and lecture at the Cutting It Straight Expository Preaching Conference sponsored by the Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Florida, USA. Pray that the Lord will work mightily through our pastor and also for his safety in his travels.

2. EVANGELISM FOCUS GROUP

All members of the Circuit who are interested in joining the Evangelism Focus Group are kindly asked to contact Pastor Rolando Lewis.

3. DOWNLOAD APP TODAY

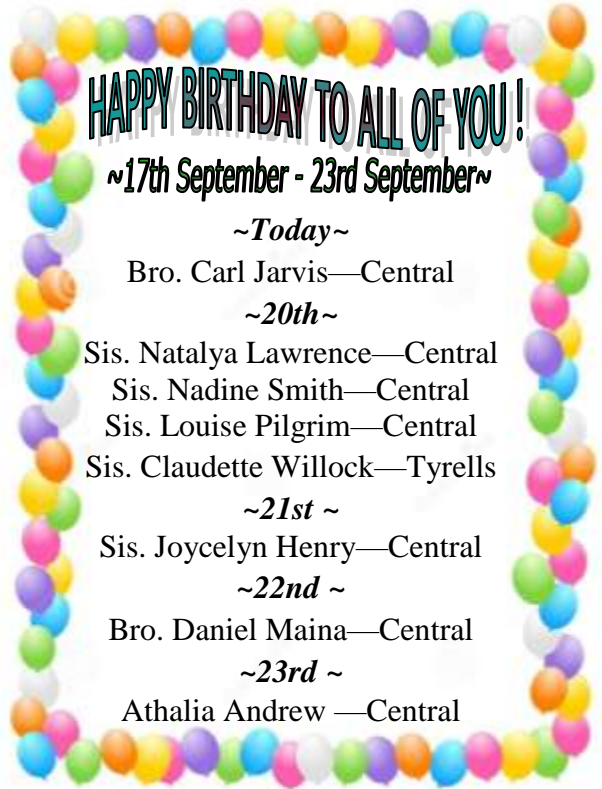
All members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches are kindly asked to download the ECBM App from your local App store. Search for "ECBM App" or "Antigua Reformed Baptist," and download, for free, an exciting new way to connect to your church, share the Gospel and be spiritually edified in the palm of your hand.

4. 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. in the Conference Room and the BLAST Boys Club will meet from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on the BAA Grounds. Be sure to bring your Bible, pen and notepad. Do not miss this time of great fellowship!

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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~17th September - 23rd September~

~Today~

Bro. Carl Jarvis—Central

~20th~

Sis. Natalya Lawrence—Central

Sis. Nadine Smith—Central

Sis. Louise Pilgrim—Central

Sis. Claudette Willock—Tyrells

~21st ~

Sis. Joycelyn Henry—Central

~22nd ~

Bro. Daniel Maina—Central

~23rd ~

Athalia Andrew —Central

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT
IN A YEAR...

Today, Sept. 17th— **2 Corinthians 10**

Monday, Sept. 18th— **2 Corinthians 11:1-15**

Tuesday, Sept. 19th— **2 Corinthians 11:16-33**

Wednesday, Sept. 20th— **2 Corinthians 12**

Thursday, Sept. 21st— **2 Corinthians 13**

Friday, Sept. 22nd— **Galatians 1**

Saturday, Sept. 23rd— **Galatians 2**

Sunday, Sept. 24th— **Galatians 3**





THINK IT THROUGH...

The Safest Shelter

"And a Man shall be as an hiding-place from the wind and a covert from the tempest" (Isaiah 32:2).

Who this Man is we all know. Who could He be but the Second Man, the LORD from heaven, the man of sorrows, the Son of Man? What a hiding place He has been to His people! He bears the full force of the wind Himself, and so He shelters those who hide themselves in Him. We have thus escaped the wrath of God, and we shall thus escape the anger of men, the cares of this life, and the dread of death. Why do we stand in the wind when we may so readily and so surely get out of it by hiding behind our LORD?

Let us this day run to Him and be at peace. Often the common wind of trouble rises in its force and becomes a tempest, sweeping everything before it. Things which looked firm and stable rock in the blast, and many and great are the falls among our carnal confidences. Our LORD Jesus, the glorious man, is a covert which is never blown down. In Him we mark the tempest sweeping by, but we ourselves rest in delightful serenity. This day let us just stow ourselves away in our hiding place and sit and sing under the protection of our Covert. Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! How we love Thee! Well we may, for Thou art to us a shelter in the time of storm.

—Charles Spurgeon

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.

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

SERIES: CHRIST—OUR IDENTITY IN LIFE
Lesson #5—Life In The Community
—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

E.C.B.M. MISSIONS OFFERING



Where does your mission offering go?

- Barbados: Covenant Reformed Baptist Church—Church Plant Initiative
- Haiti: Baptist Haiti Mission—Christian schools, churches, hospital, child services
- USA: Covenant Baptist Theological Seminary—Pastoral Training
- Antigua & Barbuda: ECBM Media Ministries
- *Your tithe supports the budget of your local church. Give generously above your tithes for missions!*

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: Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas, Pas. Ivor Walker, Sis. Nicole Parker, Sis. Veronica Roberts, Sis. Louise Pilgrim, Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Jean Edwards, Bro. Nigel Pilgrim, Sis. Rosalind Ferris, Sis. Paula Skerritt, Sis. Cassilda Williams, Sis. Monica Gardener, Sis. Juliette Smith, Sis. Joycelyn Henry, Sis. Magella Selwood

PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Muriel Martin, Sis. Nadine Smith, Bro. Shaquille & Sis. Gilisa Carty

THANKSGIVING: Sis. Nicole Parker, Bro. Abner Marcellus, Sis. Martha Bowen, Sis. Abiola Anthony, Bro. Charlesworth & Sis. Suzette Dowdie, Sis. Alesha Joseph

NEW MEMBERS: Sis. Rosgue Joseph, Bro. Ronald Jean, Bro. Mowava Robinson, Sis. Leyann Lam, Bro. Tijorn Burton, **Bro. Je'vivre Benjamin, Sis. Kerrie-Faun Nathan, Sis. Serena Richards, Sis. Michelle Paige, Sis. Helena Williams, Bro. Corly Francis, Sis. Eulyon Williams, Sis. Alesha Joseph, Bro. Kyle Abraham, Bro. Enrico St. Jean**

WATCH CARE: Sis. Irene Jonas, Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Jean Edwards

SHUT-IN: Bro. Charles Richards

OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: **Christophe Marcellus, Yashone' Baltimore,** Grantley Edwards, Martina Edwards, Roderick Williams, Dawn Williams, Dale Jones, Andrea Jeremiah, John Bowen, Arah Sheridan, Joshua Sheridan, Milbert Joseph, Donald Lewis, Gloria Lewis, Kathy Gordon, Terry Hill, Shonette Sobers, Clairfoster Lewis, Deandre Mason, Kezron Lewis, Charity Jonas, Brendalee Smith, Zethma Williams

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Shena Charles (Central), Malique Gerald (Covenant-restoration)

Pray without ceasing. I Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Psalm 121:1-2
 Elementary — 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 Secondary & Adults — Eph. 5:22-23

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

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12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

Wednesday

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

Thursday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

Friday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 06:30 p.m. BLAST Girls: Central (Conference Room)
 06:30 p.m. BLAST Boys: Central (BAA Grounds)

Saturday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

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
Joshua M. Jonas (Staff Associate)	726-9662
Rolando A. Lewis (Staff Associate)	784-6147
Ivor J. Walker (Associate)	464-1644
Orvin D. E. Paige (Associate)	464-5395

Diaconate

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