

# FAMILY NEWS

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## A REAL STRUGGLE

*But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.*




*1 Corinthians 9:27*

When your heart is kindled by the word of God or prayer, how quickly it is blown out by attention to the world! It requires as much care to keep it burning, as a candle carried through the open air on a rainy, blustering night. But the further you are above the world, the longer you may retain any spiritual impressions. The closer your minds, hearts and conversations are toward this boisterous world, the less will anything that is heavenly and spiritual abide with you.

When your souls are set in motion towards Christ and heaven, you must beware of worldliness if you would like to hold it in continued course. You must keep yourself as free as you can from earthly encumbrances and entanglements. ‘Let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us’ (Hebrews 12:1). Let us preserve and hold out in that gracious and heavenly course which the gospel has out us on. In order to do this we must remove this one great impediment— ‘The

## *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) on the topic **“The Essence of Christmas”** based on **Matthew 1:23**.
-  **Pastor Rolando Lewis** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **“The Joy Of God’s Grace”** based on **Luke 15:25-32**.
-  **Pastor Joshua Jonas** will preach at the **10:00 a.m.** service **Central Baptist Church** (Radio Range) on the topic **“Cutting Sin Down To Size”** based on **I Samuel 17**.

sin which so easily beset us.’ That sin is worldliness. No sin has more bountiful pleas and pretences to excuse, vindicate, and justify itself. No sin has more fig leaves to cover its nakedness, and to shroud its discovery and conviction, than worldliness. This must be shaken off. It is the great defacer of heavenly impressions, and the chief interrupter of holy motions. If you desire to hold on to the influence of preaching, prayer, and the word that is in you, you must beware of the world, and beware of worldliness!

Also, take heed of unruly, lawful affections or inclinations. This also will hinder your holy duties, and so limit the time spent on them. They will hurry your souls away from holy duties, and struggle to break you from their influence!

—David Clarkson



## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



### 1. CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME PRACTICE SESSIONS

In preparation for our up-coming Christmas Programme which will be held next Sunday evening at the joint service at the Central Baptist Church, we will be having Christmas programme practice sessions this week. Pre-School, Elementary and Secondary students from all three churches who have been selected will have rehearsals on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 2:30 p.m.— 3:40 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Parents are kindly asked to ensure that their children learn their parts and that they are punctual for the practices and that they are picked up promptly at the end of the practice sessions.

### 2. JOINT BLAST CHRISTMAS BARBECUE

All teenage boys and girls are advised that there will be a Joint B.L.A.S.T. (Building Lives Around Scriptural Truth) Christmas Barbecue this Friday. The BLAST Girls and Boys will meet from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on the BAA Grounds. Be sure to bring your Bible. Do not miss this time of great fun, food and fellowship! All parents and guardians are kindly reminded that they need to pick up their children by 8:15 p.m. sharp.

### 3. MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

All men of the Circuit are expected to be at the **Men's Prayer Breakfast** this Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2017 at 7:00 a.m. at the Baptist Retreat Centre at Pares Village.

**The Women'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.

### 4. ECBM DISASTER RELIEF FUND

All members of the Circuit are encouraged to support the ECBM Disaster Relief Fund. This fund will assist our brethren in Barbuda, Dominica, Tortola and Haiti who have faced disasters. Any envelope labelled with these territories will go to the ECBM Disaster Relief Fund. **Let us remember, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" Galatians 6:10.**

### 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 wedding ANNIVERSARY

~ 18th ~

*Bro. Egbert Gordon & Sis. Nelseta Gordon*

~ 21st ~

*Bro. Sherwin Parker & Sis. Nicole Parker*

~ 23rd ~

*Mr. Warren Bryan & Sis. Tarra Bryan*

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

Revision Session:

Life Transforming Truths

Chapter 2 (Rejoicing In Election)

**"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

## BABY DEDICATION



We rejoice with Bro. Olrich Chery & Sis. Benjy Chery on the dedication of their son, **Olson Chery**. He was born on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 and was dedicated on December 10, 2017. Let us pray for them as they raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

## READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN A YEAR...

- Today, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>— Revelation 8
- Monday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>— Revelation 9
- Tuesday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>— Revelation 10
- Wednesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>— Revelation 11
- Thursday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>— Revelation 12
- Friday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>— Revelation 13
- Saturday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>— Revelation 14
- Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>— Revelation 15



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

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

~Today~

Sis. Juliette Smith—Central

~18<sup>th</sup>~

Bro. Ivan Hurst—Central

Sis. Gertrude Butters—Tyrells

~21<sup>st</sup>~

Sis. T'Schea Stevens—Central

~22<sup>nd</sup>~

Pastor Ivor Walker—Tyrells

Christal Thomas—Covenant

# Congratulations!

We rejoice with the students of the Baptist Academy who received awards at the CIBC First Caribbean Primary Schools Awards Ceremony which was held on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2017. Seventeen of our students received awards. Our school received the most awards during the ceremony.

1. Zion Williams—4 Awards: Gold Award, #3 National Assessment Student Plaque, Cheque for \$400 for being the #3 Student in the Nation & Certificate of National Recognition
2. Destiné Gardner—3 Awards: Gold Award, #4 National Assessment Trophy & Certificate of National Recognition
3. Amiah Isaac —3 Awards: Gold Award, #5 National Assessment Trophy & Certificate of National Recognition
4. Rayne Grant —3 Awards: Gold Award, #6 National Assessment Trophy & Certificate of National Recognition
5. Victoria Bowens —3 Awards: Silver Award, #8 National Assessment Trophy & Certificate of National Recognition
6. Aaliyah Edwards —4 Awards: Silver Award, #9 National Assessment Trophy, Top Social Studies Student Award & Certificate of National Recognition
7. Christophe Marcellus —3 Awards: Silver Award, # Top Male National Assessment Student Trophy & Certificate of National Recognition
8. Athalia Andrew —2 Awards: Silver Award & Certificate of National Recognition
9. Malicah Baptiste —2 Awards: Silver Award & Certificate of National Recognition
10. Shadiael Simmons —2 Awards: Bronze Award & Certificate of National Recognition
11. Tamar Thomas —2 Awards: Bronze Award & Certificate of National Recognition
12. Brielle Roach—2 Awards: Bronze Award & Certificate of National Recognition
13. Aéden Daley —3 Awards: Bronze Award, Top Social Studies Student Award & Certificate of National Recognition
14. Naelon George —2 Awards: Bronze Award & Certificate of National Recognition
15. Kristian Winter —2 Awards: Bronze Award & Certificate of National Recognition
16. Kemarni Joseph —2 Awards: Bronze Award & Certificate of National Recognition
17. Natalia Pryce —2 Awards: Bronze Award & Certificate of National Recognition

*We thank God for the successes of our students, and we pray that He will continue to bless the Baptist Academy of Antigua.*

# 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. Magella Selwood, Sis. Muriel Martin, Sis. Nadine Smith, Bro. Shaquille & Sis. Gillisa Carty

**THANKSGIVING:** Sis. Judy Browne, Bro. Ceon & Sis. Annstacia Barlow, Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Genevieve Jervis, Sis. Sarah Maina, Sis. Magella Selwood

**NEW MEMBERS:** Sis. Rosgue Joseph, Bro. Ronald Jean, Sis. Mowava Robinson, Sis. Leyann Lam, Bro. Tjorn Burton, Sis. Kerrie-Faun Nathan, Sis. Serena Richards, Sis. Michelle Paige, Bro. Corly Francis, Sis. Eulyn Williams, Bro. Kyle Abraham

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

**SHUT-IN:** Bro. Charles Richards

## OTHER CONCERNS

**SAVING GRACE:** Edric Tonge Sr., Edric Tonge Jr., Genevieve Simon, Diane Lake, Gary Morian, Leslie Hutson, Travis Mingo, Otis Brisport, Colin Baker, Hamadi Browne, George Browne, Khalid Browne, Chelsea Barlow, Chikaede Barlow, Annabelle Maina, Clyde Walton, David Toussaint, Grantley Edwards, Martina Edwards, Roderick Williams, Dawn Williams, Joshua Sheridan, Dale Jones, Andrea Jeremiah

**NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS:** Athalia Andrew (Central), Folett Brown (Central)

*Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17*

# Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Luke 1:37

Elementary — Psalm 19:14

Secondary & Adults — James 1:27

# 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

06:00 p.m. Worship: All Churches

07:00 p.m. Sunday School: All Churches

## Monday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

02:30 p.m. Christmas Programme Practice: Central

## Tuesday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

06:30 p.m. **Elders' Meeting: Central**

## Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

02:30 p.m. Christmas Programme Practice: Central

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

## Thursday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

02:30 p.m. Christmas Programme Practice: Central

## Friday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

02:30 p.m. Christmas Programme Practice: Central

06:30 p.m. Joint BLAST Barbecue: Central (BAA Grounds)

## Saturday

07:00 a.m. **Men's Prayer Breakfast: BRC—Pares**

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

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