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DUTY OF CHURCH MEMBERS TO THEIR PASTOR

Of the duty of church members to their Pastor

1. It is the duty of every member to pray for his Pastor and Teachers.

“Brethren pray for us” (1 Thess 5:25; Heb 13:18) that the Word of the Lord may run and be glorified. Again, saith Paul, “praying also for us that God would open unto us a door of utterance to speak the mystery of Christ” (Col 4:3). Prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. Those that neglect this duty seem not to care either for their Minister, or their own souls, or whether sinners be converted, or the church edified or not. They pray for their daily bread, and will they not pray to have the Bread of Life plentifully broken to them?

Motives to this:

- The Minister's work is great: “Who is sufficient for these things?” (2 Cor 2:16).
- The opposition is not small which is made against them (see 1 Cor 16:9).
- God's loud call (as well as Minister's themselves) is for the saints' continual prayers and supplications for them.
- Their weaknesses and temptations are many.
- The increase and edification of the church depends on the success of their ministry.

If they fall or miscarry, God is greatly dishonored, and his ways and people reproached.

2. They ought to show a reverential estimation of them, being **Christ's ambassadors, also called Rulers, Angels, etc.**

They that honor and receive them, honor and receive Jesus Christ. “Esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake” (1 Thess 5:13). Again, he saith, “Let the elders that rule well, be accounted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in word and doctrine” (1 Tim 5:17). That is, as I conceive, those that are most laborious.

From The Pulpit...



- 📖 **Pastor Garnet Samuels** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church** (Friars Hill Road) .
- 📖 **Elder David B. Morris** 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).
- 📖 **Elder David B. Morris** will also preach at the **Joint Service at 6:00 p.m.** at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road).

3. It is their duty to submit themselves unto them, that is, in all their exhortations, good counsels, and reproofs. When they call to any extraordinary duty such as prayer, fasting, or days of thanksgiving, if they see no just cause why such days should not be kept, they ought to obey their Pastor or Elder, as in other cases also. “Obey them that have the rule over you and submit yourselves” (Heb 13:7).
4. It is their duty to take care to vindicate them from the unjust charges of evil men, or tongue of infamy, and not to take up a reproach against them by report, nor to grieve their spirits, or to weaken their hands (Jer 20:10; Zeph 2:8; 2 Cor 11:21, 23).
5. It is the duty of members to go to them when under trouble or temptations.
6. It is their duty to provide a comfortable maintenance for them and their families, suitable to their state and condition.
- “Let him that is taught in the word communicate to him that teacheth in all good things” (Gal 6:6). “Who goeth a warfare at his own charge? Who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof?.... (1 Cor 9:7).”

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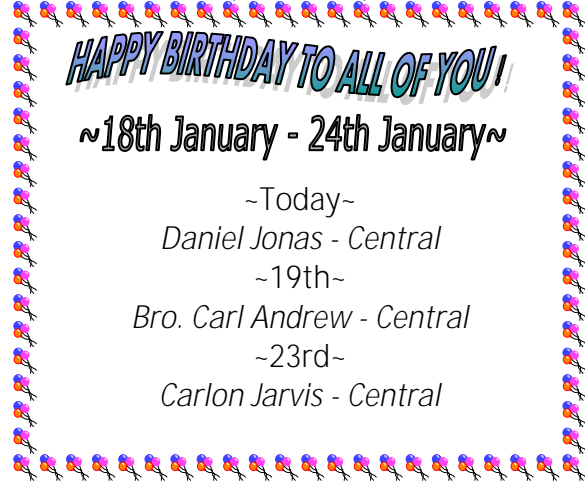
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Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel” (v. 14). “If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?” (v. 11). They should minister to them cheerfully, with all readiness of mind. Ministers are not to ask for their bread, but to receive it honorably (Matt 10:9-10). Though the Minister’s maintenance is not by tithes, etc., as under the law, yet they have now as just a right to a comfortable maintenance as they had then. The equity of the duty is the same. Our Savior, saith Dr. Owen, pleads it from the grounds of equity and justice. All kind of rules and laws of righteousness among men of all sorts calls for it.

7. It is their duty to adhere to them and abide by them in all their trials and persecutions for the Word.

“Ye were not ashamed of me in my bonds...” (cf. 2 Tim 1:16-18).

—[Edited] Reformed Baptist Fellowship



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~18th January - 24th January~

~Today~

Daniel Jonas - Central

~19th~

Bro. Carl Andrew - Central

~23rd~

Carlton Jarvis - Central

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

Series: “CONNECTED—MY LIFE IN THE CHURCH”

Study #5—Connected In Prayer (Ephesians 6:17-22) [Part 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



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations, Dr. Jonas, on completing 29 years of full-time pastoral ministry. Your dedication to the Word of God and the people of God is worthy of emulation. We give God thanks for you.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

~21st January~

Bro. Daniel & Sis. Sarah Maina

Welcome Our Guest Pastors

Pastor Garnet Samuels, Pastor of St. George’s Berean Bible Church, Grenada and Elder David B. Morris, Itinerant Evangelist from North Carolina, USA are our guest preachers for our Presiding Elder’s Anniversary Service. We are pleased to welcome them to our churches and nation "where land and sea make beauty."





MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. PRESIDING ELDER'S ANNIVERSARY

This Sunday, we will take the time to honour the Presiding Elder in all three churches of the Circuit. The special appreciation service will be this evening's Joint Service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church**. Our guest speaker will be Elder David B. Morris of North Carolina.

2. EVANGELISM THRUST

All members are encouraged to pray for and be disciplined participants in our new evangelistic initiative. The adult Sunday School classes have been divided into teams for evangelism by appointment. The youth Sunday School classes will be evangelizing by canvassing the island with the assistance of their counselors and a few young adults. Let us pray for good success in extending the Kingdom of God.

3. 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.

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. ACTEENS CLUB

All teenage girls are reminded of their regular club meeting this **Friday at 6:30 p.m.** at the **Central Baptist Church**. **Be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and a pen. Please be punctual.**

6. ROYAL AMBASSADORS CLUB

All teenage boys are advised of their regular club meeting this **Friday at 6:30 p.m.** at the **Central Baptist Church**. **Be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and pen.**

BEREAVEMENT



The Eldership and members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches express our deepest sympathies to Sis. Monica Gardener on the death of her mother, Dorris Lewis Dickson. Let us pray and support our sister and her family in their time of bereavement.

FUNERAL SERVICE



All members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches are encouraged to support

- ❖ Sister Charmaine Nickeo and her family in their bereavement due to the death of her brother, Wendell DeSouza. The funeral will be on **Monday, January 19, 2015**, at the **Spring Gardens Moravian Church at 1:30 p.m.** "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep" (Romans 12:15).
- ❖ Sister Sharon Carty and her family in their bereavement due to the death of her Sister, Mrs. Claudeth Watson. The funeral will be on **Tuesday, January 20, 2015**, at the **Tyndale Adventist Church at 1:30 p.m.**

"Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep" (Romans 12:15).

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. **Presiding Elder's Anniversary Service: Tyrells**

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
 6:30 p.m. RAs: Central
 6:30 p.m. Acteens: Central

Sat. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 3:00 p.m. Church-wide Evangelism: All Churches



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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
Ivor J. Walker (Associate)	764-1491
Orvin D. E. Paige (Associate)	464-1014
Joshua M. Jonas (Staff Associate)	726-9662

Diaconate

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

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: 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. Jasmine Jarvis, Sis. Priya Jattan, Sis. Nelseta Gordon
PRIVATE CONCERNS: Bro. Ernest Davis, Sis. Judy Edwards, Sis. Genevieve Leo, Bro. Sherwin & Sis. Nicole Parker, Sis. Muriel Martin

THANKSGIVING: Sis. Judy Edwards, Sis. Genevieve Leo, Bro. Sherwin & Sis. Nicole Parker, Sis. Yvonne Lee, Sis. Chanda Benjamin, Sis. Shereese Mack, Sis. Dianne Joseph

SAFETY IN PREGNANCY: Sis. Jo-Ann Paige, Sis. Altude Exaie
NEW MEMBERS: Bro. Olrich Chery, Sis. Briana Griffith, Sis. Stacey Hector, Sis. Rickeshia Willock, Sis. Priya Jattan, Sis. Marian Locker, Sis. Nadine Fils Aime, Bro. Ernst Pierre-Louis, Sis. Benjy Chery, Sis. Aminata Joseph, Sis. Jenee Henry, Sis. Shinel Leo

WATCH CARE: Sis. Irene Jonas, Sis. Diana Richards, Bro. Charles Richards

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

OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Curtis Paige, Michelle Paige, Dion Andrew, Otele Setal, Charles Nurse, Akeieira Bratihwaite, Selina Naddour, Xena Joseph, Sinclair Joseph, George Browne, Khalid Browne, Hamadi Browne, Lynda Davis, Asheka Davis, Vivian Mason, Dedra Mason, Kezron Lewis, Deondre Mason, Lorraine Mason, Clairfoster Lewis, Jamol Pilgrim, Chelsea Barlow, Chikaede Barlow, Yvette Henry, Brian Williams, Latanyce Williams, Kurt Spencer, Cherisse James, Joshua Joseph, Theo Blair, Art Bazilio, Egan Bazilio, Andy Josiah, Partice Josiah

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Esther René (Central), Trishel Wetherill (Covenant), Jonathas René (Central), Rivert René (Central—Restoration), Akeel Jarvis (Central) Curline Joseph (Tyrells—Transfer)

Pray without ceasing. | Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Matthew 6:33
 Elementary — Psalm 90:11-12
 Secondary & Adults — Exodus 20:3-5