

# FAMILY NEWS

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## THE MIGHTY GOD



*We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.  
2 Chronicles 20:12*

**T**imes of adversity are reasonable times to trust in God. When we have no bread to eat, or water to drink, but only afflictions and astonishments, this is a time not for over-grieving, murmuring, sinking, desponding, despairing, but for trusting. In a tempest a believer must cast his anchor upward. Trust is a believer's choicest antidote against fainting, swooning, and sinking. When the hand of the Lord has greatly multiplied our sorrows; when He breaks upon us with breach upon breach; when his arrows stick fast in us, and his hand presses us sore; when we are fain to eat ashes like bread and to mingle our drink with weeping; now is a time to stir up our faith to purpose. In this tempest, faith sits at the helm and preserves the soul from shipwreck. Faith grapples with the Goliath of affliction, and overcomes it. When the heart is apt to fail, when the soul is apt to swoon, faith draws forth its bottle and administers a reviving cordial.

Amidst all storms, winds, and tempests, yea, in a hurricane of sorrow and misery, faith knows where and how to cast anchor: 'Let not your hearts be troubled' (John 14: 1). Faith is the antidote and healer of all diseases. It allows a believer to live in the midst of death. God has extraordinary means to bear us up when ordinary ones fail. He can turn poisons into antidotes, hindrances into furtherances, and destructions into deliverances. The ravens give

## *From The Pulpit...*



-  Dr. H.W. C. Jonas 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 **“Provocative Prayer”** based on Genesis 18:16-33.
-  Pastor Rolando Lewis will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service at the Covenant Baptist Church (Friars Hill Road) on the topic **“Filled But Never Satisfied”** based on John 6:35.

Elijah food. A whale becomes Jonah's ship, and pilot too. An Almighty God can work without means. God often brings His people into such a condition that they do not know what to do. He does this that they might know what He can do. God is with His people at all times, but He is most sweetly with them in the worst of times.

—THOMAS LYE

*Happy  
Father's  
Day*

The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him.

PROVERBS 20:7

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT  
IN A YEAR...

- Today, June 18<sup>th</sup>— Acts 4:1-22
- Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>— Acts 4:23-37
- Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>— Acts 5:1-21
- Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>— Acts 5:22-42
- Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>— Acts 6
- Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>— Acts 7:1-21
- Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>— Acts 7:22-43
- Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>— Acts 7:44-60



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

SERIES: VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIVING  
Revision—Lessons 1-6

*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



**CHILDREN'S CAMP  
2017**

**Theme: Moses-From Slavery To Freedom  
Exodus 3:7-8**

\*Date: August 7 - August 11, 2017  
\*Registration Fee: \$10.00  
\*Balance: \$50.00  
**REGISTER NOW!!!**



**Summer Camp  
2017**



**Theme:**  
**“Identity Crisis: Who Am I In Christ?”**

*“ For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light”*  
— Ephesians 5:8

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!**

**~18th June-24th June~**

- ~ 19th ~  
Sis. Josie-Ann Jonas —Central  
Sis. Anika Jones—Tyrells
- ~ 20th ~  
Dea. Earl Skerritt — Central
- ~ 22nd ~  
Bro. Darryl Charles—Covenant
- ~ 24th ~  
Sis. Aminata Joseph — Central



## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



### 1. 25TH CARIBBEAN BAPTIST HERITAGE CONFERENCE

All delegates for the Caribbean Baptist Heritage Conference 2017 are asked to submit USD \$200 (Registration Fee) by **Thursday, 22nd June, 2017 at the church's office**. Please do not bring the equivalent amount in EC currency. Members of the Circuit are asked to pray for the safety of all delegates across the Caribbean as they travel to and from St. Lucia.

### 2. JOINT FTI OPEN FORUM AT COVENANT

All church members of the Circuit are reminded of our Joint Family Training Institute (FTI) Open Forum this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Covenant Baptist Church (Friars Hill Road). Be sure to avail yourself to this means of grace.

### 3. MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

All men of the Circuit are expected to be at the **Men's Prayer** Breakfast this Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 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. 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. on the BAA grounds. and the BLAST Boys Club will meet from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Be sure to bring your Bible, pen and notepad. Do not miss this time of great fellowship!

### 5. YOUTH CAMP FUND

All members are kindly asked to invest in the life of one or more of our young people by making a generous contribution to the Youth Camp Fund. This fund is to facilitate our young people attending the annual Summer Youth Camps 2017. You may collect a special envelope from the ushers. Invest in the kingdom of God and support our youth.

### 6. YOUTH SUMMER ACTIVITIES

There will be some exciting activities for the youth this summer. They are as follows:

BLAST (Girls): July 24—28, 2017

BLAST (Boys): July 31—August 4, 2017

The fee for all of the above activities is \$220. The theme for the camps is **"Identity Crisis: Who Am In Christ?" (Ephesians 5:8)**. Registration for the summer camps has begun.

All interested persons are asked to complete the registration forms on the ECBM app and pay the \$20.00 registration fee at the church. The balance of \$200.00 is due Sunday, 2nd July, 2017. All church members are asked to pray for all aspects of the camps.

## CONGRATULATIONS...BAPTIST ACADEMY!

We celebrate with the students in the ECBM Circuit who have received recognition at the National CXC Awards Ceremony held on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 by the Ministry of Education.

*All fifteen students from the Baptist Academy (2016-17 class) received an award. Akanii Simon gained the Top Position in the nation of Antigua & Barbuda in the June 2016 CSEC Examinations. He wrote and passed 17 subjects. He achieved 16 Grade 1 passes and 1 Grade 2 pass. At the awards ceremony, nine students received a Gold Award, one student received a Silver Award, two received a Bronze Award and three received the Certificate of National Recognition. All praise be to our God!*

1. Akanii Simon: Prime Minister's Award for Excellence (Top Student in the nation)  
Gold Award  
Subject Award (6th in the region in Integrated Science)  
Subject Award (9th in the region in Office Administration)  
Certificate of National Recognition
2. Christina Pike: Gold Award  
Subject Award (7th in the region in Human & Social Biology)  
Certificate of National Recognition
3. Elie Louisa: Gold Award  
Subject Award (5th in the region in Information Technology)  
Certificate of National Recognition
4. Shaunna Archibald: Gold Award & Certificate of National Recognition
5. Jenee Henry: Gold Award & Certificate of National Recognition
6. Jeanine Jonas: Gold Award & Certificate of National Recognition
7. Dexter Laurence: Gold Award & Certificate of National Recognition
8. Akiela Simon: Gold Award & Certificate of National Recognition
9. Tamera Walcott: Gold Award & Certificate of National Recognition
10. Nicholas Thomas: Silver Award & Certificate of National Recognition
11. Alexia Martin: Bronze Award & Certificate of National Recognition
12. T'schea Stevens: Bronze Award & Certificate of National Recognition
13. Matthew Gore: Certificate of National Recognition
14. Selina Naddour: Certificate of National Recognition
15. Kristal Tonge: Certificate of National Recognition

*To God be the glory!*

# 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: Pas. Ivor Walker, Sis. Veronica Roberts, Sis. Louise Pilgrim, Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Jean Edwards, Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas, 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. Nadine Smith, Sis. Diane Joseph, Bro. Shaquille & Sis. Gillisa Carty

THANKSGIVING: Sis. Judy Browne, Sis. Martha Bowen, Sis. Abiola Anthony, Bro. Charlesworth & Sis. Suzette Dowdie, Sis. Alesha Joseph, Bro. Carl & Sis. Cassandra Jarvis

NEW MEMBERS: Sis. Rosgue Joseph, Bro. Ronald Jean, Sis. 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. Eulyn Williams, Sis. Alesha Joseph, Bro. Kyle Abraham, Bro. Enrico St. Jean, Sis. Ashika Davis**

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

SHUT-IN: Bro. Charles Richards

## OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Diane Lake, Sharon James, Floyd James, Roderick Williams, Dawn Williams, Dale Jones, Andrea Jeremiah, John Bowen, Joshua Joseph, Arah Sheridan, Milbert Joseph, Donald Lewis, Gloria Lewis, Kathy Gordon, Terry Hill, Shonette Sobers, Clairfoster Lewis, Deandre Mason, Ajonte Williamson, Bruce Williamson, Kezron Lewis, Charity Jonas, Brendalee Smith

NEW MEMBER APPLICANT: Jaeda Joseph (Central)

# 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

## Tuesday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 06:30 p.m. **Elders' Meeting: Central**

## Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 07:00 p.m. Joint FTI Forum: Covenant

## Thursday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

## Friday

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

## Saturday

07:00 a.m. **Men's Prayer Breakfast: BRC—Pares**  
 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
Ivor J. Walker (Associate)	464-1644
Orvin D. E. Paige (Associate)	464-1014
Joshua M. Jonas (Staff Associate)	726-9662
Rolando A. Lewis (Staff Associate)	784-6147

## Diaconate

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

*Pray without ceasing. | Thessalonians 5:17*

## Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Proverbs 28:13  
 Elementary — Galatians 5:22-23  
 Secondary & Adults — Matthew 11:28-30