

# FAMILY NEWS

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## GOD'S PROTECTION

*No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; —Isaiah 54:17*

**T**he most powerful means that have been employed to destroy God's people have been rendered ineffective. Providence crosses its hands as Jacob did in blessing the sons of Joseph, and orders quite a contrary outcome. How the weak have been used for the good of the church! Christ did not choose eloquent orators, or men of authority in the courts of kings and emperors, but twelve poor labourers, and fishermen. This is the most ridiculous course that can be imagined, in appearance, for such a design. And yet, in how short a time was the gospel spread in all the kingdoms of the world! At the sound of ram's horns, Jericho was delivered into the hands of Israel. By three hundred men with their pitchers and lamps, the huge host of Midian was discomfited. The Protestants, besieged in Béziers in France, were delivered by a drunken drummer, who, going to his quarters at midnight, rang the alarm-bell of the town, not knowing what he did, and that just as the enemy was making the assault. Just as weak and improbable means have been blessed with success to the church in general and for the preservation

## *From The Pulpit...*



-  **Dr. Hensworth Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church** (Friars Hill Road) on the topic **“Divine Holiness”** based on **1 Samuel 2:1-10** and also at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church** (Radio Range) on the topic **“Holy Indignation”** based on **Psalms 137**.
-  **Pastor Joshua Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **“A Divine Investment”** based on **Luke 12:13-21**.

of its members. A spider by weaving her web over the mouth of an oven, hid a servant of Christ, Du Moulin, from his enemies, when he took refuge in there from the bloody Parisian massacre. A hen sustained another many days, at the same time, by lodging her egg every day in the place where he had hid himself from the cut-throats. Examples might be easily multiplied, but the truth is too plain and obvious in the observation of all ages to need more. Can we not but acknowledge a divine and special providence overruling these matters when we see the most apt and potent means for the church's ruin frustrated, and the most silly, and contemptible means succeeded and prospered for its good?

— JOHN FLAVEL

**"He shall not be afraid of evil tidings."**

—*Psalm 112:7.*

**C**HRISTIAN, you ought not to dread the arrival of evil tidings; because if you are distressed by them, *what do you more than other men?* Other men have not your God to fly to; they have never proved His faithfulness as you have done, and it is no wonder if they are bowed down with alarm and cowed with fear: but you profess to be of another spirit; you have been begotten again unto a lively hope, and your heart lives in heaven and not on earthly things; now, if you are seen to be distracted as other men, what is the value of that grace which you profess to have received? Where is the dignity of that new nature which you claim to possess?

Again, if you should be filled with alarm, as others are, *you would, doubtless, be led into the sins so common to others under trying circumstances.* The ungodly, when they are overtaken by evil tidings, rebel against God; they murmur, and think that God deals hardly with them. Will you fall into that same sin? Will you provoke the Lord as they do?

Moreover, unconverted men often run to wrong means in order to escape from difficulties, and you will be sure to do the same if your mind yields to the present pressure. Trust in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him. Your wisest course is to do as Moses did at the Red Sea, "Stand still and see the salvation of God." For if you give way to fear when you hear of evil tidings, you will be unable to meet the trouble with that calm composure which nerves for duty, and sustains under adversity. How can you glorify God if you play the coward? Saints have often sung God's high praises in the fires, but will your doubting and desponding, as if you had none to help you, magnify the Most High? Then take courage, and relying in sure confidence upon the faithfulness of your covenant God, "let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

—**Charles Spurgeon**

## READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR...



Today, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> – Eccl. 8-10  
 Monday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> – Eccl. 11-12; 2 Cor. 11  
 Tuesday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> – Song. 1-3; 2 Cor. 12  
 Wednesday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> – Song. 4-6; 2 Cor. 13  
 Thursday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Song. 7 & Isa. 1; Gal. 1  
 Friday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Isa. 2-4; Gal. 2-3  
 Saturday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> – Isa. 5-6  
 Sunday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> – Isa. 7-9

### THINK IT THROUGH...

Happy is that man who possesses a Bible!  
 Happier still is he who reads it! Happiest of all  
 is he who not only reads it, but obeys it, and  
 makes it the rule of his faith and practice!"

—J.C. Ryle

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!**

~18th September - 24th September~

~20th~

Sis. Natalya Lawrence—Central

Sis. Louise Pilgrim—Central

Sis. Nadine Smith—Central

Sis. Claudette Willock—Tyrells

~21st~

Sis. Joycelyn Henry—Central

~22nd~

Bro. Daniel Maina—Central

~23rd~

Athalia Andrew—Central



## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



### 1. NOONDAY PRAYER MINISTRY

All members of the Circuit are advised that Noonday Prayer will be held in the Conference Room (formally Pastor Joshua **Jonas' office**) at the back of the chapel at Central (Radio Range). Let us earnestly seek the Lord in prayer.

### 2. 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 now meet from 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. in the Central Baptist Fellowship Hall. and the BLAST Boys Club will meet from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in Pastor Joshua **Jonas' office**. Do not miss this time of great fellowship!

### 3. WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

All women of the Circuit are expected to be at the **Women's Prayer Breakfast** this Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> September, 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.

### 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.

## NOONDAY PRAYER MINISTRY



- ❖ We meet for prayer at **Central** from **12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.** in the Conference Room 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).

## 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.

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

SERIES: **"Game Changer: How To Impact Your World"**

Study #2 Pray Fervently—Part 2 of 2  
(Daniel 2:13-21, 26-28a)

*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

# 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: Bro. Egbert Gordon, Sis. Sharon Carty, Sis Chanda Jonas, Sis. Veronica Roberts, Sis. Louise Pilgrim, Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Jean Edwards, Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas, Sis. Ann-Marie Pilgrim, Bro. Nigel Pilgrim, Sis. Rosalind Ferris, Sis. Paula Skerritt, Sis. Cassilda Williams, Sis. Sonia Charles, Sis. Monica Gardener, Sis. Pamela Walcott, Sis. Juliette Smith, Sis. Priya Jattan

PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Maxime James, Sis. Maria Hurst, Sis. Yvonne Lee, Sis. Nadine Smith, Sis. Curline Joseph  
 Dea. Ian & Sis. Bronwen Blair

THANKSGIVING: Bro Wilfred Irish, Sis. Judy Browne, Sis Asheka Davis

NEW MEMBERS: Sis. Helena Williams, Bro. Corly Francis, Sis. Eulyn Williams, Sis. Alesha Joseph, Bro. Kyle Abraham, Bro. Enrico St. Jean, Sis. Ashika Davis, Sis. Celine Bolivard, Sis. Telesha Choy, Sis. Charissa Watkins, Bro. Ken Murray, Sis. Gloria Herrera, Bro. Kareem Michael, Sis. Clytie Francis, Bro. R. Oliver Baptiste, 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. Esther René

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

SHUT IN: Sis. Edith McCoy

## OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Chelsea Barlow, Chikaede Barlow, George Browne, Khalid Browne, Hamadi Browne, Hasani Roberts, Colin Brisport, Otis Brisport, Sandra Manwarren, Debbie Hurst, Bre Henry, Andy Josiah, Patrice Josiah, John Lee

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Michelle Paige (Covenant), Christine Powell (Central), Kimberly Nathan (Central) Z'Roya Ambrose (Central), Denley Buckley (Tyrells)

*Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17*

## Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Psalm 121:1-2  
 Elementary — 2 Timothy 3:16-17  
 Secondary & Adults — Ephesians 4:32

# THIS WEEK

- Sun. 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
- Mon. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
- Tues. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
- 03:00 p.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
- 06:30 p.m. **Elders' Meeting: Central**
- Wed. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
- 07:00 p.m. Prayer Service & Fellowship Groups: All Churches
- Thurs. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
- Fri. 09:00 a.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
- 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
- 06:30 p.m. BLAST (Girls) Youth Ministry: Central
- 06:30 p.m. BLAST (Boys) Youth Ministry: Central
- Sat. 07:00 a.m. **Women's Prayer Breakfast (BRC—Pares)**
- 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

## ECBM DIRECTORY

Central Baptist Church	462-2894
Tyrells Baptist Church	460-3557
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Baptist Retreat Centre	463-8801



### Eldership

Hensworth W. C. Jonas (Presiding)	771-4888
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