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NEWS

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FOLLOW CHRIST

Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what *is that* to thee? follow thou me.

John 21: 22




We need to stand in the way God has directed us to walk. We are so prone to desire another's work than our own. That which is the Commander's business is not the Private's. The service you do out of your own path is not acceptable to God. God will not thank you for doing that which He did not ask you to do. You might have good intentions, as Uzzah in staying the ark, but God was not pleased with his zeal (2 Sam. 6: 7). Saul could make a good excuse for his sacrifice, but it did not serve him well. We must ask ourselves 'Who required this at our hands?' In moving out of our proper calling, we move out of God's protection. If we love to walk in God's company, we must abide in our place and calling. Every step from that is a departure from God. It is better to stay at home in a humble place and low calling where we may enjoy God's sweet presence than to go to court and live there without him. What a bold adventure it is to stay where you cannot expect his presence! It is dangerous to do what we are not called to do, or to neglect our duty. The earth could not bear with Korah and swallowed him up. The sea bore witness against Jonah the runaway prophet. The ruin of many souls breaks in upon them at this door. We are judged for our own stewardship, and not that of another.

God only requires faithfulness in our place. We do not find fault with an apple tree if it is laden with apples and not figs. It is an erratic spirit that carries men out of their place and calling. They may be proud and discontent with the place God has set them. The whole world is too narrow a walk for a proud heart. Shall they be hid in a crowd when they can show the world their worth? No, they cannot stand it. But man always prospers better in his own soil.

—WILLIAM GURNALL

From The Pulpit...



-  **Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church (Tyrells Main Road)** on the topic **"Rejecting Assimilation"** based on **John 7:1-9** and also at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church (Radio Range)** on the topic **"Boldness In Prayer"** based on **I John 5:14-15**.
-  **Brother Rolando Lewis** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church (Friars Hill Road)** on the topic **"Hope For The Lawless"** based on **2 Samuel 12:1-15**.
-  **Pastor Joshua Jonas** will preach at the **3:00 p.m.** Baptist Academy Thanksgiving Service at the **Central Baptist Church (Radio Range)** on the topic **"Set Me Free"** based on **Acts 16:25-34**.

Congratulations

*Baptist Academy of Antigua
24th Anniversary*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~18th October - 24th October~

~Today~

Sis. Faye Charlton—Central

~19th~

Sis. Norma Grant—Central

~20th~

Sis. Yvette Samuel—Central

Sis. Jhislaine Pierre-Louis—Tyrells

~21st~

Theo Blair—Central

~23rd~

Bro. Ephraim Gomes—Tyrells

~24th~

Yashanté Willock —Tyrells

Sunday School Adult & Youth Reading

Prepare for next week...

SERIES: "LIKE NO OTHER—THE LIFE OF CHRIST"

Study #6 Resurrected Like No Other—Part 2 of 2
(Matthew 28:1-10)

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-MAIL PRAYER REQUESTS



Noonday Prayer Ministry

❖ We meet for prayer at **Central** from **12 noon to 1pm** from **Monday to Saturday**. All are welcomed to join us.

❖ Your request will be the focus of our prayers at each Noonday Prayer Meeting.

❖ The e-mail address for this is prayer@baptistantigua.org.

Pray without ceasing. —1 Thessalonians 5:17

MEMORY VERSE LIST FOR ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Genesis 1:1, 27 | 27. Romans 6:23 |
| 2. Deuteronomy 29:29 | 28. Romans 8:28 |
| 3. II Chronicles 7:14 | 29. I Corinthians 10:13 |
| 4. Psalm 1:1-2 | 30. II Corinthians 5:17 |
| 5. Psalm 19:14 | 31. Galatians 5:22-23 |
| 6. Psalm 27:1 | 32. Galatians 6:7 |
| 7. Psalm 46:1 | 33. Ephesians 2:8-9 |
| 8. Psalm 66:18 | 34. Ephesians 4:32 |
| 9. Psalm 90:11-12 | 35. Ephesians 6:1-2 |
| 10. Psalm 119:11, 105 | 36. Philippians 1:6 |
| 11. Psalm 121:1-2 | 37. Philippians 4:8 |
| 12. Proverbs 3:5-6 | 38. Philippians 4:13 |
| 13. Proverbs 15:3 | 39. Philippians 4:19 |
| 14. Proverbs 28:13 | 40. I Thessalonians 5:16-18 |
| 15. Ecclesiastes 12:1 | 41. I Thessalonians 5:22 |
| 16. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 | 42. I Timothy 4:12 |
| 17. Lamentations 3:22-23 | 43. I Timothy 6:6-7 |
| 18. Isaiah 1:18 | 44. II Timothy 3:16-17 |
| 19. Jeremiah 17:9 | 45. II Timothy 1:7 |
| 20. Matthew 5:16 | 46. Hebrews 11:1, 6 |
| 21. Matthew 6:33 | 47. Hebrews 13:5 |
| 22. John 3:16-17 | 48. James 4:6-7 |
| 23. John 14:6 | 49. I Peter 5:6-7 |
| 24. John 15:5 | 50. I John 1:9 |
| 25. Acts 4:12 | 51. I John 2:15 |
| 26. Romans 3:23 | 52. Revelation 4:11 |

MEMORY VERSE LIST FOR KINDERGARTEN 5 SUNDAY SCHOOL

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| 1. Genesis 1:1 | 6. Psalm 119:11 |
| 2. Proverbs 28:13 | 7. Psalm 119:105 |
| 3. Psalm 19:14 | 8. Psalm 121:1-2 |
| 4. Psalm 46:1 | 9. Matthew 5:16 |
| 5. Psalm 66:18 | 10. Matthew 6:33 |

THINK IT THROUGH

When you go through a trial, the sovereignty of God is the pillow upon which you lay your head.

—Charles Spurgeon



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. BAPTIST ACADEMY CELEBRATES 24TH ANNIVERSARY

All members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches are advised that there will be a special 24th anniversary service for the Baptist Academy of Antigua today at 3:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. We thank God for this institution that promotes Christian education and academic excellence.

2. WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

All women of the Circuit are expected to be at the **Women's Prayer Breakfast** this Saturday, 24th October, 2015 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.

3. HARVEST AND ANNIVERSARY 2015

Harvest in the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches is here again! This year's celebrations also includes the 50th Anniversary of Central Baptist Church as well as the 23rd Anniversary of Tyrells Baptist Church. The dates are November 27-29, 2015. The theme is "Lay Aside Every Weight" (Hebrews 12:1). The guest preacher is Pastor Patrick Harrison of the Reformed Baptist Church of Lafayette, New Jersey, USA. Our activities will include the following weekend schedule:

- ❖ Evangelistic Meeting at the Tyrells Baptist Church (Friday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m.)
- ❖ Church-Wide Prayer Breakfast at the Baptist Retreat Centre (Saturday, November 28 at 7:00 a.m.),
- ❖ Elders & Deacons Luncheon at Central Baptist Church (Saturday, November 28 at 1:30 p.m.)
- ❖ Evangelistic Meeting at the Covenant Baptist Church (Saturday, November 28 at 7:00 p.m.)
- ❖ Sunday Morning Services at all Churches (Sunday, November 29 at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.)
- ❖ Church-Wide Dinner at all Churches (Sunday, November 29 at 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.)
- ❖ Evangelistic Meeting at Central Baptist Church (Sunday, November 29 at 6:00 p.m.).

Each and every church member is challenged to make a sacrificial contribution this year to the filling of the house in all of the meetings, the decorations of each church's chapel for Harvest, the food for the Church-Wide meals, the prayers for the guests preacher and other guests, and the prayers for the planning of the event.

4. CREATIVE ARTS MINISTRY MEETING

All members of the ECBM Creative Arts Ministry are advised of their rehearsals on Monday and Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be punctual.

5. MEMORY VERSE COMPETITION

All members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches are advised of our joint Annual Memory Verse Competition which will be held on Wednesday, 18th November, 2015, at the Covenant Baptist Church. Sunday School teachers should begin to prepare secondary students and elementary students. The memory verse lists for the elementary students are printed in the Family News. Secondary students must consult their teachers concerning their lists.

6. BLAST YOUTH MINISTRY

All teenage boys and girls are reminded of BLAST (Building Lives Around Scriptural Truth) this Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and a pen. Be there!

7. DOMINICA RELIEF FUND

Special envelopes are now available for aid to our Dominican brethren. Our goal is to collect \$30,000 (Eastern Caribbean Dollars) by the end of October to bring relief to the Roseau Bearer Bible Church and the Berean Christian Academy. Let every one give generously, remembering God's grace to us in our time of need. Luke 6:38--"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom..."



FUNERAL SERVICE

All members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches are encouraged to support Sister Iola Charles and her family in their time of bereavement due to the death of her youngest sister Christophene Isaac. The funeral will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2015, at the John Hughes Methodist Church at 2:00 p.m.

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.—2 Corinthians 1:3-4

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
 3:00 p.m. Baptist Academy Thanksgiving Service: Central
- Mon. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Creative Arts Rehearsal: Central
- Tues. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 3:00 p.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
 6:30 p.m. Trustees 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
 6:00 p.m. Creative Arts Rehearsal: Central
- Fri. 9:00 a.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 6:30 p.m. BLAST Youth Ministry: Central
- Sat. 7:00 a.m. **Women's Prayer Breakfast: BRC—Pares**
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

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: Sis. Chanda Jonas, Sis. Veronica Roberts, Sis. Louise Pilgrim, Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Sharon Carty, 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. Priya Jattan

PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Judy Edwards, Bro. Anthony & Sis. Tamisha Browne, Sis. Nadine Smith

THANKSGIVING: Bro. Charlesworth & Sis. Suzette Dowdie

NEW MEMBERS: Bro. Zakeem Michael, Bro. Dr. Bhaskara Murikipudi, Sis. Nia Santana, Bro. Jonathas René, Bro. Akeel Jarvis, Sis. Curline Joseph, Sis. Esther René

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

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

OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Theo Blair, Joshua Joseph, Martina Humphreys, Michelle Nicholas, Sam Nicholas, Kinda Morgan, Saleema Anthony, Akeem Agard, Milbert Joseph, Donald Lewis, Gloria Lewis, Colin Baker, Sharon Grenville, Mark Grenville, Art Bazilio, Lloyd Bazilio, George Browne, Hamadi Browne, Ajani Dowdie, Arianna Dowdie, Athalia Andrew, Kadajah Andrew, Marlensky Salien, Christophe Marcellus, Shari Irish, Reisah Irish

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Sonel Saint Jean (Tyrells), R. Oliver Baptiste (Tyrells), Clytie Francis (Central—restoration), Shane Corey (Central), Kareem Michael (Covenant), Rosamund Haynes (Central—transfer), Victoria Charlton (Central), Sylissa Richards (Covenant), Eliena Louisa (Central), Xavier Joseph (Covenant)

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

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

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Hensworth W. C. Jonas (Presiding)	771-4888
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Joshua M. Jonas (Staff Associate)	726-9662

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

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Ecclesiastes 12:14
 Elementary — James 4:6-7
 Secondary & Adults — 1 Thess. 4:16-17