

# FAMILY NEWS

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## COMMUNION WITH GOD

One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.




**Psalm 27:4**

**D**avid describes the Lord in all the beauty and excellency he can. In darkness, He ‘is my light’; in danger He is ‘my salvation’; in weakness He is ‘my strength’; in all my afflictions He is the “strength of my life”;—‘though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear’ (Psalm 27:3).

David was not courageous in himself, but his faith broke out like fire out of the smoke. He that sees God’s greatness and power by faith sees all things below as nothing. ‘If God is for us who can be against us?’(Romans 8:31). Alas, this poor life of ours is a life of necessities. How many things are needful for our bodies? How many for our souls? But there was only one thing for holy David. God will have his whole heart! He will not have his heart divided. The soul, when it is focussed upon many things, can do nothing well. The soul cannot be strong unless it minds one thing, and subordinates all things to this one thing. Though David desired many things, this one was necessary. Grace subordinates all things so the best has the pre-

## *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 **“Matchless Grace”** based on **2 Corinthians 8:9.**
-  **Pastor Joshua Jonas** will also preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **“Safe And Secure”** based on **Romans 8:29-30.**
-  **Pastor Rolando Lewis** will preach at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church** (Radio Range) on the topic **“God is Good”** based on **Nahum 1:1-7.**

eminence.

This shows the vanity of every worldly man that makes his by-work his main work. The first work of grace is to set the soul in order to subdue base affections, and set the soul in tune and order; to set the right price on things and to rank them as he should.

What is *your* desire? What is the bent of *your* soul? The bent and sway of the soul shows what a man is. David used all means to enjoy communion with God sweetly. Those that pretend they have good desires, yet live scandalously and negligently, alas, this is a sluggard’s desire. David’s ‘one thing’ was above all other things whatsoever!





## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



### 1. HARVEST AND ANNIVERSARY 2017

Harvest in the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches is here again! This year's celebrations also includes the 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Central Baptist Church as well as the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Tyrells Baptist Church. The dates are November 24-26, 2017. The guest preacher is Pastor H. B. Charles from Jacksonville, Florida, USA. Our activities will include the following weekend schedule:

- ❖ ECBM Harvest Gospel Meeting at the Tyrells Baptist Church (Friday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m.)
- ❖ ECBM Elders Luncheon at the BAA Canteen (Saturday, November 25 at 1:30 p.m.)
- ❖ ECBM Harvest Gospel Meeting at the Covenant Baptist Church (Saturday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m.)
- ❖ Sunday Morning Services at all Churches Sunday, November 26 at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.)
- ❖ Local Church Luncheon at all Churches (Sunday, November 26 at 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.)
- ❖ ECBM Harvest Gospel Meeting at Central Baptist Church (Sunday, November 26 at 7:00 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 guest preacher and other guests, and the prayers for the planning of the events. Members may indicate and sign up for what they plan to contribute for the decorations and also for the church dinners in the **Women's and Men's Fellowship Groups**.

### 2. EVANGELISM FOCUS GROUP

All members of the Evangelism Focus Group are advised of a meeting on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 at 5:30p.m., at the Yorks Basketball Court.

### 3. EVENTS PREP, USHERS & GUEST SERVICES MEETING

All members of the Events Preparation, Ushers and Guest Services Ministries are advised of a meeting on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2017 at 5:30p.m., at the Central Baptist Church. Please be on time.

### 4. ANNUAL ECBM 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> November at the Covenant Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. Please avail yourself to this means of grace.

### 5. NO BLAST YOUTH MINISTRY

All teenage boys and girls are advised that there will be no B.L.A.S.T. (Building Lives Around Scriptural Truth) this Friday due to our ECBM Harvest Gospel Meetings.

### 6. ECBM DISASTER RELIEF FUND

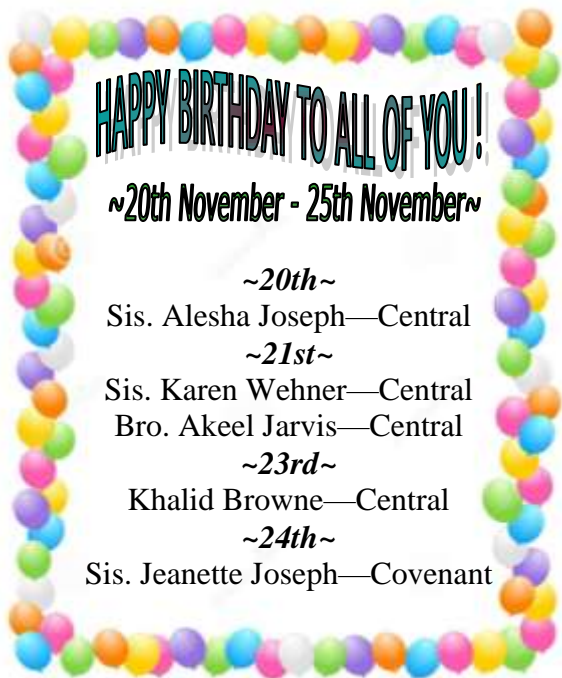
All members of the Circuit are encouraged to support the ECBM Disaster Relief Fund. This fund will assist our brethren in Barbuda, Dominica, Tortola and Haiti who have faced disasters. Any envelope labelled with these territories will go to the ECBM Disaster Relief Fund. Let us remember, **"As we have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

### 7. 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.

### 8. 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



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~20th November - 25th November~

~20th~

Sis. Alesha Joseph—Central

~21st~

Sis. Karen Wehner—Central

Bro. Akeel Jarvis—Central

~23rd~

Khalid Browne—Central

~24th~

Sis. Jeanette Joseph—Covenant

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

- Today, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>– James 1
- Monday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>– James 2
- Tuesday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>– James 3
- Wednesday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>– James 4
- Thursday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>– James 5
- Friday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>– 1 Peter 1
- Saturday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>– 1 Peter 2
- Sunday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>– 1 Peter 3



### E.C.B.M. MISSIONS OFFERING



Where does your mission offering go?

- Barbados: Covenant Reformed Baptist Church—Church Plant Initiative
- Haiti: Baptist Haiti Mission—Christian schools, churches, hospital, child services
- USA: Covenant Baptist Theological Seminary—Pastoral Training
- Antigua & Barbuda: ECBM Media Ministries
- *Your tithe supports the budget of your local church. Give generously above your tithes for missions!*

## HAPPY wedding ANNIVERSARY

~20th November~

*Mr. George & Sis. Adelpher Browne  
Bro. Ernst & Sis. Jhislaine Pierre Louis*



## Think It Through...

No man is excluded from calling upon God, the gate of salvation is set open unto all men: neither is there any other thing which keepeth us back from entering in, save only our own unbelief.

—John Calvin

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

Life Transforming Truths  
Foreword, Introduction, Chapter 1 (Understanding Depravity)

***“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)



## 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. 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**

**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 APPLICANT:** Athalia Andrew

*Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17*

## Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Matthew 5:16

Elementary — Genesis 1:1, 27

Secondary & Adults — James 4:3

# 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

05:30 p.m. Evangelism Focus Group: Yorks Basketball Court

## Tuesday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

05:30 p.m. Events Prep., Ushers & Guest Services Meeting: Central

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

## Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

07:00 p.m. ECBM Memory Verse Competition: Covenant

## Thursday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

## Friday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

07:00 p.m. ECBM Harvest Gospel Meeting: Tyrells

## Saturday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

07:00 p.m. ECBM Harvest Gospel Meeting: Covenant

# 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
Joshua M. Jonas (Staff Associate)	726-9662
Rolando A. Lewis (Staff Associate)	784-6147
Ivor J. Walker (Associate)	464-1644
Orvin D. E. Paige (Associate)	464-5395

## Diaconate

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