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## THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS



1. The resurrection of Jesus assures us of our justification. Paul wrote, **"And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins"** (1 Cor. 15:17). If Christ were still in the tomb it would mean God's wrath was not satisfied, and we would still stand guilty before God. But as Paul also wrote in Romans 4:25: **"[Jesus] was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification."** It is not that the resurrection accomplished our justification — Jesus' sinless life and sin-bearing death did that — but rather it assures us of our justification. It was God the Father who raised Jesus from the dead (Rom. 8:11), and **by that act God declared that Christ's atoning sacrifice had been accepted.** The penalty for our sins was paid in full. The resurrection was God's declaration that **He had cancelled the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands** (Col. 2:14).

2. The resurrection assures us that we serve a living Savior who even now is interceding for us. The writer of Hebrews wrote that He always lives to make intercession for us (Heb. 7:25). Paul was even more emphatic when he wrote, **"Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us"** (Rom. 8:34). The One who died for us now lives to intercede for us. When you are going through struggles of any kind, be it adversity that you face, or sin you are struggling with, remember that Jesus is interceding for you.

3. The resurrection of Christ guarantees our future resurrection. In his extensive treatment of the resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15:12–58, Paul wrote, **"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.** For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits,

## From The Pulpit...



-  Pastor Dr. H.W.C. Jonas will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service at the Covenant Baptist Church (Friars Hill Road) and also at the 10:00 a.m. service at the Central Baptist Church on the topic **"Reacting To The Resurrection"** based Mark 16:1-8.
-  Pastor Joshua Jonas will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service at the Tyrells Baptist Church (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **"The Risen Christ"** based on Matthew 28:1-15.

then at his coming those who belong to Christ" (vv. 20–23).

Not only can we say, "He is risen indeed," but we can also say with Paul: "For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command. ... And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive... will be caught up together with them... and so we will always be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:16–17). Maranatha! "Our Lord, come!" (1 Cor. 16:22).

—[Edited] Jerry Bridges

Happy 10<sup>th</sup>  
*Anniversary*

*Covenant Baptist Church*

*The Lord has done great things for us. Let us continue to labour in His vineyard.*

*Congratulations to all officers and members!*

# E-MAIL PRAYER REQUESTS



## Noonday Prayer Ministry

- ❖ We meet for prayer at **Central** from **12 noon to 1 pm** 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](mailto:prayer@baptistantigua.org).

**Pray without ceasing. —1 Thessalonians 5:17**

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

Study Guide: A Catechism by C. H. Spurgeon

Question 50: What is required in the fourth commandment?

Question 51: How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?

*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*

## Easter Means Eternal Life

A perfect God demands a perfect justice;  
He cannot let us get away with sin.  
We used God's gift of our free will to trespass,  
So heaven's gates were closed; we couldn't get in.

Our sin required our blood, a sacrifice,  
To atone for all the wrongs that we had done.  
"But I love them!" cried our Father, filled with sorrow;  
"I'll send my only Son to be the one."

Good Friday marks the slaying of our Jesus,  
The unblemished lamb, the perfect sacrifice.  
He took our guilt and blame upon Himself,  
So we could be with Him in paradise.

On Easter morning, he came back from death;  
He vanished from the tomb, the empty grave.  
His resurrection means eternal life  
For us, the ones he came to earth to save.

This summarizes all the Easter story  
And because of it, we'll be with Him in glory.

Joanna Fuchs



**HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**  
~Today~  
Bro. Roderick & Sis. Melanie Benn  
~22nd~  
Bro. Zorol & Sis. Molve Barthley  
~26th~  
Bro. Renville & Sis. Josette Watkins

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~20th April-26th April~

~21st~

Serena Richards - Covenant

~26th~

Sis. Romancia Moore - Central



## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



### 1. ECBM OPEN AIR MEETING

All members of the ECBM—Baptist Circuit of Churches are advised that the Baptist Academy Steel Ensemble, the Baptist Circuit Steel Band and the Drama Ministry of the East Caribbean Baptist Mission will be presenting an evening of steel pan music and sacred drama this Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Basketball Court. All members are encouraged to come out and support this evangelistic effort. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will move mightily during this ECBM Open Air Meeting.

### 2. WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

All women of the circuit are expected to be at the **Women's Prayer Breakfast** this Saturday, 26th April, 2014 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. SINGLES MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP

All members of the Singles Fellowship are advised of a **Costume Party** which will be held this Saturday at 7:00 p.m. at the Baptist Retreat Centre (Pares). It will certainly be a time of fun and fellowship. Be sure to be there.

### 4. 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.

### 5. 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.

### 6. THE 22nd CARIBBEAN BAPTIST HERITAGE CONFERENCE

**Our ECBM churches in Antigua have the privilege of hosting this year's conference.** It is scheduled for July 5-10, 2014. The theme is **"Celebrating the New Covenant" (Jeremiah 31:31-34)**. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Sam Waldron. This conference came into being 22 years ago under the leadership of our Presiding Elder, Dr. Hensworth Jonas, and Pastor Gabriel Ambroisine of Martinique. The conference is aimed at our pastors, but welcomes the participation of all believers. We are expecting delegations from churches in at least 10 Caribbean territories. The registration fee for foreign delegates is \$125 USD and \$60 USD for locals. The fees cover participation in all aspects of the conference, including day sessions, meals and materials. You can begin now to plan for 4 days vacation and to pay in your conference fee. The evening evangelistic services are open to everyone without the need for registration. All church members are encouraged to support the conference. All members who are planning to attend the conference should submit their names to the church office this week. This will assist in the planning of the conference.

### 7. 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. We thank all who made an effort yesterday and look forward to 100% participation this coming Saturday.

### 8. JOINT YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

All Acteens (teenage girls) and Royal Ambassadors (teenage boys) are advised of a joint fellowship this Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Be sure to be there.

### 9. CHOIR REHEARSAL

All members of the New Creation Chorale and the Voices of Victory are advised of their rehearsal at 5:00 p.m. this Saturday at Central. Please be punctual.

He is not here;  
he has risen,  
just as he said.  
Matthew 28:6



# 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.	Worship: All Churches
	7:00 p.m.	Sunday School: All Churches
Mon.	12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Open Air Meeting: Parham Basketball Court
Tues.	12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer Meeting
	3:00 p.m.	Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
	6:30 p.m.	<b>Elders' Meeting: Central</b>
Wed.	12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Service & Fellowship Groups
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.	Joint Youth Fellowship: Central
Sat.	7:00 a.m.	<b>Women's Prayer Breakfast: BRC—Pares</b>
	12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer Meeting
	3:00 p.m.	Church-wide Evangelism: All Churches
	5:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal: Central

## 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
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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
<b>Diaconate</b>	
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. Jean Edwards,  
 Bro. Nigel Pilgrim, Sis. Rosalind Ferris, Sis. Paula Skerritt,  
 Sis. Cassilda Williams, Sis. Monica Gardener, Sis. Cherry  
 Sims, Sis. Juliette Dorsette, Sis. Pamela Walcott,  
 Sis. Vandah Jonas, Sis. Margaret Joseph  
**PRIVATE CONCERNS:** Bro. Ernest Davis, Sis. Letitia  
 Lamothe, Sis. Nadine Smith, Sis. Louisa Pilgrim, Sis. Diane  
 Joseph, Sis. Sophia Marcellus, Sis. Tarra Bryan, Sis. Judy  
 Edwards, Bro. Ernest Davis, Bro. Orville Joseph, Sis.  
 Maxime James  
**SAFETY IN PREGNANCY:** Sis. Aline Salien  
**THANKSGIVING:** Bro. Ephraim Gomes, Bro. Nigel & Sis. Ann  
 Marie Pilgrim, Sis. Louise Pilgrim, Sis. Linette Robinson  
**NEW MEMBERS:** Bro. Emmanuel Uma, Sis. Stacey Hector,  
 Sis. Rickeshia Willock, Sis. Priya Jattan, Sis. Marian Locker,  
 Sis. Nadine Fils Aime, Bro. Jonathan Wehner, Bro. Ernst  
 Pierre-Louis, Sis. Benjy Chery, Sis. Aminata Joseph, Sis.  
 Jenee Henry, Sis. Shinel Leo, Bro. Marc Sorel Salien, Sis.  
 Sophia Marcellus, Sis. Marie France Blanchard, Sis. Chanda  
 Benjamin, Sis. Juliette Smith, Bro. Orville Joseph, Sis.  
 Linette Robinson, Sis. Genevieve Leo, Bro. Shamoy Carty,  
 Bro. Wayne Friday  
**WATCH CARE:** Sis. Irene Jonas, Sis. Diana Richards,  
 Bro. Charles Richards  
**SHUT IN:** Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Edith McCoy

**OTHER CONCERNS**  
**SAVING GRACE:** Charlie Baltimore, Yashoné Baltimore, Rory  
 James, Verdalia Quinland, Branday Warner, Shenelle  
 Walters, Kyla Weaver, Danique Tonge, Aaliyah Trotman,  
 Jamol Pilgrim, Gregson Pilgrim, Phyllis Mayers, Nalda  
 Street, Paul Madad, Ayesha Charles, Lynda Davis, Jelissa  
 Samuel, Chelsea Barlow, Chikaede Barlow, Joshua Joseph,  
 Carlos Jarvis, Ajani Dowdie, Theo Blair, Jalon Lewis,  
 Shauna Wehner, Pat Ryner, Thea Lee Hurst  
**NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS:** Jamie Robinson (Central),  
 Briana Griffith (Central)

*Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5: 17*

## Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Romans 6:23  
 Elementary — John 3:16-17  
 Secondary & Adults — Jeremiah 17:9