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GOD WITH US!

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.
Matthew 1:23

Our text speaks of a name of our Lord Jesus. It is said, "They shall call His name Emmanuel." In these days we call children by names which have no particular meaning. They are the names, perhaps, of father or mother, or some respected relative, but there is no special meaning as a general rule in our children's names. It was not so in the olden times. Then names meant something. Scriptural names, as a general rule, contain teaching, and especially is this the case in every name ascribed to the Lord Jesus. With Him names indicate things. "His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace," because He really is all these. His name is called Jesus, but not without a reason. By any other name Jesus would not be so sweet, because no other name could fairly describe His great work of saving His people from their sins. When He is said to be called this or that, it means that He really is so. I am not aware that anywhere in the New Testament our Lord is afterwards called Emmanuel. I do not find His apostles, or any of His disciples, calling Him by that name literally.

From The Pulpit...



-  **Pastor Joshua Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church (Tyrells Main Road)** on the topic "**The Good News of Christmas**" based on **Luke 2:8-11**.
-  **Bro. Rolando Lewis** 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 (Radio Range)** on the topic "**Prophecy and Praise: The Lord's Christ Has Come**" based on **Luke 2:25-35**.

But we find them all doing so in effect, for they speak of Him as, "God manifest in the flesh."

And they say, "The word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." They do not use the actual word, but they again interpret and give us free and instructive renderings while they proclaim the sense of the august title and inform us in many ways what is meant by God being with us in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a glorious fact of the highest importance that, since Christ was born into the world, God is with us.



—Charles Spurgeon

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~20th December - 26th December~

~Today~

Bro. Aziz Ibrahim — Central

~21st~

Sis. T'Schea Stevens — Central

~22nd~

Pastor Ivor Walker — Tyrells

Christal Thomas — Covenant

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

~21st~

Bro. Sherwin & Sis. Nicole Parker

~23rd~

Mr. Warren & Sis. Tarra Bryan

~25th~

Bro. Olrich & Sis. Benjy Chery

NOONDAY PRAYER MINISTRY



- ❖ We meet for prayer at **Central** from **12:00 noon to 1:00pm** 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.

Pray without ceasing. —1 Thessalonians 5:17

The True Meaning Of Christmas

Jesus Christ was born this day,
So many years before
He came a servant to the lost,
Though He was Lord of Lords.

We celebrate this joyous time,
Reflecting on His birth
Not born in a mansion, but a stable
As if He had no worth.

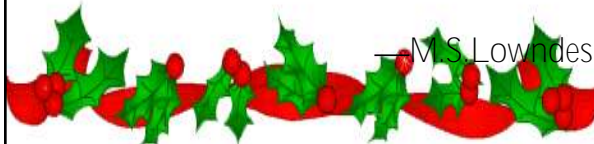
He came so He could identify
With the human heart of man.
And gave His life as a sacrifice,
Offering a better plan.

A plan that reconciles us back
To our loving Father God,
Bringing hope and redemption from
Sins ruling, iron rod.

For this is the only reason that we
Should celebrate this day,
To become focused on anything else,
Would take the meaning away.

So let's arise with joy in our hearts
And share it with everyone;
The meaning
of Christmas will always be
The birth of Jesus – God's Son

— M.S. Lowndes





MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. JOINT CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

All members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches are advised of a Joint Christmas Programme this evening at the Central Baptist Church (Radio Range) at 6:00 p.m. After the programme, the children and youth will be served their Sunday School Christmas treat. Join us as we celebrate our Saviour's birth.

2. MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

All men of the Circuit are expected to be at the **Men's Prayer Breakfast** this Saturday, 26th December, 2015 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.

3. NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES ON FRIDAY

All teenage boys and girls are advised that all youth activities will be postponed until next week. All youth are encouraged to begin to prepare for a costume party which will be held on Friday, 1st January, 2016.

4. CHOIR REHEARSAL

All members of the Voices of Victory and the New Creation Singers are advised of a choir rehearsal on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. Please be punctual.

5. GOLDEN JUBILEE MAGAZINE

All church members who have not yet received a copy of the Golden Jubilee Magazine are kindly asked to check with their Resident Elder. If you are not a member and would like to have the magazine, please view or download it from the **church's website at www.baptistantigua.org.**

6. DOMINICA RELIEF FUND

Special envelopes are still available for aid to our Dominican brethren. Although we sent \$30,000 (Eastern Caribbean Dollars) to bring relief to the Roseau Berean Bible Church and the Berean Christian Academy, we did not reach our goal and so the fund will remain open. 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..."

7. 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.

8. 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.

For unto you is
Born this day
In the city of David a
Saviour
which is
Christ the Lord
-Luke 2:11

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• *Sunday School Adult & Youth Reading* •
• **Prepare for next week...** •
• SERIES: "PROTECTING CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS" •
• Study #2 Stick With Encouragement — Part 1 of 2 •
• (Acts 9:26-28; 11:21-26) •
• 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 •
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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. Joint Christmas Programme: Central
- Mon. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
- Tues. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 3:00 p.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
 6:30 p.m. Elders 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
- Fri. 9:00 a.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
- Sat. 7:00 a.m. **Men's Prayer Breakfast: BRC**—Pares
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal: VOV & NCS



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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

Diaconate

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: 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, Sis. Nadine Smith

PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Muriel Martin, Sis. Curline
 Joseph, Sis. Genevieve Leo, Sis. Judy Edwards,
 Bro. Ephraim Gomes., Sis. Sofia Marcellus

THANKSGIVING: Sis. Judy Browne, Sis. Jean Edwards,
 Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Norma Grant, Sis. Juliette
 Dorsette, Bro. Ivan & Sis. Maria Hurst

NEW MEMBERS: 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. Jonathas René, Bro. Akeel Jarvis,
 Sis. Curline Joseph, Sis. Esther René

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

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

OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Tefield Charles, Yashoné Baltimore,
 Keandra Comic, Andy Josiah, Patrice Josiah, Shakwan
 Serrant, Juliettea George, Clement Henry, Dave Walton,
 Moses Walton, Ken Hurst, Ercille Hurst, Debbie Hurst,
 George Browne, Khalid Browne, Hamadi Browne,
 Grantley Edwards, Christophe Marcellus, Milbert Joseph,
 Donald Lewis, Gloria Lewis, Audley Baley, Trevor Bailey
 NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Sonel Saint Jean (Tyrells),
Celine Bolivard (Tyrells), La'Rica Locker (Covenant),
 Telesha Choy (Central), Charissa Watkins (Central),
 Eulyn Williams (Central)

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Memory Verses For Next Week

Pre-school — Luke 19:10
 Elementary — Proverbs 3:5-6
 Secondary & Adults — James 4:6-7