

FAMILY NEWS

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PERSEVERANCE IN PRAYER

And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

Luke 18:1


When we pray to our Father, heaven cannot be blocked up. In faith, though we may not yet have the thing we pray for, we believe God will grant it, and are willing to wait for His leisure. If we have no answer, we may continue to knock knowing an answer will come. A believer lets down the net of prayer until mercy comes. Patience in prayer is nothing but faith spun out. God is both ready to hear and grant our prayers (Psa. 65:2). He may hear prayer though He does not immediately answer it. When He gives us a heart to pray, and inflames the affections in prayer, this itself is an answer to prayer.


Consider too, that we do not pray alone. Christ prays our prayers over again. He takes the dross out of our prayers, and presents nothing to His Father but pure gold. He mingles His sweet odours with the prayers of the saints. Think of the dignity of His person— He is God; and the sweetness of His relation— He is a Son. O what encouragement is here to pray in faith!

Consider also the many sweet promises God has made to prayer. God has bound himself to us by His promises. Then consider that Jesus

From The Pulpit...



 **Dr. Hensworth Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic “**Spiritual Fatigue**” based on **Matthew 11:28-30**.

 **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 “**The Maturity of Christian Love**” based on **1 John 4:17-19**

Christ has purchased that which we pray for. We may think that the things we ask for are too great for us to obtain, but they are not too great for Christ to purchase. This should put life into our prayers, and make us pray in faith. Though the things we ask for are more than we deserve, they are not more than Christ has purchased for us. Consider too, that God often exceeds the prayers of His people and gives more than we ask. Jacob prayed for food and clothing, but God increased his staff into two companies. Prayer has opened prison doors. It has strangled the plots of the enemy, and routed their forces. Moses' prayer did more than Joshua's sword. Does this not encourage us to pray in faith?

—**THOMAS WATSON**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~21st February - 27th February~

~Today~

Sis. Tullis Andrew — Central

~23rd~

Sis. Claudia Lewis — Central

~25th~

Sis. Lorna-Mae Jarvis — Central

Bro. Renville Watkins — Central

Bre Henry — Central

~27th~

Bro. Malique Gerald — Covenant

La'Nica Locker — Covenant

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

SERIES: "PROTECTING CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS"

Study #5 Stick With Acceptance— Part 2 of 2
(Romans 14:1-4, 13-19)

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

NOONDAY PRAYER MINISTRY



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

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.

Give generously above your tithes for missions!

READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Friday, February 26th – Numbers 16–17; Mark 5

Saturday, February 27th – Numbers 18-20

Sunday, February 28th – Numbers 21-22

Monday, February 29th – Numbers 23-25; Mark 6:1-29

Tuesday, March 1st – Numbers 26-28; Mark 6:30-56

Wednesday, March 2nd – Numbers 29-31; Mark 7:1-13

Thursday, March 3rd – Numbers 32-34; Mark 7:14-37



Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Ephesians 2:8-9

Elementary — Proverbs 15:3

Secondary & Adults — Psalm 34:1



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. 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.

2. JOINT FTI OPEN FORUM AT COVENANT

All church members of the Circuit are reminded of our Joint FTI Open Forum this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Covenant Baptist Church (Friars Hill Road). Be sure to avail yourself to this means of grace.

3. MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

All men of the Circuit are expected to be at the **Men's Prayer Breakfast** this Saturday, 27th February, 2016 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.

4. 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 meet from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and the BLAST Boys Club will meet from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and a pen. Be there!

5. 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.

6. TRUTH CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

All members 18 years and older are advised of the T.R.U.T.H. (Totally Reserved Unto True Holiness) Connection Ministry Meeting on Saturday, 27th February, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. It will be a time of fun and growth in the Lord. Be there!

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.

9. READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

All church members of the Circuit are advised that the Elders have determined that each and every member should join them in reading through the entire Bible on a strict daily schedule for 2016. Each week in the Family News, we will print the passages that will be read for 7 days at a time. Some of us have read through the entire Bible before. We will do it again to the edification of our souls. Some have never done so. If you are a true Christian, this should be a priority, for how can you credibly claim that the Bible is the most important book in your lives and you have never read it in its entirety. We strongly recommend that this project be completed using the technology that is available to us. Open your Bibles as a family (or individually) to the prescribed passages each day, whether you plan to read it all at once or morning and evening, and play an audio of the passage while you follow along in your Bibles. Recommended versions of the Bible are KJV, NKJV, HCSB, and NASB. You may find audio at the following website: [BibleGateway.com- Audio Bibles](http://BibleGateway.com-AudioBibles)

FUNERAL SERVICE



All members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches are encouraged to support **Deacon John Patrick Tomlinson** and his family in their bereavement due to the death of his sister, Nioka Reynolds. The funeral will be on **Thursday, 25th February, 2016, at the Zion Church of God at 2:00 p.m.** *"Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep"* (Romans 12:15).

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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. Diane Joseph, Bro. Nigel & Sis. Ann-Marie Pilgrim, Bro. Ephraim Gomes

THANKSGIVING: Sis. Nadine Smith, Sis. Judy Browne, Sis. Norma Grant, Bro. Ernest Davis, Bro. Xavier Joseph

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

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

SHUT IN: Sis. Edith McCoy

OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Arah Sheridan, Joshua Joseph, Gregson Pilgrim, Jamol Pilgrim, Vernon Edwards, Milbert Joseph, Donald Lewis, Gloria Lewis, Debbie Roach, Rakeem Michael, Andy Josiah, Patrice Josiah, Jace Spencer, Kurt Spencer, Craig Williams, Brian Williams, Theo Blair

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Sonel Saint Jean (Tyrells), La'Rica Locker (Covenant), Euly Williams (Central), Carlos Jarvis (Central), Ashika Davis (Covenant), Alesha Joseph (Central), Kyle Abraham (Covenant), Enrico St. Jean (Central)

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

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
	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)
Wed.	12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Joint FTI Forum: Covenant
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
	6:00 p.m.	BLAST (Girls) Youth Ministry: Central
	6:30 p.m.	BLAST (Boys) Youth Ministry: Central
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
	6:30 p.m.	TRUTH Connections Ministry: 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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