

# FAMILY NEWS

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## GOD—OUR HELP

"And he requested for himself  
that he might die."  
—1 Kings 19:4.


It was a remarkable thing that the man who was never to die, for whom God had ordained an infinitely better lot, the man who should be carried to heaven in a chariot of fire, and be translated, that he should not see death—should thus pray, "Let me die, I am no better than my fathers."


We have here a memorable proof that God does not always answer prayer in kind, though He always does in effect. He gave Elias something better than that which he asked for, and thus really heard and answered him. Strange was it that the lion-hearted Elijah should be so depressed by Jezebel's threat as to ask to die, and blessedly kind was it on the part of our heavenly Father that He did not take His desponding servant at his word.

There is a limit to the doctrine of the prayer of faith. We are not to expect that God will give us everything we choose to ask for. We know that we sometimes ask, and do not receive, because we ask amiss. If we ask for that which is not promised—if we run counter to the spirit which the Lord would have us cultivate—if we ask contrary to His will, or to the decrees of His

## From The Pulpit...



 Pastor Rolando Lewis will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service at the Tyrells Baptist Church (Friars Hill Road) on the topic "**Unmasking The Frauds**" based on John 6:64-71.

 Pastor Joshua 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 (Radio Range) on the topic "**The Gift Of Living Water**" based on John 4:1-14.

providence—if we ask merely for the gratification of our own ease, and without an eye to His glory, we must not expect that we shall receive.

Yet, when we ask in faith, nothing doubting, if we receive not the precise thing asked for, we shall receive an equivalent, and more than an equivalent, for it. As one remarks, "If the Lord does not pay in silver, He will in gold; and if He does not pay in gold, He will in diamonds." If He does not give you precisely what you ask for, He will give you that which is tantamount to it, and that which you will greatly rejoice to receive in lieu thereof. Be then, dear reader, much in prayer, and make this a season of earnest intercession, but take heed what you ask.

—Charles Spurgeon



## THINK IT THROUGH...

“A truly humble man is sensible of his natural distance from God; of his dependence on Him; of the insufficiency of his own power and wisdom; and that it is by God's power that he is upheld and provided for, and that he needs God's wisdom to lead and guide him, and His might to enable him to do what he ought to do for Him.”

— Jonathan Edwards

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

Where does your mission offering go?

- 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!*

## Sunday School Adult & Youth Reading

### Prepare for next week...

SERIES: VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIVING  
Lesson #5 Victory Over Fear  
Romans 8:31-39  
—Part 1 of 2

*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth.*

—1 Timothy 2:15

# Summer Camp 2017



**Theme:**  
“Identity Crisis: Who Am I Christ?”

*“For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light”  
— Ephesians 5:8*

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

- Today, May 21<sup>st</sup>— **John 7:1-27**
- Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> — **John 7:28-53**
- Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>— **John 8:1-27**
- Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>— **John 8:28-59**
- Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>— **John 9:1-23**
- Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>— **John 9:24-41**
- Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>— **John 10:1-23**
- Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>— **John 10:24-42**





## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



### 1. JOINT FTI OPEN FORUM AT COVENANT

All church members of the Circuit are reminded of our Joint Family Training Institute (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.

### 2. 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 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. on the BAA grounds. and the BLAST Boys Club will meet from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Be sure to bring your Bible, pen and notepad. Do not miss this time of great fellowship!

### 3. WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

All women of the Circuit are expected to be at the **Women's** Prayer Breakfast this Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 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.

### 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. YOUTH CAMP FUND

All members are kindly asked to invest in the life of one or more of our young people by making a generous contribution to the Youth Camp Fund. This fund is to facilitate our young people attending the annual Summer Youth Camps 2017. You may collect a special envelope from the ushers. Invest in the kingdom of God and support our youth.

### 6. YOUTH SUMMER ACTIVITIES

There will be some exciting activities for the youth this summer. They are as follows:

BLAST Girls): July 24—28, 2017

BLAST (Boys): July 31—August 4, 2017

The fee for all of the above activities is \$220.

The theme for the camps is **"Identity Crisis: Who Am I**

**Christ?" (Ephesians 5:8)**. Registration for the summer camps has begun. All interested persons are asked to complete the registration forms and pay the \$20.00 registration fee at the church office by Sunday, 4th June, 2017. The balance of \$200.00 is due Sunday, 2nd July, 2017. All church members are asked to pray for all aspects of the camps.

## HAPPY wedding ANNIVERSARY

~24th~

Bro. Shaquille & Sis. Gilisa Carty

~26th~

Bro. Andrew & Sis. Icilma Josiah

## BEREAVEMENT



The Elders and members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches extend sincere condolences to ...

- **Bro. Egbert Gordon and family** upon the death of his brother, **Mr. Harold Gordon.**
- **Sis. Priya Jattan and family** upon the death of her aunt, **Ms. Rupattie Williams.**

Let us pray for and support our brethren and their families during these difficult times. Pray that the Lord will comfort these families and remind their unsaved relatives of their mortality and need for the Saviour.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~21st May-27th May~

~22nd~

Sis. Chauntel Jarvis — Central  
Bro. Charles Richards — Central

~24th~

Sis. Priya Jattan — Tyrells

~27th~

Sis. Pauline Maloney — Central  
Sis. Sonia Charles — Covenant

## 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:** Pas. Ivor Walker, Sis. Veronica Roberts, Sis. Louise Pilgrim, Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Jean Edwards, Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas, 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. Nadine Smith, Sis. Diane Joseph, Bro. Shaquille & Sis. Gillisa Carty

**THANKSGIVING:** Sis. Judy Browne, Sis. Martha Bowen, Sis. Abiola Anthony, Bro. Charlesworth & Sis. Suzette Dowdie, Sis. Alesha Joseph, Bro. Carl & Sis. Cassandra Jarvis

**NEW MEMBERS:** Sis. Mowava Robinson, Sis. Leyann Lam, **Bro. Tijon 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, Sis. Ashika Davis

**WATCH CARE:** Sis. Irene Jonas, Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Jean Edwards

**SHUT-IN:** Bro. Charles Richards

### OTHER CONCERNS

**SAVING GRACE:** Diane Lake, Sharon James, Floyd James, Roderick Williams, Dawn Williams, Dale Jones, Andrea Jeremiah, John Bowen, Christophe Marcellus, Sofia Morgan, Andrew Josiah, Milbert Joseph, Donald Lewis, Gloria Lewis, Kathy Gordon, Terry Hill, Shonette Sobers, Clairfoster Lewis, Deandre Mason, Ajonte Williamson, Bruce Williamson, Kezron Lewis, Charity Jonas, Brendalee Smith

**NEW MEMBER APPLICANT:** Rosgue Joseph (Tyrells), Ronald Jean (Tyrells)

*Pray without ceasing. | Thessalonians 5:17*

## Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Revelation 4:11  
 Elementary — Romans 6:23  
 Secondary & Adults — Matthew 5:9-10

## 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  
 10:00 a.m. Worship: Central  
 06:00 p.m. Worship: All Churches  
 07:00 p.m. Sunday School: All Churches

### Monday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

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12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 06:30 p.m. **Elders' Meeting: Central**

### Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 07:00 p.m. Joint FTI Forum: Covenant

### Thursday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

### Friday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 06:30 p.m. BLAST Girls: Central (BAA Grounds)  
 06:30 p.m. BLAST Boys: Central (Conference Room)

### Saturday

07:00 a.m. **Women's Prayer Breakfast: BRC—Pares**  
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 05:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal: VOV & NCS

## ECBM DIRECTORY

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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### Diaconate

David S. Jarvis (Chairman)	464-7477
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