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CROSSES FORM US

Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.
—Acts 14:22

If your Lord calls you to suffering, do not be dismayed, for He will provide a deeper portion of Christ in your suffering. The softest pillow will be placed under your head though you must set your bare feet among thorns. Do not be afraid at suffering for Christ, for He has a sweet peace for a sufferer. **God has called you to Christ's side, and if the wind is now in His face, you cannot expect to rest on the sheltered side of the hill. You cannot be above your Master who receive many an innocent stroke.**

The greatest temptation out of hell is to live without trials. A pool of standing water will turn stagnant. Faith grows more with the sharp winter storm in its face. **Grace withers without adversity. You can't sneak quietly into heaven without a cross.** Crosses form us into His image. They cut away the pieces our corruption. Lord cut, cave, wound; Lord do anything to perfect your image in us and make us fit for glory.

We need winnowing before we enter the kingdom of God. O what I owe to the file, hammer, and furnace! Why should I be surprised at the plough that makes

From The Pulpit...



📖 Pastor Dr. H.W. C. Jonas will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service at the Tyrells Baptist Church (Tyrells Main Road) and also at the 10:00 a.m. service at Central Baptist Church on the topic "Avoiding Spiritual Treason" based on Exodus 20:1-6.

📖 Pastor Joshua Jonas will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service at the Covenant Baptist Church (Friars Hill Road) on the topic "The Importance of Sound Doctrine" based on Titus 2:1-15.

such deep furrows in my soul? Whatever direction the wind blows, it will blow us to the Lord. His hand will direct us safely to the heavenly shore to find the weight of eternal glory. As we look back to our pains and sufferings, we shall see that suffering is not worthy to be compared to our first night's welcome home in heaven. If we could smell of heaven and our country above, our crosses would not bite us. Lay all your loads by faith on Christ, ease yourself, and let Him bear all. He can, He does, and He will bear you.

Whether God comes with a rod or a crown, He comes with Himself. **'Have courage, I am your salvation!'** Welcome, welcome Jesus!

-Samuel Rutherford-

THINK IT THROUGH

We are quite persuaded that the very best way for you to be spending your leisure time, is to be either reading or praying. You may get much instruction from books which afterwards you may use as a true weapon in your Lord and Master's service. Paul cries, "Bring the books" —join in the cry."

—Charles H. Spurgeon



BABY CONCEPTION

We rejoice with Pastor Orvin Paige & Sis. Jo-Ann Paige on the conception of their baby. Let us keep them in our prayers, and may the Lord continue to bless them.

BABY DEDICATION



We rejoice with Bro. Marc & Sis. Aline Salien on the dedication of their son, **Marlensky Jovany Salien**, today. He was born on Tuesday, 10th June. Let us pray for them as they raise their child in the fear and admonish of the Lord.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~21st September-27th September~

~Today~

Sis. Joycelyn Henry - Central

~22nd~

Bro. Daniel Maina - Central

~23rd~

Athalia Andrew - Central

~25th~

Khadijah Andrew - Central

Sis. Genevieve Leo - Central

Lawyne Kesto - Covenant

~27th~

Sis. Denise Silston - Covenant

Sis. Cecilia Irish - Tyrells

E-MAIL PRAYER REQUESTS



Noonday Prayer Ministry

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



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. TRUSTEES PLANNING MEETING

All members of the Trustees are advised of a planning meeting this Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be punctual.

2. VOLUNTEER SERVICE FOR NEW CHURCH YEAR

All church members are encouraged to prayerfully consider the area of ministry in the church that they would like to be involved in for the new church year. You will need the recommendation of a Ministry Coordinator and the approval of the Elders to secure a volunteer service role in the church. Please note that places of service in each ministry is limited. If a given ministry that you desire is full, please ask one of the Elders to guide you concerning other areas of service. Please indicate to the Ministry Coordinator of the ministry or ministries in which you currently serve whether or not you desire to continue. Our goal is to complete the list of volunteer workers by September 30, 2014. Let us remember to "serve the Lord with gladness..."(Psalm 100:2).

3. 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.

4. JOINT YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

All teenage boys and girls are advised of a joint youth fellowship this Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and pen.

5. 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.

6. 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.

PRAYER

In the scripture it is assumed that Christians will pray. It is also assumed that they need to be taught how to pray. Our Lord Jesus Christ included such instruction in His Sermon on the Mount. First, He warned His disciples about empty, hypocritical prayer: **'And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full' (Matthew 6:5)**.

Our Lord reminded His hearers that God is unseen, and that He should be approached *without great public display*. Followers of Christ must seek a private place for communion with their God. They are to shut the door and in doing so to shut out the distractions of this world. Their praying will not be for the benefit of those who see them and are impressed with their piety. In the modern age the command of our Lord to shut the door is a bit more complicated than it was in the first century. It is not that we are in more danger of being pretentious than the early disciples of the Lord, but that there are more doors to shut than they ever dreamed of. Not only must we seek a place for prayer that is private, but the doors of our modern communication systems often have to be shut as well. I have learned, for example, that in order to have an uninterrupted time with the Lord as an individual, or with my family, I need not only to shut the door to the room or house where I **intended to pray, but also take the telephone 'off the hook'**.

The Lord also taught His disciples that prayer is *not a matter of many words*. Some people always seem to reason that more is better. That is not the case with prayer. There may be times when we will pray at length, even for hours. But mere repetition does not assure us that we shall be heard by the Lord or that we shall receive what we ask for. When I was a young man, I knew a man who, when asked to pray in church, always recited a long list of things that he wanted the Lord to know. I am certain that he was sincere in his practice but a bit misinformed. If one can pray with the understanding that the Lord already knows what we need, the praying will be less **verbose**. **Our Lord said, 'And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him' (Matthew 6:7-8)**.

—Joe Nesom

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
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	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
Tues.	12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer Meeting
	3:00 p.m.	Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
	6:00 p.m.	Trustees Planning 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
	6:30 p.m.	Joint Youth Fellowship: Central
Sat.	12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer Meeting
	3:00 p.m.	Church-wide Evangelism: All Churches



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
Ivor J. Walker (Associate)	764-1491
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: 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. Jasmine Jarvis
PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Sophia Marcellus, Sis. Muriel Martin, Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Nadine Smith, Sis. Jo-Ann Paige, Sis. Sophia Marcellus, Bro. Marc & Sis. Aline Salien
THANKSGIVING: Sis. Judy Edwards, Sis. Julie Barnes, Sis. Juliette Dorsette, Sis. Margaret Joseph, Sis. Marion Locker, Sis. Denise Silston,
SAFETY IN PREGNANCY: Sis. Jenell Huston, Sis. Suzette Dowdie
NEW MEMBERS: Bro. Olrich Chery, Sis. Briana Griffith, 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
WATCH CARE: Sis. Irene Jonas, Sis. Diana Richards, Bro. Charles Richards
SHUT IN: Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Edith McCoy
OTHER CONCERNS
SAVING GRACE: Larica Locker, LaNica Locker, Patroy Locker, Kezron Lewis, Vivian Mason, Dedra Mason, Deondre Mason, Clairfoster Lewis, Saleba Stevens, Jahnecia Stevens, Charly Dorsurin, Barbara Dorsurin, Christophe Marcellus, Oldjyna Chery, Ridjyna Chery, Andy Josiah, Patrice Josiah, Ajani Dowdie, Theo Blair, Kyla Weaver, Brendy Warner, Shenele Walters, Avonelle Lewis, Rory James, Ken Hurst, Ursil Hurst, Debbie Hurst, Jamol Pilgrim, Milbert Joseph, Thea Lee Hurst, Pat Ryner, Joshua Joseph, George Browne, Khalid Browne,
NEW MEMBER APPLICANT: Gavin Crump (Central)

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Psalm 23:1
 Elementary — 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 Secondary & Adults — Ephesians 6:10-12