

FAMILY



NEWS



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IMMANUEL

*"Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
 and shall call his name Immanuel."*




Isaiah 7:14

Let us to-day go down to Bethlehem, and in company with wondering shepherds and adoring Magi, let us see Him who was born King of the Jews, for we by faith can claim an interest in Him, and can sing, "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given." Jesus is Jehovah incarnate, our Lord and our God, and yet our brother and friend; let us adore and admire. Let us notice at the very first glance His miraculous conception. It was a thing unheard of before, and unparalleled since, that a virgin should conceive and bear a Son. The first promise ran thus, "The seed of the woman," not the offspring of the man. Since venturous woman led the way in the sin which brought forth Paradise lost, she, and she alone, ushers in the Regainer of Paradise. Our Saviour, although truly man, was as to His human nature the Holy One of God.

Let us reverently bow before the Holy Child whose innocence restores to manhood its ancient glory; and let us pray that He may be formed in us, the hope of glory. Fail not to note His humble parentage. His mother has been described simply as "a virgin," not a princess, or prophetess, nor a matron of large estate. True the blood of kings ran in her veins; nor was her

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) on the topic **"The Problem of Proximity"** based on **Mark 12:28-34.**
-  **Pastor Joshua Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **"Call His Name Immanuel"** based on **Matthew 1:18-25.**
-  **Pastor Ivor Walker** will preach at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church** (Radio Range) on the topic **"A Presentation of Hope"** based on **Luke 2:22-33.**

mind a weak and untaught one, for she could sing most sweetly a song of praise; but yet how humble her position, how poor the man to whom she stood affianced, and how miserable the accommodation afforded to the new-born King!



Immanuel, God with us in our nature, in our sorrow, in our lifework, in our punishment, in our grave, and now with us, or rather we with Him, in resurrection, ascension, triumph, and Second Advent splendour.

~Charles Spurgeon~

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~21st December - 27th December~

~Today~

Sis. T'Sceha Stevens - Central

~22nd~

Pastor Ivor Walker - Tyrells

Christal Thomas - Covenant

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

~Today~

Bro. Sherwin & Sis. Nicole Parker

~25th December~

Bro. Olrich & Sis. Benjy Chery

Don't Forget Jesus



Christmas is a special time
To reflect on Jesus Christ,
The wonder of His lowly birth
Brings meaning to our lives.

There really is no other reason,
We celebrate this day,
The birth of God's precious Son
And the life, He willingly gave.

But so much seems to distract us
In the busyness of our lives,
We lose our focus in all the happenings,
Not knowing, we leave out Christ.

We lose sight of the true meaning
As we endlessly rush about,
Trying to find that perfect gift,
Seems to cloud our Saviour out.

We need to stop and reflect awhile,
Remembering our precious Lord,
His birth, His life and sacrifice
And all that He stands for.

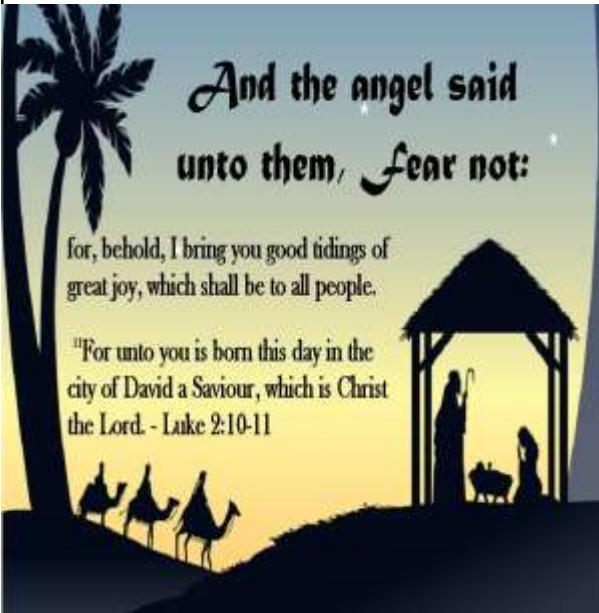
For though the world may celebrate,
It seems, though, for other reasons,
Let's keep in mind that Jesus Christ
Is the true meaning of the season.

~M. S. Lowndes~

*And the angel said
unto them, Fear not:*

for, behold, I bring you good tidings of
great joy, which shall be to all people.

¹¹For unto you is born this day in the
city of David a Saviour, which is Christ
the Lord. - Luke 2:10-11



CARE FOR THEIR SOULS
Matthew 28: 19-20

RELATIVES
FRIENDS
CO-WORKERS

BRING THEM UNDER THE PREACHED WORD!



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. SPECIAL OFFERING

The Elders of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches are challenging all members to make a sacrificial offering to the needs of the Haitian people in general and the Baptist Haiti Mission in particular. Every man, woman, boy and girl should get a special envelope from the ushers to show their love and compassion of Christ. This special offering given will be added to the regular monthly contribution of our churches to the Baptist Haiti Mission. Updates about the Baptist Haiti Mission can also be found on their facebook page.

3. ECBM BULK TEXT MESSAGE/EMAIL

All members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches are advised that we are embarking on a new initiative for our Emergency Bulk Text/E-Mail Message. We are presently gathering the telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of all members. Please assist the church office by informing us whether you prefer text message/e-mail. Do inform the office staff as soon as possible when you have changed your e-mail or cell number. For those desiring text messaging, you will receive messages from the Circuit from the telephone number (268) 788-1678. Please note that this number cannot receive text messages or calls, so please do not reply. Those desiring e-mail messages will receive their messages from info@baptistantigua.org. Please do not reply to this e-mail address.

4. NO SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS EVE DAY

All members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches are advised that there will be no evening service on Wednesday, 24th December, 2014.

5. WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

All women of the Circuit are expected to be at the **Women's Prayer Breakfast** this Saturday, 27 December, 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.

6. JOINT YOUTH FELLOWSHIP ON FRIDAY

All youths are advised that there will be a joint youth fellowship this Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Be sure to bring your Bible, pen and notebook.

7. CHOIR REHEARSAL

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

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

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• *Sunday School Adult & Youth Reading* •

• **Prepare for next week...** •

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• **Series: "CONNECTED—MY LIFE IN THE CHURCH"** •

• Study #4—Connected Through Words (Ephesians 4: 25-32) •

• [Part 2] •

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• *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
- 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. Women's Prayer Breakfast: BRC—Pares**
12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
3:00 p.m. Church-wide Evangelism: All Churches
5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal: (VOV & NCC)

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, Sis. Priya Jattan, Sis. Nelseta Gordon
PRIVATE CONCERNS: Bro. Ernest Davis, Sis. Judy Edwards, Sis. Genevieve Leo, Bro. Sherwin & Sis. Nicole Parker, Sis. Muriel Martin
THANKSGIVING: Sis. Judy Edwards, Sis. Genevieve Leo, Bro. Sherwin & Sis. Nicole Parker, Sis. Yvonne Lee, Sis. Chanda Benjamin, Sis. Shereese Mack, Sis. Dianne Joseph
SAFETY IN PREGNANCY: Sis. Suzette Dowdie, Sis. Jo-Ann Paige
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
WATCH CARE: Sis. Irene Jonas, Sis. Diana Richards, Bro. Charles Richards
SHUT IN: Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Edith McCoy
OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Lynda Davis, Asheka Davis, Vivian Mason, Dedra Mason, Kezron Lewis, Deondre Mason, Lorraine Mason, Clairfoster Lewis, Jamol Pilgrim, Curtis Paige, Michelle Paige, Dion Andrew, Otelle Setal, Charles Nurse, Akeleira Bratihwaite, Selina Naddour, Xena Joseph, Sinclair Joseph, George Browne, Khalid Browne, Hamadi Browne, Chelsea Barlow, Chikaede Barlow, Yvette Henry, Brian Williams, Latanyce Williams, Kurt Spencer, Cherisse James, Theo Blair, Art Bazilio, Egan Bazilio, Andy Josiah, Partice Josiah, Rykeel Joseph, Yashone Baltimore, Tefield Charles, Ajenea Brayn, Grantely Edwards, Martina Edwards
NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Esther René (Central), Trishel Wetherill (Covenant), Jonathas René (Central), Rivert René (Central—Restoration), Akeel Jarvis (Central)

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

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Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Matthew 5:16
Elementary — Psalm 19:14
Secondary & Adults — 1 Peter 5:6-7