

FAMILY NEWS

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GIVE THANKS!

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5: 18





The Spirit of God teaches the souls of believers this lesson of thankfulness. David's heart was tuned to the praises of God, and it is important that thankfulness is encouraged and practised under the gospel also. Thanksgiving demonstrates a spiritual and noble frame of the soul in the highest pitch of grace. The Lord Jesus taught us thankfulness both by pattern and precept, and He thanked God frequently and fervently. Even when He was to eat common bread, He gave thanks (Mark 8: 6). The nine lepers were reproved for their unthankfulness (Luke 17: 17-18). Thankfulness is the worship we owe God for all that we have and are (1 Cor. 15: 10). We live precariously, and are always at God's mercy. God in His sovereignty might have never made us; or, He could have crushed us into nothing as soon as we were made, for, 'has the potter no right over the clay?' (Rom. 9: 21).

Every moment we depend upon Him, and all we have are gifts from Him (Acts 17: 25). His power over us is absolute and infinite. To this Sovereign we owe all, and therefore we owe Him our thanks. 'For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen' (Rom. 11: 36). Christians have innumerable and invaluable spiritual mercies (1 Pet. 1: 3-4). The decree to send Jesus for poor sinners, the opening of a fountain of grace, the making and ratifying of the covenant of grace, His precious promises, with all other choice gospel privileges of grace and glory, of God's all sufficiency, and the infinite merit and righteousness of the Son upon the cross— all of these deserve a suitable and proportionate gift of thanks and blessing from us, both here and in heaven. 'Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you' (Psa. 63: 3).

—WILLIAM COOPER

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 **“Effective Fighting”** based on **Ephesians 6:10-12.**
-  **Pastor Rolando Lewis** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church** (Friars Hill Road) on the topic **“Intimacy With Christ”** based on **Revelation 3:19-20.**
-  **Pastor Joshua Jonas** will preach at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church** (Radio Range) on the topic **“When Evil Prevails”** based on **Psalm 37.**
-  **Pastor Rolando Lewis** will also preach at the **4:00 p.m.** Baptist Academy Thanksgiving Service at the **Central Baptist Church** (Radio Range) on the topic **“Astounding Mercy”** based on **I Timothy 1:12-13.**

The Baptist Academy of Antigua

25th Anniversary Service

Founded 1991

**Celebrating 25
years of service!**

Sunday, October 23, 2016

Central Baptist Church

@ 4:00 pm

“Academic Excellence with Biblical Values”



READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR...



Today, Oct. 23rd – Jer. 12-13
 Monday, Oct. 24th – Jer. 14-15; 1 Tim. 6
 Tuesday, Oct. 25th – Jer. 16-17; 2 Tim. 1
 Wednesday, Oct. 26th – Jer. 18-20; 2 Tim. 2-3
 Thursday, Oct. 27th – Jer. 21-23; 2 Tim. 4
 Friday, Oct. 28th – Jer. 24-26; Titus 1-2
 Saturday, Oct. 29th – Jer. 27-29
 Sunday, Oct. 30th – Jer. 30-32

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

SERIES: **“Game Changer: How To Impact Your World”**

Study #5 Confront Sin — Part 1 of 2
(Daniel 5:17-28)

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth.
—I Timothy 2:15



BEREAVEMENT

The Elders and members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches extend sincere condolences to **Sis. Maria Hurst and family** upon the death of her father, David Walton. Let us pray for and support our sister and her family at this critical time. Pray that the Lord will comfort the family and remind her unsaved relatives of their mortality and need for the Saviour.

NOONDAY PRAYER MINISTRY



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

MEMORY VERSE LIST FOR ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Genesis 1:1, 27 | 27. Romans 6:23 |
| 2. Deuteronomy 29:29 | 28. Romans 8:28 |
| 3. II Chronicles 7:14 | 29. I Corinthians 10:13 |
| 4. Psalm 1:1-2 | 30. II Corinthians 5:17 |
| 5. Psalm 19:14 | 31. Galatians 5:22-23 |
| 6. Psalm 27:1 | 32. Galatians 6:7 |
| 7. Psalm 46:1 | 33. Ephesians 2:8-9 |
| 8. Psalm 66:18 | 34. Ephesians 4:32 |
| 9. Psalm 90:11-12 | 35. Ephesians 6:1-2 |
| 10. Psalm 119:11, 105 | 36. Philippians 1:6 |
| 11. Psalm 121:1-2 | 37. Philippians 4:8 |
| 12. Proverbs 3:5-6 | 38. Philippians 4:13 |
| 13. Proverbs 15:3 | 39. Philippians 4:19 |
| 14. Proverbs 28:13 | 40. I Thessalonians 5:16-18 |
| 15. Ecclesiastes 12:1 | 41. I Thessalonians 5:22 |
| 16. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 | 42. I Timothy 4:12 |
| 17. Lamentations 3:22-23 | 43. I Timothy 6:6-7 |
| 18. Isaiah 1:18 | 44. II Timothy 3:16-17 |
| 19. Jeremiah 17:9 | 45. II Timothy 1:7 |
| 20. Matthew 5:16 | 46. Hebrews 11:1, 6 |
| 21. Matthew 6:33 | 47. Hebrews 13:5 |
| 22. John 3:16-17 | 48. James 4:6-7 |
| 23. John 14:6 | 49. I Peter 5:6-7 |
| 24. John 15:5 | 50. I John 1:9 |
| 25. Acts 4:12 | 51. I John 2:15 |
| 26. Romans 3:23 | 52. Revelation 4:11 |

MEMORY VERSE LIST FOR KINDERGARTEN 5 SUNDAY SCHOOL

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| 1. Genesis 1:1 | 6. Psalm 119:11 |
| 2. Proverbs 28:13 | 7. Psalm 119:105 |
| 3. Psalm 19:14 | 8. Psalm 121:1-2 |
| 4. Psalm 46:1 | 9. Matthew 5:16 |
| 5. Psalm 66:18 | 10. Matthew 6:33 |



THINK IT THROUGH...

A child of God should be a visible beatitude for joy and happiness, and a living doxology for gratitude and adoration.

—Charles H. Spurgeon



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. BAPTIST ACADEMY CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

All members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches are advised that there will be a special 25th anniversary service for the Baptist Academy of Antigua today at 4:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church (Radio Range). Let us celebrate the blessing of God upon this ministry of the ECBM.

2. 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.

3. 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 now meet from 6:30 p.m.— 8:00 p.m. in the Central Baptist Fellowship Hall. and the BLAST Boys Club will meet from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in **Pastor Joshua Jonas' office**. Do not miss this time of great fellowship!

4. MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

All men of the Circuit are expected to be at the **Men's Prayer Breakfast** this Saturday, 29th October, 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.

5. HARVEST AND ANNIVERSARY 2016

Harvest in the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches is here again! This year's celebrations also includes the 51st Anniversary of Central Baptist Church as well as the 24th Anniversary of Tyrells Baptist Church. The dates are November 25-27, 2016. The guest preacher is Elder David Morris of North Carolina, USA. Our activities will include the following weekend schedule:

- ❖ ECBM Harvest Gospel Meeting at the Tyrells Baptist Church (Friday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m.)

- ❖ ECBM Elders Luncheon at the BAA Canteen (Saturday, November 26 at 1:30 p.m.)
- ❖ ECBM Harvest Gospel Meeting at the Covenant Baptist Church (Saturday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m.)
- ❖ Sunday Morning Services at all Churches Sunday, November 27 at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.)
- ❖ Local Church Luncheon at all Churches (Sunday, November 27 at 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.)
- ❖ ECBM Harvest Gospel Meeting at Central Baptist Church (Sunday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m.)

Each and every church member is challenged to make a sacrificial contribution this year to the filling of the house in all of the meetings, the decorations of each church's chapel for Harvest, the food for the Church-Wide meals, the prayers for the guest preacher and other guests, and the prayers for the planning of the events.

6. MEMORY VERSE COMPETITION

All members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches are advised of our joint Annual Memory Verse Competition which will be held on Wednesday, 23rd November, 2016, at the Covenant Baptist Church. Sunday School teachers should begin to prepare secondary students and elementary students. The memory verse lists for the elementary students are printed in the Family News. Secondary students must consult their teachers concerning their lists.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~23rd October - 29th October~

~Today~

Bro. Ephraim Gomes —Tyrells

~24th~

Yashanté Willock—Tyrells

~26th~

Stephen Jarvis Jr.—Central

Nevaeh Walker—Central

~28th~

Sis. Ronda Frederick—Central

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 & Abundant Life Radio)

CHURCH FAMILY

HEALTH: Bro. Egbert Gordon, Sis. Sharon Carty, Sis Chanda Jonas, Sis. Veronica Roberts, Sis. Louise Pilgrim, Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Jean Edwards, Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas, Sis. Ann-Marie Pilgrim, Bro. Nigel Pilgrim, Sis. Rosalind Ferris, Sis. Paula Skerriit, Sis. Cassilda Williams, Sis. Sonia Charles, Sis. Monica Gardener, Sis. Pamela Walcott, Sis. Juliette Smith, Sis. Priya Jattan

PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Maria Hurst, Sis. Yvonne Lee, Sis. Nadine Smith, Sis. Curline Joseph Dea. Ian & Sis. Bronwen Blair

THANKSGIVING: Bro Sherwin & Sis Sandra Nicole Parker, Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis Alesha Joseph, Sis Abiola Anthony

NEW MEMBERS: Sis. Michelle Paige, Sis. Helena Williams, Bro. Corly Francis, Sis. Eulya Williams, Sis. Alesha Joseph, Bro. Kyle Abraham, Bro. Enrico St. Jean, Sis. Ashika Davis, Sis. Celine 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. Victoria Charlton, Sis. Eliena Louisa, Bro. Xavier Joseph, Bro. Zakeem Michael, Bro. Akeel Jarvis, Sis. Esther René

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

SHUT IN: Sis. Edith McCoy

OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Athalia Andrew, Khadijah Andrew, Brendalee Smith, Nesha Joseph, David Walton, Moses Walton, Dave Walton, David Toussaint, Henderson Joseph, John Bowen, Brian Griffith, John Lee, Nikeisha Lee, Gregson Pilgrim

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Christine Powell (Central), **Kimberly Nathan (Central) Z’Roya Ambrose (Central)**, Denley Buckley (Tyrells), Kerrie-Faun Nathan (Central), Nefetari Dinnal (Tyrells), Serena Richards (Covenant) **T’Journ Burton (Central)**

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Matthew 1:21
 Elementary — 1Peter 5:6-7
 Secondary & Adults — Colossians 3:1-3

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
 4:00 p.m. Baptist Academy Thanksgiving Service

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. Joint FTI Forum: Covenant

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. 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

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