

FAMILY NEWS

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AVOID THE OCCASION OF SIN

Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house.


—Proverbs 5: 8


Satan seeks to draw you into sin by making you bold to venture near the occasion of sin; 'You may walk by the harlot's door, though you won't go in; you may sit with the drunkard, though you won't get drunk; you may look upon Jezebel's beauty, and toy with Delilah, though you won't commit wickedness; you may handle the gold with Achan, though you will not steal it.' Scripture commands us to shun the occasions of sin as we would a serpent in the way.

He that would not get burned must dread the fire. To venture upon the occasion of sin, and then to pray, 'Lead us not into temptation', is like one who thrusts his finger in the fire and then prays that it might not get burnt. There ordinarily is no victory over sin without also avoiding the occasion of sin. To play sport with sin is to be conquered by it. God will not remove the temptation unless you turn from the occasion. To rush upon the occasions of sin is both to tempt ourselves and to tempt Satan to tempt our souls. It is seldom that God keeps the soul from the acts of sin, which does not keep far from the occasions of sin. Remember how frequently you have been overcome by sin when you have played with the occasion.

From The Pulpit...



 **Bro. Rolando Lewis** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic "**Extraordinary Priesthood**" based on **Hebrews 9:24-28**.

 **Pastor Ivor Walker** 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 "**Your Options Are Limited**" based on **Luke 13:1-5**.

Consider the precious saints who are now victorious in heaven that have turned from the occasion of sin as from hell itself. Joseph is famous for his virtue in getting himself out of temptation. The devil knows that a fit opportunity is half the conquest. He knows that our flesh is fertile soil when close to some sinful opportunity. A bird aloft is safe, but is in danger by drawing near to the snare. The shunning of the occasion of sin renders a man most like the best of men.

O that the examples of those worthy saints, David, Joseph, and Job, might prevail with your soul to shun and avoid the occasion of sin!

—THOMAS BROOKS

READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Today, July 24th – Psalms 47-49
 Monday, July 25th – Psalms 50-52; Acts 23
 Tuesday, July 26th – Psalms 53-55; Acts 24
 Wednesday, July 27th – Psalms 56-58; Acts 25
 Thursday, July 28th – Psalms 59-61; Acts 26
 Friday, July 29th – Psalms 62-64; Acts 27
 Saturday, July 30th – Psalms 65-66
 Sunday, July 31st – Psalms 67-69



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~24th July - 30th July~

~26th~

Shari Irish — Tyrells

Sis. Gloria Herrera — Tyrells

~29th~

Sis. Judy Edwards — Central

Shavourn Grant — Tyrells

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

SERIES: "PRESSURE POINTS"

Study # 5 The Pressure of Conflict—Part 1 of 2
 (James 4:1-10)

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

—II Timothy 2:15

Youth Summer Camp 2016

Theme:

"Unchanging Truth in a Changing World"



*"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my
 words shall not pass away."*

—Matthew 24:35

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

~26th~

Pastor Ivor & Sis. Janet Walker

~28th~

Mr. Dwight & Sis. Jenell Hutson

CHILDREN'S CAMP 2016 Theme: Walking Joyfully With Jesus



Date: August 8- August 12, 2016

***Registration Fee: \$10.00**

***Balance: \$50.00**

This Day Camp will meet from 9:00 a.m. to noon daily.

*But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to
 come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.*

—Matthew 19:14



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. BLAST CAMP BEGINS TOMORROW

All teenage girls are advised that the BLAST (Girls) Camp begins tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. If you desire transportation to the Baptist Retreat Centre, please meet at the Central Baptist Church for 7:30 a.m. sharp. Parents are also advised that the camp ends on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Please pick up your girls promptly. All **members are asked to pray for a mighty move of God's** presence in all aspects of this camp.

2. BLAST YOUTH MINISTRY

All teenage boys are reminded of B.L.A.S.T. (Building Lives Around Scriptural Truth) this Friday. The BLAST Boys Club will meet from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in **Pastor Joshua Jonas's office**. Do not miss this time of great fellowship!

3. MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

All men of the Circuit are expected to be at the **Men's** Prayer Breakfast this Saturday, 30th July, 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. 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 2016. You may collect a special envelope from the ushers. Invest in the kingdom of God and support our youth.

5. YOUTH SUMMER ACTIVITIES

There will be some exciting activities for the youth this summer. They are as follows:
BLAST (Girls): July 25—July 30, 2016
BLAST (Boys): August 1—August 6, 2016
The fee for all of the above activities is \$280.

The theme for the camps is **"Unchanging Truth in a**

Changing World" (Matthew 24:35). 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. The balance of \$280.00 is due today. All church members are asked to pray for all aspects of the camps.

6. 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.

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.

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THANK YOU

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I would like to extend sincere thanks to the
 Elders, Deacons and members of the
 ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches for their
 support during my time of bereavement.
 Also, your prayers and encouraging words
 during my time of grief were a source of
 comfort. Thanks again for your love and
 support.

—Sis. Maria Hurst

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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. 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 Skerritt, Sis. Cassilda Williams,
 Sis. Monica Gardener, Sis. Pamela Walcott, Sis. Juliette
 Smith, Sis. Priya Jattan

PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Yvonne Lee, Sis. Nadine Smith,
 Bro. Ernest Davis, Bro. Ephraim Gomes

THANKSGIVING: Sis. Martha Bowen, Bro. Charlesworth &
 Sis. Suzette Dowdie, Bro. Ivan & Sis. Maria Hurst,
 Sis. Muriel Martin

NEW MEMBERS: Bro. Corly Francis, 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,
 Sis. Rosamund Haynes, Sis. Victoria Charlton, Sis. Eliena
 Louisa, Bro. Shane Cory, Bro. Xavier Joseph, Bro. Zakeem
 Michael, Sis. Nia Santana, Bro. Akeel Jarvis, Sis. Esther
 René, Sis. Eulyn Williams,

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

SHUT IN: Sis. Edith McCoy

OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Ajani & Arianna Dowdie, Xena Joseph,
 Xavier Joseph, Sinclaire Joseph, Renita Joseph, John
 Bowen, Athalia Andrew, Khadijah Andrew, Lynda Davis,
 Nakime Dairs, Brandon Davis, John Lee, Cequan Joyce

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Helena Williams (Central),
 Ingrid Thomas (Tyrells)

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Psalm 46:1
 Elementary — Philippians 1:6
 Secondary & Adults — Romans 8:28

THIS WEEK

- Sun. 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
- Mon. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
- Tues. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 03:00 p.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
 06:30 p.m. **Elders' Meeting: Central**
- Wed. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 07:00 p.m. Prayer Service & Fellowship Groups: All Churches
- Thurs. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
- Fri. 09:00 a.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 06:30 p.m. BLAST (Boys) Youth Ministry: Central
- Sat. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
07:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast: BRC—Pares



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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
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