

# FAMILY NEWS

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## Pursuing Temporal Things

*You make known to me the paths of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures for evermore.*


Psalm 16:11


**A** fool prefers toys and trifles before the things of greatest worth. The wicked prefer their lusts before the Lord. They prefer this world before the Lord. They prefer this world before the pleasures that are at God's right hand. The world is full of such fools. Ah, friends! What folly to spend your time, strength and lives in getting the great things of this world, and neglecting that one necessary thing, the salvation of the soul! Though many have an opportunity, they have no heart to take advantage of it for the sake of eternity. By neglect, they cut the throat of their own souls.

This worm will lie gnawing at them to all eternity that they have let slip the opportunities of grace and have trifled away the seasons of mercy. There is great truth in what Rabi long ago said, 'Every man has his hour, and he who slips past his season may never meet with the like again.' Fools are all for the present, their bodies and their bellies, and they take no care to make provision for their immortal souls. Now, do you think that God, who has all wisdom, glory, dignity, riches, treasures, pleasures, comforts, delights, and joys in Himself will have everlasting fellowship with

## *From The Pulpit...*



 Dr. H.W.C. Jonas will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service Tyrells Baptist Church (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **“The Sufficiency of Christ”** based on Hebrews 9:23-28.

 Pastor Rolando Lewis will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service at the Covenant Baptist Church (Friars Hill Road) on the topic **“God's Marvellous Creativity”** based on Ephesians 2:10 and also at the 10:00 a.m. service at the Central Baptist Church (Radio Range) on the topic **“No Other Name”** based on Acts 4:6-12.

fools or have His royal palace filled with fools? Surely no. He will at last shut the door of glory against them (Matthew 25:10-13). The trifles of this world God often gives to the worst and the basest of men, but the kingdom of heaven He only gives to His bosom friends.

Except a man is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God. The whole frame of the old man must be dissolved and a new frame erected. The kingdom of God is a divine kingdom and there is no possession of it without a divine nature. A new head without a new heart, or new lip without a new life will never bring a man to this kingdom of light!





## 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. CHORUS TEAM PRACTICE

All members of the Chorus Team are advised of a rehearsal this Friday at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church (Radio Range). Please be punctual.

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

### 4. DOWNLOAD APP TODAY

All members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches are kindly asked to download the ECBM App from your App store. Search for "ECBM App" or "Antigua Reformed Baptist," and download, for free, an exciting new way to connect to your church, share the Gospel and be spiritually edified in the palm of your hand.

### 5. MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

All men of the Circuit are expected to be at the **Men's Prayer** Breakfast this Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 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.

### 6. 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.

### 7. EVANGELISM FOCUS GROUP

All members of the Circuit who are interested in joining the Evangelism Focus Group are kindly asked to contact Pastor Rolando Lewis.

## THANK YOU!!!

We would like to sincerely thank the Elders, Deacons and all the members of the Baptist Circuit of Churches for your prayers and encouragement during my pregnancy, illness and our loss of Caleb Joseph Gideon Parker.

Words cannot express our heartfelt thanks for the love and support that we have received as a family during this difficult time. Pray for us as we hold a private funeral service tomorrow for our son. Our God does all things well.

Thanks to all!

Love,

Bro. Sherwin Parker & Sis. Nicole Parker



HAPPY  
wedding ANNIVERSARY

~30th September~

**Mr. Clibert Hector & Sis. Stacey Hector**

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT  
IN A YEAR...

- Today, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>– Galatians 3
- Monday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>– Galatians 4
- Tuesday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>– Galatians 5
- Wednesday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>– Galatians 6
- Thursday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>– Ephesians 1
- Friday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>– Ephesians 2
- Saturday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>– Ephesians 3
- Sunday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>– Ephesians 4





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~24th September - 30th September~

~25th~

Khadijah Andrew—Central

Sis. Genevieve Jervis—Central

~27th~

Sis. Denise Silston—Covenant

Sis. Cecilia Irish—Tyrells

~28th~

Matthew Pankoga—Tyrells

~29th~

Sis. Althea Gage—Central

Darion Hutson—Central

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

SERIES: CHRIST—OUR IDENTITY IN LIFE  
Lesson #5—Life On Mission  
—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.*  
—II Timothy 2:15

## NOONDAY PRAYER MINISTRY



- ❖ We meet for prayer at **Central** from **12:00 noon** to **1:00 p.m.** 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](mailto:prayer@baptistantigua.org).

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



Where does your mission offering go?

- Barbados: Covenant Reformed Baptist Church—Church Plant Initiative
- 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!*



## Think it through...

*"We tend to take all the gifts and pleasures and happiness and the joy without saying much to God. We take our health and strength, our food and clothing and our loved ones, all for granted; but the moment anything goes wrong we start grumbling and complaining and we say 'Why should God do this to me, why should this happen to me?' How slow we are to thank and swift to grumble."*

—Martyn Lloyd-Jones

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

**THANKSGIVING:** Sis. Nicole Parker, Bro. Abner Marcellus, Sis. Martha Bowen, Sis. Abiola Anthony, Bro. Charlesworth & Sis. Suzette Dowdie, Sis. Alesha Joseph

**NEW MEMBERS:** Sis. Rosgue Joseph, Bro. Ronald Jean, Sis. Mowava Robinson, Sis. Leyann Lam, Bro. Tijorn 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**

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

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

## OTHER CONCERNS

**SAVING GRACE:** **Christophe Marcellus, Yashone' Baltimore,** Grantley Edwards, Martina Edwards, Roderick Williams, Dawn Williams, Dale Jones, Andrea Jeremiah, John Bowen, Arah Sheridan, Joshua Sheridan, Milbert Joseph, Donald Lewis, Gloria Lewis, Kathy Gordon, Terry Hill, Shonette Sobers, Clairfoster Lewis, Deandre Mason, Kezron Lewis, Charity Jonas, Brendalee Smith, Zethma Williams

**NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS:** Shena Charles (Central), Malique Gerald (Covenant-restoration)

*Pray without ceasing. I Thessalonians 5:17*

## Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Psalm 121:1-2  
 Elementary — 2 Timothy 1:7  
 Secondary & Adults — Eph. 5:25

# 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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## 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  
 06:00 p.m. Chorus Team: Central  
 06:30 p.m. BLAST Girls: Central (Conference Room)  
 06:30 p.m. BLAST Boys: Central (BAA Grounds)

## Saturday

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

# ECBM DIRECTORY

Central Baptist Church	462-2894
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Baptist Academy	462-2894
Baptist Retreat Centre	463-8801



## Eldership

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