

FAMILY



NEWS

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THE LAMB OF GOD



Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!
John 1:29

When Christ became our sacrifice, He **bore away our sins. The word 'to bear'** is a full and emphatic word, signifying not only to bear, but to bear away. This is a real **purging of sin. How great a mercy is this! 'Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered' (Psa. 32: 1). Who can express the happiness of such a state as this? Pardoned reader, let me beg you, look over the cancelled bonds, and see what a vast sum has been remitted to you. Remember your natural state, and yet pardoned. Fully, finally, and freely pardoned! What can you do less than fall down at the feet of free grace that moved so freely towards so vile a sinner? Not long ago your iniquities were upon you. Now they are as far as the east is from the west (Psa. 103: 11-12).**

O the unspeakable effectiveness of Christ's sacrifice; it extends to all sins (1 John 1: 7): past, present, without exception, and all sins to come! God 'did not spare his own Son'. Sparing mercy was denied to Christ. Not a moment of time was lessened for the suffering and wrath that was appointed

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 "Authentic Contrition" based on 2 Samuel 24:10-25.
-  Bro. Rolando Lewis 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 the Central Baptist Church (Radio Range) on the topic "Total Surrender" based on Deuteronomy 4:29-35.

for Him. Justice will not bend in the least. What a sad case for your soul, O reader, if you have no interest in this sacrifice! Consider how you can support the infinite wrath that Christ bore in the **place of God's elect. Woe and alas for evermore to that man who meets a just God without a Mediator!** I beseech you, by the mercies of God, in the light of all the love you have for your own soul, do not neglect this opportunity. Get an interest in this sacrifice quickly. What will your state be when vast eternity opens to swallow you up? Happy is that **man who can say in a dying hour: 'This is my comfort—"Forgiven!"** Remember, no sin can stand before the effectiveness of His blood (1 John 1: 7).

~John Flavel~



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~25th January - 31st January~

-Today-

Sis. Shannakay Johnson - Covenant

Bro. Jordan Browne - Central

Joshua J. Joseph - Central

D'Andre Fenton - Tyrells

-26th-

Deacon Ian Blair - Central

-27th-

Sis. Moira DeCastro - Tyrells

Christine Powell - Central

La'Rica Locker - Covenant

-28th-

Caleb Amisial - Central

Sunday School Adult & Youth Reading

Prepare for next week...

Review Time

Series: "CONNECTED—MY LIFE IN THE CHURCH"

Ephesians 2-6

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

CARE FOR THEIR SOULS Matthew 28: 19-20

RELATIVES
FRIENDS
CO-WORKERS

BRING THEM UNDER THE PREACHED WORD!

Thank You!

We would like to thank the Elders, Deacons and the brethren for their prayers, love and support in our time of bereavement. It was greatly appreciated.

The Carty Family

THANKS!

Sincere thank you to the Elders, Deacons and members who prayed, called and offered words of encouragement in my time of bereavement. I especially want to thank the Presiding Elder for his constant encouragement through this difficult time. Brethren, your love and support was greatly appreciated.

Sis. Charmaine Nickeo



BABY CONCEPTION

We rejoice with Bro. Sherwin Parker & Sis. Nicole Parker on the conception of their baby. Let us keep them in our prayers, and may the Lord continue to bless them.

Think It Through

When God calls a man, He does not repent of it. God does not, as many friends do, love one day, and hate another; or as princes, who make their subjects favourites, and afterwards throw them into prison. This is the blessedness of a saint; his condition admits of no alteration. God's call is founded upon His decree, and His decree is immutable. Acts of grace cannot be reversed. God blots out His people's sins, but not their names.

—Thomas Watson



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

All men of the Circuit are expected to be at the **Men's Prayer Breakfast** this Saturday, 31st January, 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.

2. CHORUS TEAM PRACTICE

All members of the Chorus Team are advised of a rehearsal this Friday at 5:30 p.m. at Central. Please be punctual.

3. 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.

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. JOINT FTI OPEN FORUM AT COVENANT

All church members of the Circuit are reminded of our Joint 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

A Wonderful Guarantee

I will strengthen thee. (Isaiah 41:10)

When called to serve or to suffer, we take stock of our strength, and we find it to be less than we thought and less than we need. But let not our heart sink within us while we have such a word as this to fall back upon, for it guarantees us all that we can possibly need. God has strength omnipotent; that strength He can communicate to us; and His promise is that He will do so. He will be the food of our souls and the health of our hearts; and thus He will give us strength. There is no telling how much power God can put into a man. When divine strength comes, human weakness is no more a hindrance.

Do we not remember seasons of labor and trial in which we received such special strength that we wondered at ourselves? In the midst of danger we were calm, under bereavement we were resigned, in slander we were self-contained, and in sickness we were patient. The fact is that God gives unexpected strength when unusual trials come upon us, We rise out of our feeble selves. Cowards play the man, foolish ones have wisdom given them, and the silent receive in the self-same hour what they shall speak, My own weakness makes me shrink, but God's promise makes me brave. Lord, strengthen me "according to thy word."

~Charles Spurgeon~

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. 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)
 6:30 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
 5:30 p.m. Chorus Team Practice: Central
 6:30 p.m. Joint Youth Fellowship: Central
- Sat. 7:00 a.m. **Men'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)

ECBM DIRECTORY

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| 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

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| Hensworth W. C. Jonas (Presiding) | 771-4888 |
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| Joshua M. Jonas (Staff Associate) | 726-9662 |

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| 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, Sis. Priya Jattan, Sis. Nelseta Gordon
PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Sophia Marcellus, Sis. Muriel Martin, Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Magella Selwood, Sis. Dianna Luke, Sis. Marion Locker, Bro. Ernest Davis
THANKSGIVING: Sis. Sophia Marcellus, Sis. Diane Joseph, Bro. Abner Marcellus, Sis. Louise Pilgrim, Sis. Genevieve Leo
SAFETY IN PREGNANCY: Sis. Jo-Ann Paige, Sis. Altude Exaie
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. 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: Michelle Nicholas, Sam Nicholas, Theo Blair, Inez Richards, Kinda Morgan, Akeem Agard, Jamol Bovell, Milbert Joseph, Gloria Lewis, Donald Lewis, Kadajah Andrew, Athalia Andrew, Grantley Edwards, Martina Edwards, Mikelia Longford, Christophe Marcellus, Sorel Saint-Jean, Andy Josiah, Patrice Josiah, Patroy Locker, LaNica Locker, LaRica Locker, Sateba Stevens, Jahnecia Stevens, Lynda Davis, Nakime Davis, Brandon Davis, Shakime Davis, Shakeel Davis, Asheka Davis, Iris Edwards, Sydney Martin, Iris Martin, Delta Samuel, Sylvester James, Donald James, Irwin James, Charles Green, Xadrian Joseph, Xena Joseph, Renita Joseph
NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Esther René (Central), Trishel Wetherill (Covenant), Jonathas René (Central), Rivert René (Central—Restoration), Akeel Jarvis (Central) Curline Joseph (Tyrells—Transfer)

Pray without ceasing. | Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Luke 1:37
 Elementary — Psalm 119:11,105
 Secondary & Adults — Exodus 20:7-8