

# FAMILY NEWS

ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches  
P.O. Box 2678 • St. John's • Antigua & Barbuda  
E-mail: admin@baptistantigua.org • Website: www.baptistantigua.org

**Presiding Elder: Rev. Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas, GCH, BA, MA, DPTH, DMin**

Vol. XXV, No. 51 **“Preaching the Doctrines of Grace...Practising the Grace of the Doctrines”** September 25, 2016




## ONLY GOD SATISFIES

*Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.*  
*Genesis 15:1*

We should carefully trust God in times of prosperity. When we sit under the warm beams of a meridian sun, wash our steps in butter, and our feet in oil, when the candle of the Lord shines on our tabernacle and our lines have fallen out in pleasant places, now is the time to trust in our God. It requires the utmost of faith's skill to steer the soul handsomely in this serene calm. Faith must fix its eyes on God, the fountain of all its enjoyments. Faith acknowledges every good gift is from above. Since all my enjoyments are of Him, all should be to His praise and glory, and faith must willingly **surrender them at God's call. If He sees fit to call in His debts, we must submit to His sovereignty. A gracious heart is pleased to spend its worldly goods for Christ. Mary's ointment could never have been carried to a better market than it was, when poured so freely on her dear Saviour's head. A believer's enjoyments are never so great or precious that they cannot be thrown overboard rather than hazard the wreck of faith or a good conscience (1 Tim. 1: 19). These outward enjoyments are sweet, but God, the author of them is infinitely more sweet. I can smile when**

## *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 **“Holy Indignation”** based on **Psalm 137.**
-  **Pastor Rolando Lewis** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church** (Friars Hill Road) on the topic **“Christian Warfare: Fighting the Giants”** based on **I Samuel 17:41-47**
-  **Pastor Ivor Walker** will preach at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church** (Radio Range) on the topic **“Spiritual Situational Awareness ”** based on **I Thessalonians 5:6-10.**

my corn and wine increase, but alas, without the enjoyment of God, it is nothing. Indeed, what are these to His person and presence? O the light of His countenance! With Esau we might say in these blessings, we have much; but give me Him, and with Jacob, I have all. In Him are fullness of joy and pleasures for evermore. Only He can satisfy; He is my all-sufficient portion. He is my sun and shield, root and branch, foundation and corner stone, and my sword and shield. He only can answer all my desires and necessities. He is my God, my portion, and my all.

— THOMAS LYE



# 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](mailto:prayer@baptistantigua.org).

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



Where does your mission offering go?

- ♦ Haiti: Baptist Haiti Mission--Christian schools, churches, hospital, child services
- ♦ Dominica: Berean Christian Academy--Staff Support
- ♦ USA: Covenant Baptist Theological Seminary--Pastoral Training
- ♦ Antigua & Barbuda: Sovereign Grace Hour--Television & Radio

Your tithe supports the budget of your local church.

Give generously above your tithes for missions!

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

SERIES: "Game Changer: How To Impact Your World"

Study #3 Stand Courageously—Part 1 of 2  
(Daniel 3:13-18, 26-28)

*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

## READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR...



- Today, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>— Isa. 7-9
- Monday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>— Isa. 10-12; Gal. 4
- Tuesday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>— Isa.13-15; Gal. 5
- Wednesday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>— Isa. 16-18; Gal. 6
- Thursday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>— Isa.19-21; Eph. 1-2
- Friday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>— Isa. 22-24; Eph. 3-4
- Saturday, Oct. 01<sup>st</sup>— Isa. 25-26
- Sunday, Oct. 02<sup>nd</sup>— Isa. 27-28

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

~30<sup>th</sup>~

*Mr. Clibert & Sis. Stacey Hector*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~25<sup>th</sup> September - 1<sup>st</sup> October~

~ Today ~

Khadijah Andrew—Central  
Sis. Genevive Leo—Central

~ 27<sup>th</sup> ~

Sis. Denise Silston—Covenant  
Sis. Cecilia Irish—Tyrells

~ 28<sup>th</sup> ~

Sis. Rhonda Grant— Central  
Matthew Pankoga—Tyrells

~ 29<sup>th</sup> ~

Bro. Jahmaul Baltimore— Tyrells  
Sis. Althea Gage—Central  
Darion Hutson—Central

~ 1<sup>st</sup> ~

Sis. Christine Marcellus—Tyrells



## 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. NOONDAY PRAYER MINISTRY

All members of the Circuit are advised that Noonday Prayer will be held in the Conference Room (formally Pastor Joshua **Jonas' office**) at the back of the chapel at Central (Radio Range). Let us earnestly seek the Lord in prayer.

### 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. CHORUS TEAM PRACTICE

All members of the Chorus Team are advised of a rehearsal this Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church (Radio Range). Please be punctual.

### 5. 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.

### 6. 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.

### 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.



## Think It Through

"Accepted in the beloved."  
—Ephesians 1:6.

**W**HAT a state of privilege! It includes our *justification* before God, but the term acceptance" in the Greek means more than that. It signifies that we are the objects of *divine complacency*, nay, even of *divine delight*. How marvellous that we, worms, mortals, sinners, should be the objects of divine love! But it is only "*in the beloved*." Some Christians seem to be accepted in their own experience, at least, that is their apprehension. When their spirit is lively, and their hopes bright, they think God accepts them, for they feel so high, so heavenly-minded, so drawn above the earth! But when their souls cleave to the dust, they are the victims of the fear that they are no longer accepted. If they could but see that all their high joys do not exalt them, and all their low despondencies do not really depress them in their Father's sight, but that they stand accepted in One who never alters, in One who is always the beloved of God, always perfect, always without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing, how much happier they would be, and how much more they would honour the Saviour!

Rejoice then, believer, in this: thou art accepted "in the beloved." Thou lookest within, and thou sayest, "There is nothing acceptable *here!*" But look at Christ, and see if there is not everything acceptable *there*. Thy sins trouble thee; but God has cast thy sins behind His back, and thou art accepted in the Righteous One. Thou hast to fight with corruption, and to wrestle with temptation, but thou art already accepted in Him who has overcome the powers of evil. The devil tempts thee; be of good cheer, he cannot destroy thee, for thou art accepted in Him who has broken Satan's head. Know by full assurance thy glorious standing. Even glorified souls are not more accepted than thou art. They are only accepted in heaven "in the beloved," and thou art even now accepted in Christ after the same manner.

—Charles Spurgeon

# 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. Helena Williams, Bro. Corly Francis, Sis. Eulyn 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. Rosamund Haynes, 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, Neshia Joseph, David Walton, Moses Walton, Dave Walton, David Toussaint, Henderson Joseph, John Bowen, Brian Griffith, John Lee, Nikeisha Lee, Gregson Pilgrim,

**NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS:** Michelle Paige (Covenant), **Christine Powell (Central), Kimberly Nathan (Central) Z'Roya Ambrose (Central), Denley Buckley (Tyrells), Kerrie-Faun Nathan (Central)**

*Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17*

## Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Ecclesiastes 12:14  
 Elementary — 2 Timothy 1:7  
 Secondary & Adults — Ephesians 6:10-12

# 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. Joint FTI Forum: Covenant

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  
 05:30 p.m. Chorus Team Practice: Central  
 06:30 p.m. BLAST (Girls) Youth Ministry: Central  
 06:30 p.m. BLAST (Boys) Youth Ministry: Central

Sat.. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 05:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal: VOV & NCS

## ECBM DIRECTORY

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

Hensworth W. C. Jonas (Presiding)	771-4888
Ivor J. Walker (Associate)	464-1644
Orvin D. E. Paige (Associate)	464-1014
Joshua M. Jonas (Staff Associate)	726-9662
Rolando A. Lewis (Staff Associate)	784-6147

### Diaconate

David S. Jarvis (Chairman)	464-7477
Earl W. F. Skerriit	722-4313
Ian J. Blair	773-1061
John Patrick Tomlinson	786-7957