

FAMILY NEWS

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SOLITARY PRAYER

Pray without ceasing.


1 Thessalonians 5:17


The closet and solitary prayer is a necessary duty, and a profitable one. It does much for the enlargement of the heart. When a man seeks to deal most earnestly with God, he should seek retirement, and be alone. Christ in His agonies went apart from His disciples. It is notable that when Jacob sought to wrestle with God, it is said, ‘And Jacob was left alone’ (Gen. 32:24). When he had a mind to deal with God in great earnestness, he sent away all his company. A hypocrite finds a greater flash of gifts in his public duties; but he is slight and superficial when he is alone with God.

Usually God’s children are able to most affectionately pour out their hearts before Him in private. Here, they find their affections free to wrestle with God. Here, one finds most communion with God, and enlargement of heart. In private we are wholly at leisure to deal with God in a child-like liberty. Now, will you omit this duty where you may be most free, without distraction, to let out your heart to God? The sweetest experiences of God’s saints are when they are alone with Him. Without seeking God often, the vitality of the soul is lost. We may as well expect a

From The Pulpit...



 **Pastor Orvin Paige** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church** (Friars Hill Road) on the topic **“Paternal Patience”** based on **Judges 10:6-16.**

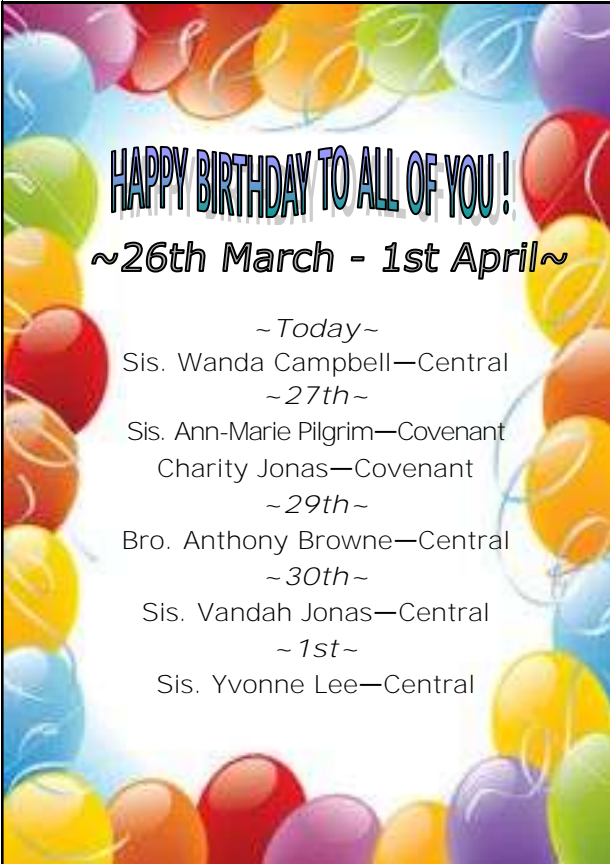
 **Pastor Joshua Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **“The Essence Of Biblical Faith”** based on **Genesis 12:4-9.** He will also preach at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church** (Radio Range) on the topic **“Taming The Tongue”** based on **James 4:11-12.**

crop and harvest without sowing, as living grace without seeking of God. God is first cast out of the closet, and then out of the family, and within a little while, out of the congregation.

Omit secret prayer, and some great sin will follow. A man who is often with God, does not dare to offend Him so freely as others do. Religion, as it were, dies by degrees. Whatever else is forgotten, God must not be forgotten. Make God a good allowance. Make a prudent choice yourselves, and consecrate such a part of time as will suit with your occasions, your course of life, and according to your abilities and opportunities.

—**Thomas Manton**





HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~26th March - 1st April~

~ Today ~

Sis. Wanda Campbell—Central

~ 27th ~

Sis. Ann-Marie Pilgrim—Covenant
Charity Jonas—Covenant

~ 29th ~

Bro. Anthony Browne—Central

~ 30th ~

Sis. Vandah Jonas—Central

~ 1st ~

Sis. Yvonne Lee—Central

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN A YEAR...

Today, Mar. 26th – **Luke 3:23-38**

Monday, Mar. 27th – **Luke 4:1-30**

Tuesday, Mar. 28th – **Luke 4:31-44**

Wednesday, Mar. 29th – **Luke 5:1-16**

Thursday, Mar. 30th – **Luke 5:17-39**

Friday, Mar. 31st – **Luke 6:1-26**

Saturday, Apr. 1st – **Luke 6:27-49**

Sunday, Apr. 2nd – **Luke 7:1-30**



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.
Pray without ceasing. —1 Thessalonians 5:17

E.C.B.M. MISSIONS OFFERING



Where does your mission offering go?

- ♦ 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!*

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

SERIES: VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIVING
Lesson #1 Jesus, The Victor
Revelation 1:12-20

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



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. EVANGELISM FOCUS GROUP

All members of the Evangelism Focus Group are advised that there will be a meeting on Monday, 27th of March, 2017 at the Central Baptist Church at 5:30 p.m. All church members are asked to pray for this group regularly.

2. EVENTS PREPARATION MEETING

All members of the Events Preparation Ministry are advised of a meeting this Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Central. Please be punctual.

3. 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.

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

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. GOOD FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Our annual Good Friday Fellowship is scheduled to be held on Friday, 14th April, 2017. This is a church-wide family picnic at the Baptist Retreat Centre at Pares Village and is opened to all members and those who regularly attend one of the churches of the Circuit. All households are expected to make a contribution to the fellowship. Let us pray for all aspects of this fellowship time of fun and games with the brethren.

7. BAPTIST ACADEMY EASTER RALLY

All members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches are advised of the Baptist Academy Easter Rally which will be held on Easter Monday (April 17, 2017) at 7:00 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Centre at Perry Bay. All members are encouraged to come out and support this evangelistic effort. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will move mightily during this rally.

8. DOWNLOAD APP TODAY

All members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches are kindly asked to support our new project and download the ECBM App from your local 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.

9. 25TH CARIBBEAN BAPTIST HERITAGE CONFERENCE

The Caribbean Baptist Heritage Conference 2017 is approaching. The dates are July 2-5, 2017. The travel days are Saturday, July 1st (arrival) and Thursday, July 6th (departure). The conference will be hosted in St. Lucia by the Deliverance Baptist Church in Ciceron where Pastor Marcellus Henry is the Presiding Elder. The deadline for applications is Sunday, 30th April, 2017. If you are interested in this spiritually enriching experience, please call the church office to reserve your place.



Think It Through...

“The Christian Gospel is that I am so flawed that Jesus had to die for me, yet I am so loved and valued that Jesus was glad to die for me. This leads to deep humility and deep confidence at the same time. It undermines both swaggering and sniveling. I cannot feel superior to anyone, and yet I have nothing to prove to anyone. I do not think more of myself nor less of myself. Instead, I think of myself less.”

-Tim Keller

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: Sis. Veronica Roberts, Sis. Louise Pilgrim, Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Jean Edwards, Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas, 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: Bro. Abner Marcellus, Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Nadine Smith, Sis. Judy Browne

THANKSGIVING: Sis. Abiola Anthony, Sis. Martha Bowen, Bro. Ephraim Gomes, Sis. Muriel Martin, Sis. Judy Edwards
NEW MEMBERS: 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. Euly Williams, Sis. Alesha Joseph, Bro. Kyle Abraham, Bro. Enrico St. Jean, Sis. Ashika Davis

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

OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: George Browne, Khalid Browne, Hamadi Browne, Michelle Nicholas, Sam Nicholas, Martin Browne, Theo Blair, Milbert Joseph, Margaret Lewis, Athalia Andrew, Khadijah Andrew, Cherisse James, Kurt Spencer, Christophe Marcellus, Jaeda Joseph, Brendalee Smith, Nesha Joseph, Devaughnia George, Andy Josiah, Patrice Josiah, Arah Sheridan, Joshua Joseph, John Bowen, Ajani Dowdie, Gregson Pilgrim, Jamol Pilgrim, Chelsea Barlow, Chikaede Barlow, Martina Edwards, Egan Bazilo, Colin Baker, Otis Brisport, Carlos Jarvis, Carlon Jarvis, Carlson Jarvis, Salonge Wynter, Nadisha Jardine, Thea-Lee Hurst, Arnelle Gray, Neville Bannis, Joseph Choy

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
 05:30 p.m. Evangelism Focus Group: Central

Tuesday
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 06:30 p.m. **Elders' Meeting: Central**

Wednesday
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 07:00 p.m. Prayer & Fellowship Groups: All Churches

Thursday
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 05:30 p.m. Events Preparation Ministry: Central

Friday
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 05:30 p.m. Chorus Team Practice: Central
 06:30 p.m. BLAST Girls: Central (BAA Grounds)
 06:30 p.m. BLAST Boys: Central (Conference Room)

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

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Tyrells Baptist Church	460-3557
Covenant Baptist Church	561-4022
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Baptist Retreat Centre	463-8801



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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. Skerritt	722-4313
Ian J. Blair	773-1061
John Patrick Tomlinson	786-7957

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Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Ephesians 6:1-2
 Elementary — Jeremiah 17:9
 Secondary & Adults — Proverbs 14:12