

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: Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas, GCH, BA, MA, DPhD, DMin

Vol. XXV, No. 30

April 26, 2015

SEEK GOD FIRST!

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.


Matthew 6:33


Until we get our hearts out of the world, how easily our hearts are carried away with the thoughts of earthly concerns. Until we can separate and purge our spirits, how we mingle our prayers with many ridiculous thoughts. It is too usual for us to deal with God as an unskilled person that will gather a posy for his friend, and put in as many or more stinking weeds than he does choice flowers.

The flesh introduces, and our carnal hearts insert and interlace our prayers with vain thoughts and earthly distractions. Then, when we come to offer incense to God with our censer, we mingle sulphur with our incense. Therefore, we should always labour to get our hearts above the world into the presence of God, as if we were by Him in heaven, and wholly swallowed up with His glory. Though our bodies are on earth, our spirits should be in heaven. Until we get above the mists of the world, we can see nothing of clearness and comfort; but when we can get God and our hearts together, then we can see there is much in the fountain, though nothing in the stream; and though little on earth, yet we have a God in heaven.

From The Pulpit...



 **Pastor Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church (Tyrells Main Road)** on the topic **“Sovereignty: Who Controls Your Life”** based on **Psalm 2.**

 **Pastor Joshua Jonas** 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 **“The Enemy Of Humility”** based on **Acts 12:20-23.**

This is our great aim, to be with God in heaven. His residence is there, and we seek that our hearts might be there. We have liberty to ask supplies for the outward life, but chiefly we should ask spiritual and heavenly things: ‘First, seek the kingdom of God’ etc. If God is our heavenly Father, our first and main care should be to ask things suitable to His being, and His excellencies. When we ask supplies of the outward life, food and raiment, God may give them to us, but it is far more pleasing to Him when we ask for grace.

In every prayer we should seek to be made more heavenly minded by conversing with our heavenly Father.

~THOMAS MANTON~



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

~Today~
Bro. Renville & Sis. Josette Watkins

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

SERIES: "READY: MINISTERING LIFE TO THOSE IN CRISIS"

Study #1—Ready When Injustice Prevails—Part 1
(Exodus 23:1-3, 6-9)

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

CARE FOR THEIR SOULS

Matthew 28:19-20

**RELATIVES
FRIENDS
CO-WORKERS**

BRING THEM UNDER THE PREACHED WORD!

Think it through...

"Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's grace. And your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God's grace."
—Jerry Bridges

Summer Camp 2015



Theme:

"Almost Saved, Acting Saved, Actually Saved: Which One Are You?"



"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~26th April - 2nd May~

- ~Today~
- Sis. Romancia Moore - Central
- 27th-
- Charissa Watkins - Central
- Bro. Joshua Joseph - Covenant
- 28th-
- Bro. Rophen Jarvis - Central
- 30th-
- Sis. Rose-Marie Jarvis - Central
- 27th-
- Sis. Carissa Edwards - Tyrells
- Sis. Ladymay Edwards - Covenant



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. 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.

2. CHORUS TEAM PRACTICE

All members of the Chorus Team are advised of a rehearsal this Friday at 5:00 p.m. at Central. Please be punctual.

3. SINGLES FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

All members of the Singles Fellowship Ministry are advised of a meeting on Saturday, 2nd May, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church (Radio Range). It will be a night of great fellowship and fun. Be sure to be there!

4. ACTEENS CLUB

All teenage girls are reminded of their regular club meeting this Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and a pen. Be sure to bring your apron. Please be punctual.

5. ROYAL AMBASSADORS CLUB

All teenage boys are advised of their regular club meeting this Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and pen. Please be punctual.

6. YOUTH SUMMER ACTIVITIES

There will be some exciting activities for the youth this summer. They are as follows:

Acteens Camp: July 27—August 1, 2015

Royal Ambassadors Camp: August 3—August 8, 2015

The fee for all of the above activities is \$200.00.

The theme for the camps is **“Almost Saved, Acting Saved, Actually Saved: Which One Are You?” (Revelation 3:15-16)**. 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 \$200.00 is due Sunday, 28 June, 2015. All church members are asked to pray for all aspects of the camps.

7. 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.

8. 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 2015. You may collect a special envelope from the ushers. Invest in the kingdom of God and support our youth.

9. 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.

10. 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.

23rd Caribbean Baptist Heritage Conference 2015

“A Biblical Analysis of the Charismatic Movement.”

- ❖ **HOST:** Faith Baptist Church (Road Town, Tortola, BVI)
- ❖ **DATE:** July 4-10, 2015
- ❖ **KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** Dr. Sam Waldron

Earnestly pray for the success of the conference.

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
	7:00p.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
	5:00 p.m.	Chorus Team Practice: Central
	6:30 p.m.	Acteens Club: Central
	6:30 p.m.	Royal Ambassadors: Central
Sat.	12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Singles Fellowship: Central

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: Bro. Nigel Pilgrim & Sis. Ann-Marie Pilgrim, Sis. Judy Edwards, Bro. Anthony & Sis. Tamisha Browne, Sis. Nadine Smith, Sis. Diane Joseph, Bro. Abner Marcellus, Bro. Ephraim Gomes, Sis. Pamela Walcott
THANKSGIVING: Bro. Rodrick Benn, Sis. Claire Tonge, Sis. Sophia Marcellus, Sis. Linette Robinson, Sis. Marian Locker, Sis. Muriel Martin
SAFETY IN PREGNANCY: Sis. Jo-Ann Paige, Sis. Altude Exaie, Sis. Nicole Parker
NEW MEMBERS: Bro. Jonathas René, Bro. Akeel Jarvis, Sis. Curline Joseph, Sis. Esther René, Bro. Olrich Chery, Sis. Briana Griffith
WATCH CARE: Sis. Irene Jonas, Sis. Diana Richards, Bro. Charles Richards
SHUT IN: Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Edith McCoy
OTHER CONCERNS
SAVING GRACE: Theo Blair, Lloyd Bazilio, Colin Baker, Travis Mingo, Michelle Nicholas, Sam Nicholas, Akee Agard, Joshua Joseph, Arah Sheridan, Christophe Marcellus, Renita Joseph, Sinclair Joseph, Xadrian Joseph, Julissa Jarvis, Tefield Charles, Gaviann Parades, Keandra Comic, Reisa Irish, Shari Irish, Grantley Edwards, Martina Edwards, Jamol Pilgrim, Gregson Pilgrim, Lisa Pilgrim, Edric Tonge Sr., Edric Tonge Jr., Halle Johnson
NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Rivert René (Central—Restoration), Sophonie René (Central), Nia Santana (Central), Dr. Bhaskara Murikipudi (Covenant)

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)	764-1491
Orvin D. E. Paige (Associate)	464-1014
Joshua M. Jonas (Staff Associate)	726-9662

Diaconate

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

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Ephesians 2:8-9
 Elementary — John 14:6
 Secondary & Adults — Malachi 3:10