

FAMILY NEWS



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THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST



For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. —

1 Corinthians 15:21


As we noted in our examination of Romans 4:25, that Jesus was “raised for our justification” is proof that His life and death were acceptable to God. Our Lord’s resurrection is His vindication, the declaration that He indeed was perfectly righteous and was therefore a suitable offering to turn away the wrath of God and also the firm basis upon which we can be declared just before the Father. If Jesus had stayed dead, it would have proven that death had a rightful claim over Him, and since death has a rightful claim only over sinners, Jesus’ remaining dead would have meant that He was a sinner and not our Redeemer.


In 1 Corinthians 15:20–28, Paul considers other benefits of our Savior’s resurrection, namely the defeat of death and His being raised to life as the firstfruits of the resurrection of His people. Here we see the *Christus Victor* motif of the atonement and resurrection—Christ as the conqueror of our enemies death and sin. Operating under the sovereignty of God, death is our foe. It is even God’s foe as well, for He is the Lord of life. By our sin in Adam, we granted the right for death to claim us as part of the divine curse. By His righteous life, Christ destroyed any claim that death had over Him and those who are united to Him. Death threw its worst at our Lord, killing Him. But our Father was working in the midst of all that, using death as His instrument to pour out His wrath on our sin and raising Christ to life to prove that this wrath had been satisfied. By defeating the power of death, Jesus rendered it powerless over His people.


Thus, Jesus is the “firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep” (v. 20). Jesus was raised from the dead for our justification, yes, but He was also raised for our own resurrection. In other words, because Christ was raised from the

From The Pulpit...



 **Dr. Hensworth W. C. 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 Ultimate Issue**” based on **Ephesians 2:1-10**.

 **Bro. Rolando Lewis** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic “**Justified by Faith: Do You Believe?**” based on **Romans 4:9-25**.

 **Join us for a Joint Celebration of 12 years of Ministry with the Covenant Baptist Church on Friars Hill Road at 6:00 p.m.**

dead, we will be raised as well. One day, our physical bodies will be resurrected, and we will be glorified, just as Jesus was. We have been united to Christ, having died to sin, and that union means that we are also united to Him in the resurrection (Rom. 6:5). Our bodies will not remain in the grave forever. At the last day, our spirits will be reunited with them to live forever in the new heavens and earth.

Coram Deo

We must never downplay the glory and importance of our Lord’s resurrection. Not only does it provide for His vindication, but it is also the foundation for our own resurrection and victory over death. We do look forward to being in the presence of God at our deaths, but our final hope is the resurrection in which our spirits will be reunited with perfected bodies and when we will forever experience the glorified state that the Lord intended for us from the very beginning.

Passages for Further Study: Job 19:25–27, Daniel 12:2–3, Mark 16:1–8, 1 Peter 1:3–5

—<http://www.ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/resurrection->

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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: **"AWAKE:THE CALL TO A RENEWED LIFE"**

Study #3 Return To Prayer — Part 1 of 2
(Nehemiah 1:1-11)

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.

BAPTIST ACADEMY EASTER RALLY

BAA Steel Ensemble

Secondary Choir & Dance Group

ECBM Creative Arts Ministry

Location:
The Multi-Purpose Centre
at Perry Bay

Date: March 28th, 2016
Easter Monday

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Presentations from the Elementary & Pre-School Divisions

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~27th March - 2nd April~

~Today~

Sis. Ann-Marie Pilgrim—Covenant

~29th~

Bro. Anthony Browne—Central

~30th~

Sis. Vandah Jonas—Central

~1st~

Sis. Yvonne Lee—Central

~2nd~

Sis. Rashauna Matthew—Central

Bro. Nkosi Browne—Central

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

~2nd April~

Mr. Freeston & Sis. Linette Robinson

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Eldership, Deacons and members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches rejoice with Sis. Genevieve Leo for becoming a naturalized citizen of Antigua and Barbuda on Thursday, 24th March, 2016. We thank God for blessing our sister, and we pray that He will continue to work in and through her life for the glory of God.



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. COVENANT BAPTIST CHURCH 12TH ANNIVERSARY
 Today, the Covenant Baptist Church (Friars Hill Road) celebrates its 12th Anniversary. Praise be to the Lord for this local church! This Sunday also coincides with our Easter Sunday celebrations. Members are encouraged to fill every seat in their local churches on that Sunday. Let us pray that God will continue to flourish the ministries of Covenant Baptist Church..

2. JOINT SERVICE TONIGHT
All church members are advised that this evening's service will be a joint service of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches at the Covenant Baptist Church (Friars Hill Road) at 6:00 p.m. and there will be a reception after the service. Avail yourself to this means of grace.

3. 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 tomorrow, Monday (March 28, 2016) 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.

4. 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.

5. NO NOONDAY PRAYER
 All members of the Circuit are advised that there will be no noonday prayer time on Easter Monday.

6. 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 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and the BLAST Boys Club will meet from 6:30 p.m. –8:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and a pen. Be there!

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. CARIBBEAN BAPTIST HERITAGE CONFERENCE
 Please keep prominent in your prayers the Caribbean Baptist Heritage Conference 2016, which is fast approaching. The dates are July 3-6, 2016. The travel days are Saturday, July 2nd (arrival) and Thursday, July 7th (departure). All delegates are reminded to book their airline tickets accordingly and to do so as soon as possible. The conference will be hosted in Martinique, FWI, by the Eglise Evangélique Baptiste Rivière Salée where Pastor Gabriel Ambrosine is the Presiding Elder. Our Antigua & Barbuda delegation from the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches will be 15 persons. All delegates are reminded that the registration fee is US\$200.00. This must be paid at the church office by 31st March, 2016 in US currency.



READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

- Today, March 27th – Joshua 21-22
- Monday, March 28th – Joshua 23-24; Luke 4:1-41
- Tuesday, March 29th – Judges 1-3; Luke 4:42-5:26
- Wednesday, March 30th – Judges 4-5; Luke 5:27-39
- Thursday, March 31st – Judges 6-7; Luke 6:1-26
- Friday, April 01st – Judges 8-10; Luke 6-7
- Saturday, April 02nd – Judges 11-12
- Sunday, April 03rd – Judges 13-15



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: Sis. Chanda Jonas, Sis. Veronica Roberts,
 Sis. Louise Pilgrim, Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Sharon Carty,
 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. Priya Jattan,
 Sis. Faye Charlton, Sis. Virginia Garnette, Sis. Cecelia Irish

PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Dianne Joseph, Bro. Abner
 Marcellus, Bro. Ephraim Gomes,

THANKSGIVING: Bro. Xavier Joseph, Bro. Ivan & Sis. Maria
 Hurst, Bro. Ernest Davis, Bro. Malique Gerald, Sis. Pamela
 Walcott, Sis. Nadine Smith

NEW MEMBERS: Sis. Celinne 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, Sis. Nia Santana, Bro. Akeel Jarvis,
 Sis. Curline Joseph, Sis. Esther René

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

SHUT IN: Sis. Edith McCoy

OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Julietta George, Moses Walton, Dave
 Walton, David Walton, Daid Toussaint, Lynda Davis,
 Christophe Marcellus, Sofia Morgan, Jace Spencer, Kurt
 Spencer, Dawn Williams, Arriana Dowdie, Ajani Dowdie,
 Theo Blair, Edric Tonge Jr., Edric Tonge Sr., Halle Johnson,
 Craig Williams, Theresa Edwards

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: La'Rica Locker (Covenant),
 Eulyn Williams (Central), Carlos Jarvis (Central), Ashika
 Davis (Covenant), Alesha Joseph (Central), Kyle Abraham
 (Covenant), Enrico St. Jean (Central)

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Ephesians 6:1-2
 Elementary — Jeremiah 17:9
 Secondary & Adults — Proverbs 3:5-6

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: Joint Service: Covenant
- Mon. 7:00 p.m. Baptist Academy Easter Rally: Multi-Purpose
 Centre
- 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
 6:00 p.m. BLAST (Girls) Youth Ministry: Central
 6:30 p.m. BLAST (Boys) Youth Ministry: Central
- Sat. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal: VOV & NCS

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