

FAMILY NEWS

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HELPING EACH OTHER FIGHT SLANDER

Part 3

When someone slanders another to us, we must remember that we are not mainly fighting flesh and blood, but spiritual forces of evil (Ephesians 6:12). Satan knows that slander deadens and splits churches, poisons friendships, and fractures families. He knows slander quenches the Holy Spirit, kills love, short-circuits spiritual renewal, undermines trust, and sucks the courage out of the saints. So our goal, particularly in the context of the church, is to help each other shed demonic weights and avoid satanic stumbling blocks.

So how do we do this? The best way is to become people who are not safe to slander around. We must ask each other questions like:

- **Have you shared your concern with person directly?** I'd be willing to go with you to talk to them.
- Just to be clear, is this information I should know?

Do you want me to help you pursue reconciliation?

Are you doing everything you possibly can to put away “all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander?” (Ephesians 4:31)


How can I help you guard this person's reputation like a treasure? (Proverbs 21:1)


In other words, friends don't let friends slander. Friends don't let friends act like God-haters (Romans 1:30). The more we love people, the more we hate slander, because a slanderer hates his victims (Proverbs 26:28).

Let us remember that we are stewards of the treasure of each

From The Pulpit...



 **Dr. Hensworth Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church** (Friars Hill Road) on the topic **“Answering Depression”** based on **Isaiah 49:13-16**.

 **Pastor Joshua Jonas** 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 **“Unconditional Obedience”** based on **Acts 5:12-42**.

other's good names. Let us resolve to avoid sharing information that is unnecessarily damaging to another person's reputation and to repent to everyone affected if we do. Let us seek to silence the sin nature slanderer within and graciously give and receive others' help when one of us slips, perhaps unaware, into slander. Let us do damage to Satan's forces by speaking the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15).

Let us lay aside the destructive sin-weight of slander.

—<http://www.desiringgod.org>

READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR...



Today, August 28th – Psalms 136-137

Monday, August 29th – Psalms 138-140; I Corinthians 7

Tuesday, August 30th – Psalms 141-142; I Corinthians 8

Wednesday, August 31st – Psalms 143-145; I Corinthians 9

Thursday, Sept. 01st – Psalms 146-148; I Corinthians 10

Friday, Sept. 02nd – Psalms 149–Prov.1; I Corinthians 11

Saturday, Sept. 03rd – Proverbs 2-3

Sunday, Sept. 04th – Proverbs 4-5

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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

We celebrate with Bro. Chavez Watkins and Sis. Romancia Moore on their official engagement to be married. Let us pray for this couple as they make plans for their future together.



THANK YOU!!!

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Elders, Deacons and members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches for their outpouring love and support during my time of illness. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your prayers, visits, calls, messages and encouraging words they were all greatly appreciated.

—Sis. Sharon Carty

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

~29th August~

Bro. Nigel & Sis. Ann-Marie Pilgrim

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~28th August - 3rd September~

~Today~

Sis. Stephanie Jarvis —Tyrells

~29th~

Annabelle Maina —Central

~31st~

Bro. Jonathan Wehner—Central

~1st~

Sis. Krizia Forde—Central



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. SPECIAL STEWARDSHIP MEETING

All members of the Circuit are advised that there will be a special Stewardship Meeting this Wednesday, 31st August, 2016 at the Covenant Baptist Church (Friars Hill Road). The purpose of this meeting is for church members in good standing to cast their votes in an election to consider Bro. Rolando Lewis for the office of Elder in the churches of our Circuit. He was officially nominated earlier this year for the said office by the Eldership. All **are encouraged to pray that God's will be done concerning this important matter.**

2. 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.

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. 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 GRATEFUL HEART!!!

I would like thank the Elders, Deacons and members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches for their support during my time of bereavement. My heart is filled with lots of gratitude to all those who prayed for me and encouraged me. Thanks so much!

—Bro. Wilfred Irish

ECBM SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT East Caribbean Baptist Mission

The East Caribbean Baptist Mission—Circuit of Churches is pleased to announce the recipients for the church scholarships for the Academic Year 2016-2017 to attend the Baptist Academy of Antigua.

Central Baptist Church (Radio Range) Secondary Scholarship

- ◆ **Javantia Bowen**
(Antigua Grammar School)

Covenant Baptist Church (Friar's Hill Road) Primary Scholarship

- ◆ **Christen Matthew**
(Golden Grove Primary School)

No one qualified for the second Central Baptist Church Secondary Scholarship or the Tyrells Baptist Church Primary Scholarship. These two scholarships will be offered again for the next academic year. All interested persons are asked to submit applications as early as May, 2017.



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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 Skerritt, Sis. Cassilda Williams, Sis. Sonia Charles, Sis. Monica Gardener, Sis. Pamela Walcott, Sis. Juliette Smith, Sis. Priya Jattan

PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Maxime James, Sis. Maria Hurst, Sis. Yvonne Lee, Sis. Nadine Smith, Sis. Curline Joseph
 Dea. Ian & Sis. Bronwen Blair

THANKSGIVING: Bro Wilfred Irish, Sis. Judy Browne, Sis Asheka Davis

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, Sis. Nia Santana, 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: Chelsea Barlow, Chikaede Barlow, George Browne, Khalid Browne, Hamadi Browne, Hasani Roberts, Colin Brisport, Otis Brisport, Sandra Manwarren, Debbie Hurst, Bre Henry, Andy Josiah, Patrice Josiah, John Lee

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Ingrid Thomas (Tyrells)
 Michelle Paige (Covenant), Christine Powell (Central),
 Kimberly Nathan (Central) Z'Roya Ambrose (Central)

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Psalm 119:105
 Elementary — 1 Thessalonians 5:22
 Secondary & Adults — Galatians 5:22-23

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)
- Wed. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
- 07:00 p.m. Special Stewardship Meeting: 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
- 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

Diaconate

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