

FAMILY NEWS

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FAITH DEMANDS CONFIDENCE IN GOD'S WORD

He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead.

Romans 4:19

How does your heart work on God's promises in difficult cases? When we judge by sense, reason, and outward probabilities we are driven to our wits' end. But faith lives above sense, and will be a support and strength to your soul. In such cases, reason and faith are in competition. How do the workings of your spirit incline you—to reason, or to faith?


Faith can trust God's word in the midst of difficulties when sense sees nothing but hazards and sorrows. Faith holds to the promise against all hazards and sorrows. Faith holds to the promise against all hazards and rest on God whatever we may feel to the contrary. Hope that hangs on the creature, when the creature fails, they fail. When bread and outward supplies are gone, they are lost and undone, but the children of God have built upon a promise. When God tests them with troubles, they are able to depend upon the Lord.


A believer can say yes to a promise, when all the world says no. Promises say yes to our hopes and amen to our desires! Under great difficulties, promises hold their note! If you desire a thing according to the will of God, — ‘Amen’, says the promise, ‘so it shall be!’. May I hope for such a mercy or comfort? — ‘Yes’, says the promise. You ask of creatures, ‘By all appearances may I look for good?’ ‘No’, one answers, but the promise says ‘yes’.

Believers are content with the promises, yea, though all the world says ‘no way’, Christians, for your comfort you only need the affirmation of the prom-

From The Pulpit...



 **Pastor Ivor Walker** will preach at the **8:00a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church** (Friars Hill Road) on the topic **“A Divine Antidote For Fear”** based on **Isaiah 41:8-13.**

 **Pastor Rolando Lewis** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **“God Is Good”** based on **Nahum 1:1-7.** He will also preach at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church** (Radio Range) on the topic **“The Visitation of Christ”** based on

ise! Can you with certainty depend upon the promises and with a calm expectation wait for the blessing in the midst of all pressures whatsoever? Carnal men limit God. But faith enables Christians to commit their souls and affairs to God (1 Pet. 4:19). He is faithful and mindful of them. He has the power to help them, and this quiets and calms their souls under all providences.

— **Thomas Manton**



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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. PRESIDING ELDER TRAVELS

All members of the Circuit are advised that Dr. H. W. C. Jonas travelled on Friday, 27th October, 2017, to Bridgetown, Barbados to preach at a Bible conference at the newly planted Covenant Reformed Baptist Church where Pastor John Ryttersgaard is the pastor. Let us pray that the Lord will bless this new church in Barbados and also for the safe return of our Presiding Elder.

2. SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES ON ECBM APP

All church members are advised that study notes for the Sunday School topic, 'Portrait of a Fool', are available in the Articles & Issues section of the ECBM App. Please be guided accordingly.

3. ECBM DISASTER RELIEF FUND

All members of the Circuit are encouraged to support the ECBM Disaster Relief Fund. This fund will assist our brethren in Barbuda, Dominica, Tortola and Haiti who have faced disasters. Any envelope labelled with these territories will go to the ECBM Disaster Relief Fund. Let us remember, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" Galatians 6:10.

4. EVANGELISM FOCUS GROUP

All members of the Evangelism Focus Group are advised of a meeting on Monday, 30th October, 2017 at 5:00p.m. and Thursday, 2nd November, 2017 at 5:00p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be on time.

5. EVENTS PREPARATION MEETING

All members of the Evangelism Preparation Ministry are advised of a meeting on Thursday, 2nd November, 2017 at 5:30p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be punctual

6. 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.

7. 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. in the Conference Room and the BLAST Boys Club will meet from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on the BAA Grounds. Be sure to bring your Bible, pen and notepad. Do not miss this time of great fellowship! All parents and guardians are kindly reminded that they need to pick up their children by 8:30 p.m. sharp.

8. 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.

9. MEMORY VERSE COMPETITION

All members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches are advised of our joint Annual Memory Verse Competition which will be held on Wednesday, 22nd November, 2017, at the Covenant Baptist Church. Sunday School teachers should begin to prepare secondary students and elementary students. The memory verse lists for the elementary and preschool students are printed in the Family News. Secondary students must consult their teachers concerning their lists.

MEMORY VERSE LIST FOR ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Genesis 1:1, 27 | 27. Romans 6:23 |
| 2. Deuteronomy 29:29 | 28. Romans 8:28 |
| 3. II Chronicles 7:14 | 29. I Corinthians 10:13 |
| 4. Psalm 1:1-2 | 30. II Corinthians 5:17 |
| 5. Psalm 19:14 | 31. Galatians 5:22-23 |
| 6. Psalm 27:1 | 32. Galatians 6:7 |
| 7. Psalm 46:1 | 33. Ephesians 2:8-9 |
| 8. Psalm 66:18 | 34. Ephesians 4:32 |
| 9. Psalm 90:11-12 | 35. Ephesians 6:1-2 |
| 10. Psalm 119:11, 105 | 36. Philippians 1:6 |
| 11. Psalm 121:1-2 | 37. Philippians 4:8 |
| 12. Proverbs 3:5-6 | 38. Philippians 4:13 |
| 13. Proverbs 15:3 | 39. Philippians 4:19 |
| 14. Proverbs 28:13 | 40. I Thessalonians 5:16-18 |
| 15. Ecclesiastes 12:1 | 41. I Thessalonians 5:22 |
| 16. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 | 42. I Timothy 4:12 |
| 17. Lamentations 3:22-23 | 43. I Timothy 6:6-7 |
| 18. Isaiah 1:18 | 44. II Timothy 3:16-17 |
| 19. Jeremiah 17:9 | 45. II Timothy 1:7 |
| 20. Matthew 5:16 | 46. Hebrews 11:1, 6 |
| 21. Matthew 6:33 | 47. Hebrews 13:5 |
| 22. John 3:16-17 | 48. James 4:6-7 |
| 23. John 14:6 | 49. I Peter 5:6-7 |
| 24. John 15:5 | 50. I John 1:9 |
| 25. Acts 4:12 | 51. I John 2:15 |
| 26. Romans 3:23 | 52. Revelation 4:11 |

MEMORY VERSE LIST FOR KINDERGARTEN 5 SUNDAY SCHOOL

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| 1. Genesis 1:1 | 6. Psalm 119:11 |
| 2. Proverbs 28:13 | 7. Psalm 119:105 |
| 3. Psalm 19:14 | 8. Psalm 121:1-2 |
| 4. Psalm 46:1 | 9. Matthew 5:16 |
| 5. Psalm 66:18 | 10. Matthew 6:33 |



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~29th October - 4th November~

~30th~

Reisa Irish—Tyrells

~31st~

Chikaede Barlow—Central

~1st~

Bro. Ronald Jean—Tyrells

~2nd~

Sis. Cicely Jordan—Tyrells

~4th~

Sis. Veronica Walker—Covenant

Sis. Stephanie Lewis—Tyrells

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.

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN A YEAR...

- Today, Oct. 29th— 2 Timothy 3
- Monday, Oct. 30th— 2 Timothy 4
- Tuesday, Oct. 31st— Titus 1
- Wednesday, Nov. 1st— Titus 2
- Thursday, Nov. 2nd— Titus 3
- Friday, Nov. 3rd— Philemon 1
- Saturday, Nov. 4th— Hebrews 1
- Sunday, Nov. 5th— Hebrews 2



E.C.B.M. MISSIONS OFFERING



Where does your mission offering go?

- ♦ Barbados: Covenant Reformed Baptist Church—Church Plant Initiative
- ♦ 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...

“Portrait Of A Fool”— Notes from a sermon by Paul Martin. Part 2 of 2

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

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: Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas, Pas. Ivor Walker, Sis. Nicole Parker, Sis. Veronica Roberts, Sis. Louise Pilgrim, Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Jean Edwards, 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: Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Muriel Martin, Sis. Nadine Smith, Bro. Shaquille & Sis. Gilisa Carty

THANKSGIVING: Bro. Abner Marcellus, Sis. Martha Bowen, Sis. Abiola Anthony, Bro. Charlesworth & Sis. Suzette Dowdie, Sis. Alesha Joseph

NEW MEMBERS: Sis. Rosque Joseph, Bro. Ronald Jean, 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. Eulyne Williams, Sis. Alesha Joseph, Bro. Kyle Abraham, Bro. Enrico St. Jean**

WATCH CARE: Sis. Irene Jonas, Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Jean Edwards

SHUT-IN: Bro. Charles Richards

OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: **Christophe Marcellus, Yashone' Baltimore,**

Grantley Edwards, Martina Edwards, Roderick Williams, Dawn Williams, Dale Jones, Andrea Jeremiah, John Bowen, Arah Sheridan, Joshua Sheridan, Milbert Joseph, Donald Lewis, Gloria Lewis, Kathy Gordon, Terry Hill, Shonette Sobers, Clairfoster Lewis, Deandre Mason, Kezron Lewis, Charity Jonas, Brendalee Smith, Zethma Williams

Pray without ceasing. I Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Ecclesiastes 12:14

Elementary — 1 John 1:9

Secondary & Adults — II Tim. 4:2-3

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

05:00 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 Service & Fellowship Groups: All Churches

Thursday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

05:00 p.m. Evangelism Focus Group: Central

05:30 p.m. Events Preparation Meeting: Central

Friday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

05:30 p.m. Chorus Team Practice: Central

06:30 p.m. BLAST Girls: Central (Conference Room)

06:30 p.m. BLAST Boys: Central (BAA Grounds)

Saturday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting

05:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal: VOV & NCS

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