

# FAMILY NEWS



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## HAVE A BLESSED HARVEST

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## BE THANKFUL

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
His praise *shall* continually be in my mouth.




*Psalms 34:1*

Can a child of God in any sense give thanks for sin? No, not properly, because: (1.) Sin is detestable (Ezek. 5: 11) and accursed (Gal. 3: 10). (2.) Since we may not 'sin that grace may abound', nor 'do evil that good may come' (Rom. 6: 1; 3: 8), so, sin cannot be the ground of thanksgiving since it is contrary to the honour, image, and will of God. (3.) Sin is not by God's making. It is a plague and the subject of sorrow and shame. Nevertheless, improperly, occasionally and consequentially, as men speak, sin is a ground for thanksgiving. How? Because, the Lord by His unlimited power, can so master sin, and by His infinitely wise providence permit, dispose of, and bind sin, and by His free grace, pardon sin, yea, He can make grace super-abound where sin did abound; calling light out of darkness, and making great sinners to become great saints. Out of sin God can lay a foundation for infinite glory to Himself. Pilate, Judas and the Jews are not to be praised for their treachery against Christ, although they did fulfil and execute God's decrees in these events. No man must thank sin, or blame God for sin, even though He extracted the antidote out of this viper. Since the Lord demonstrates His glory in overruling and pardoning sin, to the salvation of poor sinners, there is good reason to magnify Him to the highest. Since we have dishonoured God very much by our sin, it is important that we now adore Him for His grace in fetching a pearl out of this dunghill, and set off His glory. Thankfulness is pleasing to God, not only in good days, but in bad. This is the best sacrifice and gift we can offer to God. Mr Bradford, a martyr, speaking of Queen Mary, at whose mercy he lay said; 'If she releases, imprisons, or burns me, I will thank her. Let God do with me as He wills, I will be thankful.'

—WILLIAM COOPER

### 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)** on the topic "**The Human Condition: Smiling Or Frowning**" based on **Matthew 5:13-16**.
-  **Pastor Patrick Harrison** 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)**.
-  **Pastor Patrick Harrison** will also preach at the **Joint Gospel Meeting at 7:00 p.m.** at the **Central Baptist Church (Radio Range)**.



## Congratulations

*Central Baptist Church  
50th Anniversary*

*&*

*Tyrells Baptist Church  
23rd Anniversary*



# E-MAIL PRAYER REQUESTS



Noonday Prayer Ministry

- ❖ We meet for prayer at **Central** from **12 noon to 1pm** from **Monday to Saturday**. All are welcomed to join us.
- ❖ Your request will be the focus of our prayers at each Noonday Prayer Meeting.
- ❖ The e-mail address for this is [prayer@baptistantigua.org](mailto:prayer@baptistantigua.org).

**Pray without ceasing. —1 Thessalonians 5:17**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~29th November - 5th December~

~Today~

Sis. Sianne Joseph - Tyrells

~30th~

Sis. Rosamund Haynes - Central

~2nd~

Jordan Lawrence - Central

Sis. Esther René - Central

~3rd~

Sis. I ola Charles - Tyrells

~4th~

Sis. Adelpher Browne - Central

Sis. Genella Walcott - Tyrells



## WELCOME TO ANTIGUA & BARBUDA...

Pastor Patrick Harrison is originally from Jamaica. He pastors the Reformed Baptist Church of Lafayette, New Jersey, USA. He is a Graduate of the Jamaica Theological Seminary. His wife is Sharron, and they have one son.

*We are pleased to welcome them to our churches and nation "where land and sea make beauty."*



Sunday School Adult & Youth Reading

**Prepare for next week...**

SERIES: "LIKE NO OTHER—THE LIFE OF CHRIST"

Study #1-8 Revision

*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



## BEREAVEMENT

The Elders and members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches extend sincere condolences to Bro. Charles Richards upon the death of his wife, Sis. Dianna Richards. The funeral service is scheduled for Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at the Central Baptist Church. Let us pray for and support our brother and his family at this trying time. Pray that the Lord will comfort them and remind his unsaved relatives of their mortality and need for the Saviour.



## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



### 1. HARVEST GOSPEL MEETINGS

Harvest in the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches is here! This year's celebrations also includes the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Central Baptist Church as well as the 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Tyrells Baptist Church. The theme is "Lay Aside Every Weight" (Hebrews 12:1). The guest preacher is Pastor Patrick Harrison of the Reformed Baptist Church of Lafayette, New Jersey, USA.

Our Harvest Gospel Meetings conclude tonight.

☞ Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church (Radio Range)

Each member is encouraged to bring as many persons as possible to this final meeting. *Remember, we must attempt great things for God and expect great things from God.*

### 2. HARVEST DINNER

All members and guests of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches are invited to a free dinner after this morning's service of each local church. The dinner begins at 11:30 a.m. for the Tyrells Baptist Church and also the Covenant Baptist Church, but it will be served at 1:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. All are welcomed to this time of fellowship and thanksgiving.

### 3. OPEN AIR MEETING

Please be advised that the Baptist Academy Steel Ensemble, and the Creative Arts Ministry of the East Caribbean Baptist Mission will be presenting an evening of steel pan music and sacred drama on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the YMCA Sports Complex (Cross Street) at 7:00 p.m. Please pray that the Lord will be glorified and that He will work mightily in all aspects of this meeting.

### 4. CREATIVE ARTS MINISTRY MEETING

All members of the ECBM Creative Arts Ministry are advised of rehearsals on Monday and Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. Please be punctual.

### 5. NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES ON FRIDAY

Due to the Open Air Meeting scheduled for Friday, all youth activities will be postponed until next week. All youth are encouraged to begin to prepare for a costume party which will be held on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2016.

### 6. 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.

### 7. DOMINICA RELIEF FUND

Special envelopes are still available for aid to our Dominican brethren. Although we sent \$30,000 (Eastern Caribbean Dollars) to bring relief to the Roseau Berean Bible Church and the Berean Christian Academy, we did not reach our goal and so the fund will remain open. Let every one give generously, remembering God's grace to us in our time of need. Luke 6:38-- "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom..."

### 8. 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.

### 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. TRUTH CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

All members 18 years and older are advised of the T.R.U.T.H (Totally Reserved Unto Holiness) Connection Ministry Meeting on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:30p.m. at the Central Baptist Church. It will be a time of fun and growth in the Lord. Be There!



*Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.*  
*Psalm 106:1*

# 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  
 11:30 a.m. Harvest Dinner: Tyrells & Covenant  
 1:00 p.m. Harvest Dinner: Central  
 7:00 p.m. Gospel Meeting: Central
- Mon. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. Creative Arts Rehearsal: Central
- 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. Prayer Service & Fellowship Groups: All Churches
- Thurs. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. Creative Arts Rehearsal: Central
- Fri. 9:00 a.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)  
 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. Open Air Meeting: YMCA Sports Complex
- Sat. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal: VOV & NCS

## 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:** 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. Nadine Smith

**PRIVATE CONCERNS:** Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Nadine Smith, Sis. Yvonne Lee, Sis. Sofia Marcellus

**THANKSGIVING:** Bro. Abner Marcellus, Sis. Norma Grant, Bro. Ivan & Sis. Maria Hurst, Sis. Maxime James, Sis. Yvonne Lee, Sis. Pamela Walcott, Sis. Jean Edwards

**NEW MEMBERS:** 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. Jonathas René, Bro. Akeel Jarvis, Sis. Curline Joseph, Sis. Esther René

**WATCH CARE:** Sis. Irene Jonas, Bro. Charles Richards

**SHUT IN:** Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Edith McCoy

### OTHER CONCERNS

**SAVING GRACE:** Thea-Lee, Julietta George, Clement Henry, Dave Walton, Moses Walton, Theo Blair, Travis Mingo, Colin Baker, Ron Selwood, Aaliyah Edwards, Tamara Selwood, Renita Joseph, Sinclair Joseph, Xena Joseph, Xadrian Joseph, Shantol Johnson, Sateba Stevens, Lynda Davis, Asheka Davis, Patroy Locker, **La'Nica Locker, Clairfoster Lewis, Lorriane Mason,** Patrece Dorsette, Gabriella Thomas, Keithly Spencer  
**NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS:** Sonel Saint Jean (Tyrells), Clytie Francis (Central—restoration), Kareem Michael (Covenant), **Celinne Bolivard (Tyrells), La'Rica Locker (Covenant),** Telesha Choy (Central)

## 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)	728-9556

### 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 — Matthew 6:33**
- **Elementary — Deuteronomy 29:29**
- **Secondary & Adults — James 1:13-14**