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## GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.*




—Matthew 10:29

The mystery of God's providence is a most sublime consideration. It is easy to let our reason run away with itself. It is at a loss when it attempts to search into the eternal decrees of election or the entangled mazes and labyrinths in which the divine providence walks. We will have to give up the search for it, and can never be fully satisfied unless we relieve ourselves as Paul (Rom. 11: 33). This knowledge is too wonderful for us. It is impossible to conduct ourselves into that secret place, that pavilion of clouds and surrounding darkness, where God sits holding the helm of the world. Our Saviour encouraged the disciples not to worry about those who kill the body, but are unable to kill the soul. The clay pot may be broken, but it is like the opening of the prison door to let the soul escape to its desired liberty. But even this they can only do when God permits. They cannot so much as touch us, without His permission.

Notice how particular is God's providence. It is directed to the most trifling occurrences in the world; a sparrow cannot fall to the ground with-

## From The Pulpit...



-  **Pastor Joshua Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic "**Christianity vs Morality**" based on **Luke 5:27-32**.
-  **Pastor Ivor Walker** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church** (Friars Hill Road) on the topic "**A Prerequisite To Happiness**" based on **Matthew 5:1-3**.
-  **Pastor Orvin Paige** will preach at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church** (Radio Range) on the topic "**The Ever Giving God**" based on **Philippians 4:19**.

out the heavenly Father. His providence has even appointed what branch it will land upon, what grains it shall pick up, where it shall lodge, where it shall build, and when it shall die. Not one particle of dust moves on a well-travelled road, but God raises it, directs its motion, and directs it to the specific place He appointed for it. The strongest wind cannot move it from its appointed place. Man can be very confident that God exercises the most accurate providence over him and his affairs. Nothing comes to pass without our heavenly Father. No evil comes to pass without His permissive providence, and no good without His ordaining providence to His own ends.

-EZEKIEL HOPKINS-

## READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> – Ex. 37–38; Matt. 20:17–34  
 Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> – Ex. 39–40; Matt. 21:1–22  
 Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> – Lev. 1–3; Matt. 21:23–46  
 Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> – Lev. 4–5; Matt. 22:1–22  
 Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> – Lev. 6–7; Matt. 22:23–46  
 Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> – Lev. 8–9; Matt. 23:1–22  
 Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> – Lev.10–11; Matt. 23:23–39



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

SERIES: "PROTECTING CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS"

Study # 5 Stick With Humility — Part 1 of 2  
 (Ephesians 2:1-5, 13-15)

*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](mailto:prayer@baptistantigua.org)  
**Pray without ceasing. —1 Thessalonians 5:17**

## THINK IT THROUGH...

"The Things Which Are Not Seen."

2 Corinthians 4:18.

In our Christian pilgrimage it is well, for the most part, to be looking forward. Forward lies the crown, and onward is the goal. Whether it be for hope, for joy, for consolation, or for the inspiring of our love, the future must, after all, be the grand object of the eye of faith. Looking into the future we see sin cast out, the body of sin and death destroyed, the soul made perfect, and fit to be a partaker of the inheritance of the saints in light. Looking further yet, the believer's enlightened eye can see death's river passed, the gloomy stream forded, and the hills of light attained on which standeth the celestial city; he seeth himself enter within the pearly gates, hailed as more than conqueror, crowned by the hand of Christ, embraced in the arms of Jesus, glorified with Him, and made to sit together with Him on His throne, even as He has overcome and has sat down with the Father on His throne. The thought of this future may well relieve the darkness of the past and the gloom of the present. The joys of heaven will surely compensate for the sorrows of earth. Hush, hush, my doubts! death is but a narrow stream, and thou shalt soon have forded it. Time, how short—eternity, how long! Death, how brief—immortality, how endless! Methinks I even now eat of Eshcol's clusters, and sip of the well which is within the gate. The road is so, so short! I shall soon be there.

"When the world my heart is rending  
 With its heaviest storm of care,  
 My glad thoughts to heaven ascending,  
 Find a refuge from despair.  
 Faith's bright vision shall sustain me  
 Till life's pilgrimage is past;  
 Fears may vex and troubles pain me,  
 I shall reach my home at last."

—Charles Spurgeon



## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



### 1. ECBM MARRIAGE FORUM

It will be a 'date night' to be remembered for all married couples who attend our churches, both members and non-members. Saturday, February 20, 2016 is the date. Reserve it now. It will be a time of sweet Christian fellowship.

### 2. CREATIVE ARTS MINISTRY MEETING

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

### 3. 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.

### 4. BLAST YOUTH MINISTRY

All teenage boys and girls are reminded of B.L.A.S.T. (Building Lives Around Scriptural Truth) this Friday at the Central Baptist Church. Please be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and a pen. Be there!

### 5. NEW TIME SCHEDULE—BLAST YOUTH MINISTRY

All parents are advised of the new time schedule which begins in February, 2016 for B.L.A.S.T. The BLAST Girls Club will meet from 6:00 p.m. –7:30 p.m. The BLAST Boys Club will meet from 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m. All parents who are able to pick up their children are kindly asked to do so. This will greatly help to reduce the burden on the Transportation Ministry.

### 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. READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

All church members of the Circuit are advised that the Elders have determined that each and every member should join them in reading through the entire Bible on a strict daily schedule for 2016. Each week in the Family News, we will print the passages that will be read for 7 days at a time. Some of us have read through the entire Bible before. We will do it again to the edification of our souls. Some have never done so. If you are a true Christian, this should be a priority, for how can you credibly claim that the Bible is the most important book in your lives and you have never read it in its entirety. We strongly recommend that this project be completed using

the technology that is available to us. Open your Bibles as a family (or individually) to the prescribed passages each day, whether you plan to read it all at once or morning and evening, and play an audio of the passage while you follow along in your Bibles. Recommended versions of the Bible are KJV, NKJV, HCSB, and NASB. You may find audio at the following website: [BibleGateway.com](http://BibleGateway.com) - [Audio Bibles](#)

### 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.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!**

**~31st January - 6th February~**

~1st~

*Sis. Bronwen Blair — Central*

*Bro. Lester Sobers — Central*

~2nd~

*Sis. Nelseta Gordon — Central*

*Sis. Pamela Walcott — Tyrells*

~4th~

*Sis. Suzette Dowdie — Central*

~6th~

*Andrew Michael — Central*

# 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: All Churches  
 7:00 p.m. Sunday School: All Churches
- 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
- 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

## ECBM DIRECTORY

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|-------------------------|----------|
| 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

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|-----------------------------------|----------|
| 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

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

## 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, Bro. Nigel &  
 Sis. Ann-Marie Pilgrim, Bro. Ephraim Gomes

THANKSGIVING: Sis. Nadine Smith, Sis. Judy Browne,  
 Sis. Norma Grant, Bro. Ernest Davis, Bro. Xavier Joseph

NEW MEMBERS: 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. Eliana 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,  
 Sis. Enid Matthew

SHUT IN: Sis. Edith McCoy

### OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Arah Sheridan, Joshua Joseph, Gregson  
 Pilgrim, Jamol Pilgrim, Vernon Edwards, Milbert Joseph,  
 Donald Lewis, Gloria Lewis, Debbie Roach, Rakeem  
 Michael, Andy Josiah, Patrice Josiah, Jace Spencer, Kurt  
 Spencer, Craig Williams, Brian Williams, Theo Blair

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Sonel Saint Jean (Tyrells),  
**Celine Bolivard (Tyrells), La'Rica Locker (Covenant),**  
 Telesha Choy (Central), Charissa Watkins (Central),  
 Eulyn Williams (Central), Carlos Jarvis (Central), Ashika  
 Davis (Covenant), Latisha Thomas (Covenant), Alesha  
 Joseph (Central), Kyle Abraham (Covenant)

*Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17*



## Memory Verses For Next Week

Pre-school — Romans 3:23  
 Elementary — Psalm 90:11-12  
 Secondary & Adults — Psalm 23