

# FAMILY NEWS

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## THE POWER OF PRIVATE PRAYER

*Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.*

*John 6:15*




**P**rivate prayer is the gate of heaven. O the great things that private prayer has done with God! O the great mercies that have been obtained! O the great threats that have been diverted! Private prayers pierce the heavens and are commonly blessed and loaded with gracious and glorious returns.

Hezekiah prayed and wept in private, and his prayer was heard, and God added fifteen years to his life. Jacob prevailed and became a prince with God (Gen. 32: 24-28) as he wrestled alone with his God by the ford Jabbok. Jacob was never less alone than when he was all alone. He flew to God that he might not fall before his brother Esau. In a storm there is no shelter like the wings of God. He is safest, happiest, and wisest that lays himself under divine protection. Jacob **kept his hold and spoke boldly to the Lord's very face** that he would not let him go unless he would bless him.

O the power of private prayer! It has a kind of omnipotency in it; it takes God captive; it holds him as a prisoner; it binds the hands of the Almighty; yea, it will wring a mercy, a blessing, out of the hand of heaven itself. O the power of that prayer that makes a man victorious over the greatest, the highest power! Jacob

## 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 **"Looking Unto Jesus"** based on **Luke 3:15-22.**
-  **Bro. Rolando Lewis** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church** (Friars Hill Road) on the topic **"God's Judgment"** based on **2 Peter 2:1-9.**
-  **Pastor Orvin Paige** will preach at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church** (Radio Range) on the topic **"The Day of Reckoning"** based on **2 Peter 2:9.**

was a worm that is easily crushed and trodden under foot, yet in private prayer he overcame the omnipotent God. As a prince, he overpowered the angel by that very power he had from the angel. The angel was freely and fully willing to be conquered by Jacob, as Jacob was willing to be the conqueror. The father, in **wrestling with his child, is willing enough for his child's** comfort and encouragement to take a fall now and then.

Now in this blessed story, as in a crystal glass, you may see the great prevailing power of private prayer; it conquers the conqueror, and overcomes an omnipotent God.

— THOMAS BROOKS

## READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Today, July 31<sup>st</sup> – Psalms 67-69  
 Monday, August 01<sup>st</sup> – Psalms 70-71; Acts 28  
 Tuesday, August 02<sup>nd</sup> – Psalms 72-73; Romans 1  
 Wednesday, August 03<sup>rd</sup> – Psalms 74-75; Romans 2  
 Thursday, August 04<sup>th</sup> – Psalms 76-77; Romans 3  
 Friday, August 05<sup>th</sup> – Psalms 78-80; Romans 4  
 Saturday, August 06<sup>th</sup> – Psalms 81-83  
 Sunday, August 07<sup>th</sup> – Psalms 84-87



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

~Today~

Bro Ernest & Mrs. Lynda Davis  
 ~3<sup>rd</sup>~

Mr. George & Mrs. Karen Wehner  
 Pastor Orvin & Sis. Jo-Ann Paige  
 Bro. Anthony & Sis. Tamisha Browne

## CHILDREN'S CAMP 2016

Theme: **Walking Joyfully With Jesus**



**Date: August 8- August 12, 2016**  
**\*Registration Fee: \$10.00**  
**\*Balance: \$50.00**

This Day Camp will meet from 9:00 a.m. to noon daily.

*But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.*

—Matthew 19:14

## Youth Summer Camp 2016

*Theme:*

*“Unchanging Truth in a Changing World”*



*“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”*

—Matthew 24:35

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

SERIES: **“PRESSURE POINTS”**

Study # 5 The Pressure of Conflict—Part 2 of 2  
 (James 4:1-10)

*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

## THANKS TO ALL!!!

The BLAST (Glr) Ministry would like to thank all those who laboured in prayer for the BILAST Camp. Thanks to those who declared the Word of God, led Enrichment Sessions and also those who gave sponsorship. We are also grateful to the Events Preparation Ministry and the Transportation Ministry. We thank God for the success of the BLAST Camp, and we thank Him for what He is doing in the lives of our girls.



## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



### 1. BLAST CAMP BEGINS TOMORROW

All teenage boys are advised that the BLAST (Boys) Camp begins tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. If you desire transportation to the Baptist Retreat Centre, please meet at the Central Baptist Church for 7:30 a.m. sharp. Parents are also advised that the camp ends on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Please pick up your boys promptly. All members are asked to pray for a mighty **move of God's presence in all aspects of this camp.**

### 2. NO NOONDAY PRAYER

All members of the Circuit are advised that there will be **no noonday prayer time on Monday and Tuesday (1<sup>st</sup>–2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2016).**

### 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. 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.

### 5. BLAST YOUTH MINISTRY

All teenage 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 Central Baptist Fellowship Hall. Do not miss this time of great fellowship!

### 6. YOUTH CAMP FUND

All members are kindly asked to invest in the life of one or more of our young people by making a generous contribution to the Youth Camp Fund. This fund is to facilitate our young people attending the annual Summer Youth Camps 2016. You may collect a special envelope from the ushers. Invest in the kingdom of God and support our youth.

### 7. 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.

### 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.



## BEREAVEMENT

The Elders and members of the ECBM Circuit of Baptist Churches extend sincere condolences to **Sis. Suzette Dowdie and family** upon the death of her sister, **Ms. Ann Bertrand**. Let us pray for and support our sister and her family at this critical time. Pray that the Lord will comfort the family and remind her unsaved relatives of their mortality and need for the Saviour.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~31st July - 6th August~

~2<sup>nd</sup>~

Ahdonis Henry — Central

Bro. Xavier Joseph — Covenant

~4<sup>th</sup>~

Sis. Victoria Charlton — Central

Kadeem Willock — Tyrells

Sis. Linette Robinson — Covenant

~5<sup>th</sup>~

Sis. Helen Urlings — Central

~6<sup>th</sup>~

Sis. Enid Matthew—Tyrells

## 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. 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. Monica Gardener, Sis. Pamela Walcott, Sis. Juliette  
 Smith, Sis. Priya Jattan

**PRIVATE CONCERNS:** Sis. Yvonne Lee, Sis. Nadine Smith,  
 Bro. Ernest Davis, Bro. Ephraim Gomes

**THANKSGIVING:** Sis. Martha Bowen, Bro. Charlesworth &  
 Sis. Suzette Dowdie, Bro. Ivan & Sis. Maria Hurst,  
 Sis. Muriel Martin

**NEW MEMBERS:** Bro. Corly Francis, 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,  
 Sis. Rosamund Haynes, Sis. Victoria Charlton, Sis. Eliena  
 Louisa, Bro. Shane Cory, Bro. Xavier Joseph, Bro. Zakeem  
 Michael, Sis. Nia Santana, Bro. Akeel Jarvis, Sis. Esther  
 René, Sis. Eulyn Williams,

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

**SHUT IN:** Sis. Edith McCoy

### OTHER CONCERNS

**SAVING GRACE:** Ajani & Arianna Dowdie, Xena Joseph,  
 Xavier Joseph, Sinclaire Joseph, Renita Joseph, John  
 Bowen, Athalia Andrew, Khadijah Andrew, Lynda Davis,  
 Nakime Davis, Brandon Davis, John Lee, Cequan Joyce

**NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS:** Helena Williams (Central),  
 Ingrid Thomas (Tyrells)

*Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17*

## Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Psalm 66:18  
 Elementary — Philippians 4:8  
 Secondary & Adults — Romans 12:1-2

# 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
- Tues. 03:00 p.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)  
 06:30 p.m. **Elders' Meeting: Central**
- Wed. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 07:00 p.m. Prayer Service & Fellowship Groups: All Churches
- 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  
 05:30 p.m. Chorus Team Practice: Central  
 06:30 p.m. BLAST (Girls) 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
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Orvin D. E. Paige (Associate)	464-1014
Joshua M. Jonas (Staff Associate)	726-9662

### Diaconate

David S. Jarvis (Chairman)	464-7477
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