

# FAMILY



# NEWS

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## THE LORD IS OUR GOD

**Exodus 20:2**

**W**hat is implied in God being our God? It is comprehensive of all good things. He is our strong tower, our fountain of living water, and our salvation. It implies the sweetest of relations. He is our Father who tenderly cares for us, and never dies. God says 'You are mine', and the soul answers; 'Lord, I am yours; all I have is yours!' Consider the misery of those without God as their Father. What a sad condition in the hour of distress! A sinner without God will get by while his health and estate lasts, but when these crutches are broken, his heart must sink. During the flood the waters came to the valleys, and the people went to the hills. The waters came to the mountains, and they climbed the trees. Aye, but the waters rose above the trees, and all hope was gone. So it is with those who do not have God as their Father. What a privilege to have God as our God! What a happy condition when nothing can hurt you! If one loses his name, it is written in the book of life. If he loses his liberty, his conscience is free. If he loses his estate, he owns the pearl of great price. If he meets a storm, he has a harbor; God is his God, and heaven is his heaven. If God is our God, our soul is safe. It is hidden in the promises, in the wounds of Christ, and in the decrees of God. If God is our God, then all that is in

## *From The Pulpit...*



-  **Pastor 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 **"Unmasking Idolatry"** based on **Isaiah 46:5-13**
-  **Pastor Orvin Paige** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **"Celebrating The Gospel"** based on **Matthew 4:17-22.**
-  **Pastor Joshua Jonas** will preach at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church** (Radio Range) on the topic **"The Unsalted Christian"** based on **Matthew 5:13.**

God is ours. How happy is he who not only inherits the gifts of God, but inherits God Himself! In His wisdom, He is ours to teach us, His power shall support us, and His mercy shall save us. God is an infinite ocean of blessedness, and there is enough in Him to fill us. He gives us peace in trouble, and when there is a storm without, He will make music within. The world gives trouble in peace, but God gives peace in trouble. He loves us, and we are the 'beloved of His soul' (Jeremiah 12:7).

—Thomas Watson



### THINK IT THROUGH...

Within the Scripture there is a balm for every wound, a salve for every sore.

You have lost a dear child. Was there not a word of the Lord to cheer you? You lost your property: was there not a passage in the Scriptures to meet the disaster? You have been slandered: was there not a word to console you? You were very sick, and withal depressed; had not the Lord provided a comfort for you in that case? I will not multiply questions: the fact is that you never were high, but the Word of the Lord was up with you; and you never were low, but what the Scripture was down with you.

Oh, to have “the word of Christ” always dwelling inside of us;—in the memory, never forgotten; in the heart, always loved; in the understanding, really grasped; with all the powers and passions of the mind fully submitted to its control!

—Charles H. Spurgeon

### 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).

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~31st August-6th September~  
~Today~

Bro. Jonathan Wehner—Central

~1st September~

Sis. Krizia Burke-Forde—Central

~3rd September~

Nyol Clarke—Central

~5th September~

Sis. Maria Hurst—Central

Sis. Martha Bowen—Central

~6th September~

Cherkella Warner—Central

### Happy Wedding Anniversary

~4th~

Bro. John & Sis. Josie-Ann Jonas

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

• Study Guide: A Catechism by C. H. Spurgeon •

• Question #74: How do Baptism and the Lord's Supper become spiritually helpful? •

• 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 •



## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



### 1. 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.

### 2. EVANGELISM THRUST

All members are encouraged to pray for and be disciplined participants in our new evangelistic initiative. The adult Sunday School classes have been divided into teams for evangelism by appointment. The youth Sunday School classes will be evangelizing by canvassing the island with the assistance of their counselors and a few young adults. Let us pray for good success in extending the Kingdom of God. We thank all who made an effort yesterday and look forward to 100% participation this coming Saturday.

### 3. ACTEENS CLUB

All teenage girls are reminded of their regular club meeting this **Friday at 6:30 p.m.** at the **Central Baptist Church**. Please be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and a pen. Please be punctual.

### 4. ROYAL AMBASSADORS CLUB

All teenage boys are advised of their regular club meeting this **Friday at 6:30 p.m.** at the **Central Baptist Church**. Be sure to bring your Bible, notebook and pen.

### 5. CHOIR REHEARSAL

All members of the Voices of Victory and the New Creation Chorale are advised of a choir rehearsal on **Saturday at 5:00 p.m.** Please be punctual.

### 6. 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.

### 7. 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.

## FOLLOWING THE MASTER

**Numbers 9:15-23**

*At the command of the Lord they remained encamped, and at the command of the Lord they journeyed.*

—Numbers 9:23

At a dog show near my home, I watched a Cardigan Welsh corgi named Trevor perform. At his master's command, he ran several yards away and immediately returned, he jumped fences, and he identified objects using his sense of smell. After finishing each exercise, he sat down at his master's feet and waited for more instructions.

Trevor's careful attention to his master's instruction reminded me of the devotion God desired from His people as they followed Him through the wilderness. God led in a unique way. His presence appeared as a cloud. If the cloud ascended, He wanted His people to move to another area. If the cloud descended, they were to stay put. "At the command of the Lord they remained encamped, and at the command of the Lord they journeyed" (Num. 9:23). The Israelites followed this practice day or night, regardless of how long they had to remain in one place.

God wasn't simply testing the Israelites; He was leading them to the Promised Land (10:29). He wanted to take them to a better place. So it is with us when God asks us to follow Him. He wants to lead us to a place of closer fellowship with Himself. His Word assures us that He is loving and faithful in leading those who humbly follow Him. — Jennifer Benson Schuld

In fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,  
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;  
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;  
Never fear, only trust and obey. —Sammis  
God asks His children to follow the Leader.

—<http://mobi.rbc.org/odb>

# 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
- Tues. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 3:00 p.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
- 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  
 6:30 p.m. RAs: Central  
 6:30 p.m. Acteens: Central
- Sat. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting  
 3:00 p.m. Church-wide Evangelism: All Churches  
 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal: (VOV & NCC)



## 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)        | 764-1491 |
| 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:** 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

**PRIVATE CONCERNS:** Sis. Sophia Marcellus, , Sis. Muriel Martin, Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Nadine Smith, Sis. Jo-Ann Paige

**THANKSGIVING:** Sis. Ann-Marie Pilgrim, Bro Ivan Hurst, Sis Maria Hurst, Sis. Denise Silston, Sis. Jean Edwards

**SAFETY IN PREGNANCY:** Sis. Jenell Huston, Sis. Suzette Dowdie

**NEW MEMBERS:** Bro. Olrich Chery, Sis. Briana Griffith, Sis. Stacey Hector, Sis. Rickeshia Willock, Sis. Priya Jattan, Sis. Marian Locker, Sis. Nadine Fils Aime, Bro. Jonathan Wehner, Bro. Ernst Pierre-Louis, Sis. Benjy Chery, Sis. Aminata Joseph, Sis. Jenee Henry, Sis. Shinel Leo, Bro. Marc Sorel Salien, Sis. Sophia Marcellus, Sis. Marie France Blanchard, Sis. Chanda Benjamin, Sis. Juliette Smith

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

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

### OTHER CONCERNS

**SAVING GRACE:** Olivet Bowers, Shermel Douglas, Trevor James, Linden James, Jamol Pilgrim, Charelle James, Jelissa Samuel, Lisa Pilgrim, Stefan James, Kristen Goodison, Deandre James, Troy Lawrence, Omari Clarke, Milbert Joseph, Donald Lewis, Gloria Lewis, Vernon Edwards, Dion Andrew, Vaughn Aska, Phyllis Hill, Nalda Streete, Arah Sheridan, Joshua Joseph, Sandrine Richards, Royan Chiddick, Lisette Francis, Valine Williams, Theo Blair, Colin Baker, Otis Brisport, Elton Isaacs, Vaughn Williams, Gary Morian, Colin Brisport, Nadia Welch

**NEW MEMBER APPLICANT:** Gavin Crump (Central)

*Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17*

## Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Psalm 19:14  
 Elementary — 1 Thessalonians 5:22  
 Secondary & Adults — Galatians 6:7