

6. COVENANT BAPTIST CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

On Easter Sunday morning, April 12, 2009, the Covenant Baptist Church will celebrate its 5th Anniversary as a local church. There will be a special dinner for the members of Covenant on the grounds of the church after the morning activities. We thank God for the progress of this new church plant and will renew our commitment to work hard to reach the St. John's Rural North constituency for Christ.

7. ROYAL AMBASSADORS MEETING CANCELLED

All members of the Royal Ambassadors are advised that their meeting on Friday, 10th April is cancelled due to the Good Friday Food Fellowship.



~ 6th~

Sis. Rosely Francis - Central

~7th~

Sis. Corinthia Lewis - Central

Lejare Browne - Central

~9th~

Sis. Diane Joseph - Central

~10th~

Kayden Strann- Tyrells

~11th~

Noah Hurst - Central

ELDERSHIP

Pastor Dr. Hensworth W.C. Jonas, B.A., M.A., D.P.Th. (Presiding)	773-0242 461-7757
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Pastor Orvin D.E. Paige, B.Sc., M.Min.	772-6314 560-5543

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TARRY 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. Cassilda Williams, Sis. Karen Wehner
SAFETY IN PREGNANCY: Sis. Susan Powell,
Sis. Sarah Maina, Sis. Annstachia Barlow
PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Cassandra Jarvis
THANKSGIVING: Bro. & Sis. Hurst, Sis. Clara Lewis,
Sis. Bondalyn Adams, Sis. Stacey Browne
NEW MEMBERS: Bro. Randy London, Sis. Murissa
Benn, Sis. Mariah Selwood, Bro. Bedan Maina,
Bro. Mark Theodore, Sis. Michelle Jeffrey
BEREAVED: Sis. Gwendolyn Gomes
SHUT-IN: Bro. Claude Jeremiah
WATCH CARE: Sis. Christophene Daniel, Sis. Edith
McCoy, Sis. Enid Matthew, Bro. Claude Jeremiah,
Bro. Isaiah James

OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Friends, relatives, co-workers
NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Wanda Campbell
(Central), Jemelia Saunders (Tyrells), Joanna Joseph
(Central), Judy Butters (Tyrells)

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
	5:30 p.m.	Believer's Baptism: Covenant
	6:00 p.m.	Worship : Joint Service: Covenant
Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Evangelistic Meeting: Covenant
Tues.	3:00 p.m.	Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
	7:00 p.m.	Evangelistic Meeting: Central
Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Evangelistic Meeting: Central
Fri.	9:00 a.m.	Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
	12:00 p.m.	Good Friday Fellowship: (BRC-Pares)
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Youth Evangelistic Outreach: All Churches

FAMILY NEWS

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A BAD HEART

In the scripture God plainly declares that the hearts of all men are bad. Jeremiah 17:9 states, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is desperately wicked." In another place we read that "the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart" (Ecclesiastes 9:3). Furthermore, Jesus plainly taught that the source of evil is rooted in the heart of men, evil thoughts proceed, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, covetings, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, railing, pride, foolishness: all these evil things proceed from within, and defile the man" (Mark 7:21-23). Sin is not created by the environment. Sin comes from out of the bad heart of man! This is [one] aspect of your greatest problem, an incorrigible, sin-loving, God-hating heart, which is at enmity with God and is not subject to the law of God and cannot be (Romans 8:7).

You probably do not consider yourself to be as bad as the Bible says you are because your heart is deceitful. It is masterful not only at deceiving others but at deceiving you. With complete disregard of God's description of your terrible condition, your heart will deceive you into thinking that you are not really that bad. It will tell you that deep down you are "OK", not perfect, but "OK". But do you not see that this very response is evidence of a wicked heart? Your conscience should affirm the very truths revealed by God: but instead it denies, distorts, and covers them over with lies. Furthermore, is it not true that the things that God forbids you to do are the very things that you love and do? And are not the things that God commands you to do the very things that you hate and will not do?

This indeed is a problem, for how can you love in heaven with a bad heart? Heaven would be like hell for you, for there you will not find anything that will feed your sinful cravings. Worshipping God and living for him is heaven's lifestyle. Would this not bore you (even frustrate and infuriate you) if you remain with a heart set against God and his will? Furthermore, God will never allow you to enter his kingdom forgiven sinners with purified hearts, but never rebel sinners with corrupt hearts.

Now what makes this part of your problem so great is that you cannot change your heart. God's Word says, "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spot? Then may you

From The Pulpit...

Pastor Louis C. Love, Jr. of the New Life Fellowship Church of Vernon Hills, Illinois, (a Chicago suburb) is our pulpit guest this morning at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (temporarily meeting at the **Baptist Retreat Centre, Pares**) and at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church (Radio Range)**. He will also preach this evening at the **6:00 p.m. Joint Service** at the **Covenant Baptist Church (Friar's Hill Road, Mt. Pleasant)** beginning our series of evangelistic meetings. Before the Joint Service this evening, we will be observing the ordinance of **Believer's Baptism** at **5:30 p.m.** The Ordinance of the **Lord's Supper** will also be observed during the service.

Pastor Orvin D. E. Paige will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church** (Friar's Hill Road, Mt. Pleasant) on the topic "**Look At What We Have Become**" based on **Genesis 6:1-8**.

also do good, that are accustomed to do evil" (Jeremiah 13:23). The obvious answer to this rhetorical question is "No." A man or an animal cannot change his coloring; it is part of his nature. Similarly, men with bad hearts cannot do good because it is contrary to their nature. Yes, it is true that you may be able to change some of your external conduct, but you cannot change the disposition of your heart. A man may be able to keep from having sex outside of marriage, but in his heart he still will lust. A man may resolve to go to church and tithe, but in his heart he still will be far from God. A woman may restrain her lips from speaking slander and lies, yet she will not be able to keep from hating in her heart.

This is [one] aspect of your greatest problem, you not only have a bad record in heaven which you cannot change, but you also have a bad heart on earth which you cannot change. Unless you face this bad news, you will never understand the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The gospel is good news only to those who have come to realize that they are utterly helpless in their wretched condition as sinners. —Albert N. Martin

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our hearts rejoice with Sister Sharon Strann on the publication of her new book, *The Macmillan CXC Companion: Poetry For the CSEC English B Examination*. This is a remarkable achievement that will be a useful tool in the academic development of children throughout the Caribbean in the area of English Literature. We thank God for this blessing and wish her and the book success and God's richest blessings.

BAPTIST ACADEMY BASKETBALL TEAM--DOUBLE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Baptist Academy Junior boys (coached by Bro. Byron Andrew) for the first time entered the LIME Interscholar Basketball Championship. The boys' performance was spectacular! They went undefeated in both the League Championship and the Playoff Championship. We are extremely excited about our school's performance. It is certainly evident that our school does not only want to excel in academics but have a holistic approach to education. Even the basketball officials commended our school not only for winning every game, but they were stunned by the wide support of the staff members, parents and fellow students to each game. We thank God that we have been a good testimony before all.

Again, we thank Dr. H.W. C. Jonas, our principal for challenging the boys to enter a national league. Special thanks to Bro. Byron Andrew, the coach of the team who worked tirelessly with the boys. Thanks also for the assistance of Dea. Ian Blair and Bro. Ceon Barlow. Special thanks to all those parents and students who assisted with recording the statistics for each game. Undoubtedly, God has been good to our school. This is the first time we entered a nationally organized school competition. To excel is a tremendous blessing from our Lord. All glory be to his name!

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school —Matthew 1:21
Elementary — Matthew 5:16
Secondary & Adults — Isaiah 42 : 8

Music Ministry



Hymns & Choruses

Praise ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul. While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being. — Psalm 146:1-2

MORNING HYMNS

Tyrells: #18, #80
Central: #130, #441
Covenant: #227, #280

EVENING HYMNS

Covenant: #170 #462

1. Rejoice, rejoice, God is on our side/ Rejoice the victory is ours/ Jesus is great and glorious, reigning forever on high/ Jesus is our victorious Champion, Conquering King, exalted on high.
2. You are beautiful beyond description/To marvelous for words/To wonderful for comprehension/Like nothing ever seen or heard/Who can grasp your infinite wisdom/Who can fathom the depth of your love/You are beautiful beyond description/Majesty enthroned above
And I stand/I stand in awe of you/ I stand/I stand in awe of you/ Holy God to whom all praise is due/I stand in awe of you.
3. Ah Lord God/Thou hast made the heavens and the earth/ By thy great power/Ah Lord God/Thou hast made the heavens and the earth/By Thine outstretched arm
Nothing is too difficult for Thee/Nothing is too difficult for Thee/ Great and mighty God/Great in counsel and mighty in deed/ Nothing/Nothing/Absolutely nothing/Nothings is too difficult for Thee.
4. Be magnified/O Lord/You are highly exalted/ And there is nothing/You can't do/O Lord/My eyes are on You/Be magnified/O Lord/Be magnified.
5. Yes Lord, Yes to Your will and to Your way/Yes Lord yes/I will trust you and obey/When your Spirit speak to me/With my whole heart I'll agree/And my answer will be/Yes Lord, Yes.
6. How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him who brings good news/Proclaiming peace/Announcing news of Happiness/ Our God reigns/Our God reigns.
7. He is Lord/ He is Lord/ He is risen/ From the dead/ And He is Lord/ Every knee shall bow/ And every tongue confess/ That Jesus Christ is Lord.
8. Let there be glory/ And honour and praises/ Glory and honour to Jesus/ Glory and honour/ Glory and honour to Him.
9. Mighty is our God mighty is our King/ Mighty is our Lord, ruler of ev'rything/ Glory to our God, glory to our King/ Glory to our Lord, ruler of ev'rything/ His name is higher, higher than any other name/ His pow'r is greater, for He has created ev'rything.

NOTICES

10. When the music fades/All is stripped away/And I simply come/Longing just to bring/Something that's of worth/That will bless your heart
I'll bring you more than a song/For a song in itself/Is not what you have required/You search much deeper within/Through the way things appear/You're looking into my heart
I'm coming back to the heart of worship/And it's all about you/All about you/Jesus/I'm sorry/ Lord for the thing I've made it/ When it's all about you/ all about you.
11. It is no secret/What God can do/What He's done for others/He'll do for you/With arms wide open/He'll pardon you/It is no secret what God can do.

Our Special Guests

PASTOR & MRS. LOUIS C. LOVE, JR. WELCOME TO ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

Pastor Louis C. Love, Jr. was born and raised in South Bend, Indiana, USA. He and his wife, Sister Jamie Love, were married on February 10, 1979. Pastor Love and his family moved to Dallas, Texas, where he and his wife attended the Dallas Bible College. Four years later the family returned to South Bend where Pastor Love served as the pastor of two churches: New Hope Baptist Church and New Life Bible Baptist Church. The family moved to Lake County, Illinois, in 1992 and became members of First Southern Baptist Church in Waukegan under the pastorate of Pastor Mitchell Dowell. Following in the steps of his great grandfather, Abraham Bunting, and desiring to impact the Church with the truth of the Gospel, Pastor Love sensed the call to become a Church Planter and it was at this time in 1997 that he planted the New Life Fellowship Church in Vernon Hills. What began as a church plant built upon the expository preaching of the Word of God quickly blossomed into a heart-felt urgency to spread the truth of the historic teachings of Reformed theology to the people of central Lake County, Illinois. The Loves have three adult children: Janelle, Louis III (wife Marcy), and Stephen. They have six grandchildren. We welcome the Loves to the Baptist Circuit of Churches—ECBM and to our twin-island nation.

Happy Wedding Anniversary

~Today~
Mr. Carl & Sis. Sharon Carty
Bro. Rolston & Sis. Charmaine Nickeo

1. EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS—APRIL 5-8, 2009
Our series of evangelistic meetings with Pastor Louis Love, Jr. begins tonight at the Covenant Baptist Church (Friar's Hill Road, Mt. Pleasant) at 6:00 p.m. and continues on Monday night at the same venue at 7:00 p.m. sharp. The meetings will move to the Central Baptist Church (Radio Range) on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. each night. Each church member of each church is reminded of their responsibility to have a guest or two in each of the services. Remember Romans 1:16: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

2. TYRELLS LAY-A-BLOCK FUND
All church members in our Circuit are reminded of our commitment to pledge and give to the Tyrells Lay-A-Block Fund. Construction has begun. We need to finish the building in time for the 17th Caribbean Baptist Heritage Conference. We do not have all the funds that we need. We need to pledge and give now to this project. Even the children need to get involved and make a pledge and give whatever they can. Let us make sure that our giving surpasses what we gave to the Covenant Lay-A-Block Fund. Let us rise to the challenge to the glory of God!

3. TRUSTEES & STEWARDSHIP MEETINGS POSTPONED
All church members are advised that both the monthly Trustees Meeting and Circuit Stewardship Meeting have been postponed until next week due to the series of evangelistic meetings this week.

4. GOOD FRIDAY FOOD FELLOWSHIP FINALLY HERE!
Fellowship is our purpose. Enjoy your church family on Good Friday at the Baptist Retreat Centre. It all begins at 12:00 noon and ends at 3:00 p.m. There will be Gospel Music played on the grounds in a festive atmosphere. Come and enjoy sweet fellowship as we eat together, sampling delicious meals prepared according to cuisine from across the Caribbean Community, from Haiti in the north to Guyana in the south. Available will be mouth watering dishes such as Ducunna & Ling Fish, Pepper Pot & Fungi, Rice-pudding, Conch water, Doubles and Roti. Please pray that God will bless this special time for church members and our regular non-members only.

5. YOUTH EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH
All members the Acteens Club and Royal Ambassadors Club who are also church members are asked to assemble at their respective local churches for an evangelistic outreach effort beginning at 4 p.m. Youth Counsellors and Outreach Leaders will be accompanying you. Let us rise to the challenge of the Great Commission.