

7. ADULT & YOUTH PRAISE ENSEMBLES AT CENTRAL
All members of the Adult and Youth Praise Ensembles are reminded of their rehearsal this Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Congratulations...

... to **Sis. Wanda Campbell** who was baptized and **Sis. Joanna Joseph** were received into the Central Baptist Church. All the brethren of the *ECBM Circuit* are encouraged to pray for these new members, that God will keep, sanctify and enable them to grow by His grace and that they will be faithful in their pursuit of holiness and rescuing the perishing.

Memory Verses For Next Week



Preschool — Matthew 5:16
Elementary — Matthew 6:33
Secondary & Adults — Isaiah 55:1

WEEKLY BIRTHDAYS
April

~ 15th ~
Sis. Josette Watkins-Central
Ashley Powell-Central

~ 17th ~
Bro. Nigel Pilgrim-Central

~ 18th ~
Thea-Lee Hurst-Central

ELDERSHIP	
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Baptist Retreat Centre	463-8801

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: Sis. Wanda Campbell, Sis. Joanna Joseph, Bro. Randy London, Sis. Murissa Benn, Sis. Mariah Selwood, Bro. Bedan Maina, Bro. Mark Theodore, Sis. Michelle Jeffrey
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: Jemelia Saunders (Tyrells), 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
	6:00 p.m.	Worship : All Churches
	7:00 p.m.	Sunday School: All Churches
Tues.	3:00 p.m.	Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
	6:30 p.m.	Trustees Meeting
Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Service: Central
		Joint Stewardship Meeting: Central
Fri.	9:00 a.m.	Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
	6:30 p.m.	Royal Ambassadors: Central
Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Adult & Youth Praise Ensembles

FAMILY NEWS

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THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST AND THE REALITY OF THE GOSPEL

The pattern of the Christian year is an exercise of the Church's discipline. The annual celebrations of Christmas and Resurrection Day force the Church to ponder again the truths of Christ's incarnation and resurrection.

Christians understand that every Lord's Day is Resurrection Day, but this Sunday is the festival which draws all Christians face to face with the empty tomb and the truth of the resurrected Lord.

Resurrection Sunday is the central event in the church year -- the climax of worship, expectation, and celebration. This celebration is also an acid test of the Church's faithfulness and conviction.

The secular world has done its best to make a mess of Christmas, but it has largely ignored our celebration of the Resurrection.


Where commercialism intrudes, it comes in the forms of eggs and chicks and rabbits -- none of which claim any connection with the Resurrection. The fact is, the secular world will attempt to domesticate, commercialize, and tame the babe in the manger -- but it will run at breakneck speed from the cross and the empty tomb.


That cross stands as condemnation on all human attempts at self-righteousness, and the fallen world will do all within its power to hide the cross from sight. The empty tomb is the seal and confirmation of the cross, and the world will shield its eyes.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead separates Christianity from all mere religion -- whatever its form. Christianity without the literal, physical resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is merely one religion among many. "And if Christ is not risen," said the Apostle Paul, "then our preaching is empty and your faith is in vain" [1 Corinthians 15:14]. Furthermore, "You are still in your sins!" [v. 17b]. Paul could not have chosen stronger language. "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable" [v. 19].

Yet, the resurrection of Jesus Christ has been under persistent attacks since the Apostolic age. Why? Because it is the central confirmation of Jesus' identity as the incarnate Son of God, and the ultimate sign of Christ's completed work of atonement, redemption, reconciliation, and salvation. Those who oppose Christ, whether first century religious leaders or twentieth century

From The Pulpit...

 **Dr. H. W. C. Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church** and at the **10:00 a.m.** service at **Central Baptist Church** on the topic **"The End Was The Beginning"** based on **1 Corinthians 15:51-58.**

 **Pastor Ivor Walker** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church** (temporarily meeting at the **Baptist Retreat Centre, Pares**) on the topic **"The Rationale For Suffering"** based on **1 Peter 4:1-2.**

HAPPY 5TH ANNIVERSARY
Covenant Baptist Church

The Lord has done great things for us. Let us continue to work in His vineyard.
Congratulations to all officers and members!




HE IS RISEN

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. —1 Corinthians 15:20

secularists, recognize the Resurrection as the vindication of Christ against His enemies. Those who would attack the Church and reject its gospel must direct their arrows at the most crucial truth claim of the New Testament and the disciples: That Jesus Christ, having suffered death on a cross, though sinless, having borne the sins of those He came to save, having been buried in a sealed and guarded grave, was raised by the power of God on the third day.

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As Paul well understood, Christianity stands or falls with the empty grave. If Christ is not raised, we are to be pitied, for our faith is in vain. Those who would preach a resurrectionless Christianity have substituted the truth of the gospel for a lie. But, asserted Paul, Christ is risen from the dead. Our faith is not in vain, but is in the risen Lord. He willingly faced death on a cross and defeated death from the grave. The Resurrection is the ultimate sign of God's vindication of His Son.

As John A. Broadus preached over a century ago: "It was the signed manual of the Deity, it was the seal of the Sovereign of the Universe affixed to His claim, it declared Him to be all that He had ever professed to be, and so it establishes the truth of all His teachings and the truth of the whole Christian society. The great fact that Jesus Christ rose from the dead is the central fact of the evidence of Christianity."

Believers have no reason to be defensive concerning the Resurrection. To the contrary, any denial of the Resurrection is a denial of the Savior. The biblical evidence is overwhelming.

As the disciples preached in the earliest Christian sermons, "This Jesus God has raised up, of whom we are all witnesses . . . Therefore, let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ" [Acts 2:32,36].

The Resurrection was not a dawning awareness of Christ's continuing presence among the disciples, it was the literal, physical raising of Jesus' body from the dead. The Church is founded upon the resurrected Lord, who appeared among His disciples and was seen by hundreds of others.

The Church does not have mere permission to celebrate the Resurrection, it has a mandate to proclaim the truth that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. The resurrected Lord gave the Church a sacred commission to take the gospel throughout the world. As Paul made clear, the resurrection of Christ also comes as a comfort to the believer, for His defeat of death is a foretaste and promise of our own resurrection by His power. "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality" [1 Corinthians 15:53].

So, as the Church gathers to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we should look backward in thankfulness to that empty tomb and forward to the fulfillment of Christ's promises in us. For Resurrection Day is not merely a celebration--it is truly preparation as well. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the promise of our resurrection from the dead, and of Christ's total victory over sin and death. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is at the very center of the Christian gospel. The empty tomb is full of power. --Albert Mohler

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: #98, #102
Central: #98, #102
Covenant: #118, #438

EVENING HYMNS

Tyrells: #196
Central: #106
Covenant: #448

1. Hallelujah/Jesus is alive/Death has lost its vict'ry and the grave has been denied/Jesus lives for ever/He's alive/He's alive/ He's the Alpha and Omega/The first and last is He/The curse of sin is broken/And we have perfect liberty/The Lamb of God has risen/He's alive/He's alive/Hallelujah/Jesus is alive

2. Lord I lift your name on high/ Lord I love to sing Your praises/ I'm so glad You're in my life/ I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from Heaven to Earth/ To show The Way/ From the Earth to The Cross/ My debt You paid/ From The Cross to the grave/ From the grave to the sky/ Lord I lift Your Name on High

3. Blessed be the Rock/ Of my salvation/ Blessed be the Rock/ Of my salvation/ For the Lord/ Is on my side/ And He's made/ His victory mine/ Blessed be the Rock/ Of my salvation!

Blessed be the Rock! Blessed be the Rock! Blessed be the Rock! Blessed be the Rock! Blessed be the Rock/ Of my salvation.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. Blessing and honour/ Glory and power/Be unto The Ancient of Days/ From ev'ry nation/ All of creation/ Bow before/ The Ancient of Days.

Ev'ry tongue/ In heaven and earth/ Shall declare Your glory/ Ev'ry knee shall bow/ At Your throne/ In worship/ You will be exalted/ O God/ And Your kingdom/ Shall not pass away/ O Ancient of Days.

NOTICES

1. COVENANT BAPTIST CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
Today, the Covenant Baptist Church celebrates its 5th Anniversary as a local church. There will be a special dinner for the members of Covenant on the grounds of the church at 12:30 p.m. 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.

2. 17th CARIBBEAN BAPTIST HERITAGE CONFERENCE
Our ECBM churches in Antigua have the privilege of hosting this year's conference. It is scheduled for July 5-8, 2009. The theme is "Exercise Thyself Rather Unto Godliness" (1 Timothy 4:7). Key-note speakers will be Pastor Anthony Carter and Pastor Eric Redmond. This conference came into being 17 years ago under the leadership of our Presiding Elder, Dr. Hensworth Jonas, and Pastor Gabriel Ambrosine of Martinique. The conference is aimed at our pastors, but welcomes the participation of all believers. We are expecting delegations from churches in at least 10 Caribbean territories. The registration fee for foreign delegates is \$125 USD and \$60 USD for locals. The fees cover participation in all aspects of the conference, including day sessions, meals and materials. You can begin now to plan for 3 days vacation and to pay in your conference fee. The evening evangelistic services are open to everyone without the need for registration. All church members are encouraged to support the conference, even as we had a 54-member delegation to last year's conference in Jamaica.

3. 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!

4. TRUSTEES MEETING
All members of the trustees are reminded of their meeting this **Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.** Please be punctual.

5. MONTHLY CIRCUIT STEWARDSHIP MEETING
All church members are reminded of the **monthly Circuit Stewardship meeting** that will be held this **Wednesday, 15th April, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** at the **Central Baptist Church.** Each member is expected to attend this important meeting.

6. ROYAL AMBASSADORS MEETING
All members of the Royal Ambassadors Club are reminded of their meeting this **Friday, 17th April, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Central.** Do not miss this night of great fellowship and a means to grow in the Lord. *All teenage boys under 18 years of age, especially those in secondary school* are encouraged to participate. Be sure to bring a pen, a notebook and a Bible.

7. I love You Lord and I lift my voice to worship You O my soul rejoice. Take joy my King in what You hear. Let it be a sweet sound in your ear.

8. Blessed be the name of the Lord/You are worthy to be praised and adored/So we lift up holy hands in one accord/ Singing blessed be the name of the Lord.

9. Almighty/Most holy God/faithful through the ages/Almighty/ most holy Lord/glorious Almighty God/ The beast of the field/the birds of the air/ are silent to call out your name/ The earth has no voice/ and I have no choice/ but to magnify God unashamed /Let the rocks be kept silenced for one more day /Let the whole world sing out/ let the people say/

Well time marches on/ with the innocence gone /and a darkness has covered the earth/ His Spirit still dwells/ He speaks it is well/ and the hopeless still offered new birth/ He will break the leash of death /it will have no sting/ Let the whole world sing out/ Let the people sing

10. Turn your eyes upon Jesus/ Look full in His wonderful face/ And the things of earth will grow strangely dim/In the light of His glory and grace/Keep your eyes upon Jesus/And others will not take His place/But through every hour/He will give you power/Til at last/You have run the straight race.

11. Father we love You/We praise You/We adore You/ Glorify Thy name in all the earth/Glorify Thy name/Glorify Thy name/ Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

12. Worthy/You are worthy/King of kings/Lord of lords/You are worthy/Worthy You are worthy/King of kings Lord of lords/I worship You/Holy You are holy/King of kings Lord of lords You are holy/Holy You are holy/King of kings/Lord of lords/I worship You

13. Worthy is the Lamb/Holy is the Lamb/Jesus is the Lamb

Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:4-5

Happy Wedding Anniversary
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~15th April~
Mr. Leroy & Sis Bondalyn Adams