

ACTEENS CLUB

All members of the Acteens Club are reminded of their meeting this **Friday, 6th February, 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 girls 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.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH

All members of the Royal Ambassadors Club who are members of the ECBM Circuit are advised of an evangelistic outreach this **Friday at 6:30 p.m.** at the Tyrells Baptist Church. The boys will be evangelizing persons in the Tyrells community. Please pray that the Lord may be pleased to save souls.

MONTHLY CIRCUIT STEWARDSHIP MEETING

All church members are reminded of the **monthly Circuit Stewardship meeting** that will be held this **Wednesday, 4th February, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Tyrells Church. Each member is expected to attend this important meeting.

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.**

Memory Verses For Next Week



Preschool — Psalm 119:11
Elementary — Proverbs 15: 3
Secondary & Adults — Job 23:13

ELDERSHIP

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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. Patricia Jarvis, Sis. Inez Edwards, Sis Joy Charles
SAFETY IN PREGNANCY: Sis. Karen Wehner, Sis. Susan Powell, Sis. Sarah Maina
PRIVATE CONCERNS: Bro. Chris & Sis. Marsha Jarvis, Sis. Stacey Browne, Bro. Charlesworth & Sis. Suzette Dowdie
THANKSGIVING: Sis. Jean Edwards, Bro. Bruce & Sis. Marquita Andrew, Dea. Ian & Sis. Bronwen Blair
NEW MEMBERS: 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: Sandra Spencer, Chelsea Barlow, Theo Blair, Patrick Pearson, Lenroy Browne, Lejare Browne, Travis Mingo, Leslie Hutson, Debra Trotz

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 Service: Covenant
 Tues. 3:00 p.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service: Tyrells
 Stewardship Meeting
 Fri. 9:00 a.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
 6:30 p.m. Acteens Club: Central
 Sat. 4:00 p.m. Youth Evangelistic Outreach

FAMILY NEWS



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HEART OBEDIENCE

My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments; for length of days, long life, and peace shall they add to thee.
 Proverbs 3:1, 2

This is not the stern language of command. It is our Father's voice in all the endearing persuasiveness of promise--*My son*--He had before instructed us to *seek and search* after wisdom, and set out before us its invaluable blessings. Now he calls us to bring it into practical exercise--Forget not my law. The willful forgetfulness of the heart (Prov. 2:17; Ps. 9:17, 10:4; cf. Prov. 4:23; Deut. 4:23; Ps. 119:93, 76), not the infirmity of the memory (for which a special, though we fear too much neglected, help, is provided) (John 14:26) is here implied. *Let thine heart*, like the ark of the testimony, be the *keeping-place of my commandments* (Prov. 4:4; Deut. 11:18; Isa. 52:7). And is not this the child's desire--"O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes" (Ps. 119:6; cf. Ps. 119:69, 129), while his conscious helplessness take hold of the covenant promise--"I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts" (Jer. 31:33)? Indeed no laws, but God's, bind the heart. All acceptable obedience begins here. The heart is the first thing that wanders from God: the first also that returns. Here is the vital principle (Prov. 4:13; Rom. 6:17). All religion without it is a mere name; and, however the professing believer may practice a thousand arts to put life into it, all must fail, "The root being as rottenness, the blossom goes up as the dust" (Isa. 5:24). If every moment were filled up with the deeds of benevolence, or external piety; yet, except the heart was quickened to keep the commandments, the voice of rebuke would be heard--"Who hath required this at your hand" Isa. 1:11, 12)? "The inner man's delight (Rom 7:22) stamps the excellency upon the service. And this pleasure and perseverance in duty flow from a gracious change upon the heart (see Ezek. 11:19; 36:26, 27).

From The Pulpit...



- 📖 **Pastor Ivor Walker** will preach at **Covenant at 8:00 a.m.** on the topic **"The Cross-bearer's Authentication" Part 2** based on **Philippians 2:5-8.**
- 📖 **Dr. Hensworth W.C. Jonas** will preach at **Tyrells at 8:00 a.m.** and at **Central at 10:00 a.m.** on the topic **"Knowing God's Will"** based on **I Samuel 16:1-5.**
- 📖 **Dr. Jonas** will also preach at the **Joint Service at Covenant at 6:00 p.m.** on the topic **"The Exclusivity of Christ in Evangelism"** based on **Acts 4:8-13.**

Herein also lies our interest, not less than our obligation. The reward of this hearty obedience (need we add--a reward of grace?) is a long and happy life--the highest earthly good (Ps. 34:12; Prov. 4:10; 9:11; 10:27). The wicked indeed live long, and the godly often "live out only half their days." The wicked die in outward comfort; the righteous in outward trouble (Eccles. 9:2). But *length of days* is the promise to the righteous; whether for earth or for heaven, as their Father deems fittest for them. In itself the promise, as regards this life, has no charm. To the ungodly it is a curse (Gen. 4:11-15; Isa. 65:20); to the people of God a trial of faith and patience (Gen. 27:46; 47:9; 1 Kings 19:4; Job 7:16; Philip. 1:23, 24; Rev. 22:20); to all a weariness (Prov. 15:15; Ps. 90:10; Eccles. 12:1). But *peace added* forms the sunshine of the toilsome way (Ps. 119:165; Isa. 32:17; 48:17, 18): "peace with God through the blood of sprinkling" (Rom. 5:1; Eph. 2:13, 14; Col. 1:20); eternal peace in his home and in his bosom

(Ps. 37:37; Isa. 57:2); where all the fightings of a rebellious flesh, all the counter-strivings, of a perverse and ungovernable will, shall have ceased forever. "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they might have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gate into the city" (Rev. 22:14).

(This article is adapted from A Commentary on Proverbs published by the Banner of Truth Trust.)
— Charles Bridges



COVENANT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. We agree to worship only the one true and living God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who has revealed Himself to us in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. We will declare His glory to the nations. We will have no other gods before Him.
2. We agree to worship God in His appointed way and to exclude from our worship anything that He has not appointed.
3. We agree not to use the name of our God empty or to take it upon ourselves carelessly, but to walk in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
4. We agree to cease from our own works on the Lord's Day, if they are not works of mercy, piety, or necessity, and to positively sanctify the day by special exercises of public and private worship.
5. We agree to honour and obey, within the bounds of Scripture, all our superiors, whether in family, church, state, or business; and, if we be superiors, to deal reasonably and lovingly with our subordinates and thus to teach them by word and example to fear God and keep His commandments.
6. We agree to avoid whatever tends to destroy us or our neighbours and to engage vigorously in all lawful endeavours to preserve our own lives and the lives of others, especially by ready reconciliation and faithful exhortation in the church.
7. We agree to possess our bodies in holiness as vessels joined to Christ and indwelt by the Holy Spirit and to avoid all uncleanness of thought, speech, or action.
8. We agree to be diligent in our vocations, that we may provide for our own households, avoid theft of time, money, or goods, and have to give to him who has need.
9. We agree to earnestly promote truth among men and to avoid anything that would prejudice the truth or injure our neighbour's good name.
10. We agree to be fully content with our own condition in life, to rejoice in the advancement of our neighbour, and to avoid envying him or coveting anything that is his.

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: #314, #355
Central: #314, #355
Covenant: #391, #409

EVENING HYMNS

Covenant:
#304
#281

1. **We have come to glorify thy name**/We have come to glorify thy name/Jesus You are my King/Jesus, You are my Lord/Jesus/You are my King/Jesus/You are my great reward
2. **Show me Your ways** / That I may walk with You / Show me Your ways / I put my hope in You / The cry of my heart is to love You more / To live with the touch of Your hand / Stronger each day / Show me Your ways.
3. **We will worship**/The Maker of all things/Almighty God/To You our voices sing/Hallowed be Thy name/Hallowed be Thy name/ You are the Holy One/Father/Spirit/Son/King of kings and Lord of lords/Hallowed be/Hallowed be/Hallowed be/Thy Name
4. **Yes Lord Yes**/To Your will and to Your way/Yes Lord yes/ will trust you and obey/When Your Spirit speaks to me/With my whole heart I'll agree and my answer will be yes Lord yes
5. **Thou art worthy**/ Thou art worthy/ Thou art worthy/ O Lord, to receive glory/ Glory and honour/ Glory and honour and pow'r. For Thou hast created/ Hast all things created/ Thou hast created all things/ And for Thy pleasure/ They are created/ Thou art worthy, O Lord.
6. **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
7. **Exalted/You will ever be exalted**/You are worthy of honour and praise/Adore You/I will ever stand before/To worship and praise You all my days.
8. **I'm so glad/Jesus lifted me**/I'm so glad/Jesus lifted me/ I'm so glad/Jesus lifted me/Singing glory hallelujah/ Jesus lifted me Satan hath me bound/But Jesus set me free/Satan hath me

bound/But Jesus set me free/Satan hath me bound/But Jesus set me free/Singing glory hallelujah/Jesus set me free.

9. **I praise your majesty**/I lift my song to you/joyfully/I praise your majesty/Blessing and glory do I ascribe to thee/And I give glory and Honour and praise to you O Most High/You are exalted with power and strength and You rule with all might.

10. **No other name**/But the name of Jesus/No other name/ But the name of the Lord/No other name/But the name of Jesus/Is worthy of glory/And worthy of honour/And worthy of power and all praise.

11. **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

Wedding Congratulations!

Our hearts rejoice with Bro. Utah & Sis. Deborah Morris on their marriage that took place last Friday (January 30, 2009). Let us pray for this couple that the Lord will bless their union and conform them to the image of the Lord Jesus Christ. Genesis 2: 24 -25 says, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed."

Happy Birthday to all of you!
February

- ~ 1st ~
Sis. Bronwen Blair - Central
- ~ 2nd ~
Sis. Nelseta Gordon - Central
Sis. Pamela Walcott - Tyrells
- ~ 4th ~
Bro. Utah Morris - Central
- ~ 7th ~
Sis. Suzette Dowdie
Bro. Ashby Andrew

NOTICES

JOINT SERVICE AT COVENANT

All members of the Circuit are advised of a Joint Service at the Covenant Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m. on Friars Hill Road. We will participate in ordinance of the Lord's Supper. All members are expected to be there.

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). Keynote 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 Ambroisine 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.

PRESIDING ELDER PREACHES IN ST. LUCIA

All church members are encouraged to pray for our Presiding Elder as he travels to St. Lucia on Saturday, February 7, 2009 to preach at the anniversary and evangelistic services of the Calvary Baptist Church in Gros Islet. He is scheduled to return to Antigua on Thursday, February 12, 2009.

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

This afternoon at 12:30 p.m. our church leaders will be gathered on the grounds of the Tyrells Baptist Church for a brief ceremony to ask God's blessings on the renovation work on the facilities of the church. Construction should begin this week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY GUIDE

Additional copies of the Sunday school study guide are available at the church office with the price further discounted by 25%. Take advantage of this opportunity to enhance your study of the Word of God.

EVENTS PREP MEETING

All members of the Events Preparation Ministry are advised of a meeting on **Monday, 2nd February, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Central Baptist Church. Please be punctual.

TRUSTEES MEETING

The Trustees are reminded of their meeting this **Tuesday, 3rd February 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Central.** Please be punctual.