

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**February**

~Today~  
Jeremy Jackson - Covenant

~23rd~  
Sis. Claudia Lewis - Central

~24th~  
Tahir Walsh - Central

~25th~  
Sis. Patricia Jarvis - Central  
Bro. Renville Watkins - Central

~27th~  
Bro. Malique Gerald - Covenant

~28th~  
Sis. Muriel Martin - Tyrells  
Sis. Shacarla Carty - Central

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**Happy Wedding Anniversary**

~ 28th February ~  
Mr. Clifton & Sis. Susan Powell

**Memory Verses For Next Week**

Preschool — Psalm 119:105  
Elementary — Isaiah 64:6  
Secondary & Adults — Psalm 37:4,25

<b>ELDERSHIP</b>	
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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. Helen Urlings, Sis. Patricia Jarvis, Sis. Delissa Sobers, Sis. Magella Selwood  
SAFETY IN PREGNANCY: Sis. Karen Wehner, Sis. Susan Powell, Sis. Sarah Maina  
PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Pamela Walcott, Sis. Diane Joseph, Bro. Bruce & Sis. Marquita Andrew  
THANKSGIVING: Sis. Clara Lewis, Bro. Charles Grant, Sis. Denise Aska, 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: Jemelia Saunders, Velma Grant, Jermae Mayers, Olivia Charles, Angeline Charles,  
NEW MEMBER APPLICANT: Wanda Campbell, Jemelia Saunders

**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)
Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Service: All Churches
	7:45 p.m.	Fellowship Groups: All Churches
Fri.	9:00 a.m.	Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
	6:30 p.m.	Royal Ambassador Club: Central
Sat.	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	5:00 p.m.	Adult & Youth Praise Ensemble

# FAMILY NEWS

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## HOW TO LOSE YOUR JOY


*"I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am" (Phil. 4:11).*



True joy is God's gift to every believer, yet many Christians seem to lack it. How can that be? Did God fail them? No. As with peace, assurance, and other benefits of salvation, joy can be forfeited for many reasons: willful sin, prayerlessness, fear, self-centeredness, focusing on circumstances, and lack of forgiveness are the main culprits.

Two of the most common joy-thieves are dissatisfaction and ingratitude. Both are by-products of the health, wealth, and prosperity mentality of our day. It has produced a generation of Christians who are more dissatisfied than ever because their demands and expectations are higher than ever. They've lost their perspective on God's sovereignty and have therefore lost the ability to give thanks in all things.

In marked contrast, when Jesus taught about contentment and anxiety (Matt. 6:25-34), He spoke of food and clothing--the basic necessities of life. But preferences, not necessities, are the issue with us. We're into style, personal appearance, job satisfaction, earning power, bigger homes, and newer cars. In the name of greater

## From The Pulpit...



-  **Dr. Hensworth Jonas** will preach at **Tyrells** at **8:00 a.m.** on the topic **"Is Your Life Based On A Lie?"** based on **I John 1:6-10.**
-  **Pastor Orvin Paige** will preach at **Covenant** at **8:00 a.m.** on the topic **"The Preeminence of Love"** based on **I Corinthians 13:1-3.** He will also preach at **Central** at **10:00 a.m.** on the topic **"Consecrated To Christ"** based on **2 Corinthians 6:14-18.**

faith we even demand that God supply more miracles, more wealth, and more power.

Amid all that, Paul's words sound a refreshing note of assurance and rebuke: "I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am" (Phil. 4:11). He made no demands on God but simply trusted in His gracious provision. Whether he received little or much made no difference to him. In either case he was satisfied and thankful.

Don't be victimized by the spirit of our age. See God's blessings for what they are and continually praise Him for His goodness. In doing so you will guard your heart from dissatisfaction and ingratitude. More important, you will bring-joy to the One who is worthy of all praise.

—John MacArthur

# Music Ministry



Hymns & Choruses

MORNING HYMNS	EVENING HYMNS
<b>Tyrells:</b> #9, #125 <b>Central:</b> #.301 #338 <b>Covenant:</b> #58, #484	<b>Tyrells:</b> #333 <b>Central:</b> #38 <b>Covenant:</b> #231

**1. I believe that the presence of God is here/** There's not one thing that can't be changed/ When the Spirit of God is near/ I believe that the presence of God is here/ Where two or three are gathered/ When people rise in faith/ I believe God answers/ And His presence is in this place.

No thing in hell or on earth/ Can stop the power of God/ Our God will be the victor/ He triumphs over all/ No ocean can contain it/ No star can rise above/ Into our hearts is given the pow'r of His love.

**2. Father of life, draw me closer/** Lord, my heart is set on You/ Let me run the race of time/ With Your life enfolding mine/ And let the peace of God/ Let it reign.  
 O Holy Spirit, Lord, my comfort/ Strengthen me, hold my head up high/ And I stand upon Your truth/ Bringing glory unto You/ And let the peace of God/ Let it reign.  
*O Lord, I hunger for more of You/ Rise up within me, let me know Your truth/ O Holy Spirit, saturate my soul/ And let the life of God fill me now/ Let Your healing power/ Breathe life and make me whole/ And the peace of God/ Let it reign.*

**3. Lord prepare me/**To be a sanctuary pure and holy/Tried and true/With thanksgiving/I'll be a living sanctuary for You

**4. Here I am/ Wholly available/**As for me/ I will serve the Lord.

**5. I will magnify/**Your name O Lord/I will exalt You forever more/For You are King of Kings and

Lord of Lords/And You reign in majesty/Omnipotent Father/Creator of all things.

**6. The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases/**His mercies never come to an end/ They are new every morning/ Great is thy faithfulness O Lord/Great is Thy faithfulness

**7. In the secret, in the quiet place/** In the stillness You are there/ In the secret, in the quiet hour I wait only for You/ 'Cause I want to know You more.

I want to know You, I want to hear Your voice/ I want to know You more/ I want to touch You, I want to see Your face/ I want to know You more.

I am reaching for the highest goal/ That I might receive the prize/ Pressing onward, pushing ev'ry hindrance aside out of the way/ 'Cause I want to know You more.

**8. You are my hiding place/**You always fill my heart /With songs of deliverance whenever I am afraid/I will trust in You/I will trust in You/Let the weak say/I am strong in the strength of the Lord

**9. Over all the earth/You reign on high/** Every mountain stream/Every sunset sky.  
 But my one request/Lord my only aim/Is that You'd reign in me again.

Lord reign in me/Reign in Your power/Over all my dreams/In my darkest hour/You are the Lord of all I am.

So won't You reign in me again/  
 Over every thought/Over every word/May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord/You mean more to me than any earthly thing/So won't You reign in me again

**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. He is exalted/**The King is exalted on high/I will praise Him/He is exalted/For ever exalted/ And I will praise His name/He is the Lord/Forever His truth shall reign/Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name/He is exalted/The King is exalted on high.

# NOTICES

## 1. 'NO EMPTY SEATS' CAMPAIGN

Most of us were transformed by God through the preaching of the Gospel at church. It is therefore important that we bring our relatives, colleagues, friends and acquaintances under the preached Word. Our new challenge is to turn over our vehicles to the Lord for evangelism. Let us all commit to not having an empty seat in our vehicles on our way to church each Sunday morning. It's the 'No Empty Seats' campaign. Don't let the enemy of our souls discourage you. Don't give up until you fill each seat in your vehicle each Lord's Day morning. Do it to the glory of Christ.

## 2. EASTER EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

All members of the ECBM Circuit are reminded of our up-coming **Easter Evangelistic Meetings which will run from April 5-8, 2009.** Our guest speaker will be Pastor Louis Love Jr. of the New Life Fellowship Church of Vernon Hills, Illinois (a suburb of Chicago). Please begin to pray earnestly for a mighty move of God's spirit among us.

## 3. EVENTS PREPARATION MINISTRY MEETING

All members of the Events Preparation Ministry are advised of a planning meeting this Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Central. Please be punctual.

## 4. CBHC PLANNING MEETING

There will be a special planning meeting on Thursday, 26th February, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church for the planning of the **17th Caribbean Baptist Heritage Conference to be hosted here in Antigua from July 5-8, 2009.** All Elders, Deacons and leaders of the Events Preparation Ministry are expected to attend.

## 5. 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!

## 6. 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.

## 7. ROYAL AMBASSADOR CLUB

All members of the Royal Ambassador Club are reminded of their meeting this **Friday, 27th 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 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.

## 8. MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

All men of the circuit are encouraged to attend the **Men's Prayer Breakfast this Saturday, 28th February, 2009** at 7:00 a.m. at the Baptist Retreat Centre at Pares Village. The Women's Ministry is reminded that it is responsible for the food preparation. Bring your Bibles as we go before the Lord in prayer, study His Word and fellowship together. Please avail yourself to this means of grace.

## 9. PRAISE ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL

Members of the Adult and Youth Praise Ensembles are advised of a rehearsal this **Saturday, 28th February, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.** at Central. All members are asked to be punctual.

## 10. 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.