

◇ **PERSONAL EVANGELISM**

All church members are reminded to evangelize at least two persons before we return to church next Lord's Day. Sunday school teachers will continue to give a tract to each member of the respective classes every Sunday, and tracts will again be provided every Wednesday night. Every member should ensure that he/she gets a tract on each of these days and contacts an unsaved person. Remember to complete your Evangelism Contact Forms and return them to your Sunday school teachers.

The Great Commission is ever before us in Matthew 28:18-20. Do not sin by neglecting it. Prove that you love the people around you by pointing them to the only Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ.

◇ **ADULT & YOUTH PRAISE ENSEMBLES**

All members of the Adult and Youth Praise Ensembles are reminded of their rehearsal this **Saturday at 5:00 p.m. at Central. Please be punctual.**

## Memory Verses For Next Week



**Preschool — Psalm 66:18**  
**Elementary — Proverbs 3: 5-6**  
**Secondary & Adults — Job 1: 21-22**

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# TARRY IN PRAYER



**GENERAL MINISTRY NEEDS**

Elders, Deacons, and their families  
 Baptist Academy of Antigua  
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 Evangelistic Ministries  
**"Sovereign Grace Hour"** (ABS TV & Abundant Life Radio)

**CHURCH FAMILY**

HEALTH: Sis. Cassilda Williams, Sis. Maria Selwood  
 SAFETY IN PREGNANCY: Sis. Karen Wehner, Sis. Susan Powell, Sis. Sarah Maina  
 PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Nadine Smith, Sis. Dianne Joseph, Sis. Norma Grant, Bro. Charlesworth & Sis. Suzette Dowdie, Sis. Moira DeCastro  
 THANKSGIVING: Sis. Michelle Thomas, Sis. Pamela Walcott, Sis. Bondalyn Adams, Sis. Clarisa Lewis  
 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: Althea Thomas, Arah Sheridan, Joshua Joseph, Jonathan Wehner, Grace Edwards, Grantley Edwards, Milbert Joseph, Shermaine Antoine

## 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: All Churches  
 7:00 p.m. Sunday School  
 Tues. 3:00 p.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)  
 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service: All Churches Fellowship Groups  
 Fri. 9:00 a.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)  
 6:30 p.m. Acteens Club: Central  
 Sat. 5:00 a.m. Adult & Youth Praise Ensembles

# FAMILY NEWS



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## THE FAMILY AND EVANGELISM

### Part 2

*In part 1, we discussed Timothy's Conversion.*

*Some Useful Lessons for Evangelizing the Family*

1. Little children need to be evangelized.
2. Little children are capable subjects of Divine grace and we must not put off or neglect family evangelism because of improper and unbiblical methods that are sometimes used in seeking to evangelize children. Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). On another occasion Jesus said, "Except ye be converted; and become as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3). The great evangelist, Jonathan Edwards, gives a wonderful example of the conversion of a little girl, Phebe Bartlett, in *A Narrative of Surprising Conversions*.
3. From Timothy's conversion, we learn that a sound and serious Christian education is often blessed as the means God uses to bring His sheep into the fold (cf. 2 Tim. 3:14,15). However, Bible knowledge alone does not always prove productive to conversion. Children can learn Bible truth intellectually, just as they learn English, history or mathematics. There must be the work of the Spirit. This calls for prayer. "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:13). It is the Spirit and the Word. The Spirit alone leads to fanaticism; the Word without the Spirit leads to Pharisaism. This parental teaching must be connected with exemplary faith and true piety on the part of parents -not just a system of lessons, but a course of training by practical examples in the family. Paul made such an appeal to young Timothy. "But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience" (2 Tim. 3:10).
4. The fourth lesson for family evangelism from the case of Timothy is the importance of Holy Scripture. The scripture was deliv-

## From The Pulpit...



- 📖 **Pastor Ivor Walker** will preach at **Tyrells at 8:00 a.m.** on the topic **"A Right View of Sin, God & Self"** based on **Psalm 51:1-6**.
- 📖 **Pastor Orvin Paige** will preach at **Covenant at 8:00 a.m.** and at **Central at 10:00 a.m.** on the topic **"Freedom From Condemnation"** based on **John 8:1-11**.

ered by holy men of God. The scripture contains holy precepts and deals with holy subjects such as birth, marriage, life, death, and, yes, heaven and hell. The scriptures are designed to make us holy and lead little children in the true way of holiness.

**Two Different Classes**

There are two different classes among those who are privileged to be born into Christian families. Being born in a Christian home does not make children Christians any more than being born in a cow barn would make them a cow or being born in a garage would make them an automobile. Yes, they are privileged, and it is a gracious providence to be in a Christian family, but, this providence and privilege does not exclude the absolute necessity of conversion. There are some, like Timothy, who are made wise unto salvation. There are others who enjoy the same privilege, yet they are destitute of saving grace. No human being is able to discriminate between the two classes so as to determine infallibly which class each individual is in. Many who have made a profession have proved to be destitute of saving grace; thus, we must beware of two dangers in family evangelization. The first danger is taking too much for granted, that is, assuming all is well when in fact, there is no spiritual reality, no saving change. The second danger is mistaking some natural and common truth

of Christianity and religious education for true conversion, for example: Bible knowledge, gentle manner, proper education, outward religious habits. These are all commendable and will accompany salvation, but the Bible warns us of a form of godliness that knows nothing of its power.

Peter tells us of those who are in this category: "For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire" (2 Peter 2:21,22).

Because of these dangers, it is important in family evangelization to ask some questions:

- Is there a conscious and sincere desire for God, such as leads to secret prayer and a welcome of family prayers?
- Is there a desire to obey parents in spite of many actual failures?
- Is there a desire to please God in spite of many falls and crooked steps?

We must not be satisfied with our evangelism in the family when those in our family cannot say that they have made the salvation of their soul a matter of personal concern -when they have never sought after God privately or publicly. Surely they have not been evangelized if:

- They are unable to discover in themselves any hopeful signs of being born again.
- There is a continual objection to the strict views of Christianity and a continual tendency to be weary with Christianity and the Christian life.
- There is fixed longing to be free from Christian parents, the Christian home, and the church.

The great Apostle gave this young evangelist some instructions that are applicable to evangelization in the family (2 Tim. 2:24-26): "And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will."

- Don't strive with your children.
- Be gentle.
- Teach them.
- Forbear with them.
- Do it in meekness.
- Correct them.

This passage teaches that our hope for their conversion is in God ("if perhaps God would grant them repentance").

--Ernest Reisinger

# 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:** #1, #208  
**Central:** #300, #95  
**Covenant:** #462, #479

### EVENING HYMNS

**Tyrells:** #333  
**Central:** #442  
**Covenant:** #503

**1. Hear O Israel!**The Lord thy God is one God/And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart/With all thy might/And give Him glory/King of Glory/in His ways delight/There is no other Saviour/No other life Redeemer/We give our all to praise You/And lift our voice in declaration

**2. This is my desire/To honour You!**Lord with all my heart/I worship You/All I have within me/I give You praise/All that I adore is in You

Lord I give You my heart/I give You my soul,  
 I live for You alone/Every breath that I take/Every moment I'm awake/Lord have Your way in me

**3. I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart!** I will enter His courts with praise/I will say this is the day that the Lord has made/I will rejoice for He has made me glad/He has made me glad/Oh/He has made me glad/I will rejoice for He has made me glad

**4. Bless the Lord!**Oh my soul/And all that is within me/Bless his holy name/He has done great things/Bless his holy name

**5. In times like these!** You need a Saviour/ In times like these/ You need an anchor/ Be very sure/ Be very sure/ Your anchor holds/ And grips the Solid Rock!  
 This Rock is Jesus/ Yes, He's the One/ This Rock is Jesus/ The only One/ Be very sure/ Be very sure/ Your anchor holds/ And grips the Solid Rock!

**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.

**7. O Lord You're beautiful!** Your face is all I see/ For when your eyes are on this child/ Your grace abounds to me

**O Lord Please light the fire!** That once burned bright and clear/ Replace the lamp of my first love/ That burns with holy fear.

**8. 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

**9. Soon and very soon!**We are going to see the King. Hallelujah/ Hallelujah/We are going to see the King.

**10. The king is coming! The king is coming!**I just heard the trumpets sounding/And now His face I see/O the King is coming/ The King is coming/Praise God/He's coming for me.

**11. You are my ev'rything!**You are my all in all/The song that I sing/The answer when I call/You are my ev'rything/You are my all in all/It's in You that my life is blessed/You are my righteousness/ You are my all in all/You are my ev'rything/You are my all in all/ The strength of my life/You lift me when I fall/You are my ev'rything/You are my all in all/You're my father who cares for me/ You have created me/You are my all in all.

**12. For thou O Lord art high** above all the earth/Thou art exalted far above all gods/I exalt Thee/O God

**13. Thou O Lord art a shield about me!**You're my glory and the lifter of my head/Hallelujah/You're the lifter of my head

**14. It is You!**It is You/It is You that I love/It is You/My Lord and King/I apprehend to know/ And be known You/It is You/It is You that I worship/Holy/Holy/Worthy/Yes You're worthy/How I love You/Lord.

**15. Lord you are more precious than silver!**Lord/You are more costly than gold/Lord You are more beautiful than diamonds/ Nothing I desire compares with you

**Happy Birthday to all of you!!!**  
**January**  
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 ~25th~  
**Shanakay Johnson - Covenant**  
**Joshua Joseph - Central**  
**Bro. Jordan Browne - Central**  
 ~26th~  
**Dea. Ian Blair - Central**  
**Shandon Butters - Tyrells**  
 ~ 27th ~  
**Sis. Moira De Castro - Tyrells**  
**Bro. Randy London - Tyrells**  
**Bro. Clairmont London - Tyrells**  
**Christine Powell - Central**  
 ~ 28th ~  
**Sis. Cherry Antoine - Central**  
 ~ 31st ~  
**Sis. Linda- Shea Samuel - Central**  
**Sis. Petronella Pryce - Tyrells**

# NOTICES

## ◇ SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY GUIDE

We have been advised that there are still members in the Adult and Secondary Classes who are without Sunday school study guides. Additional copies of the 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, 26th January, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Central Baptist Church. Please be punctual.

## ◇ CBHC PLANNING MEETING

There will be a special planning meeting on Thursday, 29th January, 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.

## ◇ ACTEENS CLUB

All members of the Acteens Club are reminded of their meeting this Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> January, 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.**

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