

7. 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 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.

8. ROYAL AMBASSADORS CLUB
 All members of the Royal Ambassadors Club are reminded of their meeting this **Friday, 27th March, 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.

Memory Verses For Next Week

Pre-school — Ecclesiastes 12:14
Elementary — Isaiah 1:18
Secondary & Adults — Ecc. 7: 20, 29

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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. Irene Jonas, Sis. Pauline Maloney
SAFETY IN PREGNANCY: Sis. Karen Wehner, Sis. Susan Powell, Sis. Sarah Maina
PRIVATE CONCERNS: Bro. Kinglsey & Sis Cecelia Irish, Sis. Pamela Walcott
THANKSGIVING: Bro. Ceon & Sis. Annstachia Barlow, Sis. Clarisa Lewis, Sis. Bondalyn Adams
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: Arvel Grant Sr., Arvel Grant Jr., Richard Brown, Jaylena Philip, Sherelle Lawrence, Daniella Lynch, Dawn Simon, John Simon
NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Wanda Campbell (Central), Jemelia Saunders (Tyrells), Joanna Joseph (Central), Judy Butters (Tyrells)

This Week

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| 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 |
| 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 Ambassadors Club: Central |
| Sat. | 7:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Breakfast: BRC |
| | 4:00 p.m. Saturday Youth Evangelism |

FAMILY NEWS 

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UNDERSTANDING GOD

How does the Bible describe God?

God is Perfect
 We might describe our mother as "a good person." We might say that an honest judge is "a just man." But only God is *perfectly* good and *perfectly* just. All human beings, even those we admire and trust, are, by nature, *imperfect*, "for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). But "As for God, "David writes in Psalm 18:30, "His way is perfect."

God is Awesome
 The word "awe" is an old word. In relation to God, it means 1) "dread, terror" or 2) "profound and humbly fearful reverence inspired by deity..." (Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, 1973). For the Christian, the fear of God is like the second definition--a reverent awe coupled with trembling (see Philippians 2:12). We love Him, knowing that He first love us. But we must never forget that He is sovereign, incomprehensibly vast, holy, omnipotent, commanding as well as deserving our pure worship and our complete and unquestioning obedience, and able to discipline us if we disobey. For the unbeliever the proper understanding should be like the first definition: pure terror and dread. When by the

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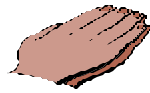
-  **Dr. Hensworth Jonas** will preach at **Tyrells** at **8:00 a.m.** on the topic "**The Triumph Of Gospel Truth**" based on **Romans 1:16-27.**
-  **Pastor Ivor Walker** will preach at **Covenant** at **8:00 a.m.** and at **Central** at **10:00 p.m.** on the topic "**The Rationale For Suffering**" based on **1 Peter 4:1-2.**

grace of God, an unbeliever begins to understand God, he should rightly become terrified. If he truly does understand when he hears the gospel, he will be compelled to seek safety in Christ.

God is Love
 Have you ever heard the phrase, "God loves the sinner, but hates the sin"? Many people believe that statement fully depicts God's emotional stance toward every member of fallen humanity. But consider those words not found in the Bible in light of some words that are: Psalm 5:5, for just one of many examples, where David says to God, "You hate all workers of iniquity." God's just and holy hatred of the sinner cannot be legitimately denied. Nevertheless, His hatred must not be understood apart from the aspects of His love.
 --Daryl Wingerd

Part 2 will be in the next edition of the Family News.

A MOMENT WITH HIM



We mutter and sputter
 We fume and we spurt,
 We mumble and grumble,
 Our feelings get hurt.
 We can't understand things,
 Our vision grows dim,
 When all that we need
 Is a moment with Him.

A CHRISTIAN IS—

A mind through which Christ thinks,
 A heart through which Christ loves,
 A voice through which Christ speaks
 A hand through which Christ helps.

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: #246, #133
Central: #22, #346
Covenant: #505, #367

EVENING HYMNS

Tyrells: #340
Central: #429
Covenant: #491

1. Almighty God, my Redeemer/My hiding place my safe refuge;
 No other name but Jesus/No pow'r can stand against You/My feet are planted on this rock/And I will not be shaken/My hope it comes from You alone/My Lord and my salvation.

Your praise is always on my lips/Your Word is living in my heart/And I will praise You with a new song/My soul will bless You Lord.
 You fill my life with greater joy/Yes I delight myself in You/And I will praise You with a new song/My soul will bless You Lord.

When I am weak/You make me strong/When I'm poor/I know I'm rich/For in the power of Your name/All things are possible all things are possible/All things are possible/All things are possible.

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. 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/Of my salvation.

4. Be glorified, be glorified/Be glorified in the heavens/Be glorified in the earth/Be glorified in this temple/Jesus, Jesus, be Thou glorified/Jesus, Jesus, be Thou glorified.

Worship the Lord, worship the Lord /Worship the Lord in the heavens/Worship the Lord in the earth/Worship the Lord in this temple/Jesus, Jesus, be Thou glorified/Jesus, Jesus, be Thou glorified.

5. It will be worth it all/ When we see Jesus/ Life's trials will seem so small/ When we see Christ/ One glimpse of His dear

HAPPY BIRTHDAY March

~Today~

Sis. Vivian London - Tyrells

~23rd~

Fion Roberts - Tyrells

~24th~

Sis. Breianna Blair - Central

~27th~

Sis. Catherine Jarvis - Central

Sis. Ann-Marie Pilgrim - Central

~28th~

Sis. LaSonya Martin - Covenant

NOTICES

face/ All sorrow will erase/ So bravely run the race/ Till we see Christ.

6. Father, I adore You/Lay my life before You/How I love You/
Jesus, I adore You/Lay my life before You/How I love You/
Spirit I adore You/Lay my life before You/How I love You/How I love You

7. 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.

8. Fear Not for I am with you/Fear Not for I am with you/Fear Not for I am with you says the Lord/Fear Not for I am with you/ Fear Not for I am with you/Fear Not for I am with you says the Lord/I am redeemed you/I have called you by name/Child you are mine/When you walk through the waters/I will be there and through the flame/You will not be drowned/You will not be burned/For I am with you

9. All things work together/For the good of those/ Who love You/When things are beyond my control/To You Lord do I lift up my soul/And when things are hard to understand/Lord I trust in Your perfect plan

10. Only by grace can we enter / Only by grace can we stand / Not by our human endeavour / But by the blood of the Lamb / Into Your presence You call us / You call us to come / Into Your presence You draw us / And now by Your grace we come / Now by Your grace we come.

Lord if You mark our transgressions / Who would stand / Thanks to Your grace / We are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb.

11. 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

12. Exalted/ You will ever be exalted/ You are worthy/ Of honour and praise/ Adore You/ I will ever stand before You/ To worship/ And praise You all my days.

13. Jesus/ Jesus/Jesus/There's just something about that name/Master/Saviour/Jesus/Like a fragrance after the rain/ Kings and kingdoms will all past away/But there's something about that name .

14. 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.

15. All hail King Jesus/All hail Emmanuel/King of kings/Lord of lords/Bright morning star/And throughout eternity /I'll sing Your praises/And I'll reign with You/Throughout eternity.

1. GOOD FRIDAY FOOD FELLOWSHIP

All members are advised of the Good Friday Food Fellowship on April 10. Previously, we had formally envisaged this fellowship to be an evangelistic opportunity, but the Eldership has decided to do things differently. The event will focus on fostering fellowship and unity in our church family. The fellowship will be opened to all church members and regular non-members. Please begin to pray for every aspect of this event.

2. '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.

3. 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.

4. 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!

5. WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Women's Prayer Breakfast this Saturday, 28th March, 2009 at 7:00 a.m. at the Baptist Retreat Centre at Pares Village. The Men'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.

6. SATURDAY YOUTH EVANGELISM

All baptized believers among the Acteens and Royal Ambassadors are reminded of the evangelistic effort this **Saturday at 4:00 p.m.** at the three churches of the Circuit. Youth Counselors and any interested adults are asked to accompany the youth in this effort. Join the effort to rescue the perishing.

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