

5. SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY GUIDE

All persons who joined one of our churches since October 1, 2008 who are in the Adult /Youth Sunday School classes and are still without a Sunday School study guide are asked to please call the church office to learn how they may acquire one.

6. YOUTH MINISTRY PLANNING MEETING

All Youth Counsellors are advised of a meeting this Saturday at 4:00 p.m. We will be planning for our up-coming Summer Camps. Please make every effort to be punctual.

7. SUMMER CAMPS 2009

There will be four exciting camps this summer. They are as follows:

Children's Day Camp: July 27-31, 2009

Youth Summer Day Camp: August 3-7, 2009

Acteens Sleep Over Camp: August 10-14, 2009

Royal Ambassadors Sleep Over Camp: August 17-21, 2009

All church members are asked to pray for all aspects of the camps. A schedule of the fees will be posted later this month.

8. ADULT & YOUTH PRAISE ENSEMBLE

All members of the Adult and Youth Praise Ensemble are advised of a rehearsal this Saturday at 5:00 p.m. at Central. Please be punctual.

Memory Verses For Next Week

Pre-school — Luke 1:37

Elementary — Acts 4:12

Secondary & Adults — Nahum 1: 7



Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105

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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. Cassandra Jarvis, Sis. Karen Wehner, Sis. Janet Walker, Sis. Jasmine Jarvis, Sis. Susan Powell, Sis. Veronica Walker, Sis. Rosemary Edwards
PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Diane Joseph, Sis. Paula Skerritt, Sis. Pamela Walcott
THANKSGIVING: Sis. Genella Walcott, Sis. Norma Grant, Sis. Judy Edwards, Sis. Michelle Thomas
SAFETY IN PREGNANCY: Sis. Sarah Maina, Sis. Annstachia Barlow
NEW MEMBERS: Sis. Wanda Campbell, Sis. Joanna Joseph, Bro. Randy London, Sis. Murissa Benn, Sis. Mariah Selwood, Bro. Bedan Maina, Sis. Michelle Jeffrey, Sis. San-Joy Richards, Bro. Edy Amisial, Sis. Judy Butters, Bro. Alex Spencer
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: Jonathan Wehner, Joshua Joseph, Era Sheridan, Grace Edwards, Grantley Edwards
NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Nicole Anthony (Tyrells), Joshua Joseph (Covenant), Jeanette Joseph (Covenant)

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: Central
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. Acteens Club: Central
Sat. 7:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Breakfast: BRC/Pares
5:00 p.m. Adult & Youth Praise Ensemble

FAMILY NEWS

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GOD'S GREATEST ADVERSARIES ARE HIS GIFTS

The greatest enemy of hunger for God is not poison but apple pie. It is not the banquet of the wicked that dulls our appetite for heaven, but endless nibbling at the table of the world. It is not the X-rated video, but the prime-time dribble of triviality we drink in every night. For all the ill that Satan can do, when God describes what keeps us from the banquet table of His love, it is a piece of land, a yoke of oxen, and a wife (Luke 14: 18-20). The greatest adversary of love to God is not His enemies but His gifts. And the most deadly appetites are not for the poison of evil, but for the simple pleasures of earth. For when these replace an appetite for God himself, the idolatry is scarcely recognizable, and almost incurable.

Jesus said some people hear the word of God, and a desire for God is awakened in their hearts. But then, “as they go on their way they are chocked with worries and riches and pleasures of this life” (Luke 8:14). In another place He said, “The desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful” (Mark 4:19). “The pleasure of this life” and “the desires for other things” - these are not evil in themselves. These are not vices. These are gifts of God. They are your basic meat and potatoes and coffee and gardening and reading and decorating and traveling and investing and TV-watching and Internet-surfing and shopping and exercising and collecting and talking. And all of them can become deadly substitutes for God. —John Piper

From The Pulpit...

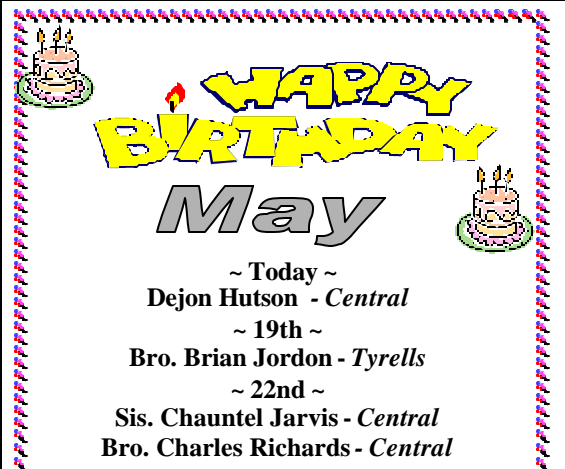
Dr. H. W. C. Jonas will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Tyrells Baptist Church (temporarily meeting at the Baptist Retreat Centre, Pares)** on the topic “**Action Or Apathy**” based on **I Corinthians 16:1-9**.

He will also be preaching at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church** on the topic “**The Removal Of Enmity**” based on **I Timothy 2:5**.

Pastor Ivor Walker will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church** on the topic “**A Commendable Prayer**” based on **Colossians 1:10-14**.

CONGRATULATIONS!

... to **Sis. San-Joy Richards** who was baptized and received into the **Covenant Baptist Church**, **Sis. Judy Butters** who was baptized and received into the **Tyrells Baptist Church** and **Bro. Alex Spencer** who was baptized and received into the **Central Baptist Church** and **Bro. Edy Amisial** was also received into the **Central Baptist Church** by letter of transfer. 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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
May

~ Today ~
Dejon Hutson - Central

~ 19th ~
Bro. Brian Jordan - Tyrells

~ 22nd ~
Sis. Chauntel Jarvis - Central
Bro. Charles Richards - Central

BEREAVEMENT

The Eldership, Diaconate and members of the Baptist Circuit of Churches (ECBM) would like to extend deepest sympathy to Sis. Vivian London on the death of her mother. Let us support our sister and her family in this time of bereavement.

Think it through...

So right at the center of God's self revelation is the declaration that He is free in the way He dispenses His grace. And this freedom belongs to the very essence of what it means to be God. God is gracious to whom He will be gracious. He is not limited by anyone's wickedness. He is never trapped by His own wrath. His grace may break out anywhere He pleases.

—John Piper

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	EVENING HYMN
Tyrells: #393, 382 Central: #300, #95 Covenant: #10, #189	Tyrells: #196 Central: #196 Covenant: #375

- 1. 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!
- 2. If I have found favour in Your eyes/**Teach me Your ways, teach me Your ways/That I may be pleasing in Your sight/Teach me Your ways; teach me Your ways/And if You have called me by my name/Teach me Your ways, teach me Your ways/And O, let Your presence ever remain/Teach me Your ways, teach me Your ways/I want to know You, Lord/I want to see Your glory and grace/And may Your presence go with us all of our days/O Lord, teach me Your ways/O Lord, teach me Your ways.
- 3. I will serve Thee** because I love Thee/You have given life to me/I was nothing before you found me/You have given life to me/Heartaches, broken pieces/Ruin lives are why you died on Calvary/Your touch was what I longed for/You have given life to me.
- 4. 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

- 5. 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.
- 6. 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.
- 7. My life is in You, Lord/My** strength is in You, Lord/My hope is in You, Lord/in You, it's in You/I will praise You with all of my life/I will praise You with all of my strength/With all of my life/With all of my strength/All of my hope is in You
- 8. Burdens are lifted at Calvary, Calvary,** Calvary/ Burdens are lifted at Calvary/ Jesus is very near.
- 9. In His time,** in His time/He makes all things beautiful/In His time/Lord please show me every day/As You're teaching me Your way/That You do just what You say/In Your time
- 10. I worship You/** Almighty God/ There is none like You/ I worship You/ O Prince of Peace that is what I want to do/ I give You praise for You are my righteousness/ I worship You
- 11. 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.

THINK IT OVER...

It is all right for the ship to be on the ocean, but not for the ocean to be in the ship. It is all right for the Christian to be in the world, but not for the world to be in the Christian.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

—Romans 12:2

NOTICES

- 1. 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. **All locals who are planning to attend the conference must submit their names to the church office by this week. This will assist for the planning of the conference.**
- 2. 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!
- 3. ACTEENS CLUB MEETING**
All members of the Acteens Club are reminded of their meeting this **Friday, 22nd May, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Central.** It will be a time of great fellowship and a means to grow in the Lord. All teenage girls under the age of 18 years of age, especially those in secondary school are encouraged to participate. Be sure to bring a pen, a notebook and a Bible. All the girls are asked to walk with a towel and face cleansing product
- 4. WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**
All women of the circuit are expected to be at the **Women's Prayer Breakfast this Saturday, 23rd May, 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. Please avail yourself to this means of grace.

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