

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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 company.

17TH CBHC PLANNING COMMITTEE

All members of the planning committee for the 17th Caribbean Baptist Heritage Conference are advised of another planning session for Thursday, 28th May, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Presiding Elder's Office. Please make a special effort to be on time.

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Luke 19:10

Elementary — Romans 3:23

Secondary & Adults — Matthew 1:21

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. Janet Walker, Sis. Susan Powell, Sis. Veronica Walker, Sis. Rosemary Edwards

PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Jean Edwards,

Bro. Charlesworth & Sis. Suzette Dowdie

THANKSGIVING: Sis. Muriel Martin, Sis. Iola Charles,

Dea. Ian & Sis. Bronwen Blair, Sis. Velma Braithwaite

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: Timothy Butters, Ian Steele, Elfreda

Edwards, Ida Elvin, Dave Edwards

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Nicole Anthony (Covenant),

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. Joint Worship Service: Central

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. Royal Ambassadors: Central

Sat. 4:00 p.m. Youth Evangelistic Outreach: All

FAMILY NEWS

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THE VALLEY OF DECISION
Acts 24

God keeps mercy for thousands. He is slow to anger and plenteous in mercy. But He has told us plainly that He will by no means clear the unrepentantly guilty. He does not keep calling sinners to repentance and faith forever. There comes a point when He no longer contends with people who are determined to oppose Him. Such a moment precipitated the destruction of the human race at the flood (Gen. 6:3). But such moments come in individual lives and not necessarily at their death. Felix heard the gospel and trembled. His conscience stirred. He saw the issues. But he then took the fatal turn and fobbed God off. We have every reason to believe that this was the moment he chose hell forever. It is often assumed that everyone has the whole of life in which to turn to Christ and be saved. This is not the case. Scripture makes it clear that "If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received a knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgement and of raging fire that will consume the

From The Pulpit...

- Dr. H. W. C. Jonas** will preach at the **8:00 a.m.** service at the **Covenant Baptist Church** on the topic "**The Removal Of Enmity**" based on **1 Timothy 2:5**.
- He will also be preaching at the **6:00 a.m.** joint service at the **Central Baptist Church** on the topic "**Christian Relationships**" based on **John 13:12-19**.
- Pastor Ivor Walker** 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 "**An Assessment Of Worship Standards**" based on **Amos 5:21-27**.
- Bro. Charles Grant** will preach at the **10:00 a.m.** service at the **Central Baptist Church** on the topic "**Dressing For Success**" based on **Ephesians 6:13-17**.

enemies of God" (Heb. 10:27). It is as the same writer sums up, 'a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of a living God' (Heb. 10:31). The fact is that with respect to the gospel of Jesus Christ, we live in a valley of decision. To hear the gospel, to know what the Scripture says about sin and salvation, imposes the urgent necessity of

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response. Such experiences are overtures of God’s grace and episodes of the Holy Spirit’s reaching to our hearts and minds. The Lord is patient and long-suffering. He often besieges unbelieving hearts over many years, sometimes even to the edge of the grave, but at no point can anyone assume or presume that his current encounter with the gospel is not his last. At every point, now may be the final opportunity. Urgency is always at the forefront of the gospel call to repentance and faith. Delay is consistently represented as potentially fatal. The message is: ‘Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts....’ (Heb. 3:15, cf. Ps. 95:7). Felix’s example is a vivid caution to everyone who ever hears the gospel to ‘seek, without delay, that Godly sorrow which worketh repentance unto salvation’ (2 Cor. 7:10). He heard the truth, he trembled, but he turned away.

As for you, heed the advice of William Jay, the great preacher of Bath: ‘Bless God if you tremble at His word; but remember, conviction is not conversion. Depend not on excitement in religion, without principle. Pray that you may tremble to purpose. Let your fear induce you to flee for refuge, to lay hold of the hope set before you. Beware of losing your burden on the wrong side of the hill. Lay it down nowhere but at the feet of Him who cries: “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”’

-Gordon G. Keddie

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: #8, #181
Central: #394, #389
Covenant: #166, #158

EVENING HYMNS

Central: #223
 #129

1. 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 a side out of the way/ ‘Cause I want to know You more.

2. 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

3. When the Power of Darkness comes in! Like a flood/ The battle belongs to the Lord/ He’s raised up a standard/ The pow’r of His blood/ The battle belongs to the Lord/ And we sing glory/ Honour/ Power and strength to the Lord/ We sing glory/ Honour/ Power and strength to the Lord/ When your enemy presses in hard/ Do not fear/ The battle belongs to the Lord/ Take courage/ My friend/ Your redemption is near/ The battle belongs to the Lord/ And we sing glory/ Honour/ Power and strength to the Lord/ We sing glory/ Honour/ Power and strength to the Lord

4. Give thanks/ With a grateful heart/ Give thanks/ To the Holy One/ Give thanks/ Because He’s given/ Jesus Christ, His Son/ Give thanks/ With a grateful heart/ Give thanks/ To the Holy One/ Give thanks/ Because He’s given/ Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now! Let the weak say I am strong/ Let the poor say I am rich/ Because of what/ The Lord has done for us.

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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 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. **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. EVENTS PREPARATION MINISTRY MEETING

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

4. ROYAL AMBASSADORS CLUB MEETING

All members of the Royal Ambassadors Club are reminded of their meeting this **Friday, 29th 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 boys 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.

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6. Lord You are good! And Your mercy endureth forever/ Lord You are good/ And Your mercy endureth forever/ People from every nation and tongue/ From generation to generation/ We worship You/ Hallelujah/ Hallelujah/ We worship You/ For who You are/ We worship You/ Hallelujah/ Hallelujah/ We worship You/ For who You are/ And You are good.

7. 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.

8. You’re my brother, you’re my sister! So take me by the hand/ Together we will work until He comes/ There’s no foe that can defeat us/ When we’re walking side by side/ As long as there is love/ We will stand.

9. 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

Happy Wedding Anniversary

~26th May~
Bro. Andrew & Sis. Icilma Josiah
 ~29th May ~
Bro. Byron & Sis. Annushka Andrew

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May

~25th~
Shantel Johnson - Central
 ~ 27th ~
Sis. Pauline Maloney - Central
Sis. Sonia Charles - Covenant
 ~30th ~
Bro. Rolston Nickeo - Tyrells