

# FAMILY NEWS



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## HOLINESS IS NOT AN OPTION

*Make Every Effort To Live In Peace With All Men And To Be Holy; Without Holiness No One Will See The Lord. —Hebrews 12:14*

God's nature demands holiness in the life of a Christian. When he calls us to salvation, He calls us to fellowship with Himself and His Son Jesus Christ (1 John 1:3). But God is light; in Him is no darkness at all (1 John 1:5). How then can we have fellowship with Him if we continue to walk in darkness?

Holiness then is required for fellowship with God.

David asked the question, "O Lord, who may abide in Thy tent? Who may dwell on Thy holy hill?" (Psalm 15:1). That is to say, "Lord, who may live in fellowship with You?" The answer given in the next four verses may be summarized as "he who leads a holy life."

Prayer is a vital part of our fellowship with God; yet the Psalmist said "If I regard wickedness in my heart, the Lord will not hear" (Psalm 66:18). To regard wickedness is to cherish some sin, we are not pursuing holiness and we cannot have fellowship with God.

God does not require a perfect, sinless life to have fellowship with Him, but He does require that we be serious about holiness, that we grieve over sin in our lives instead of justifying it, and that we earnestly pursue holiness as a way of life.





Holiness is also required for our own well-being. Scripture says, "The Lord disciplines those whom He loves, and He punishes everyone He accepts as son" (Hebrews 12:6). This statement presupposes our need of discipline, for God is not capricious in administering it. He disciplines us because we need discipline.

To persist in disobedience is to increase our necessity for discipline. Some of the Corinthian Christians persisted in disobedience to the point where God had to take their lives (1 Corinthians 11:30).

David described the discipline of the Lord this way: "When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away through

## From The Pulpit...



-  Pastor Ivor Walker will preach at the 8:00 a.m. at the Tyrells Baptist Church on the topic "Offering Resistance To God Is Futile" based on Jonah 1:4-10.
-  Bro. Joshua Jonas will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service at the Covenant Baptist Church on the topic "A Portrait of Love" based on 1 John 4:10.
-  Bro. Charles Grant will preach at the 10:00 a.m. service at the Central Baptist Church on the topic "Evidence of Divinity" based on John 1:1-5.
-  Dr. Hensworth Jonas will preach at the 6:00 p.m. joint service at the Covenant Baptist Church on the topic "Religious Perversion" based on Colossians 2:18-23.

my groaning all day long. For day and night Thy hand was heavy upon me: My vitality was drained away as with the fever-heat of summer" (Psalm 32: 3-4).

When God speaks to us about some sin, we need to heed to take action. To fail to deal with that sin is to risk incurring His hand of discipline. One icy morning as I was turning into the driveway of the Navigators headquarters where I work, my car skidded out of control into a corner fence post. Someone else in a similar predicament had already bent the post, and I only increased the angle. I said nothing to the property manager despite several prodding from God.

Two weeks later I had another slight accident. After over 15 years of accident-free driving, I knew God was trying to get my attention, so I called up the property manager, reported my first accident, and offered to pay for a new fence post. As Peter said, "Live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear" (1 Peter 1:17). God is serious about holiness in the lives of His people, and He will discipline us to attain it.

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# 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: #16, #299, #125  
 Central: #16, #12, #523  
 Covenant: #58, #462, #426

### EVENING HYMNS

Covenant: #161  
 #168  
 #56

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 aside out of the way/ 'Cause I want to know You more.**

2. 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.

3. I pledge allegiance to the Lamb/With all my strength/With all I am/I will seek to honour His commands/I pledge allegiance to the Lamb

4. O how He loves you and me/O how He loves you and me/He gave His life/What more could He give/O how He loves you/O how He loves me/O how He loves you and me!

**Jesus to Calv'ry did go/His love for sinners to show/What He did there bro't hope from despair.**

O how He loves you/O how He loves me/O how He loves you and me

5. Blessed be the name of the Lord/You are worthy to be praised and adored/So we lift up holy hands in one accord/Singing blessed be the name of the Lord.

6. He is Lord/ He is Lord/ He is risen/ From the dead/ And He is Lord/ Every knee shall bow/ And every tongue confess/ That Jesus Christ is Lord.

7. 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.**

8. On bended knee I come / With a humble heart I come /  
 Bowing down before Your holy throne / Lifting holy hands to You /  
 As I pledge my love anew / I worship You in spirit / I worship You in truth / Make my life a holy praise unto You

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9. In times like these you need a Saviour/In times like these you need an anchor/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 your anchor holds and grips the solid rock**

**10. Let's just praise the Lord/Let's just lift our hearts to heaven/ And praise the Lord**



~Today ~

Sis. Louise Pilgrim - Central  
 Sis. Nadine Smith - Central  
 Sis. Natalya Lawrence - Central

~ 21st ~

Sis. Joycelyn Henry - Central  
 ~ 22nd ~

Jared Hamilton - Central  
 Sis. Michelle Thomas - Tyrells  
 Bro. Daniel Maina - Central  
 ~ 23rd ~

Athalia Andrew - Central  
 ~ 25th ~

Khadijah Andrew - Central  
 Rondell London - Tyrells  
 Sis. Genevieve Serrant - Central

Holiness is also necessary for effective service to God. Paul wrote to Timothy, "If a man cleanse himself from [ignoble purposes], he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the master and prepared to do any good work" (2 Timothy 2:21). **Holiness and usefulness are linked together.** We cannot bring our service to God in an unclean vessel.

The One who makes our service effective and who empowers us for service is the Holy Spirit. Note well that He is called the *Holy Spirit*, or the Spirit of Holiness. When we indulge our sinful natures and dwell in unholiness, the Spirit of God is grieved (Ephesians 4:30) and will not prosper our service. These are not times when we fall into temptation and immediately seek **God's forgiveness and cleansing, but lives that are characterized by unholy living.**

Holiness also is necessary for our assurance of salvation—not at the moment of salvation, but over the course of our lives. **True faith will always show itself by its fruits. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17).**

I recall a young man, a fairly new Christian, whose father was visiting him. He had not seen his father for several years and not since he had become a Christian. He was eager to share his new-found faith with his dad, and we prayed together that he might be an effective witness to his father.

Several days later I asked him how it had gone with his witness. He told me his dad claimed to have trusted Christ as his Saviour when he "went forward" at age 10 in an evangelistic meeting. I asked the young man, "In all the years you were growing up, did you ever see evidence that your father was a Christian?" His answer was "No." What reason have we to put confidence in that man's salvation? He was almost 60 and had never once given his son any evidence that he was a Christian.

The only safe evidence that we are in Christ is a holy life. John said everyone who has within him the hope of eternal life purifies himself just as Christ is pure (1 John 3:3). Paul said, "Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God" (Romans 8:14). **If we know nothing of holiness, we may flatter ourselves that we are Christians but we do not have the Holy Spirit dwelling within us.**

Everyone, then, who professes to be a Christian should ask himself, "Is there evidence of practical holiness in my life? Do I desire and strive after holiness? Do I grieve over my lack of it and earnestly seek the help of God to be holy?"

—Jerry Bridges

Of all the griefs the church ever feels, the keenest is when those who once stood in her midst dishonour the name of Christ by unholy living. —  
*Charles H. Spurgeon Spurgeon*

## NOTICES

### 1. JOINT SERVICE AT COVENANT

All members are advised that there will be a Joint Service at the Covenant Baptist Church tonight at 6:00 p.m. Be sure to be there and to bring someone under the preached Word.

### 2. PLANNING FOR THE NEW CHURCH YEAR

The new church year begins October 1, 2009. All church members are advised that now is the time to indicate to the various Ministry Coordinators their desires for service for the new church year. We have limited opportunities in each ministry, and each Ministry Coordinator is responsible to recommend persons to the Elders to fill these roles. Please be reminded that you must indicate your desire to serve in a particular ministry, even in the ministry in which you are currently serving. Failure to communicate with the Ministry Coordinators will be taken as a lack of interest in continuing in your current role.

### 3. CONFERENCE AUDIO MESSAGES ONLINE

Some of the messages from the 17th Caribbean Baptist Heritage Conference are now available in audio format for listening or downloading at the ECBM website. The rest of the messages will be posted shortly. The link for these messages is:

<http://www.baptistantigua.org/conference.php>

### 4. TYRELLS LAY-A-BLOCK

We are not satisfied with the contributions made thus far to the Tyrells Lay-A-Block, and we have not reached half our goal. Monies have been borrowed from other areas. These funds were designated for other purposes and must be replaced. Every person who participates in the life of our Baptist Circuit of Churches is expected. All members of the Acteens Club are reminded of their meeting this Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2009 to make a sacrificial contribution. Please talk to the Lord about it urgently.

### 5. ACTEENS CLUB MEETING

All members of the Acteens Club are reminded of their meeting this Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 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.

### 6. WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

**Women's Prayer Breakfast this Saturday, 26th September, 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.

### 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 perishing.

# BOOK SALE



The following books are available and are on sale at the church office:

- Dancing With Idolatry*, Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas
- Where Are All the Brothers*, Pastor Eric Redmond
- On Being Black And Reformed*, Pastor Anthony Carter
- Glory Road*, Pastor Anthony Carter
- Canticles*, Elder John Robert Lee

*Use these books to grow and edify yourselves in the Lord.*

## Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Psalm 119:105  
 Elementary — I Timothy 4:12  
 Secondary & Adults — Hebrews 10:38-39  
*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. —Psalm 119:105*

### Think it through...

Though you have struggled in vain against your evil habits, though you have wrestled with them sternly, and resolved, and re-resolved, only to be defeated by your giant sins and your terrible passions, there is One who can conquer all your sins for you. There is One who is stronger than Hercules, who can strangle the hydra of your lust, kill the lion of your passions, and cleanse the Augean stable of your evil nature by turning the great rivers of blood and water of his atoning sacrifice right through your soul. He can make and keep you pure within. Oh, look to Him [Jesus Christ]!  
 —Charles H. Spurgeon

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## GENERAL MINISTRY NEEDS

Elders, Deacons, and their families  
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 E.C.B.M. Ministries & Staff  
 Evangelistic Ministries  
**"Sovereign Grace Hour"** (ABSTV & Abundant Life Radio)

## CHURCH FAMILY

**HEALTH:** Sis. Annushka Andrew, Sis. Cassilda Williams, Sis. Pamela Walcott, Sis. LaSonya Martin, Sis. Jean Edwards  
**PRIVATE CONCERNS:** Bro. Nigel & Sis. Ann Marie Pilgrim, Sis. Selina Grant, Sis. Louise Pilgrim, Sis. Judy Browne  
**THANKSGIVING:** Bro. Byron Andrew, Sis. Rose-Marie Jarvis, Sis. Veronica Walker, Sis. Lola Charles, Sis. Genella Walcott  
**SAFETY IN PREGNANCY:** Sis. Annstachia Barlow, Sis. Annushka Andrew, Sis. Charissa Nieves, Sis. Myra Hughes  
**NEW MEMBERS:** Sis. Tarra Hazelwood, Bro. Semaj Barnes, Bro. Nkosi Browne, Sis. Dolisa Swift, Sis. Stephanie Jarvis, Bro. Sam Volney, Sis. Ivinia Volney, Bro. Neville Bowen, Sis. Margaret Joseph, Sis. Jeannette Joseph, Bro. Joshua Joseph, Sis. Nikole Anthony, 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. Isaiah James

## OTHER CONCERNS

**SAVING GRACE:** Mary Adams, Leroy Adams, Marlon Benn, Collin Benn, Chris Comacho, Terrance Williams, Cathy Antoine, Shermaine Antoine, Chad Joseph, Veronica Lewis, Martin Richards, Rosemary James, Jamelia Edwards, Joshua Joseph, Era Sheradin, Lejare Browne, Nataka Mussigton, Jerrel Joseph, Yvette Henry, Victoria Warner, Arvel Grant Snr, Arvel Grant Jr., Audrey Molah, Nolan Etinoff, Malaka Greene, Debra Trotz  
**NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS:** Brian Blair (Central), Prince Andrew (Central), Rockel London (Tyrells), Mahalia Matthew (Central), Jonathan Bowen (Central)

## This Week

- Sun. 8:00 a.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ABSTV)
- 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: Joint Service-Covenant
- 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
- 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**