

tithes & offering

We stand and declare that we are all cheerful givers. We commit these tithes and our offerings to God as our first fruits, our expressions of gratitude for God's goodness. We give because God so loved us that He first gave by sending His only Son to die for our sins. We gladly proclaim that "It is more blessed to give than to receive"; we are blessed as individuals and as a church family. We will continue to give cheerfully to the building up of the Kingdom of God and the work of His church because we know that this is what God desires of His faithful followers.



Pause on a Tuesday for **Midday Meditation** from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.



Participate in **Bible Study** on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Please find the Zoom link below.

UPCOMING EVENTS—AUGUST

- * The application form for the P3 Scholarship for the Academic Year, September 2025 through to July 2026, is now available and should be returned by Friday, August 8, 2025. Please contact the office for details.
- * Deacons' Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 12 at 6:30 p.m.
- * You are invited to participate in the upcoming Blood Drive, which will take place on Saturday, August 9, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the National Chest Hospital. You can participate by donating blood and/or volunteering. Please see Deacon Harris for further details.
- * Open Sunday School will take place on August 31. The activity will be the Sunday School Quiz.

MEMBERS TO BE REMEMBERED IN OUR PRAYERS

Sis. Ruby Beckford
Sis. Enid Shand
Sis. Enid Coke
Sis. Claire Anderson
Sis. Hazel Davis
Sis. Violet McLeary
Sis. Samantha Taylor-Brown
Sis. June Dunkley
Sis. Princess Halliman Robinson
Bro. Donald Miller
Bro. David Levermore
Bro. Frankie Dinnald
Bro. Ken Allison
Rev. and Mrs. Earl & Patricia Morgan



If you can call, visit or say a prayer for these brethren, it would be appreciated tremendously.

BARBICAN BAPTIST CHURCH

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Musicians: Francois Brown (on duty)

Sunday School Supt.: Sis. Sharon Earle-Edwards
Sunday School: 8:00 a.m.

Join us at: <https://tinyurl.com/BBCSundaySchool>
Meeting ID: 859 2802 5543 **Passcode:** 113204

New Members' Class: 8:00 a.m. on Zoom.
Meeting ID: 881 1539 8995 **Passcode:** 269869

Women's Federation: 2nd Sundays after worship.
Church Council Meeting: Thursday before 1st Sunday

Midday Meditation: Tuesday @ 11:45—12:45 p.m. on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 818 8924 6904 **Password:** 044267

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study: Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 882 5775 8645 **Password:** 211236

Praise Team Practice: Saturdays @ 2:00 p.m.

Golden Spring Church Service: 11:00—12:30 p.m.

BBC Banking Info:

Name: Barbican Baptist Church
Account #: 371000429

Account Type: Chequing account
Location: NCB Matilda's Corner

Barbican Baptist Church

THE FRIENDLY CHURCH

BARBICAN CIRCUIT
(Jamaica Baptist Union)

Sunday Morning Divine Worship Service & Holy Communion

August 3, 2025

9:15 A.M.

Church Year Theme: Keeping Faith With The Word In An Ever-Changing World: Pursuing Integrity

Theme for the Month: Celebrating God's Steadfast Love



Leader:

Sister Donna Fray

Speaker:

Reverend Dr. Neville Callam

Deacon on Duty:

Deacon James Scarlett

Pastor:

Reverend Trevor Edwards
*Barbican/Golden Spring
Circuit of Baptist Churches*

APPROACH TO WORSHIP



Leader: Generous God, in abundance you give us things both spiritual and physical.

People: Help us to hold lightly the fading things of this earth and grasp tightly the lasting things of your kingdom,

Leader: so that what we are and do and say may be our gifts to you through Christ,

People: who beckons all to seek the things above,

All: where He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Choruses of Praise

- We Have Come Into His House
- How Great Is Our God

Gathering Hymn *The Love of God Is Greater Far*

The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star,
And reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled,
And pardoned from his sin.

Chorus
Oh, love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure—
The saints' and angels' song.

When hoary time shall pass away,
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When men who here refuse to pray,
On rocks and hills and mountains call,
God's love so sure, shall still endure,
All measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race—
The saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill,

And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.

Frederick M. Lehman, 1917

Prayer *The Steadfast Love*
Chorus *of the Lord*

PRAYER OF PRAISE, ADORATION & CONFESSION

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father who art in heaven,
Holy, holy, holy be Thy name
Our Father who art in heaven, holy be Thy name.*

*Thy kingdom come on earth, Thy will be done on earth,
Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread (Repeat x 3)
And forgive us our trespasses (Repeat)
As we forgive those who trespass against us,
Forgive us our trespasses.*

*Do not lead us into temptation (Repeat)
But deliver us from all evil, (Repeat)*

Amen, Amen, Amen! Amen, Amen, Amen!
(Fr. Richard Ho Lung)

Responsive Reading **Psalm 34:1-8, 15-22 (NRSV)**

Leader: I will extol the Lord at all times;
His praise will always be on my lips.

People: I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Leader: Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together.

People: I sought the Lord, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears.

Leader: Those who look to Him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.

People: This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; He saved him out of all his troubles.

Leader: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and He delivers them.

People: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him.

Still, being proud of Jamaica feels complicated. We love our country fiercely, bursting with pride whenever Bolt breaks a record or another Jamaican wins a Grammy—but we worry deeply. Violence takes too many lives. Corruption erodes trust. Too many youth believe their future lies elsewhere. Economic inequality widens. Core values are quietly eroded. Our schools are under-resourced. Our hospitals are strained. Our leaders often feel distant. And yet—yet—the Jamaican spirit endures. Resilient. Creative. Unyielding. The black, green, and gold remind us that though hardships there are, the grass is green and the sun shineth. That is the quiet truth many Jamaicans hold close.

Through all our trials, faith remains our compass. According to a 2021 Pew Research study, Jamaica is one of the most religious countries in the world, with over 97% of the population identifying with a faith tradition—primarily Christian. Guinness World Records notes that Jamaica has more churches per square mile than any other country—about 2.75 per square mile. From roadside tabernacles to grand sanctuaries, our places of worship are not just buildings—they are beacons of hope, community, and cultural memory.

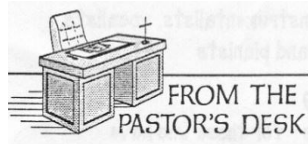
Even the national colors preach: black represents the strength and creativity of a people molded through hardship; green symbolizes the fertile hope of our land; and gold reflects both the sun's brilliance and the divine richness that undergirds our faith. They are not mere aesthetics. They are testimony.

Indeed, the resilience of our people is mirrored in our faith. A 2020 study in the *Journal of Religion and Health* found that strong religious belief in Caribbean populations was linked to greater resilience, better mental health, and deeper life satisfaction. In other words, faith isn't just good theology—it's good public health. So, what does it mean to be proud and bold? It means confronting our truths without flinching. It means living our freedom not just as a memory, but as a mission. It means loving Jamaica fiercely and faithfully. It means doing your part—in your little corner—to make the world a little better. It means seeing the steadfast love of Christ not only in sermons, but in our streets—in how we raise our children, serve our communities, and speak truth to power.

As Cheryl steps out in her flag-colored outfit this *August Mawnin*—earrings glinting, sandals clicking—she carries more than a festive spirit. She carries the weight of history, the spark of resistance, and the light of faith. She walks in the footsteps of those who sang freedom songs by candlelight and clung to the cross in stormy seasons. This Emanci-Pendence season, let us do more than wave the flag. Let us live it. Let us be proud. Let us be bold. In the black, green, and gold—celebrating and anchored always in the steadfast love of Christ.

Amen.

Deacon Douglas Levermore



More Than a Celebration: The Gospel in Our National Colours

“For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.” — Psalm 100:5

My wife, Cheryl, loves this time of year. There’s a joy that lights her face when August rolls around—a joy braided in memory, legacy, and pride. She’s famous for adorning herself head to toe in the national colors. Black, green, and gold dangle from her earlobes, wrap around her wrists, and shine on her sandals. She doesn’t just wear the flag; she embodies this year’s Emanci-Pendence theme: “Be Proud. Be Bold. In the Black, Green and Gold.” But this theme is more than patriotic pageantry. It is a soul-deep invitation to remember where we’ve come from, who has sustained us, and what divine love has carried us through.

In the hush of early morning prayers, the heartbeat of this nation remains steady—not because the struggle has ceased – but because the steadfast love of Christ has not. That love journeyed with us through slavery and colonialism, through hurricanes and pandemics, through hunger, poverty, and pain. It is a love that does not falter when we do, that walks with us in darkness and rejoices with us at dawn.

The Psalmist writes, “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever” (Psalm 107:1). That eternal truth is not abstract in Jamaica. It is lived. Visible in every grandmother’s whispered prayer, every church packed on a Sunday morning, every child who rises despite hard circumstances. Our national survival isn’t merely political or economic—it is deeply spiritual.

As we reflect on Emancipation, we return to the night of July 31, 1838, when thousands of formerly enslaved Jamaicans gathered in churches across the island. At midnight, a coffin was buried—symbolically laying to rest the shackles of slavery. That moment was not just political liberation—it was a declaration of divine dignity. Galatians 5:1 echoes this truth: “It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.” For our African ancestors brought to these shores in chains, that promise wasn’t poetic—it was prophetic.

The call to be bold is a call to honor our ancestors’ courage and faith. They did not survive by will alone, but by a power greater than themselves. Christ walked with them in the cane fields, heard their groans when the world remained silent, and still walks with us today—through every inner-city lane, every job interview, every hospital corridor, every anxious exam hall.

But what do we have to be proud of as Jamaicans? We boast a culture that captivates the world, a music that unites generations, and a history that inspires. Though we are small in size, we are strong, resilient, and capable of great things. We celebrate icons like Marley and Garvey for their enduring global influence. Our athletes—Bolt, Fraser-Pryce, and others—have made the black, green, and gold synonymous with excellence. Our national heroes—Nanny, Bogle, and Sharpe—taught the world what courage looks like. As Baptists, we swell with pride over leaders like Rev. Dr. Neville Callam, former General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, and now Rev. Karl Baldwin Johnson, the first Caribbean president of the Alliance, elected in 2025—a profound testament to Jamaica’s enduring spiritual leadership.

Leader: The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are attentive to their cry;

People: but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to blot out their name from the earth.

Leader: The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; He delivers them from all their troubles.

People: The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Leader: The righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers Him from them all;

People: He protects all His bones, not one of them will be broken.

Leader: Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned.

All: The Lord will rescue His servants; no one who takes refuge in Him will be condemned.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

WORSHIP THROUGH CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

Brief Welcome

Announcements

Recognition of Birthdays – **AUGUST**

Tithes and Offering and Doxology

Offertory song: What a Mighty God We Serve

Sunday School Minute

Prayer with the Children and Youth

Junior Church

Prayer of Intercession & Thanksgiving

WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Scripture Readings **O.T.—1 Kings 17:7-16**
 N.T.—Matt. 14:13-21

Special Item

The Choir

PREPARATION CHORUS

*Bless Thy word unto our hearts
And glorify Thy name (rept.)
Glorify Thy name (rept.)
Bless Thy word unto our hearts
And glorify Thy name.*



Hymn of Response

**# 626
BP&W**

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Where cross the crowded ways of life,
Where sound the cries of race and clan,
Above the noise of selfish strife,
We hear your words of life again.

In haunts of wretchedness and need,
On shadowed thresholds fraught with fears,
From paths where hide the lures of greed,
We catch the vision of your tears.

The cup of water given for you
Still holds the freshness of your grace;
Yet long these multitudes to view
The strong compassion of your face.

O Jesus, from the mountainside,
Make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
Among these restless throngs abide;
O tread the city’s streets again.

Till all the world will learn your love,
And follow where your feet have trod;
Till glorious from your heaven above
Shall come the city of our God.

Frank North, 1850-1935

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD’S SUPPER

Hymn

Behold The Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us – and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.

So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
Torn for you – eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that
brings us life
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you – drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond, – and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

*Stuart Townend, Keith &
Kristyn Getty (2007)*

Hymn

***Let Us Break
Bread Together***

Let us break bread together on our knees.
Let us break bread together on our knees.

Chorus
When I fall on my knees with my face to
the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.
Let us drink wine together on our knees.

Let us praise God together on our knees.
Let us praise God together on our knees.

☪ Holy Communion ☪



Communion (Invitation, Institution,
Consecration, Distribution,
Communal prayer, collection)

Covenant Sharing

☪ Closing Prayer ☪

☪ BENEDICTION ☪

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe by the
Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus
Christ as our Saviour and, on the
profession of our faith, having been
baptized into the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we
do now, in the presence of God, and this
assembly, most solemnly and joyfully
enter into covenant with one another as
one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the
Holy Spirit to work together in Christian
love; to strive for the advancement of this
church, in knowledge, holiness, and
comfort; to promote its prosperity and
spirituality; to sustain its worship,
ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to
contribute cheerfully and regularly to the
support of the ministry, the expenses of
the church, the relief of the poor, and the
spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and
secret devotions; to religiously educate
our children, to seek the salvation of our
kindred and acquaintances; to walk
circumspectly in the world; to be just in
our dealings, faithful in our engage-
ments, and exemplary in our
deportment; to avoid all tattling,
backbiting, and excessive anger; to seek
God's help in abstaining from all drugs,
food, drink, and practices which bring
unwarranted harm to the body or
jeopardize our own or another's faith.

We further engage to watch over one
another in brotherly and sisterly love; to
remember one another in prayer; to aid
one another in sickness and distress; to
cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling
and Christian courtesy in speech; to be
slow to take offence, but always ready
for reconciliation and mindful of the rules
of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we
remove from this place we will, as soon as
possible, unite with some other church
where we can carry out the spirit of this
covenant and the principles of God's Word.



AUGUST 2025

Birthdays

- 01 – Brother Howard Senior
- 01 – Miss Cameron Thorpe
- 02 – Sister Althea Tulloch
- 06 – Deacon James Scarlett
- 08 – Deacon Dezlin Clarke
- 08 – Sister Staphnie Irving
- 10 – Brother Brett Jordan Blackellar
- 19 – Brother Noel Stennett
- 24 – Sister Janette Henry
- 26 – Sister Pat Hanchard-Smith
- 29 – Deacon Jennifer Griffith

Anniversaries

- 08 – Brother & Mrs. Howard &
Petula Senior
- 18 – Mr & Mrs Brian & Palmaya Chin