

## 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.

### 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.*

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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.

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# 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

### Call 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*

**T**he 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 Chorus**                      *The Steadfast Love 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 *Augus 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*



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***

**L**et 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

**H**aving 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