

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—MAY

- * We regret to announce the death of Ms. Beverly McAnuff Morris on Saturday, April 26, 2025. She was the mother of Sis. Teneshia McFarlane and the grandmother of Brother Keo Hall. Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later date.
- * In celebration of their 60th anniversary, the JBU Horizon Home invites you to participate in their inaugural "Wellness Run, Walk, and Wheel" event on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at Calabar High School. For more information, please contact the Committee by phone at 876-852-7266 or via email at horizonhome5K@hotmail.com.
- * Sunday, May 18, is Healing Sunday. At the end of the worship service, we will be offering the following services: blood pressure tests, blood sugar tests, and ultrasound tests. To make this possible, we will need volunteers to assist in all areas. If you are interested, please contact Sis. Feron to indicate your willingness to help.

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.

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

May 4, 2025

9:15 A.M.

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

Theme for the Month: We Need Each Other



Leader:

Deacon Tracy McFarlane

Speaker:

Reverend Trevor Edwards

Deacon on Duty:

Deacon Dezlin Clarke

Pastor:

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

APPROACH TO WORSHIP



Leader: Living God, as we gather today for worship,

People: we are reminded that long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection,

Leader: and the world was changed forever.

People: Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold,

Leader: our love as deep,

All: and our faith as true. Amen.

Choruses of Praise

- Worthy is the Lamb
- We are together again

Gathering Hymn # 164
BHB
Thine Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.

Chorus
Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb.
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let His church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life!!
Life is nought without Thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through Thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.

Edmond Budry, 1854-1932
Tr. Richard Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

Prayer Chorus *Open My Eyes 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 **Psalms 30:1-12 (NRSV)**

Leader: I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

People: LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

Leader: LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

People: Sing praises to the LORD, O you His faithful ones, and give thanks to His holy name.

Leader: For His anger is but for a moment; His favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

People: As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

Our tourism sector, a vital source of national income, may also decline as U.S. economic downturn affects travel as indicated by our tourism minister. (*See Travel Market Report, April 2025*)

"But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith" (1 Timothy 5:8).

Pastoral Reflections: What Should the Church Do?

We are not isolated. Even if these issues seem far off, they have a ripple effect. The Church must not only pray but act.

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2).

Let us:

- Pray for undocumented individuals to find legal pathways to regularize their status.
- Support families dislocated by policy shifts.
- Stand with students whose education and future are uncertain.
- Encourage the U.S. Church to reflect on its witness and the implications of political alignment (Amos 5:24 – "Let justice roll down like waters...").

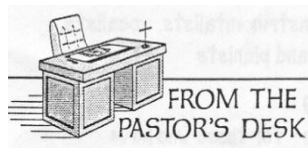
Conclusion: A Call to Unity and Justice

This is a war—not with bombs and guns, but with policies. Not only between Israel and Gaza or Russia and Ukraine, but between the U.S. and the world. It is fought through tariffs, immigration, and economic isolation.

"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice... and to set the oppressed free?" (Isaiah 58:6).

We must pray for wisdom, stand up for justice, support the hurting, and prepare to make personal sacrifices. As the family of God, we are one body. Let us ride out this storm with hope, unity, and prayer.

Your Pastor



Focusing on the Family

"This month, we are focusing on the family. But the question is: **which family?** Most of us are part of many—our immediate biological family, extended relatives, and most importantly, the family of grace, the community of believers to which we all belong (Ephesians 2:19).

As we reflect on family, we must also consider the external forces that affect it—policies, economics, and global shifts that reach across borders and disrupt relationships, hopes, and livelihoods.

Immigration and Economic Policies: Who Is Affected?

The Trump administration's immigration policies have affected people worldwide, but particularly Jamaican families with ties to the U.S. These include:

- Green card holders are at risk of losing status due to prolonged absence.
- Undocumented residents who live in fear of deportation.
- International students facing uncertain visa renewals, funding cuts, and restrictions on travel and research.

"The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself" (Leviticus 19:34).

While every nation has the right to enforce its borders—Jamaica itself limits undocumented immigration from Haiti and employment from some Chinese nationals—we must assess the human impact of these decisions.

Effects on Students and Families

Many Jamaican students in U.S. universities now live with uncertainty. Their education, scholarships, and summer research plans are under threat due to immigration instability and funding freezes in top schools like Northwestern, Columbia, and Princeton.

"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding" (Proverbs 4:7).

Families are also anxious. Summer travel plans for graduations, weddings, and funerals are on hold—even for citizens and green card holders—due to mixed messages and inconsistent enforcement. This fosters fear and delays much-needed family reunions.

Economic Fallout and the Jamaican Household

Tariffs imposed by the U.S. have sparked global retaliation. As trade partners withdraw, this has led to layoffs, price increases, and reduced remittances from relatives abroad—affecting school fees, housing, and basic living in Jamaica.

Leader: By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

People: To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication:

Leader: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"

People: Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!"

Leader: You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

All: so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

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 – **MAY**

Tithes and Offering and Doxology

Offertory song: How Great Is Our God

Sunday School Minute

Prayer with the Children and Youth

Junior Church

Prayer of Intercession & Thanksgiving

WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Scripture Readings **O.T.—1 Sam. 22:1-23**
N.T.—Acts 9:1-20

Special Selection: **Sister Jean Foote**

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

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BP&W

Brother, Sister
Let Me Serve You

Brother, sister, let me serve you;
 let me be as Christ to you;
 pray that I may have the grace to
 let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
 and companions on the road;
 we are here to help each other
 walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
 in the nighttime of your fear;
 I will hold my hand out to you,
 speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
 when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
 I will share your joy and sorrow,
 till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
 we shall find such harmony,
 born of all we've known together
 of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you;
 let me be as Christ to you;
 pray that I may have the grace to
 let you be my servant too.

Richard Gillard, b.1953

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

We Seek Your Kingdom

We seek your kingdom throughout every
sphere
We long for heaven's demonstration here
Jesus your light shine bright for all to see
Transform, revive, and heal society

Before all things, in him were all things
made
Inspiring culture, media, and trade

May all our work serve your economy
Transform, revive, and heal society

Peace, truth, and justice reigning every-
where
With us be present in our public square
Fill all who lead with your integrity
Transform, revive, and heal society

Forgive us Lord, when we have not engaged
Failing to scribe your heart on history's page
Make us again what we were
Transform, revive, and heal society

Faithful to govern ever may we be
Selfless in service, loving constantly
In everything may your authority
Transform, revive, and heal society

*Noel Robinson, Andy Flannagan, &
Graham Hunter, 2021*

☞ 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.



MAY 2025

BIRTHDAYS

- 05—Sister Tamar Henry
- 06—Sister Angeles Martin
- 13—Sister Latoya Cox
- 15—Sister Sheila Glenister
- 15—Sister Marcia Powell
- 19—Brother Andrew Chung
- 20—Sister Jacqueline Parchment
- 27—Brother Paul Griffith Jr.
- 27—Sister Shelly-Ann Harrisingh
- 29—Brother David Morgan
- 29—Sister Margaret Headlam