

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 pro-claim 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS - FEBRUARY

5th—Jamaica Baptist Women's Day of Prayer
11th—Discipleship training
14th—Ash Wednesday
21-25—JBU 174th General Assembly

MEMBERS TO BE REMEMBERED IN OUR PRAYERS

Sis. Ruby Beckford 927-5881
Sis. Enid Shand
Sis. Enid Coke 393-1563
Sis. Claire Anderson 702-2215
Bro. Donald Miller
Sis. Monica Binns 942-3781
Sis. Hazel Davis 366-9039
Sis. Violet McLeary 859-9950
Sis. May Harding 669-5927
Sis. Samantha Taylor Brown 384-0886
Bro. David Levermore
Sis. Yvonne McDonnough
Rev. and Mrs. Earl & Patricia Morgan 371-3068



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



Pause on a Tuesday for
Midday Meditation from
11:45 to 12:45



Participate in Bible Study
on Wednesdays at 6:30
p.m.

Please find zoom links below



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Oneil Simpson
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Sunday School Supt.: Sis. Sharon Earle Edwards
Sunday School: 8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.

Join at: <https://tinyurl.com/BBCSundaySchool>
Meeting ID: 859 2802 5543 Password: 113204
New Members' Class: 8:00 a.m.

Join at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88115398995?pwd=VVJlVWVkd0NmlzVTlEUKpaZ3MvQXRzUT09>
Meeting ID: 881 1539 8995 Password: 269869
Golden Spring Church: 11:00—12:30 p.m.

Midday Meditation. Join us at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81889246904?pwd=VUlnMDRaRWhObY9Ka1RzdjZkVkd1dz09>

Meeting ID: 818 8924 6904 Password: 044267

2nd Sundays after worship W/Federation

Third Tues.: Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday @6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting and Bible

Study. Join us at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81318665303?pwd=NEd6bXNIWXJ6Z0EYzXjxOEVEV2pQZz09>

Meeting ID: 813 1866 5303 Password: 130948

Fridays @ 7:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Saturdays @ 5:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice

Thursday before 1st Sunday - Church Council

Barbican Baptist Church

THE FRIENDLY CHURCH

Sunday Morning Divine Worship Service & Holy Communion

February 4, 2024

9:15 A.M.

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

Month's Theme: *Receiving God's Power—To Be*



LEADER:

Sis. Dr. Sharon Earle Edwards

SPEAKER:

Reverend Trevor Edwards

DEACON ON DUTY:

Deacon Andre Harris

PASTOR:

Reverend Trevor Edwards

*Barbican/ Golden Spring
Circuit of Baptist Churches*

APPROACH TO WORSHIP

Call To Worship

Leader: O God,

People: **You spoke Your Word**

Leader: And revealed Your good news in
Jesus—the Christ

**People: Fill all creation with that
Word again**

Leader: So that by proclaiming Your joyful
promises to all nations

**People: And singing of Your glorious
hope to all people**

Leader: We may become one living body

**All: Your incarnate presence on
the earth. Amen.**

Choruses of Praise, Adoration, and Affirmation

* Blessed Be the Name of the Lord

* The Power of Your Love

Gathering Hymn

*Sing Praise To God
Who Reigns Above*

Sing praise to God who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love,
The God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled
And every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away,
But through all grief distressing,
An ever-present help and stay,
Our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand,
God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.

Thus all my toilsome way along,
I sing aloud thy praises,
That earth may hear the grateful song
My voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
Both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy name
Give God all praise and glory;
Let all who own his power proclaim
Aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne,
For Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory.

Schütz, Johann Jakob, 1640-1690

Prayer Song : *Anointing Fall On Me*

PRAYER OF PRAISE, ADORATION & CONFESSION

The Lord's Prayer (Caribbean Version)

*Our Father who art in heaven, holy holy
holy 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!

(Arr. Fr. Richard HoLung)

Responsive Psalm 111: 1-11; 20c Reading (NRSV)

Leader: Praise the LORD! How good it is
to sing praises to our God; for He
is gracious, and a song of praise is
fitting.

**People: The LORD builds up
Jerusalem; He gathers the
outcasts of Israel.**

Leader: He heals the brokenhearted, and
binds up their wounds.

**People: He determines the number of
the stars; He gives to all of
them their names.**

Leader: Great is our Lord, and abundant
in power; His understanding is
beyond measure.

**People: The LORD lifts up the
downtrodden; He casts the
wicked to the ground.**

Leader: Sing to the LORD with
thanksgiving; make melody
to our God on the lyre.

We think of discipleship (following the ways of Christ). We think of maintaining or observing spiritual disciplines such as prayer, fasting and alms giving. But we are inclined to believe that these are practices one should do alone.

What if believers were to consider practicing Lent as a collaborative effort (team) - with the principle that if one succeeds, all succeed??? What if believers were to practice the discipline of prayer, in small group???

What difference would it make if persons were to hold each other accountable in the practice of fasting and almsgiving??? The point being made is that there is ***much more to be accomplished*** in intentional teamwork, *because we want it to happen and happen well.* Not just because it is legislated, but because we all see the value of ensuring that everyone receives the benefit to be gained from partnering with one another.

Let us remind ourselves that Jesus invited his disciples to be with him (Mk.3:14). There were many things he could not have done alone, and he needed their company. He sent out the disciples in groups of twos, and he cited the value of having two witnesses present to aid in settlement of a dispute. ***There is value and strength in teamwork.***

What is your plan for Lent? What are you praying for? What would you like to change through fasting? Who can you share your gifts with?

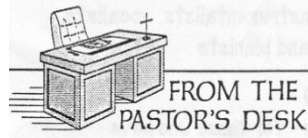
As you think of your responses, may I suggest that you partner with a fellow believer in pursuing these goals? Find someone with whom you can be mutually accountable. Let's say you're praying/fasting to manage gossip, lust, digital addiction, or anger. Why not find a peer with whom you can heal and grow together? ***You don't want to end Lent struggling with the same problem which has been a burden to you.***

So, there are lessons we can learn from cricket and Lent. In the words of the late Helen Keller...

**“Alone we can do so little,
together we can do so much!”**

Success is still a team effort, find your support and celebrate!

Your Pastor



OF CRICKET AND LENT

What do these two Topics Really have in Common?

Let us see. Everyone on the planet, familiar with the king's sport of cricket, should not have missed the greatest news of this leap year to-date - an unknown, inexperienced West Indian team, **beat the great Aussies** in a test match **in their own backyard**, after a drought of nearly three decades! The star of this great feat was a young security guard from Guyana, who showed tremendous skill and promise. Even in an injured state, his performance was not diminished. This was indeed a **major** surprise.

While we celebrate the sterling contribution of Shamar Joseph, we must acknowledge the fact that both teams experienced some surprises. Australia went into the match beaming with a lot of confidence, having won the first test of the two-test series and no doubt, figuring that they would have finished off the West Indies easily, even if they cruised. On the other hand, the West Indies, being the underdogs, had nothing to lose – in a manner of speaking - having been losers to this powerful team for the last 27 years. So, with a young inexperienced bowler, capped with an unkind comment that the West Indies team was **“pathetic and hopeless”** by Hogg (no pun intended), Captain Braithwaite was inspired to prove him wrong. The outcome - the team surprised themselves, the Australians, and the world!!! (Rodney Hogg is a former Australian bowler).

What do we observe here? The *success* of the West Indies team did not *depend solely* on the new bowler, but ,was the result of a great *team effort*. With good fielding from his colleagues who took good catches from balls which were carelessly hit, the visitors achieved the success they realized.

Lessons for Lent

So, what lessons can we learn from cricket that we can take into Lent? Without a doubt, team effort stands out for me. Very often we approach Lent, and the observation of Lent, as the practice of individual, spiritual discipline.

People: He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.

Leader: He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry.

People: His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor His pleasure in the speed of a runner;

Leader: but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

All: Praise the LORD!

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.

WORSHIP THROUGH CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP (OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE & GIVING)

Brief Welcome & Greeting

Birthdays & Anniversaries – **FEBRUARY Announcements**
Offertory Commitment & Blessing of Offering
Receiving of Tithes & Offering
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Sunday School Minute
Prayer with the Children
Junior Church
Prayer of Intercession & Thanksgiving

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Readings OT— Isa. 40:21-31
NT— Mark 1:29-39

Selection

Sis Jean Foote



Pastor Trevor Edwards

Message -

Hymn of Response

#606
Baptist Hymnal

We have not known thee as we ought, nor learned thy wisdom, grace and pow'r; the things of earth have filled our thought, and trifles of the passing hour. Lord, give us light thy truth to see, and make us wise in knowing thee.

We have not feared thee as we ought, nor bowed beneath thine awesome eye, nor guarded deed and word and thought, remembering that God was nigh. Lord, give us faith to know thee near, and grant the grace of holy fear.

We have not loved thee as we ought, nor cared that we are loved by thee; thy presence we have coldly sought, and feebly longed thy face to see. Lord, give a pure and loving heart to feel and own the love thou art.

We have not served thee as we ought; alas! the duties left undone, the work with little fervor wrought, the battles lost or scarcely won! Lord, give the zeal and give the might, for thee to toil, for thee to fight.

When shall we know thee as we ought, and fear and love and serve aright! When shall we, out of trial brought, be perfect in the land of light! Lord, may we day by day prepare to see thy face and serve Thee there.
T. B. Pollock, 1836-96

Commissioning of Deacon and Preparation for Communion

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

Hymn — #436
Baptist Praise & Worship

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
Here would we touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heaven;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

Too soon we rise, the symbols disappear;
The feast, though not the love, is past and done;
Gone are the bread and wine, but Thou art here,
Nearer than ever, still my Shield and Sun.

Feast after feast thus comes, and passes by;
Yet passing, points to the glad feast above;
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.

Horatio Bonar(1808-89) altd.

Commissioning of Deacon

HOLY COMMUNION



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

Covenant Sharing

Hymn — *In Remembrance of Me*

In remembrance of me eat this bread
In remembrance of me drink this wine
In remembrance of me pray for the time
when God's own will is done

In remembrance of me heal the sick
In remembrance of me feed the poor
In remembrance of me open the door
And let your brother in, let him in

Take eat and be comforted
Drink and remember too
That this is my body and precious blood
Shed for you, shed for you
C. T. McCormack

✠ Closing Prayer ✠

DISMISSAL

✠ BENEDECTION ✠

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 engagements, 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.



FEBRUARY 2024

Birthdays

- 01 - Sis. Palmaya Chin
- 02 - Mr Denali Dowdie
- 03 - Bro. Jonathan Arava
- 04 - Sis. Roxanne Hussey
- 07 - Bro. Ken Allison
- 08 - Bro. Eron McLean
- 09 - Mrs. Tameca Levermore
- 10 - Sis. Patricia Morgan
- 13 - Sis. Grace McLean
- 14 - Sis. Jodi-Ann Carpen
- 16 - Sis. Ruby Dyer
- 21 - Sis Brehanna Campbell
- 22 - Sis. Brianna Blackellar
- 25 - Sis. Gail Senior

Anniversaries

- 11th - Mr. & Mrs. James & Mildred Cassie