

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 - MARCH

- 16th - Financial Fitness Session (KASABAYA) .
- 24th - The K&SABC will be hosting Holy Week Services for March 24 - March 28 at Bethel Baptist Church.
- 28th - Class 3 Sharing at Golden Spring.
- 30th— Child Evangelism Programme 10 am—12 noon.

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
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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 am to 12:45 pm



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

Please find zoom links below



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Sunday School: 8:00 a.m.— 9:00a .m.

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

New Members' Class: 8:00 a.m.

Join at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88115398995?pwd=VVIWVdoNmIzVTIEUkpaZ3MvOXRzUT09>

Meeting ID: 881 1539 8995 Passcode: 269869

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

Midday Meditation. Join us at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81889246904?pwd=VU1nMDRaRWhObY9Ka1RzdjZkVkd1dz09>

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=NEd6bXNIWXJ6Z0EYVZlX0EVEVZpQZz09>

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

March 3, 2024—3rd Sunday in Lent

9:15 A.M.

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

Month's Theme: *Integrity — In Worship*



LEADER:

Deacon Dr. Tracy MacFarlane

SPEAKER:

Reverend Trevor Edwards

DEACON ON DUTY:

Deacon James Scarlett

PASTOR:

Reverend Trevor Edwards

*Barbican/ Golden Spring
Circuit of Baptist Churches*

APPROACH TO WORSHIP

Call To Worship

Leader: Lord you have called us to honor you with all our hearts

People: Draw us close to you dear Lord.

Leader: As we worship you, keep us centered on you O God

People: Remove the distractions from heart and mind and eyes

Leader: Guide us through this season

People: Empower us to face the struggles of the times,

Leader: That we may grow through repentance,

People: And deepen our friendship with you,

Leader: Through the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Choruses of Praise

- In Christ alone
- Here I am to worship

Gathering Hymn

Let us with a glad-some mind

Let us, with a gladsome mind, praise the LORD, for He is kind: *for His mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.*

He, with all commanding might, filled the new-made world with light: *for His mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.*

All things living He doth feed; His full hand supplies their need: *for His mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.*

He His chosen race did bless in the wasteful wilderness: *for His mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.*

He hath with a piteous eye looked upon our misery: for His mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us them with gladsome mind, Praise the Lord for He is kind, *For his mercies aye endure, ever faithful ever sure*
John Milton (1673)

Prayer Chorus: *Change my heart O God*

PRAYER OF PRAISE, ADORATION & CONFESSION

The Lord's Prayer

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 Reading

Psalm 19: 1-14 (NRSV)

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

People: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

People: Yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

Leader: which comes out like a bride groom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

People: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heart.

Being honest with ourselves is to be consistent in what we believe and how we behave. Journeying with integrity will help relieve the burden of wearing masks to be accepted by others.

Honesty with others.

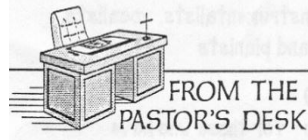
We often see others as allies or enemies, strangers or friends, threats, or supporters. Further, we tend to be honest with those we see as allies, with those we perceive will not hurt us, or with those we feel pose no threat to our wellbeing. It would seem safe to say that honesty has to do with trust. We see the example of a child lying to her parent to avoid punishment, or an adult lying about his income tax returns to avoid penalties, or about her health to avoid jury duty, or why he did not attend church to avoid being criticized or judged.

Lack of integrity led to Adam and Eve being kicked out of the garden of Eden (Gen. 3:13-24), Saul was rejected by God (1Sam. 13:14), and Ananias and Saphira died in front of the church leaders and members (Acts 5:1-11). As Billy Graham says, Integrity means we are trustworthy and dependable, and our character is above reproach.

Consider this question. What qualities in employees irritate bosses the most? Burke Marketing Research asked executives in 100 of the nation's (US) 1000 largest companies. At the top of the list was dishonesty. Marc Silbert, whose temporary employee firm commissioned the study, says, "If a company believes that an employee lacks integrity, all positive qualities ranging from skill and experience to productivity and intelligence become meaningless. What does the church think?"

How then can we pursue integrity in our lives as believers? Living with integrity is not an option for the child of God nor for our neighbour who may not know the Lord personally as we do. But let us remember that when we live with integrity, we are honest with God, we are honest with ourselves, and we are honest with one another. May God grant us the wisdom courage and emotionally healthy spirituality to live with integrity.

Your Pastor



Integrity

The Jamaica Baptist Union just completed its 174th General Assembly. It launched the theme that we will use for the next two years, “Keeping faith with the Word in an ever-changing world – pursuing Integrity”.

The President, Rev. Dr Glenroy Lalor’s address to the Assembly and some special events mainly highlighted aspects of this theme. These are documented elsewhere so I won’t repeat them here, except to note a couple issues which we will seek to address on the theme during the year.

What is integrity?

Integrity means that if our private life was suddenly exposed, we’d have no reason to be ashamed or embarrassed. Integrity means our outward life is consistent with our inner convictions. Billy Graham.

Essentially for me, integrity is honesty. It is honesty in all areas of life. Honesty in thought, in our relationship with God, in our relationship with ourselves and in our relationship with one another. I think some people have no problem understanding what integrity is, but great difficulty or even perhaps unwillingness to practice.

Honesty in relationship with God.

This is about living and being who God declares you are, and having accepted and confirmed whom God says you are. Part of this identity is acknowledging that we reflect God’s image, which includes the capacity to worship, to be morally sensitive, to be compassionate and to be creative. This what it means to be created in the *imago dei* (image of God)

Worship is not an option or imposition, it’s the natural response of a people who acknowledge and celebrate their Creator. As John puts it, whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, **cannot love God**, ...1Jn 4:20.

Honesty with ourselves

Integrity demands that we know ourselves and are true to who we are. It is undesirable that we try to be something or someone else, yet many of us do. We present a false image of ourselves as we often fear that if we present our true selves with our weaknesses, vulnerabilities, and imperfections, we will be rejected. Although we are all created in the image of God, people accept those who are perceived to be strong, powerful, flawless, and popular. (By the way these were some of Jesus’ temptations Matt. 4:1-11). David the King could not allow anyone to believe that as King, he was not powerful and just. He would not have wanted anyone to know he was deceptive, dishonest, and unjust, until God through the prophet Nathan exposed who he really was (2 Sam. 12:7-14). How difficult life must be when we try to do this, acting in so many different settings to be accepted and approved by others.

Leader: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

People: **The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the Commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

Leader: The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

People **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Leader: Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

People: **But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.**

Leader: Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

All: **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

WORSHIP THROUGH CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

Brief Welcome & Greeting

(OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE & GIVING)

Birthdays & Anniversaries – **MARCH Announcements**

Offertory Commitment & Blessing of Offering

Receiving of Tithes & Offering

Sunday School Minute

Prayer with the Children

Junior Church

Prayer of Intercession & Thanksgiving

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Readings OT— Ex. 20: 1-17

NT— John 2 :13-22

Selection *Breathe on me, breath of God*

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew, That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Until my heart is pure, Until with Thee I will one will, To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly Thine, Until this earthly part of me Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I never die, But live with Thee the perfect life Of Thine eternity.
Edward Hatch (1835-89)

Message - Reverend Trevor Edwards

Hymn of Response

#606
Baptist Hymnal

Make me a captive, Lord,
And then I shall be free
Force me to render up my sword
And I shall conqueror be.
I sink in life’s alarms
When by myself I stand;
Imprison me within thine arms,
And strong shall be my hand.

My heart is weak and poor
Until it master find;
It has no spring of action sure,
It varies with the wind.
It cannot freely move
Till thou hast wrought its chain;
Enslave it with thy matchless love,
And deathless it shall reign.

My pow’r is faint and low
Till I have learned to serve;
It lacks the needed fire to glow,
It lacks the breeze to nerve.
It cannot drive the world
Until itself be driv’n;
Its flag can only be unfurled
When thou shalt breathe from heav’n.

My will is not my own
Till thou hast made it thine;
If it would reach a monarch’s throne,
It must its crown resign.
It only stands unbent
Amid the clashing strife

George Matheson (1890)

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

Hymn — #438
Baptist Praise & Worship

Jesus invites His saints
To meet around His board;
Here pardoned rebels sit and hold
Communion with their Lord.

For food He gave His flesh,
He bids us drink His blood;
Amazing favor! matchless grace
Of our descending God!

This holy bread and wine
Maintains our fainting breath,
By union with our living Lord,
And interest in His death.

Our heav'nly Fa-ther calls
Christ and His members one;
We the young children of His love,
And He the first-born Son.

We are but several parts
Of the same broken bread;
One body hath its several limbs,
But Je-sus is the Head.

Let all our powers be joined
His glo-ri-ous name to raise;
Pleasure and love fill every mind,
And every voice be praise.

☞ Holy Communion ☞

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

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

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.



MARCH 2024

Birthdays

- 05- Sister Fredericka Swaby
- 12—Brother Ray Bradford-Britton
- 12- Miss Annalyese Brown
- 13—Brother Lloyd Tennant
- 14—Sister Marcia Roach
- 22- Reverend Trevor Edwards
- 23- Master Daniel Jackson
- 25—Brother Oneil Simpson
- 29— Sister Jean Rose
- 30- Sister Elaine Wilkins
- 30- Miss Tatiyana Thomas

