

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 - APRIL

- 21ST** - 2nd Quarterly Members Meeting @ 11:30 am.
- 24th** - Cell group 7 leads Bible Study
- 28th** - Brotherhood visits Golden Spring

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 925-5573



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 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.



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

Please find zoom links below

Tuesday @ 11:45 a.m.—12:45 p.m.

Midday Meditation. Join us at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81889246904pwd=VU1nMDRaRWWhOby9Xa1RzdjZkVdD1dz09>

Meeting ID: 818 8924 6904 Password: 044267

2nd Sundays after worship W/Federation

Third Tues.: Finance Committee Meeting Wednesday @6.30 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study (hybrid). Join us at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88257758645?pwd=RjhuVlIYSGNzUjNWeEpUMDAvaFISZz09>

Meeting ID: 882 5775 8645 Password: 211236

Fridays @ 7:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Saturdays @ 2.00 p.m. Praise Team Practice

Thursday before 1st Sunday - Church Council Meeting

BARBICAN BAPTIST CHURCH
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Email: barbicanbaptist@gmail.com

Musicians: Francois Brown (on duty)
Oneil Simpson
Brett Blackellar

Sunday School Supt.: Sis. Sharon Earle Edwards

Sunday School/Family Bible Hour: 8:00 a.m.

Join at: <https://tinyurl.com/BBCSundaySchool>

Meeting ID: 859 2802 5543 Passcode: 113204

New Members' Class: 10:30 a.m.

Join at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88115398995?pwd=VjJWeVdoNmIzVTIEUkpaZ3MvQXRsUT09>

Meeting ID: 881 1539 8995 Passcode: 269869

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

Barbican Baptist Church

THE FRIENDLY CHURCH

Sunday Morning Divine Worship Service & Holy Communion

April 7, 2024
9:15 A.M.

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

Month's Theme: *Integrity in Leadership*



LEADER:

Sister Vivette Swaby

SPEAKER:

Reverend Trevor Edwards

DEACON ON DUTY:

Dr. Tracy McFarlane

PASTOR:

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

APPROACH TO WORSHIP



Leader: Mighty God,

People: in whom we know the power of redemption,

Leader: you stand among us in the shadows of our time.

People: As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life,

Leader: uphold us with knowledge of the final morning

People: when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son,

Leader: we will share in his resurrection,

People: redeemed and restored to the fullness of life

Leader: and forever freed to be your people.

Amen.

Choruses of Praise and Affirmation

- He lives, He lives
- This is my desire

Gathering Hymn *Crown Him with many crowns*

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee, and hail him as
thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Prayer Chorus: Turn your eyes
upon Jesus

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!

Responsive Reading Psalm 133,
1 John 1:1-2:2
NRSV

Psalm 133

Leader: How very good and pleasant it
is when kindred live together in unity!

**People: It is like the precious oil
on the head, running down upon
the beard, on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of
his robes.**

Leader: It is like the dew of
Hermon, which falls on the mountains
of Zion. For there the LORD ordained
his blessing, life forevermore.

I would like to suggest some strategic ministry responses that we can make as a church, to our men if the main cause of death is behavioural and not medical.

Education in anger and conflict management skills.

The Bible tells us that, "Everyone should be quick to listen and slow to anger...Jas 1:19; and "the heart of man is deceitful and desperately wicked..." (Jer. 17:9), and that the heart needs changing. Our strategy would be to bring together the men in our community and show them how managing their anger towards one another, could make a difference in the way they relate to others in the community. It would also help them to manage their anger and identify other approaches to settle conflicts instead of violence of any kind. It could extend their lives and make them more accessible to their families. As the saying goes, "Control your anger, it's one letter away from danger".

Education in parenting and protecting their children from male sexual predators.

"I cannot think of any need in childhood as strong as the need for a father's protection". Sigmund Freud.

Mrs. Diahann Gordon Harris, the children's advocate recently expressed deep concern about the growing number of girls who have been raped by men who also are having sex with under sixteen-year-old girls. We may not be able to change the attitude of all the men in our community, but couldn't the church begin to make a difference in the minds of men on how they see and relate to little girls? Seeing them as children to be protected rather than objects to be preyed on.

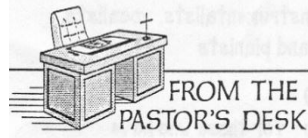
Education to offer greater support for the mothers of their children.

"Any man can help make a child but it takes a special man to help raise a child".

Many of our men unfortunately do not treat women with the respect that they deserve. Most mothers need domestic support and financial support for their children. In addition, they need the assurance that their children are protected are allowed to develop their potential, and are not abused by men, sometimes the very men they live with who may not be the biological fathers of their children. These skills can be taught, and some men have never been educated along these lines. Wouldn't it be great if the church could intervene to make a difference? "The people who make a difference are not the ones with the credentials, but the ones with the concern." Max Lucado

Could this be an opportunity for the church to make concrete the command, to love our neighbour as we love ourselves?

Your Pastor.



Cause of death?

I sometimes veer from the beaten path in writing these messages but desire to keep my attention focused on the realities around us. The question to you this month is, what do you think is the greatest cause of death in Jamaica?

In our Bible study on Wednesday, we learned that many persons had losses in their families through death. Cancer was implicated several times. You may be thinking that the answer is cancer, but it is not. The latest statistics (2019)* from the World Health Organization (WHO) on Jamaica, show that the main causes for women and men are;

Cause	Women	Men
Interpersonal Violence		79.8
Stroke	87.7	76
Diabetes Mellitus	83.3	56.9
Ischaemic heart Disease	55.8	61.3
Interpersonal violence	21.3	

*Please note that the figures do not include the COVID period as these are not yet available, but you would find projections made by the WHO; The figures are per 100,000 of the population.

Please note that the leading cause of death for women is **stroke** and for men, it is **interpersonal conflict**. The longer list shows cancers coming below these causes, which are mainly described as non-communicable diseases (NCDs) except for IPV .

When I read these stats, I was really surprised and shocked that so many of our men, die from violence in our country. This reality must be seen, not only as data to alarm us, or information leading to indifference but statistics that can inform our strategic approach for reaching men in our country, beginning in our family and community. It seems to me that if we could prevent one more male from using violence to settle a dispute, we would over time reduce the statistics and the number of fatherless children plus the mothers who are left to raise these children on their own. Not to mention the reduction in the trauma and grief that would be removed from the lives of several family members.

1 John 1:1-2:2

People: We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-

Leader: this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us

People: we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

Leader: We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

People: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

Leader: If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true;

People: but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Leader: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Leader: If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

People: My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

Leader: and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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, Greetings & Notices

- Recognition of Birthdays and Anniversaries – **April 2024**
- Offertory Commitment & Blessing of Offering
- Receiving of Tithes & Offering
- Doxology
- Sunday School Minute
- Prayer with the Children
- **Junior Church**
- Prayer of Intercession & Thanksgiving

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading

St. John 20: 19-31

Hymn of Preparation

Breathe on me,
Breath of God

Breathe on me, Breath of God,

fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love,
and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
for all eternity.

Edwin Hatch

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*



Message **Rev. Trevor
Edwards**

**Hymn of
Response** *Nothing but the blood of
Jesus*

What can wash away my sins
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*Oh! Precious is the flow
That makes me whole again
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

For my cleansing this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my pardon this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Nothing can my sin erase
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Tis not of works, tis all of grace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

Hymn — **Passover God, We Re
member #447 BPW**

(tune– Worship the lord in
the beauty of holiness #22)

Passover God, we remember your
faithfulness
God of the exodus, friend of the poor;
people bowed down with the burden
of powerlessness,
sin in its ruthlessness making them
slaves.

You summoned Moses to work for the
freedom march,
you called the slaves to be people of
hope;
set free from Egypt, you led them
through desert lands,
loving commands gave them justice
and truth.

We are your people, still
called to a promised land,
called for a purpose with
Christ as the way;
grant us commitment to
wholeness and liberty,
strength for the journey and
grace for each day.

☞ **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.



APRIL 2024

Birthdays

- 01– Master Dylan Levermore
- 03– Sister Janet Johnson-Morris
- 08– Sister Donna Fray
- 15– Sister Tru-Sha Dixon
- 19– Sister Inez Kerr
- 20– Brother Durrant Hyatt
- 21– Sister Bernice Spencer
- 24– Sister Erica Maddix
- 29– Sister Beryl Moseley
- 30– Sister Feron Brown Hamilton