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.

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.



on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Please find the Zoom link below.

UPCOMING EVENTS—JULY

- * The Women's Federation will be having its 67th Anniversary Service next Sunday, July 13, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.
- * The Sunday School Anniversary Service will take place on Sunday, July 20, 2025, under the *Theme:* Faithful to the Finish: Growing Together in Grace.
- * Family and Fellowship Outing will be held on Saturday, July 26. Please save the date. Additional details will be provided at a later date.
- The 3rd Quarterly Members' Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 27, at 11:30 a.m.
- * Open Sunday School will take place on August 31. The activity will be the Sunday School Quiz.

BARBICAN BAPTIST CHURCH

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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. Account Type: Chequing accoun Church Council Meeting: Thursday before 1st Location: NCB Matilda's Corner 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

BARBICAN CIRCUIT (Jamaica Baptist Union)

Sunday Morning Divine Worship Service & Holy Communion

> July 6, 2025 9:15 A.M.

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

Theme for the Month: Free From ... Free For



Leader:	Sister Dr. Sharon Earle-Edwards
\$peaker:	Reverend Trevor Edwards
Deacon on Duty:	Deacon Andre Harris
Paștor:	Reverend Trevor Edwards Barbican/Golden Spring Circuit of Baptist Churches

APPROACH TO WORSHIP

🦛 Call To Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

People: sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise.

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

People: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."

All: God alone is worthy, lets worship Him in spirit and truth.

Choruses of Praise

- I've Got Peace Like a River
- He Set Me Free One Day

Gathering

Hymn

207 BHB Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts, Thou fount of life, Thou light of men; From the best bliss that earth imparts, We turn unfilled to Thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; Thou savest those that on Thee call; To them that seek Thee Thou art good, To them that find Thee, all in all!

We taste Thee, O Thou living bread, And long to feast upon Thee still; We drink of Thee, the fountain-head, And thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for Thee, Where'er our changeful lot is cast; Glad, when Thy gracious smile we see, Blest, when our faith can hold Thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, Make all our moments calm and bright, Chase the dark night of sin away, Shed o'er the world Thy holy light.

tr. Ray Palmer, 1808-87

Prayer	Holy Spirit Thou Art
Chorus	Welcome in This Place
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	Psalm 30
Reading	(NRSV)

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

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

Leader: O 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."

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? Jesus addressed this directly, as recounted in John 8:34, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin." He was speaking to a group of Jews, some of whom had just expressed belief in Him, while others were challenging His authority. The conversation began with Jesus offering them true freedom: "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32). His audience objected, claiming that as descendants of Abraham, they were never slaves and therefore did not need to be set free. Jesus responded by clarifying that He was not speaking of political or physical slavery, but of spiritual bondage. The greatest captivity is not physical but spiritual. And because of that, the greatest freedom is not political but redemptive.

The awesome responsibility of freedom for the believer is that it is both a gift and a charge. It is the awesome responsibility of living rightly before God and others. Those who claim to love the Lord are entrusted with this sacred stewardship. The Apostle Paul, in writing to the Galatians, offers a profound warning and exhortation: "Do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love." (Galatians 5:13). Freedom is not an escape from responsibility; it is the embrace of it.

There are at least three major responsibilities of the truly free:

The Responsibility to Live Holy Lives The Responsibility to Serve The Responsibility to Proclaim the Gospel

In this era of shifting norms and growing confusion, the Church must rise as both a beacon and a bastion of true freedom. This requires courage. It means speaking unpopular truths, defending righteousness, and resisting cultural pressures to compromise. It also means demonstrating freedom through compassionate service, holy living, and the bold proclamation of the gospel. The Church has both the opportunity and the mandate to lead. The problems of violence, corruption, broken families, and lost youth cannot be solved by governments alone. These are spiritual battles that demand spiritual solutions — and that begins with a people who understand what it means to be truly free.

Freedom is one of God's greatest gifts, but it also grants us one of His most awesome responsibilities. It is not simply the breaking of chains but the empowerment to live rightly, serve others, and proclaim His truth. As modern norms shift and the world debates what freedom means, the gospel remains unchanging. True freedom begins at the cross and is sustained by obedience, love, and mission.

The world does not need more empty declarations of freedom. It needs hearts that have been truly set free, and lives that demonstrate the beauty, power, and responsibility of that freedom. Only then will families heal, nations prosper, and God be glorified.

Amen.

Deacon Douglas Lovermore



Freedom - The Awesome Responsibility of Christians in a World of Shifting Norms

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." — Galatians 5:1 (NIV)

In every generation, the concept of freedom occupies center stage in political debates, personal ambitions, and national identities. From the emancipation of slaves to the declarations of independence, from civil rights marches to global conversations about autonomy and human dignity — freedom remains a timeless and universal longing of the human soul. And yet, as the world progresses and norms shift, what it truly means to be free has become increasingly complex, and in some cases, dangerously distorted.

In today's world, freedom is often equated with the absence of restriction—the right to do as one pleases, to chart one's own course without interference, and to pursue personal desires without boundaries. This modern notion, celebrated especially in Western societies, ties freedom closely to personal autonomy: freedom of speech, of expression, of love, of identity, and of wealth accumulation. The digital age has amplified these liberties, granting access to limitless information, instant communication, and global opportunity. Yet, despite this expansion, it has not yielded greater happiness, peace, or security. When freedom is detached from truth, responsibility, and moral anchoring, it becomes not only fragile but also potentially destructive. Scripture reminds us that true freedom is far deeper than this illusion—it is not merely about breaking chains, but about who or what we serve once the chains are gone.

In fact, the opposite is often true. Anxiety, depression, addiction, and loneliness are on the rise globally. Many who claim to be free find themselves trapped in cycles of comparison, materialism, and emotional instability. Young people struggle under the weight of having to create their own meaning in a world where absolute truth is increasingly rejected. Rates of anxiety and depression have surged dramatically, with global increases of up to 63% among young adults. At the same time, addiction rates have climbed sharply, and loneliness now affects nearly 50% of adults, with a growing number reporting daily feelings of isolation. Freedom without boundaries has become a new kind of slavery.

Jamaica, like many nations, embodies this paradox. Politically, it is free. The shackles of colonialism have allegedly been broken for 63 years. Civil liberties have been enshrined in law. Cultural expression flourishes on the global stage. Yet many Jamaicans live daily with the heavy burdens of poverty, crime, violence, corruption, and inequality. Are you free to leave your doors and windows open at 5:00 a.m.? The country may be independent, but countless citizens remain imprisoned by forces that no constitution can liberate: greed, hatred, addiction, spiritual emptiness, and moral decay – modern-day slavery.

While physical slavery may seem like a relic of the past, modern-day slavery is very real and alarmingly widespread. According to the *Global Slavery Index*, over 50 million people worldwide live in conditions of forced labor, human trafficking, sexual exploitation, and child servitude. These are not abstract statistics; these are men, women, and child dren trapped in inhumane systems driven by greed, power, and evil.

Even beyond the physical, millions more are enslaved spiritually. People remain in bondage to sin, addiction, consumerism, pornography, pride, and unforgiveness. These chains are no less devastating than iron shackles. They erode relationships, destroy families, cripple communities, and sever people from the peace that only God can give.

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 - JULY

Tithes and Offering and Doxology

Offertory songs: Something in My Heart

Sunday School Minute

Prayer with the Children and Youth

Junior Church

Prayer of Intercession & Thanksgiving

WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Scripture O.T.–2 Kings 5:1-14 Readings N.T.–Galatians 5:1-15

The Choir

Special Item

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 # 141 BHB In the Cross of Christ

In the cross of Christ I glory, Towering o'er the wrecks of time;

All the light of sacred story athers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, Hopes deceive, and fears annoy, Never shall the cross forsake me. Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way, From the cross the radiance streaming Adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, By the cross are sanctified; Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.

In the cross of Christ I glory, Towering o'er the wrecks of time; All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.

John Bowring, 1792-1872

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn	# 151
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	When I Survey the
	Wondrous Čross

When I survey the wondrous cross Where the young Prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Hymn

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

esus keep me near the cross There a precious fountain, Free to all a healing stream Flows from Calvary's mountain.

Chorus

In the cross, in the cross Be my glory ever, Till my raptured soul shall find Rest beyond the river.

Near the cross a trembling soul, Love and mercy found me There the bright and morning star, Shed its beams around me.

Near the cross Oh Lamb of God, Bring its scenes before me Help me walk from day to day With its shadows o'er me.

Near the cross I watch and wait Hoping, trusting ever, Till I reach the golden strand, Just beyond the river.

Fanny Crosby, 1869



න Holy Communion ශ

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

Covenant Sharing

ଚ୍ଚ Closing Prayer ରହ

୭୦ BENEDICTION ୧୫

CHURCH COVENANT

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 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.



JULY 2025

Birthdays

- 03-Sister Sonia Lewis
- 04–Sister Princess Robinson
- 06-Sister Margaret Nevers
- 11-Sister Jodian Henry
- 11—Brother William Kirkcaldy Bucknor
- 12-Sister June Dunkley
- 14-Brother Wilbert Miller
- 22-Miss Nickaylia Brown
- 25—Sister Dr. Sharon Earle-Edwards
- 25-Brother Ronaldo Russell
- 26-Sister Vivienne Davidson
- 28-Sister Althea Bradford-Britton
- 31-Sister Reanne Spence-Dunn

Anniversaries

- 01—Deacon Douglas & Cheryl Levermore
- 03-Rev. Earl & Patricia Morgan
- 21–Drs. Eron & Grace McLean
- 29—Mr & Mrs Richard & Nicole Jackson