

## 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—MARCH

- \* You are invited to join the KSABA for worship on Ash Wednesday, March 5, at Mt. Charles Baptist Church in Lawrence Tavern. The service will begin at 10:00 a.m.
- \* The Memorial Service for Deacon Michelle Blackellar's father, Mr. Godfrey Dennis, will take place on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at 11 a.m. at the DeCarteret College Auditorium in Mandeville, Manchester.
- \* The Thanksgiving Service of Deacon Gilbourne's niece will be on Sunday, March 16, at 11:30 a.m. at the Highgate Seventh Day Adventist Church in St Mary.
- \* Jamaica Nite 2025 will be held on Friday, April 25, on the church grounds. Persons interested in volunteering or sponsoring, please see Deacon Harris. Additional details will be provided at a later date.

### 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  
Bro. Donald Miller  
Bro. David Levermore  
Bro. Frankie Dinnald  
Rev. and Mrs. Earl & Patricia Morgan



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

### BARBICAN BAPTIST CHURCH

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**Musicians:** Francois Brown (on duty)  
Brett Blackellar

**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.

Join us at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88115398995?pwd=VWJWeVdoNmZVTIEUkpaZ3MvQXR5UT09>  
**Meeting ID:** 881 1539 8995 **Passcode:** 269869

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

**Midday Meditation:** Tuesday @ 11:45—12:45 p.m.  
Join us at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81889246904?wd=VU1nMDRaRWhOby9Xa1RzdjZKVdD1dz09>  
**Meeting ID:** 818 8924 6904 **Password:** 044267

**Women's Federation:** 2nd Sundays after worship  
**Finance Committee Meeting:** Third Tuesdays

**Prayer Meeting and Bible Study:** Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. Join us at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88257758645?pwd=RjhuVllYSGNzUINWeEpUMDAvaFISZz09>  
**Meeting ID:** 882 5775 8645 **Password:** 211236

**Youth Fellowship:** Fridays @ 7:00 p.m.  
**Praise Team Practice:** Saturdays @ 2:00 p.m.  
**Church Council Meeting:** Thursday before 1st Sunday

# Barbican Baptist Church

THE FRIENDLY CHURCH

## Sunday Morning Divine Worship Service & Holy Communion

March 2, 2025

9:15 A.M.

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

**Theme for the Month:** Walking with Christ



**Leader:**

Sister Joni-Lee Harris

**Speaker:**

Reverend Trevor Edwards

**Deacon on Duty:**

Deacon Jennifer Griffith

**Pastor:**

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

## APPROACH TO WORSHIP



Leader: Holy God, mighty and immortal,

**People: You are beyond our knowing,**

Leader: yet we see Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ,

**People: whose compassion illumines the world.**

Leader: Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ,

**People: who renewed our humanity so that we may share in His divinity,**

Leader: the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,

**All: who live and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### Choruses of Praise

- I Will Enter His Gates
- We Are Standing on Holy Ground

**Gathering Hymn** # 65  
BP&W  
*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

**P**raise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor  
to his people in distress.  
Praise him, still the same as ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Fatherlike he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows.  
In his hand he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Widely yet his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;  
you behold him face to face.  
Sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

*H.F. Lyte, 1793-1847*

**Prayer Chorus** *Spirit of the Living God*

### 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** **Psalm 99 (NRSV)**

Leader: The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!  
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**People: The LORD is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the peoples.**

Leader: Let them praise Your great and awesome name. Holy is He!

**People: Mighty King, lover of justice, You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Leader: Extol the LORD our God; worship at His footstool. Holy is He!

**People: Moses and Aaron were among His priests, Samuel also was among those who called on His name. They cried to the LORD, and He answered them.**

The main takeaway from the studies is that the church needs to discern new ways of sharing the gospel, of evangelizing the lost, as we cannot rely exclusively on traditional approaches such as mass evangelism or crusades.

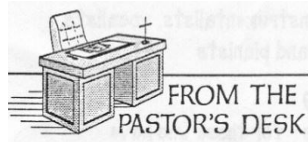
### 3. Community Wholeness and Wellness – Awareness, Consideration, Acceptance and Action

On Friday of the Assembly, there were eight workshops on wellness. The Family Life Commission, which I chair, was asked to present on **“wellness: emotional, physical, and spiritual for the church and the community.”** Three presenters, namely Dr. Maureen Irons Morgan, Miss Tavia Riggon, and myself, shared in this workshop. The moderator was Dr. Sharon Earle Edwards. The participants were challenged to move from “Awareness to Consideration, Acceptance, and Action.” The session was enhanced by practical activities, breathing exercises, silence, and Community Temperature Reading (CTR). One of the main highlights of this workshop was the need to rediscover, re-emphasize, and restore the Whole Person Ministry that some of our churches started many years ago. There is still the need for our ministry efforts to be directed to the whole person. We used the occasion to introduce a book by retired Psychiatrist, Dr. Anthony Allen, titled, **“The Congregation as a Healing Community.”** I strongly recommend this book, as it reminds us that the church is as well as its community is well. While the church is an agent of change in the community, we must continue to develop and display practical examples of wellness in the church and the community. Wellness should not be an on-off exercise for the church but should be an ongoing ministry of the church.

### Conclusion

The other comments I have on the 175<sup>th</sup> General Assembly will need to be made at another time. Sufficient to say, the takeaways from this assembly are for worship to be more transformational, evangelism to be more inclusive, and for the church to include wellness as a regular part of its ministry offerings. *“Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul”* (3 John 2:5 NRSV)

*Your Pastor*



## JBU Assembly

The curtains have been drawn on the 175<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Jamaica Baptist Union, held in Montego Bay between February 19 and 23. This marked the first time the Assembly took place outside of Kingston since the COVID-19 pandemic began in 2020. The Assembly's theme was "**Keeping Faith with the Word in an Ever-Changing World,**" complemented by the sub-theme "Wholeness."

Our secretary, Deacon Jennifer Griffith, will give a fulsome report on the Assembly. We thank her in advance for the report and her faithfulness and dedication in serving yet another year as our delegate.

Allow me to share some takeaways and raise some questions.

### 1. Fried Dumpling and Johnnycake

The President, Rev. Dwight Fraser, challenged the Assembly on Sunday morning, under the theme, "**Worshipping Wholesomely,**" to let God be the centre of our worship. Very often, we gather for worship and we believe that the congregation is the audience for worship. No, it is God. From the time we enter the corporate worship space to the close of the service, we need to remember that God is the object of worship. It's not about making people feel good, nor is it about entertainment and the display of gifts. Rather, worship is our solemn offering to God. He also stated that **Worshipping Wholesomely** should be transformative. The illustration he used to make this point was a remark his mother made to him when he was younger: "Don't go in like **Johnnycake** and come out like **Fry Dumpling.**" The word, then, to all believers, and all Baptists in particular, is to let worship be transformative for you. Allow me to add my spin: make sure you don't come out worse than you went in – as a burnt Johnnycake. *God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth (John 4:24, NK)*

### 2. Be inclusive

The Bible studies, led by Rev. Dr. Michael Friday, under the Theme, "**Maturing Meaningfully,**" were quite stimulating and made some useful, practical suggestions, although in some parts, they were a bit controversial. The theme of inclusiveness was very present in the ministry of Jesus, and the challenge for the church today is to ensure we do no less. There are many unreached people in our communities and the world, including those with disabilities, and many others who are treated as outcasts, as the 'tax collectors and sinners' were in Jesus's day. Today, many others could be included in this discussion. These include the poor in neighboring communities, the elderly, who are at risk of neglect, some having turned away from God in their youth, sexual minorities—as the speaker noted using the Ethiopian Eunuch as an example—and those at the workplace. He ended the series with a creative and stimulating look at the parable of the Prodigal Son.

Leader: He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept His decrees and the statutes that He gave them.

**People: O LORD our God, You answered them; You were a forgiving God to them but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

**All: Extol the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.**

**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 – **MARCH**

Tithes and Offering and Doxology

*Offertory song: Real, Real, Real, Christ So Real to Me*

Sunday School Minute

Prayer with the Children and Youth

## Junior Church

Prayer of Intercession & Thanksgiving

## WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

**Scripture Readings** O.T.—Exodus 34:29-35  
N.T.—Luke 9:28-43a

**Hymn of Meditation** *O Wondrous Type!  
O Vision Fair  
(Tune: All You That Pass By)*

**O**wondrous type! O vision fair of glory that the Church may share, which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!

With Moses and Elijah nigh  
th'incarnate Lord holds converse high,  
and from the cloud the Holy One  
bears record to the only Son.

With shining face and bright array  
Christ deigns to manifest today  
what glory shall be theirs above  
who joy in God with perfect love.

And faithful hearts are raised on high  
by this great vision's mystery,  
for which in joyful strains we raise  
the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

O Father, with th'eternal Son  
and Holy Spirit ever one,  
we pray you, bring us by your grace  
to see your glory face to face.

*J. M. Neale, 1854*

## 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

## I Just Want to Follow Jesus

**Y**ou may be young and think the world is at your feet.

Perhaps you live from day to day:  
But I confess that I have met Lord Jesus Christ  
And know that He's the only way

*Chorus*  
*I just want to follow Jesus,  
Follow each and everyday  
And I want to serve and praise Him  
As I walk the narrow way.  
Where He leads me, I will follow  
From the start until the end:  
I will stay with Him forever.  
He's my nearest, dearest friend.*

I'm growing older, wiser, seeing things more clear  
And value this great friend I've made.  
That's why I try to show Him off to all my friends.  
And tell them of the price He's paid.

Life has more meaning now that I've known Jesus Christ,  
I've got the strength to cope with all.  
His Spirit is my guide, never am I afraid.  
And I will always heed His call.

I consecrate my life to serving Jesus Christ.  
I've made this pledge, to God indeed.  
I put my trust in Him and seek to do  
His will.  
He satisfies my every need.

If you have not as yet given your life to Him  
I beg of you, do not delay,  
I call on you to put your faith in Jesus  
Christ.  
And join with me these words to say.

*Dr. George Mulrain & Dr. George Roberts*

#### PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### Hymn

# 316  
BHB  
*Here, O My Lord, I  
See Thee Face to Face*

**H**ere, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face.  
Here would I touch and handle things unseen,  
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,  
And all our helplessness upon Thee lean.

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

This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
This is the heavenly table spread for me;  
Here let me feast, and, feasting, still prolong  
The Hallowed hour of fellowship with Thee.

Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear.  
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;  
The bread and wine remove, but Thou are here,  
Nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.

I have no help but Thine; nor do I need  
Another arm save Thine to lean upon;  
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;  
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.

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

*Horatius Bonar, 1855*

#### Hymn

#### *In Remembrance of Me*

**I**n 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

In remembrance of Me search for truth  
In remembrance of Me always love  
In remembrance of Me don't look above  
But in your heart  
Look in your heart for God  
Do this in remembrance of Me

*Ragan Courtney and Buryl Red, 1972*

#### ☪ Holy Communion ☪



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

#### Covenant Sharing

#### ☪ Closing Prayer ☪

#### ☪ BENEDICTION ☪

#### CHURCH COVENANT

**H**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 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 2025**

#### 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
- 29—Sister Jean Rose
- 30—Sister Elaine Wilkins
- 30—Miss Tatiyana Thomas