

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 to 12:45



Participate in **Bible Study** on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Please find the Zoom link below.

UPCOMING EVENTS—AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

- * Join us on Zoom today, Sunday, August 4, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. for **Celebrating Independence—Opportunities for Economic Growth**.

Presenters: Brother Samuel Arava and Ms. Antoinette Dunkley Shim. **Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89923739905?pwd=w13PG9JlSNA8LuJuZ9mpqq207Ym5Jl.1>

Meeting ID: 899 2373 9905
Passcode: 234021

Moderator: Deacon Jennifer Griffith

- * Application forms for the P3 Scholarship for the Academic Year, September 2024 through to July 2025, is now available. Please contact the office for details. **Application Deadline—August 11, 2024.**
- * Barbican Baptist's 104th Anniversary Service—August 11, 2024 at 9:15 a.m.
- * Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2024 runs from August 12-14, 2024, from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.
- * Sunday School Teachers' Retreat—September 6-7, 2024

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.

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Oneil Simpson
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=VVJWVdoNm1zVTlEUkpaZ3MvQXR5UT09>
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 @ 5:00 p.m.
Church Council Meeting: Thursday before 1st Sunday

Barbican Baptist Church

THE FRIENDLY CHURCH

Sunday Morning Divine Worship Service & Holy Communion

August 4, 2024

9:15 A.M.

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

Theme for the Month: Empowered to Rest



Leader:

Sister Sonia Lewis

Speaker:

Rev. Dr. Burchel Taylor

Deacon on Duty:

Deacon Jennifer Griffith

Pastor:

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

APPROACH TO WORSHIP



Leader: God of captives and pilgrims,

**People: We gather to worship You
in reverence and praise**

Leader: You brought Your people home
from despair

**People: And gave them a land of
freedom and plenty**

Leader: Look in mercy on us Your servants,

**People: Deliver us from the prison
of selfishness and sin**

Leader: And bring us home to justice,
sharing, and compassion

**People: The realm You promised
all the world**

**All: In Jesus Christ the Savior.
Amen.**

Choruses of Praise

- Rock My Soul Medley
- Hosanna

Gathering Hymn *The Right Hand of God*

The right hand of God
is writing in our land,
Writing with power and with love;
Our conflicts and our fears,
Our triumphs and our tears,
Are recorded by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God
is pointing in our land,
Pointing the way we must go;
So clouded is the way,
So easily we stray,
But we're guided by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God
is striking in our land,
Striking out at envy, hate and greed;
Our selfishness and lust,
Our pride and deeds unjust,
Are destroyed by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God
is lifting in our land,
Lifting the fallen one by one;
Each one is known by name,
And lifted now from shame,
By the lifting of the right hand of God.

The right hand of God
is healing in our land,
Healing broken bodies, minds and souls;
So wondrous is its touch,
With love that means so much,
When we're healed
by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God
is planting in our land,
Planting seeds of freedom, hope and love;
In these many-peopled lands,
Let his children all join hands,
And be one with the right hand of God.

Patrick Prescod (1981)

Prayer Chorus *Learning to Lean*

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 HoLung)

Responsive Reading **Psalm 51:1-12**
NRSV

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, ac-
cording to Your steadfast love; according to
Your abundant mercy, blot out my trans-
gressions.

**People: Wash me thoroughly from my
iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

Leader: For I know my transgressions, and
my sin is ever before me.

Today, Christians can have a right relationship with God by trusting Him (Prov. 3:5-6). In Romans 14:17-18, Paul explains that the Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by men. Psalm 119:172 states that all of God's commandments are righteousness. Therefore, if we live by and conform to every word of God, we will grow in righteousness.

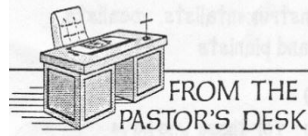
God assures us that all who honestly seek Him—those who act in faith on the knowledge of God they possess—will be rewarded. Hebrews 11:6 says: "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." We exhibit our love for God by obeying and believing what He says.

"God has no room for the proud mockers but gives grace to the humble" (Prov 3:34). Micah 6:8 says, "He has shown you, O man, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." There is only one way to please God, and that is by doing things according to God's will. If we choose to do things our way, there will consequences for our actions.

If we genuinely repent and accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, our commitment demands a fully surrendered life. This life relies on God's guidance to lead us in the way He desires. God instructs us to entrust our paths to Him, and He will show us the way (Psalm 37:5 and Prov. 16:3). In Romans 12:1-2, Paul reminds us not to conform to the patterns of this world but to be transformed by renewing our minds.

As we commemorate 62 years of our independence as a nation, let us not overlook the fact that we are entirely reliant on God in every aspect of our lives.

Margaret Curtis Walker
Deacon



PURSUING INTEGRITY

We live in a world filled with evil, greed, self-centeredness, and deceit, where moral values are disregarded and evil is increasingly prevalent. The Prophet Isaiah 5:20 says:

“Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!”

Everyone must carefully observe the distinction between good and evil. Failure to do so will lead to destruction. If we do not take God's word, the Bible, as our standard, moral decisions will soon become unclear. We cannot live a compromised life and expect to please God. Without God, we are nothing.

We can ask the question: How does one pursue a life of integrity in this present world, where the environment is so corrupt? Pursuing integrity has been a sub-theme of JBU's yearlong theme: “Keeping Faith in the Word in an Ever-Changing World”. The world is constantly changing; values and attitudes are changing, but the Word of God remains constant and firm.

The word "integrity" highlights the importance of walking circumspectly with God, referring to a course of action that enables one to live in a way that honours God, the Creator.

Integrity is doing what is always right, whether anyone is watching or not. In other words, we do not live our lives to please human beings but to please God, the all-knowing and all-seeing Creator of the universe.

Can anyone in this ever-changing world live a life of integrity that is pleasing to God? Can we find individuals with the same level of strong moral character as Joseph or Job in today's world? The answer to both questions is yes. God has His people everywhere, and living in integrity means maintaining moral uprightness, being incorruptible, and having a steadfast commitment to righteousness. Unfortunately, honesty seems to be a rare commodity today, particularly among our leaders. It's essential to remember that integrity is a God-given value that is shaped and guided by our continuous walk with the Almighty. To live a life of integrity in all our daily activities, we must be faithful to God's commands at all times.

God honours integrity. A person of integrity behaves ethically and does the right thing, even behind closed doors. The Bible is filled with men and women of integrity who lived their lives to honour and glorify God, such as Joseph, Job, Daniel, Jephthah, Deborah, and Ruth, just to name a few. Joseph had an impeccable character, and his integrity placed him among the greatest of his father's sons. God referred to Job as "blameless and upright," meaning he was a man of integrity who trusted God. Jephthah held true to his oath."

Integrity, as described in the Bible, develops through a life of righteousness, faith, humility, and commitment. In Genesis 15:6, the Bible shows that Abraham's belief in God was counted as righteousness. He demonstrated his faith through his actions, emphasizing that it was his belief that made him right with God, not just his actions.

People: Against You, You alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified in Your sentence and blameless when You pass judgment.

Leader: Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

People: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Leader: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

People: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have crushed rejoice.

Leader: Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Leader: Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

All: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

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 & Anniversaries – AUGUST

Tithes and Offering and Doxology

Offertory song: We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

Sunday School Minute

Prayer with the Children

Junior Church

Prayer of Intercession & Thanksgiving

WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Scripture Readings O.T.—Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
N.T.—Matt. 11:25-30

Special Selection: Barbican Baptist Choir

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 # 603
BP&W
What A Friend We Have In Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Joseph Scriven (1855)

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn

427
BHB

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock
Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat,
And the burden of the day.

O safe and happy shelter,
O refuge tried and sweet,
O trysting place where Heaven's love
And Heaven's justice meet!
As to the holy patriarch
That wondrous dream was given,
So seems my Savior's cross to me,
A ladder up to Heaven.

Upon that cross of Jesus
Mine eyes at times can see
The very dying form of One
Who suffered there for me;
And from my stricken heart with tears
Two wonders I confess;
The wonders of redeeming love
And my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow
For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine
Than the sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by,
To know no gain or loss,
My sinful self my only shame,
My glory all the cross.

Elizabeth Clephane (1868)

Hymn

436
BP&W

Here, O My Lord

Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen,
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
And all my helplessness 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.

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.

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 marriage feast of bliss
and love

Horatius Bonar (1855)

☞ Holy Communion ☞



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

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.



AUGUST 2024

Birthdays

- 01 – Brother Howard Senior
- 01 – Miss Cameron Thorpe
- 02 – Sister Althea Tulloch
- 06 – Deacon James Scarlett
- 08 – Deacon Dezlin Clarke
- 08 – Sister Staphnie Irving
- 10 – Brother Brett Jordan Blackellar
- 19 – Brother Noel Stennett
- 24 – Sister Janette Henry
- 26 – Sister Pat Hanchard–Smith
- 29 – Deacon Jennifer Griffith
- 29 – Deacon Lancaster Henry

Anniversaries

- 08 – Brother & Mrs. Howard & Petula Senior
- 18 – Mr & Mrs Brian & Palmaya Chin