



The Robert Smith Family

Cheerfully serving on the island of

Barbados, West Indies

January/February 2026

Blessings and blessings!

1. Our Sunday morning attendances- During past Decembers, our church attendance usually takes a nosedive. This December our attendance was strong and above normal every Sunday! Quite a number of adult visitors came throughout the month. Our people were working to earn a picnic ham. It is a smoked bone-in ham that weighs around five to eight pounds. In our local supermarket those picnic hams cost \$65 to \$80 U.S. dollars apiece! So if our folks brought visitors, they could earn a picnic ham. It was a lot of fun. Family members came to help their loved one earn a ham. Our January

attendances were strong as well even though we had no Sunday School program. I praise the Lord for that!

2. Rhoda and I went to follow up on the visitors from December, and we were able to see **five people receive Christ** from our follow-ups! Pray that the converts will come and grow in the Lord.

3. January 21st is Errol Barrow Day here. He is considered the Father of Barbados' independence. Errol Barrow Day is a national holiday. I asked the people to come on Errol Barrow Day and spend half the day working at the church to spruce up the place. We had never done this before. We had a great turn out! The children's Sunday School classes were painted, the outside of the church building was literally scrubbed from top to bottom, and a variety of other things accomplished to make the Lord's house look its best. I was so grateful to the people for the joy with which they worked together. One of our ladies made homemade pizza for us all to enjoy! Have you ever had apples on your pizza? We did.

Prayer requests-

1. Our ladies' conference and men's breakfast. These will take place the first weekend in April. Pray that many will come. The theme for the Ladies' Conference is "*Dealing with grief and pain.*" Missy Cogley and Laurie Vanderhoogt from our home church will be speaking as well as Rhoda. One other speaker is Mrs. Ann-Marie Roberts. I led Mrs. Roberts and her husband to Christ many years ago here. For a number of years now he has pastored on other side of the island. Pastor and Mrs. Roberts lost their only son to a tragic motorcycle accident five years ago, and so she will be speaking of how the Lord has helped them through their grief and pain. Pray for each of these speakers to be filled with the Spirit as they speak.

2. Converts who will labour with us in the His harvest field!

3. Pray for my father and his health. He was rushed to the hospital, and I went up for ten days to assist my parents during that time. He is better and back home now. Pray for the Lord to strengthen and help them both.

4. Our trip to Nigeria in May to be a part of our former church's thirtieth anniversary! It is a great honour to be asked to be a part of this wonderful occasion. We will visit with a number of our preacher boys and their churches. Pray that God will do a great work in the hearts of people there. We want to be an encouragement to the pastors and their people. There are some specific things for which I am praying in regards to the trip.

5. God to provide the right people to fill in for us when we travel to the States and Nigeria. The Bakers, who filled in for us last year, made such an impact that they set a high bar for any one coming behind them!

6. That God would raise up young people who will serve God with their life.

Thank you for your investment in the souls of men here! Thank you for your prayers and encouragement.

Yours for souls,

Robert and Rhoda Smith

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VICTORY INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH



30TH
ANNIVERSARY

THEME
GREATER WORKS

JOHN 14: 12

Special Guests
Missionaries
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SUN 17TH MAY 2026 10 AM PROMPT

ST. PHILIP INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH

LADIES
Conference

THEME: DEALING WITH GRIEF AND PAIN

SPECIAL SPEAKERS:
Rhoda Smith - Conference Host,
Ann-Marie Roberts, Missy Cogley,
and Laurie Vanderhoogt

EASTER MONDAY
APRIL 6TH, 2026 9AM-3PM

Venue: St. Philip Independent Baptist Church, Olive Drive, Crane, St. Philip

A Lovely Luncheon Will Be Provided For All Paid Delegates.
Cost -\$20 per person

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Pictures from our work day!

