



They will know us by our Love

John 13:35



January Theme:
Holiness of God

January Fighter Verse: Psalm 86:12-13

I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever. For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the depths from the realm of the dead. *Psalms 86:12-13*

OUR WORSHIP

IN-PERSON

LIVESTREAM, FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE @ 11:00AM
www.centralbaptistnyc.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School 9:45AM via Zoom
Youth Sunday School 11:15AM
Kindergarten to 12th Grade
—2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays.

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Ministry Opportunity Returns

Before the world shut down due to COVID, Central had been serving at Riverside Rehab. On the third Saturday morning of each month, a team from Central would go to the facility and lead a worship service. We would start and greet the residents as they came into the room. Then after a while we would open the service with prayer, lead singing, read scripture followed by a short message. After the service we spend a little more time with the residents before they have you return to their rooms.

We are so excited to be able to go back to Riverside and pray you will join us. Sign up in the lobby of the church and join us in this ministry. You don't have to sing or speak. All you have to do is be there to show the love the Christ to the residents of Riverside.

Each third Saturday we will meet at the church at 9:45AM and go over to the facility. The calendar for the next three months is:

January 20

February 17

March 16



THE RIVERSIDE
PREMIER REHABILITATION & HEALING CENTER

150 Riverside Drive & West 87th Street
New York, NY 10024

Pastor's Devotional



“Teach me Your ways Oh Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.”

Ps. 86:11

Why is it so hard to change?

Why does it always feel like such a struggle to change our habits ... to grow into the person God created us to be? The desire is there ... we want to be healthier, strengthen our relationships, develop better spiritual disciplines, or overcome a bad habit. So we make plans, set goals, and determine to chart a new course. But too often, whatever the change we seek, our plans get interrupted. Our commitment fizzles out. Life happens. We get stuck and go back to our old ways.

Part of the reason we don't experience lasting results is because our efforts to change never reach the level of identity. Realize, we don't simply change by adjusting what we *do* – we change by understanding who we *are*. Our thoughts and core beliefs about ourselves, about others, and about God can either help or hinder our efforts to change. The Bible says, *“let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think”* (Romans 12:2 NLT).

For example, if you see yourself as worthless or as a failure – you will feel defeated every time you stumble or fall when facing an obstacle. Change will then become harder because you feel it is not possible for you to change. But if you see yourself as an accepted, loved, and redeemed child of God – you won't feel utterly defeated if you stumble. You'll see obstacles as simply hurdles to overcome. You'll see mistakes as opportunities to learn and grow.

That's why it is so important to see ourselves as God sees us – to first understand and embrace our life-changing identity in Christ. Healing and transformation can happen when you begin to see yourself through God's eyes, believing what He says about you. Therefore, if you want to grow and change ... you must identify the

lies and faulty thoughts you've been led to believe and replace them with God's truth.

Seeing Yourself through God's Eyes

Do you think ... there's no hope for you to change?

God says ... there is always hope for you.

“There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off” (Proverbs 23:18).

Do you think ... you are a mistake?

God says ... you are wonderfully made.

“I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well” (Psalm 139:14).

Do you think ... you are unlovable?

God says ... He has everlasting love for you.

“I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness” (Jeremiah 31:3).

Do you think ... you are unacceptable?

God says ... you are accepted by Him.

“Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God” (Romans 15:7).

Do you think ... you can't be forgiven?

God says ... your sins are completely forgiven.

“God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins” (Colossians 2:13 NLT).

Do you think...you're not strong enough?

God says ... He will strengthen you Himself.

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand” (Isaiah 41:10).

Do you think ... you can't have victory over a sinful or bad habit?

God says ... You can have victory through Jesus.

“Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:57).

There might be other lies or faulty thoughts you have that need to be brought into the light and corrected with truth. As an exercise, write them down and then look in God's Word to discover a passage or a truth that can speak directly to that thought. God wants you to *“take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ”* (2 Corinthians 10:5). Over time, as you replace the lies with God's truth, you will be transformed and healed by His Word.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opportunities to come together to learn, pray and fellowship.

Bible Study

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult

9:45AM— In person and via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/6831601413>

Enter the meeting ID 683 160 1413 when prompted.

Phone: 646-558-8656

Youth

11:15AM

2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays

In-Person OR

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/6831601413>

Enter the meeting ID 683 160 1413 when prompted.

Phone: 646-558-8656

WEDNESDAY IN THE WORD

Current Study: 1 Corinthians

7:00—8:00PM

Wednesday Night Bible study is a great way to keep your heart and mind on God! Join us for an interactive, in-depth reflection on the scriptures and how they can be applied to your life.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/6831601413>

Enter the meeting ID 683 160 1413 when prompted.

Join Zoom by Phone: 646-558-8656

7 PM on Zoom

TALK
BACK

Tuesday

Join us as we explore and diagnose our spiritual health.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/6831601413>

Or dial in on your phone:
(646) 558-8656

Enter the meeting ID 683 160 1413 when prompted.

Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.

2 Timothy 2:16
Amplified Bible, Classic Edition
(AMP)

Senior Ministry Events



SENIOR MONTHLY LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 @ 2:00pm

Location: The Parlor

All seniors 55 and older are invited to join us.

Senior Ministry Exercise Program

Time: 11:00am to 11:45am

Location: Chapel

January 6, 13, and 27

SENIOR MINISTRY BOOK CLUB MEETING

Saturday, January 6, 2—4PM

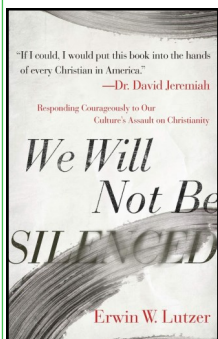
Miss Anne's Room

This month's book:

We Will Not Be Silenced

by Erwin W. Lutzer

All seniors are invited to join us.



CBC Senior's Ministry

Invites you to:

"DANIEL"

Sight & Sound Theatre
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Saturday, July 20, 2024

Cost: **\$230.00** Per Person
(Deposit and 2 Payment)

Deposit of **\$60.00** was due by November 30, to Secure Seat. See Otis Coleman for availability and payment plan.



January Birthdays

JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Paul Jones	Jan 02
Christopher Phillips	Jan 08
Georgia Ana Coates	Jan 09
Myrna Phillips Gibson	Jan 09
Christine Lewis	Jan 11
Jarren Bolden	Jan 11
Omari Pusey	Jan 12
Madelyn Woodard	Jan 13
Taji Phillips	Jan 13
Lenworth Bennett	Jan 13



Another year older
is also another
year of learning to
pray, to love, and to
feel God's grace.
Here's to many more!

<https://www.shutterfly.com/ideas/religious-birthday-wishes/>



Coralita Simon	Jan 16
Michelle Newkirk	Jan 18
Ruth Browne	Jan 20
Judy Sabater	Jan 21
Elaine Parker	Jan 22
Grant Jefferson	Jan 23
Noah Foster	Jan 23
Edith Phillips	Jan 26
Gracie Dickerson	Jan 26
Marta Clark	Jan 26
Clarence Williams Gee	Jan 29
George Berrios	Jan 29
Kaylee Castillo	Jan 29



PRAYER MEETINGS

WOMEN'S MINISTRY "POWER HOUR"

Sunday, January 21 @ 12:30PM
Join the Zoom meeting by phone at
646-558-8656

EVENING PRAYER

Meeting the last Friday of the month
Friday, January 26 @ 7:00PM

In Person in the Parlor or

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/6831601413> or

In-Dial into the Zoom Meeting phone number:
646-558-8656

PRAYER MEETINGS BY CONFERENCE PHONE

(609) 746-1164

Access Code: 667293#

Monday — Friday

6-6:30 AM

Prayer Wall

WE BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF PRAYER. LET'S
INTERCEDE FOR ONE ONE ANOTHER .



As you place your prayer request
on the wall, take a prayer with you
to interceded for someone else.

The Prayer Wall is located at the 92nd Street
entrance on the bulletin board on your right as
you enter the sanctuary.

See the Newsletter Prayer Journal on Page 8.

MID-WEEK PRAYER

Wednesdays 12:00-1:00 PM
(609) 746-1164 Passcode: 667293#

CORPORATE PRAYER FOR THE BUILDING PROJECT

The leaders of Central Baptist Church are asking you to join us for prayer on Wednesdays at 12PM for corporate prayer. We will be praying specifically about the building project as well as anything you would like. Please note this is not a time to discuss the details of the project but to pray. If you have questions about the project, please call the church to speak to Pastor Fils-Aime.

We will be using the prayer line phone number:
(609) 746-1164 Passcode: 667293#

About Prayer

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

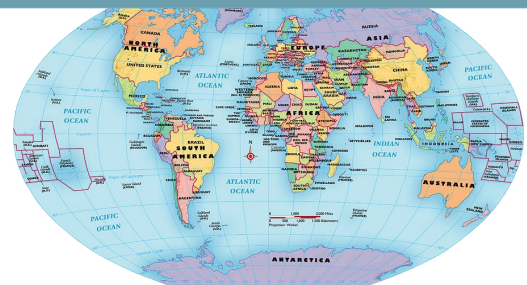
Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6–7

Central's Missionaries 2024

**Missions Door**

Francklin and Nerlie Alexis, Haiti
Felix and Amnerys Abreu, Dominican Republic
Edwin and Liz Colon, Brooklyn, NY
Herode and Edline Guillomettre, Haiti
Duane and Miriam Mansveld, Montreal, Canada
Ray and Valerie Ramos, Brooklyn, NY
Marvin and Denise Robinson, Rochester, NY

**United World Mission**

Matt and Nicole Paschall,
Hungary

**World Venture**

Barry and Peggy Owen, Asia

**Global One 80**

Joaquin and Oneida Vargas,
Arizona & Mexico

World Outreach Ministries

Luis and Azucena Matute,
Panama & Costa Rica

Dr. Azucena E. Matute,
Panama

**Urban Life Source Connection**

Dale Belli, New York City

COMINAD

(Cooperative Mission Network of the African Dispersion)

Brian and Ruth Johnson,
Europe, Africa and the Caribbean

Matthew 28:16-20—The Great Commission

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Remember, 10% of Central's tithes and offerings go to support our missionaries.

Arts and Letters

Patience is the featured Fruit of the Spirit for the month of January. Since there were no artistic submissions, Patience will be represented by flowers that signify patience. On the internet website FoliageFriend (<https://foliagefriend.com/flowers-that-represent-patience>), ten flowers were highlighted. We chose to highlight Lavender.

Enjoy.

Lavender is a flowering plant known for its beautiful purple flowers and sweet fragrance. While it is often associated with calmness and relaxation, it is also a flower that represents patience.



In the language of flowers, lavender is said to represent devotion, grace, and calmness. Its delicate, sweet scent is believed to have a calming effect on the mind and body, helping to reduce stress and anxiety. This makes it a popular choice for aromatherapy and relaxation practices.

In addition to its calming properties, lavender is also a symbol of patience. The plant takes a long time to grow and develop its beautiful flowers, often taking up to two or three years to reach maturity. This slow growth process requires a lot of patience and care, making it a fitting representation of the virtue.

Furthermore, lavender is also known to have medicinal properties, with its essential oil used to treat various health conditions such as insomnia, anxiety, and headaches. Its healing properties also reflect the idea of patience, as it may take time and patience to see the full benefits of using lavender for health purposes.

Overall, lavender is a beautiful flower that not only represents calmness and devotion but also patience. Its delicate beauty and soothing fragrance remind us to be patient and enjoy the slow growth and development process of life. Isn't that how the Holy Spirit works in our lives?

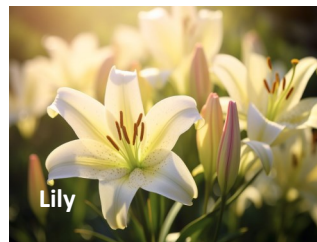
Other flowers that signify patience are: Chinese Lantern, Coneflower, Snowdrop, Jasmine, Spiderwort.

Spiritually Speaking

Another word for patience is perseverance. A scripture that is very apropos to help us develop the fruit of patience in our lives is James 1:2-4. *Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*

When we are going through trying times, we remember the gospel of Jesus Christ and that He left us the Holy Spirit who lives in us—empowering us to endure and mature.

If you have not joined a discipleship group to study the Holy Spirit, consider joining the Friday evening group. See Kimberly Casteline.

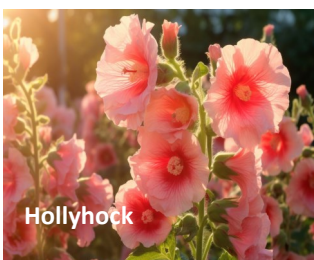


If you would like to submit something for the newsletter, here is the calendar for this season with the deadline for submissions. We have the submissions for this month and we will be looking for submission for January to May. When you send in your work, be sure to note your full name and contact information with a few words about yourself. For visual artwork please note the title, medium, and size of the piece, and how it expresses the fruit you feel it represents. Written pieces should be no more than 250-300 words. An email address especially for newsletter submissions will be set up going into 2024. In the meantime, you can send your submissions to sm-hunt@hotmail.com.

We covet your prayers for an inspiring season ahead and spiritual growth through the arts.

SUBMISSION SCHEDULE

NEWSLETTER ISSUE	FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT	LAST DAY TO SUBMIT
2024		
February	Goodness	Fulfilled
March	Kindness	February 24, 2024
April	Faithfulness	March 26, 2024
May	Gentleness	April 22, 2024
June	Self-Control	May 22, 2024



January 2024

USE THIS CALENDAR TO MARK DAYS YOU WANT TO REMEMBER.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call 2 11A-12P-Senior Exercise—Chapel	2 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	3 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call 12P-Midweek Prayer-Phone; 7P-Wed Nite Bible Study—ZOOM	4 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	5 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	6 11A-12P-Senior Exercise—Chapel
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Keep Central's
finances in
prayer!

As of December, 2023
we have collected
\$25,000.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



CBC
Capital Campaign
Building Facade

To help offset the costs of the repairs, we kindly request that EACH MEMBER contributes in one of the following ways in addition to your regular giving:

- A one-time donation of \$640 or more
- For those who may not be able to make a one-time donation, we ask that you consider making a monthly donation of \$80
- Or a \$20 weekly donation over the next 8 months

\$100K

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Praying Together

Create your own prayer journal.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.
Psalm 25:4-5

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH	CITY, STATE & COUNTRY
Pastor Fils-Aime	New York City
Pastor Robert Casteline	Leadership of NYC, State and Country
Willana Mack Hudson	The World and personal circumstances
Deacons & Elders	<div>With so many opportunities to pray corporately with one another, the Newsletter has provided this space to help you remember the various requests and praise reports.</div>
Ministries & Ministry Leaders	
Missionaries	
Members and Friends of Central	
Sick and Shut-in	

PRAISE REPORTS

180th Anniversary
Commemorative Booklet

A beautiful keepsake of the 180th Anniversary Celebration has been created. The booklet contains the Program, 16 pages of photographs (see sampling below), and Central’s history, pastors and historical articles from the New York Times.

The cost of the publication is \$10.00. If you would like to order a copy speak to a member of the committee Myrna Phillips-Gibson, Jean Thelusme, Carlos Tejeda, or Deacon Otis Coleman and they will help you receive your copy.



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