

SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER THEME: OVERCOMING SETBACKS

September Fighter Verse — Psalm 37:23-24

The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in Him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with His hand.

OUR WORSHIP

**IN-PERSON
LIVESTREAM, FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE @ 11:00AM**
www.centralbaptistnyc.org
Adult Sunday School 9:45AM via Zoom
Dial in phone number: 646-558-8656

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SAVE THE DATE

**Central Baptist Church celebrates its
180th Anniversary
on December 10, 2022 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.**
See page 6 for more information.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY

* FREE BACKPACKS & SCHOOL SUPPLIES * FREE FOOD * MUSIC *
* CHILD MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE EVENT GIVEAWAY ITEMS *

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

SOL BLOOM PLAYGROUND (PS 84)

3PM – 6PM

Join us for a fun community event to celebrate summer & prepare our youth for the school year!

BACK2SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY

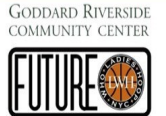
SUGGESTED DONATIONS:

- Backpacks (all ages/genders)
- Notebooks
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Crayons
- Safety Scissors
- Highlighters
- Washable Markers
- Erasers/Rulers
- 3-Ring Binders
- Pencils/Pens
- Pencil Cases



DONATION DROPOFF (BY 9/1):
Central Baptist Church, 166 W. 92nd St.

Online Donations: LadiesWhoHoop.com/donations
Information/Contact: LadiesWhoHoop@gmail.com



HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

We will be collecting donations such as backpacks and school supplies especially backpacks at Central; Monetary donations can be sent to the church. We need volunteers to assemble the backpacks on Sept 3rd from 12pm-3pm in the chapel and distribution Sunday Sept. 4th from 3pm-6pm at PS 84 located at 32 W 92nd St, New York, NY 10025.

Life can often be the School of Hard Knocks. It can also be the School of Gratitude. Whichever place in you're in now, learn from it. We learn something new every day and we should never stop learning.

The world is moving fast and it can be hard to keep up. Just look at the technological changes in the last 30 years: email, Zoom, Google, endless passwords, smartphones, smart TVs, social media and on and on it goes. Think of all the different apparatuses you can no longer use like your beloved cassette player. The upside of technology is that it connects generations and gives younger people a chance to share their skills. Take the time to learn something new and connect-maybe learn how to use Instagram.

The kids are back to school. They are there to learn and gain the knowledge and skills they will need to be productive and successful citizens. We must give our young people more than snappy platitudes like, "too blest to be stressed" if they are to live a fulfilling Christian life. We need to know the scriptures and be like the Bereans who examined them after they heard Paul's teaching (Acts 17:11). We also need to know how to apply the scriptures we read to our life and seek to translate what we learn so we can pass it on.

Whatever enjoyable book you are reading, inspiring Bible study you're in, keep it up and apply what you learn to your life and SHARE it. If you need a place to dive in to get those brain cells firing, come to Sunday School resuming in September (date TBD) at 9:45am in person (or Zoom) then join us in the sanctuary for worship. Or attend Wednesday Night Bible Study at 7pm via Zoom resuming September 14. Pastor Fils-Aime, Pastor Robert Casteline and Mark Marchak are all excellent teachers and there is always interesting interaction among those who attend. We learn from each other and grow and, with God's help, pass it on. Don't stop learning!

Sharrata Hunt

"School is always in session, and life challenges us to excel at being both an enthusiastic student and inspired teacher."

Unknown

Source: <https://inspire21.com/education/>

beginnings. Acts 12 is the end of the Petrine narratives, the early section of the book of Acts that is almost entirely devoted to the life and ministry of the apostle Peter: from his sermon on the day of Pentecost in Acts to his preaching the gospel to the first Gentile convert Cornelius in Acts 10. At the close of Acts 12, however, Peter will exit stage left and the book of Acts will instead focus on the life and ministry of another apostle who will extend the mission of God to the ends of the earth. After Acts 12, Paul and his missionary journeys take center stage, the end of Peter's story in Acts 12 becomes the beginning of Paul's story in Acts 13.

Acts 12 is also the end of the period of the Twelve Apostles. Jesus during his earthly ministry had called twelve men who would form the leadership of the early church. Judas one of the twelve betrayed Jesus to the Jewish leaders and later committed suicide. In Acts 1, the Twelve Apostles were reconstituted with the addition of Matthias. But in Acts 12, one of the original twelve apostles, James the brother of John and a member of the inner circle is executed, and no one is called to take his place among the twelve apostles. This would signal that the leadership of the church would move from apostle led to bishop and elder led. The end of the twelve in Acts 12 causes the church to begin to organize and form a different type of leadership. In Acts 12, the persecution in Jerusalem became so intense that the focus of missionary activity moved from Jerusalem to Antioch. After Acts 12, Jerusalem is no longer the undisputed center of the Christian world.

Even with all the shifts and realignments that happen in the Book of Acts, and the development in and around the early church in Luke's historical portrait, the purpose and priority of the church remains the same—a firm commitment to the word of God and to prayer.

In Acts chapters 1 and 2, we find the church praying and when the church prayed God moved with power and the Holy Spirit fell on the believers. At the end of Acts 2 when the people of the church devoted themselves to prayer, God moved and Luke records that more and more people were added to their numbers. In Acts 4, when the church faced persecution, the church prayed that the persecution would not silence their witness. And in response God filled the church with the Holy Spirit so they could speak the word of God with boldness. In Acts 9, God brought back to life a dead woman when the church prayed. In Acts 10, Cornelius found God when he prayed. And in Acts 12, Peter is miraculously set free from prison when the church prayed. Luke in telling the story of the church is connecting the movement of God



Pastor's Devotional

We Should Always be Praying

Acts 12:5

So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.



Acts 12 is an important transitional chapter in the book of Acts because Acts 12 marks several notable ending and

with prayer and that something happens when the church prays. And I believe that this is not just true for the ancient church this is also true for the church today. That for all that we are going through, all the trials and test we may face in life, God can intervene in all of them if the church simply commits itself to prayer. There is something that happens in our lives' when the church prays.



In Acts 12, in response to Peter's imprisonment, the church convened to determine their next course of action. And the strategy that the church decided to implement was "earnest prayer." By turning to prayer, the church was not trying some new or novel approach in dealing with difficult situations, it is how the church always approached their problems. In Acts, whenever the church encountered persecution, fear, or was faced with the loss of one of its members, the church always prayed about the situation. Prayer was an active and essential part of the early church's DNA; they relied on prayer for everything. For the early church, prayer was a catalyst for every move of God, and the reason the early church prayed so much was because when the church prayed God answered. And the more God answered their prayers, the more the early church prayed. And the more the early church prayed the more God answered. And the more God answered the more the church prayed.

And because God answers the prayers of the church, prayer should be our first response to all circumstances.



Pray is what we should do when we don't have the power to affect the situation, and pray is what we do when *do* have the power to effect the situation.

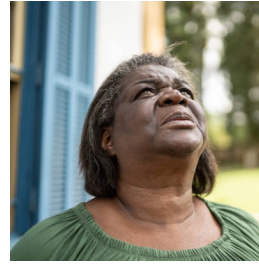
Pray is what we do when we don't know what to do and pray is what we do when what to do seems clear.

Pray is what we do when we are hopeless and helpless and pray is what we do when we have hope and help is on the way.

Pray is what we should do when we are sick and bedridden and pray is what we should do when we are healthy and strong.

By turning to prayer in the wake of Peter's arrest the example that the early church is setting for today's church is that in *any* situation we find ourselves in we should always be praying.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT



When was the last time you prayed earnestly about a situation or circumstance BEFORE you turned to a friend?

When was the last time you prayed for God's blessing AFTER you made the decision or moved forward?

What would it take for PRAYER to become a priority in your life?



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May God bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

(2 Corinthians 9:8 NIV)

September Birthdays

Celine Plaisir	9/1
Leroy Williams	9/5
Carol Nickelson	9/7
Ayanna Dickerson-Parker	9/13
Jennifer Fortune	9/13
Dinnel Spencer	9/15
Jeanette Webster	9/15
Lynda DaCosta	9/15
Ernestine Jackson-Moore	9/18
Juanita Bailey	9/19
Mya Ramos	9/19
Corey Anderson	9/21
Tyler Valentin Griffin	9/22
Paulette Forbes-Igharo	9/24
Shelby Bryant	9/26
Sasha Jones	9/27
Bertha Pettus	9/28
Charles Callaway	9/28
Mark Marchak	9/29
Kristie Jaramillo	9/30



SEPTEMBER MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Dr. Azucena E. Matuté

Mission Board: World Outreach Ministries



On Sunday, August 21st, Central had the pleasure of getting to know Dr. Azucena E. Matuté — Doctor of Medicine and Surgery. Central has supported her family for many years and it was a blessing to see how our support of her family is bearing fruit in the mission field. She shared her testimony and gave a detailed update of her ministry.

Azucena is a Medical missionary serving in Panama and Central America. Currently she serves by evangelizing children, youth and adults in the Guaimi communities and provides medical care in the less favored communities of Panama and throughout Central America.

Azucena was born in La Ceiba, Honduras in 1988. When she was 7 years old, her parents, Luis and Azucena, showed her the movie “The Public Life of Jesus” and received Christ as her Savior. Her family later moved Panama where they serve as church-planters. Azucena decided to study medicine and use her education to serve God through missions.

Keep the whole Matuté family in your prayers. Ask the Lord how you can contribute to and support Azucena as she serves the Lord and people of Central America.

Ministry and Personal Needs

- Medical teams
- Medical clinic construction
- Classroom construction for the children who attend the Church in Divala.
- Purchase medical equipment and medicines
- Kitchen construction to provide meals and feed the community children to reduce malnutrition.
- Scholarships for medical students in Panama.
- Buy evangelistic material.
- Raise my missionary support.
- Safe travels

How to donate for Azucena's medical mission work:

Mail checks to World Outreach Ministries, Inc.

P.O. Box B, Marietta, GA 30061

Write “#858-Azucena Matute” in the memo section.



Luis and Azucena Matuté

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Bible in a Year September Reading Calendar

DATE	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT
9/1/2022	Jeremiah 16 - 17	2 Timothy 2
9/2/2022	Jeremiah 18 - 20	2 Timothy 3
9/3/2022	Jeremiah 21 - 23	2 Timothy 4
9/4/2022	Jeremiah 24 - 26	Titus 1
9/5/2022	Jeremiah 27 - 30	Titus 2
9/6/2022	Jeremiah 31 - 34	Titus 3 - Philemon 1
9/7/2022	Catch Up & Reflect	
9/8/2022	Jeremiah 35 - 37	Hebrews 1
9/9/2022	Jeremiah 38 - 39	Hebrews 2
9/10/2022	Jeremiah 40 - 42	Hebrews 3
9/12/2022	Jeremiah 46 - 48	Hebrews 5
9/13/2022	Jeremiah 49 - 52	Hebrews 6
9/14/2022	Catch Up & Reflect	
9/15/2022	Lamentations 1 - 2	Hebrews 7
9/16/2022	Lamentations 3 - 5	Hebrews 8
9/17/2022	Ezekiel 1 - 3	Hebrews 9
9/18/2022	Ezekiel 4 - 6	Hebrews 10
9/19/2022	Ezekiel 7 - 9	Hebrews 11
9/20/2022	Ezekiel 10 - 14	Hebrews 12
9/21/2022	Catch Up & Reflect	
9/22/2022	Ezekiel 15 - 16	Hebrews 13
9/23/2022	Ezekiel 17 - 18	James 1
9/24/2022	Ezekiel 19 - 20	James 2
9/25/2022	Ezekiel 21 - 22	James 3
9/26/2022	Ezekiel 23 - 25	James 4 - 5
9/27/2022	Ezekiel 26 - 31	1 Peter 1
9/28/2022	Catch Up & Reflect	
9/29/2022	Ezekiel 32 - 33	1 Peter 2
9/30/2022	Ezekiel 34 - 36	1 Peter 3
10/1/2022	Ezekiel 37 - 38	1 Peter 4
10/2/2022	Ezekiel 39 - 40	1 Peter 5
10/3/2022	Ezekiel 41 - 43	2 Peter 1
10/4/2022	Ezekiel 44 - 48	2 Peter 2 - 3
10/5/2022	Catch Up & Reflect	
10/6/2022	Daniel 1 - 2	1 John 1
10/7/2022	Daniel 3 - 4	1 John 2

Opportunities to come together to learn, pray and fellowship.

Bible Study

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45AM

Resumes in this month-Date TBD

Join Zoom by Phone:

646-558-8656

Facebook

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

7:00—8:00PM

Resumes Wednesday, September 14

Join Zoom by Phone:

646-558-8656

Facebook

Prayer Meetings

Prayer Meetings by Phone Conference Call Connection

(712) 770-4711

Access Code: 667293#

Monday & Thursday

6-6:30 AM

Mid-Week Prayer: Wednesday

12:00-1:00 PM

Join Zoom Prayer Meetings
by Phone: 646-558-8656.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY "POWER HOUR"

Sunday, September 18

@ 12:30PM

Join by phone at

646-558-8656

EVENING PRAYER,

Evening Prayer will meet

Friday, September 30 @ 7:00PM

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

Special Announcement

CBC'S WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP EVENT

Going Beyond Conference—September 24, 2022 – 9:00 AM – 3:45 PM.

Back by popular demand, CBC ladies this year can attend the *Going Beyond Women's Conference with Priscilla Shirer LIVE* in-person at the Chesapeake Employers Insurance Arena at UMBC | Baltimore, MD



Group ticket prices are \$70.00 per person, plus an optional boxed lunch for \$15.00 pp. Transportation may be an additional cost— TBD depending on group size. For the first time this year, CBC has an opportunity to partner with the Bowery Mission Women's Center by sponsoring clients' attendance to the Going Beyond Women's Conference, while promoting fellowship with our women attending for the purpose of spiritual growth, development, and encouragement. Last day to register August 30. Call the church for availability. If you cannot attend, consider a sponsorship for one of the Bowery Mission clients.

SAVE THE DATE

Central Baptist Church will be celebrating its 180th Anniversary on December 10th, 2022 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.



Above: The site of Central Baptist Church in 1861 on West 42nd Street.
Right: West 42nd now.

The 180th Anniversary Committee is hard at work planning a wonderful celebratory experience for all to enjoy.

We will be sharing more details in the coming weeks via the Central Baptist Church Newsletter, website and Facebook page but please mark your calendars now.

Did You Know?

Central Baptist Church is the amalgamation of three churches: Laight Street Baptist Church, Bloomingdale Baptist Church and Riverside Baptist Church.



Stay tuned to find out more about Central Baptist church's origin story!

AUGUST MISSIONARIES OF THE MONTH — AN UPDATE

Vincent & Maryam Morgan — *Mission Board: Missions Door*

Last month the information for Vincent and Maryam was a brief summary of their work in New York City and Israel. Below is a fuller description and update of their ministry.



Vincent and Maryam Morgan's ministry concentrates mainly on Russian and Jewish evangelism, church planting, and assisting churches in Jewish evangelism in New York City and Israel. With and through Missions Door, the ministry has been working with Russian-speaking refugees and immigrants from the former Soviet Union, many of whom are Jewish. So far, the ministry has planted two Russian-speaking congregations and continues to lead the second one. In addition, since 2005, the Morgans began work with several ministries in Israel bringing their passion to interests such as assisting leadership, teaching Bible studies and encouraging the local leaders. Most recently several Muslims and Hindus have begun to seek out the Morgans for information concerning Jesus, the Bible, God, and more, in the metropolitan New York area.

It should be noted that Vincent Morgan himself is an accomplished writer. He published two important books, "Psalm 119, A Handbook for Life" and "Isaiah 53: The Centrality of the Lamb." He continues to collaborate with authors on Bible commentaries as an editor and proofreader, allowing the ministry to continue to bring the Bible to life around the world.

Prayer Needs:

- Please pray daily for peace in Israel, Russia and Ukraine.
- Pray that those who do not yet know our Lord will accept Jesus and be safe.
- Pray that people will grow through Bible study and memorization of God's word, treasuring it in their hearts and minds.



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Sharrata Hunt, Paulette Igharo with
Special Thanks to Tanya Glenn
and the CBC Missions Committee.