



They will know us by our Love
John 13:35

FEBRUARY, 2023 NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY THEME: A Righteous Kind of Love

February Fighter Verse— Psalm 37:1-3

Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away. Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

OUR WORSHIP

**IN-PERSON
LIVESTREAM, FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE @ 11:00AM**
Www.centralbaptistnyc.org
Adult Sunday School 9:45AM via Zoom
Youth Sunday School 11:15AM—2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 @ 7:00PM

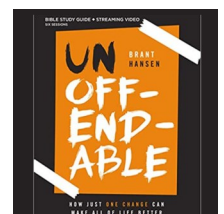
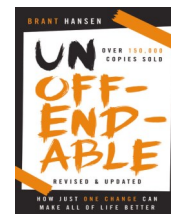
All members are invited to join via Zoom or in person in the parlor. See Wednesday Night Bible Study on page 5 for the Zoom site information.

UNOFFENDABLE BOOK AND STUDY GUIDE LAUNCH PARTY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023

The launch party is Sunday, February 5 after service in the Chapel. We will all be able to sign up with a discipleship group and go through the book *"Unoffendable—How Just One Change Can Make All of Life Better"* by Brant Hansen.

Join our church wide launch of the six-session study guide and streaming videos in one of the discipleship groups.

The updated and revised Book and the Study Guide/Video became available January 10th and can be purchased online and anywhere books are sold.



February Birthdays



Happy Birthday!

May the Lord make your feet like feet of a deer; may he causes you to stand on the heights. (Psalm 18:33 NIV)

Lajuana Smith	Feb 02
Charrisse Worley	Feb 03
Tracey Knuckles-White	Feb 05
Helene Jean-Michel	Feb 05
Christopher Henderson	Feb 06
Elizabeth Almanzar-Wright	Feb 07
Sarah Clark	Feb 07
Deborah Gorham	Feb 11
Debra James	Feb 13
Cliff Jean-Michel	Feb 13
Stephanie Cunningham	Feb 14
Brielle Johnson	Feb 14
Meaghan Selch	Feb 15
Colliertine Walker	Feb 17
Willie Ray Gibson, Jr	Feb 17
Late Lawson-Drackey	Feb 18
Troy Carver	Feb 21
Helen Dunn	Feb 26

Celebrated African Americans February Birthdays

Langston Hughes	Feb 01
Rosa Parks	Feb 04
Toni Morrison	Feb 18
Sidney Poitier	Feb 20
W.E.B. DuBois	Feb 23

Pastor's Devotional

It's All About Worship



Genesis 4:2-4

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering.

Brothers Cain and Abel were involved in one of the most intense sibling rivalries in history. Cain and his brother Abel grow up and choose separate careers for themselves. The second part of Genesis 4:2 moves from the birth of Abel to the time when Cain and Abel are grown men. Cain enters the family business and like his father before him, he is a farmer. Abel opts for a different career, that of shepherding. Both Cain and Abel attempt to worship God by offering sacrifices consistent with their vocation: Cain is a farmer, so he offers God the product of his labor; Abel, a shepherd who offers God a sacrifice from his flock.

There is one consistent thing that characterizes life both inside and outside of the Garden in Eden: whether in or out of the Garden, people were made to worship God. Genesis 4:3-4 is the first biblical description of humanity's attempt to worship God. This teaches us something about the nature of worship: Cain and Abel's offerings are different but in one sense Cain and Abel's offerings, their acts of worship, are the same.

Cain and Abel both brought their sacrifice to God, both with the intention of trying to please God and win his favor. This earliest recorded description we have of worship highlights humanity's effort to try to please God, and every subsequent act of worship in scripture centers around this same goal. If that is the case, this means that worship is never about our entertainment, our enjoyment, or our good



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Pastor's Devotional continued

pleasure. It is always about pleasing God.

Almost 200 years ago, a Danish philosopher named Søren Kierkegaard made this observation about worship. He said worship was a drama, a stage play, and too often in this drama, in worship, we think of the choir and the preachers as performers whose goal it is to entertain the audience, those who are sitting in the pews. We make worship about us, when in reality, the drama of worship – the people leading worship, the choir and the preacher – are prompters, giving direction to the actual performers, you, the people sitting in the pews who are performing for an audience of One, who is God.



sketchinglove.wordpress.com
/2010/06/21/art-as-worship/

According to Kierkegaard, worship is not the people, whether it is a group of singers or a preacher, putting on a show for *you*. Rather, worship is for all of us to put on a show for *God*. And what should be on your heart and mind as you come and go out of worship is not who is singing or who is preaching. What should be on your mind is, “I hope I am ready! I hope I am not distracted from my performance!”

Our job is not to critique the singing or the reaching, our job is to critique *our own* performance. So, the question we should ask ourselves after every act of worship is, “Was our performance pleasing to God?”



Artist: Robert Jackson from his
“Gospel Choir Collection”

**SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT**

When you come to church in person or on Livestream, ask yourself, “Will my worship be pleasing to God?”

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

**2022 Annual Ministry
Report
Dr. Matthew & Nicole
Paschall**

*Serving Europe in Budapest
with United World Mission*

For the past 8 years, the Paschall family has served in Budapest,

Hungary with United World Mission. In Christmas 2014, we moved from Senegal, West Africa to Eastern Europe during the midst of the Syrian Refugee Crisis. The following years in Europe we have encountered 3 major waves of refugees from Syrian, then Iran and Afghanistan and most recently millions of refugees from Ukraine in 2022.

Our vision is empowering and equipping the church to reach the unreached refugee peoples. Our mission is equipping and mobilizing migrant leaders, European churches and mission workers globally. For several years, Matt has been establishing strategic partnerships among refugee ministries in the urban centers of Europe. Matt serves on the Leadership Team of Refugee Highway Partnership, the EEA Refugee Task Force. He is the Coordinator of HowWillTheyHear Campaign and the Founder of the QUEST Academy which includes a growing number of organizations and churches working together to mobilizing workers to share the gospel and show the love of Christ among the forcibly displaced.

Nicole develops mission leaders at the Budapest Garden House which provides spiritual formation and retreats for missionaries and church leaders who are ministering on the front lines. As the COVID restrictions loosened during the middle of 2022, over a hundred men, and women were personally encouraged through spiritual retreats, spiritual direction and intentional discipling relationships. In the fall of 2022, Nicole started her PhD program at George Fox University in Spiritual Formation and Leadership. We are thankful for the churches and individuals who are supporting her ministry development over the next 5 years.

While numbers are not the most important measure nor provide a full picture of ministry, here is a snapshot of some of the ministry statistics and metrics by God's grace from 2022.

In 2022, Matt personally developed 50 leaders including 12 members of the QUEST Academy leadership team and 20 workers and 20 Persians in biblical theology of missions and understanding personal calling in mission.

Matt equipped 140 leaders including 70 Arabic/Farsi believers in personal evangelism in Germany, 40 leaders at the RHP Europe Roundtable in Athens and 30 Italians in Muslim

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH (CONTINUED)

ministry training, 440 attendees at the Refugee Highway Partnership Roundtable in Athens, Greece, and 70 leaders in facilitating the Ukraine Refugee Response Coalition in Krakow, Poland in partnership with Lausanne Europe.

In 2022, donors gave over \$30,000 to respond to the Ukrainian refugee crisis. A majority of these funds were distributed to ministry partners in Poland, Hungary and Moldova. Within QUEST Academy, over 120 students and many ministries were represented. Within the Refugee Highway Partnership, there are over 300 ministries across Europe assisting refugees holistically in many ways.

United World Mission: <http://uwm.org/missionaries/31424/>

QUEST Academy Video

<https://vimeo.com/654527369/b2f70b5b6c>

Paschall Ministry Vision <https://vimeo.com/327428448>

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Jacob, Shane, Matt, Niki, Adelaide, Clarisa

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opportunities to come together to learn, pray and fellowship.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH OF NYC

JOIN US FOR YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Come learn about God's word so we can all develop our relationship and identity in Christ!

THURSDAYS (BIWEEKLY)
STARTING THURSDAY, FEB 2ND
5:30PM-6:30PM
ON ZOOM

Youth will be able to gain a much deeper understanding of the word of God and apply these scriptural truths to their everyday life.

Middle & High School Students Welcome!
 Invite a Friend or Two!

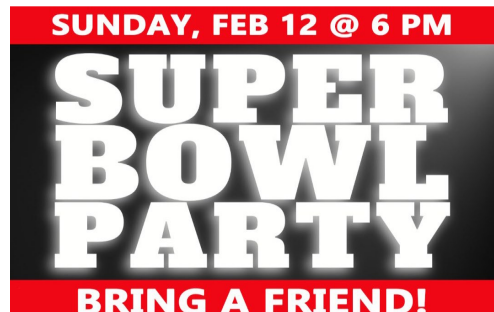


LET'S CELEBRATE

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FRI, FEBRUARY 10TH | 7:00PM
MOVIE (TILL)
REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING MOVIE IN CHAPEL

SAT, FEBRUARY 25TH | 3:00PM
BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM (SANCTUARY)
AFTERNOON OF MUSIC & DANCE



Bible Study

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adults—9:45AM

Youth — 11:15A, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays

Join in person and via Zoom by

Phone: 646-558-8656

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Studying the Book of Judges

7:00—8:00PM

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

Enter the meeting ID 683 160 1413 when prompted.

Join Zoom by Phone: 646-558-8656

Prayer Meetings

PRAYER MEETINGS BY CONFERENCE PHONE

(609) 746-1164

Access Code: 667293#

Monday & Thursday

6-6:30 AM

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

"POWER HOUR"

Sunday,

FEBRUARY 19

@ 12:30PM

Join the Zoom meeting by phone at
646-558-8656

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#

EVENING PRAYER

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24 @ 7:00PM

In-Dial into the Zoom Meeting phone number:

646-558-8656

Capital Campaign

WHAT: CAPITAL CAMPAIGN—Raise \$100,000.00

WHY: To offset the \$500,000 overall cost of exterior facade repairs

AMOUNT DONATED AS OF 1/20/23—\$6,085.00



Senior Ministry Events

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4
SENIOR MINISTRY
BOOK CLUB MEETING @ 2:00PM

All seniors are invited to join us.
 •Join us In-Person in Ms. Ann's Room
 •Or dial in on your phone:(929) 205-6099
 Enter the meeting ID 816 901 3583 when prompted.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 @ 2:00pm
SENIOR MONTHLY LUNCHEON
MEETING

Location: The Parlor
All seniors 55 and older are invited to join us.



Senior Trip to Sight & Sound
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Saturday, July 15, 2023
COST: \$200.00 per person all inclusive

Leave Central at 8:00am – Return at 9:30pm Tour Includes:

- Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation
- Buffet Luncheon AND Shopping at Tanger's Outlet (Discount Book)

Cost: \$200.00 Per Person. Deposit of \$50.00 due by January 30, 2023, to Secure Seat

2nd Payment due March 30, 2023 (\$75.00)

Final Payment due May 30, 2023 (\$75.00)

Make Checks or Money Orders payable to: Central Baptist Church (Note on check Senior Trip).

All payments are to be given to Otis Coleman.

February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
BLACK HISTORY MONTH			1 12P-MIDWEEK PRAYER-PHONE 7P-WED. NIGHT BIBLE STUDY	2 5:30-6:30P — YOUTH BIBLE STUDY	3	4 2:00-4:00P — SENIOR BOOK CLUB, MISS ANN'S ROOM
5 9:45A —ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 1:00P — UNOFFENDABLE LAUNCH-1P	6	7	8 12P-MIDWEEK PRAYER-PHONE 7P-WED. NIGHT BIBLE STUDY	9	10 7P — BLACK HISTORY MOVIE	11
12 9:45A —ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 6:00P—SUPER BOWL PARTY	13	14	15 12P-MIDWEEK PRAYER-PHONE 7P-WED. NIGHT BIBLE STUDY	16 5:30-6:30P — YOUTH BIBLE STUDY	17	18 2:00-4:00P, SENIOR LUNCHEON, PARLOR
19 9:45A —ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL WOMEN'S POWER HOUR—12;20-zoom	20	21	22 12P-MIDWEEK PRAYER-PHONE 7P-WED. NIGHT BIBLE STUDY	23	24 7:00-8:00P -EVENING PRAYER, IN-PERSON AND ZOOM	25 3:00P - BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM
26 9:45A —ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL	27	28	USE THIS CALENDAR TO MARK OUT DAYS YOU WANT TO REMEMBER.			