



They will know us by our Love John 13:35



MARCH THEME:

A Journey through 1st John : Leading a Life of Love

March Fighter Verse—1 John 2:10-11

"Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them."

OUR WORSHIP

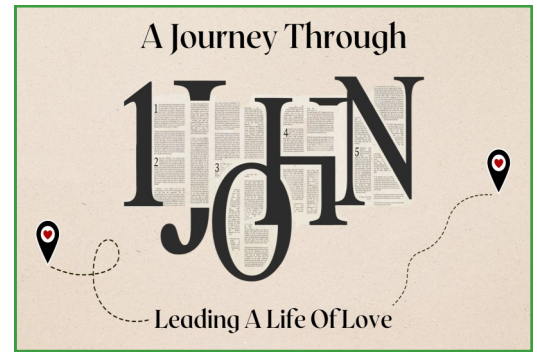
**IN-PERSON
LIVESTREAM, FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE @
11:00AM
Www.centralbaptistnyc.org**

**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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National Women's Month-Featured Woman Nannie Helen Burroughs

March is National Women's Month and we are featuring a woman who is a part of the history of the Black Baptist Church. Internet research yielded two interesting articles on Nannie Helen Burroughs.

It is important that we remember that we will never know what it means to be Baptist if we do not study the history of the black Baptist church. At the turn of the century, Nannie Helen Burroughs was an influential suffragette and social reformer. She believed in something called the Black Social Gospel which meant that Salvation had to be a spiritual and political event in order to save the individual from separation from God and systemic injustice. Because of this belief, Nannie co-founded the Women's Convention as a way to represent black women in the Baptist faith. Later in her life, Nannie also opened schools that taught both the Bible and black history.¹



Nannie Burroughs
ca. 1900

Nannie Helen Burroughs was born in Orange, Virginia on May 2, 1879 to parents John and Jennie Burroughs. She attended school in Washington, D.C. and then moved to Kentucky where she attended Eckstein-Norton University and eventually received an honorary M.A. degree in 1907.

Despite the absence of a college degree, Burroughs sought a teaching position in Washington, D.C. When she did not receive it, she moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and became associate editor of *The Christian Banner*, a Baptist newspaper. Burroughs returned to Washington, D.C. where, despite receiving a high rating on the civil service exam, she was refused a position in the public school system. Burroughs took a series of temporary jobs including office building janitor and bookkeeper for a small manufacturing firm, hoping to eventually become a teacher in Washington, D.C. She then accepted a position in Louisville as secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of

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the National Baptist Convention.

In 1907 Burroughs, supported by the National Baptist Convention, began planning the National Trade and Professional School for Women and Girls in Washington, D.C. The school opened in 1909 with 26-year-old Burroughs as its first president. Burroughs



Afro Newspaper/Gado.01
January, 1930.

adopted the motto "We specialize in the wholly impossible" for the school, which taught courses on the high school and junior college level. She led her small faculty in training students through a curriculum that emphasized both vocational and professional skills. Her students were to become self-sufficient wage earners and "expert homemakers."

Unlike most of her contemporaries, Burroughs believed that industrial and classical education were compatible. She also became an early advocate of African American history, requiring each of her students to pass that course before graduation. Burroughs was a demanding principal. According to observers, she was such a purist that she was physically pained when she encountered grammatical errors made by her students.

Nannie Helen Burroughs never married. She devoted her life to the National Trade and Professional School for Women and Girls and remained its principal until her death in 1961. Three years later the institution she founded was renamed the Nannie Burroughs School.²

1 Accessed February 23, 2023. <https://www.millbrookbaptistchurch.org/millbrook-baptist-blog/5-women> 2. Accessed February 23, 2023. <https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/burroughs-nannie-helen-1883-1961>.

Pastor's Devotional

Trouble Don't Last Always



Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

As it is written:

"For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

Romans 8:35-36

In Romans 8:35, the apostle Paul writes, "Can trouble separate us from the love of God?" The word "trouble" describes a distress that is brought on by outward circumstances. Paul's life was never free from trouble so the question of verse 35 is possibly in part be autobiographical. Paul's "trouble" may have even caused him to question the love that God had for him. If this is the case, Paul like many of us, may have attached a trivial understanding to love that it works to keep us from having to experience trouble or pain.

And if you, like Paul, have ever been through a series tragic circumstances, then you know that suffering can cause you to doubt God's love.

This is true of everyone. In verse 36, Paul quotes Psalm 44 and reflects the sense of doubt that trouble can cause in one's life. Paul is not just borrowing the words of the Psalm, he is borrowing the experiences and the emotions of the psalmist who not only acknowledges that God put him in troubling situations, the psalmist also confesses that he is on the verge of doubting God's love and he makes several complaints about God to God. Paul quotes verse 22 of Psalm 44, but in verses 23 and 24 the psalmist begs God, "Awake oh Lord Why do you sleep. Rouse yourself do not reject us forever. Why do you hide your face and reject our misery forever?" That is what trouble can do, it can make us question everything and make us feel like God doesn't care anymore and that he has turned his back on us.

And Paul in his trouble, just like you and me in our trouble, was almost ready to say, "because of my circumstances, God doesn't love me anymore." But even though Paul's trouble caused him to question the love of God, he could never come to the point where he could deny the reality of God's love. Because



The Apostle Paul, c. 1657, Rembrandt

when Paul answers the question, can trouble separate us from the love of God, Paul's emphatic answer is No. In the Greek, the "no" is the intensive emphatic contrasting conjunction. Paul just doesn't say "no", he says, "absolutely no way!" Paul in essence is saying "my experiences may have caused some to doubt the love of God but in contrast to that, I have learned that trouble doesn't separate me from the love of Christ. Actually, it just brings me closer to his love."

We all experience God's love through suffering and pain in a way that we could never experience it without it. God meets us there with a love that sustains. And it is because of his love, that we survive our pain. Our trouble may cause us to doubt God's love, but it is often through our trouble that God's love for us is confirmed.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

For a fuller context, read Romans 8:18–39 and Psalm 44.

How do these passages shape your understanding of "Trouble"?

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH



Barry and Peggy Owen *Serving in Taiwan with World Venture*

Barry and Peggy Owen were appointed to World Venture for long term service in 1986.

They have served in Taiwan since 1988. Central Baptist has supported them for many years. Barry began with church planting in Kaohsiung, Tainan and Chiayi County.

In 2016, Barry was invited to work with the Wu Chang Baptist Church. Their goal was to reach out to internationals in Kaohsiung and to prepare Taiwanese for cross-cultural missions.

Peggy's ministry includes leading women's Bible studies and discipleship in Kaohsiung. She is also part of the Joy House and The Grace Place in Chiayi County working with children.

Barry and Peggy will be at Central Baptist Church on Sunday, March 26, 2023. Please come and hear an update on their ministry in Taiwan during the 11am morning worship service. Plan to stay for the Meet and Greet after the service in the Chapel.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for a car to use while they are on home assignment.
- Pray for their housing situation in Taiwan. Their landlord is selling their apartment.
- Pray for those who are growing in the faith in Taiwan

March Birthdays



"The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing."
Zephaniah 3:17.



Happiest of birthdays to you. May God hold His comforting hand over your life in the coming year.

Viola Holmes	03/03
Lisa Phillips	03/04
Cristal Tejeda	03/05
Adelle Marcelin	03/07
Jahzara Bryant	03/09
Elijah Rivera	03/11
Paris Carter	03/12
Kristy Fils-Aime	03/14
Evelyn Trowell	03/17
Jordan Winn	03/19
Nadja Hicks	03/19
Diane Singleton	03/20
Willana Mack	03/20
Brandon Valentin Griffin	03/21
Annie Friend	03/23
Xavier Lambert	03/24
Mamie Murray	03/27
Yemani Vasquez	03/31

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opportunities to come together to learn, pray and fellowship.

Bible Study

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adults—9:45AM

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

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

Enter the meeting ID 683 160 1413 when prompted.

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

UNOFFENDABLE GROUP STUDY

If you are interested in joining a small group, call the church office for contact information.

Women's Discipleship Groups

Sundays: 1:00-2:30 pm, Kathy Smith

Wednesdays: 2:00-3:30 pm, Esther Romero

Fridays: 6:30-8:00 pm, Sharrata Hunt

Saturdays: 9:45-11:15 am, Kimberly Casteline

Men's Discipleship Groups

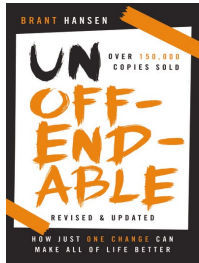
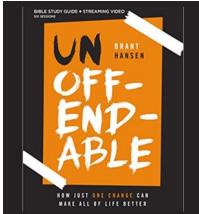
Sundays (Bi-Monthly) 9:30-10:45AM- Otis Coleman

Mondays: 7:00-8:00 pm, Chris Phillips

Tuesdays: 6:30-7:30 pm, Pastor Robert Casteline

Wednesdays: 8:00-9:00am - Elder Deryck Tonge

Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 pm, Carlos Tejeda



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!

Senior Ministry Events

SATURDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 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**

See Otis Coleman for details and payment plan.

Prayer Meetings

PRAYER MEETINGS BY CONFERENCE PHONE

(609) 746-1164
Access Code: 667293#
Monday & Thursday
6-6:30 AM

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#

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

Capital Campaign

GOAL: Raise \$100,000.00 by June, 2023
AMOUNT DONATED AS OF 2/29/23 — \$6, 538.80

EVENING PRAYER

Meeting the last Friday of the month
FRIDAY, MARCH 31@ 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

WOMEN'S MINISTRY **"POWER HOUR"**

Sunday,
MARCH 19
@ 12:30PM
Join the Zoom meeting by phone at
646-558-8656



Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins." Mark 11:24-25 (NIV)

A Little About St. Patrick



St. Patrick's Day, feast day (March 17) of St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 CE to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools. Many legends grew up around him—for example, that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate his day with religious services and feasts.

It was emigrants, particularly to the United States, who transformed St. Patrick's Day into a largely secular holiday of revelry and celebration of things Irish. Cities with large numbers of Irish immigrants, who often wielded political

power, staged the most extensive celebrations, which included elaborate parades. Boston held its first St. Patrick's Day parade in 1737, followed by New York City in 1762. Since 1962 Chicago has colored its river green to mark the holiday. (Although blue was the colour traditionally associated with St. Patrick, green is now commonly connected with the day.) Irish and non-Irish alike commonly participate in the "wearing of the green"—sporting an item of green clothing or a shamrock, the Irish national plant, in the lapel. Corned beef and cabbage are associated with the holiday, and even beer is sometimes dyed green to celebrate the day. Although some of these practices eventually were adopted by the Irish themselves, they did so largely for the benefit of tourists.

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Patrick>. Accessed February 23, 2023. The Editors of Encyclopaedia Britannica This article was most recently revised and updated by Amy Tikkanen.



March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
USE THIS CALENDAR TO MARK OUT DAYS YOU WANT TO RE-MEMBER.			1 12P-MIDWEEK PRAYER-PHONE 7P-WED. NIGHT BIBLE STUDY	2 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call 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	6 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	7	8 12P-MIDWEEK PRAYER-PHONE 7P-WED. NIGHT BI-	9 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	10	11
12 9:45A —ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL	13 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	14	15 12P-MIDWEEK PRAYER-PHONE 7P-WED. NIGHT BIBLE STUDY	16 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call 5:30-6:30P—Youth Bible Study	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18 2:00-4:00P SENIOR LUNCHEON, PARLOR
19 9:45A —ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL WOMEN'S POWER HOUR—12:20-zoom	20 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	21	22 12P-MIDWEEK PRAYER-PHONE 7P-WED. NIGHT BIBLE STUDY	23 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	24	25
26 9:45A —ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL	27 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	28	29 12P-MIDWEEK PRAYER-PHONE	30 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	31 7:00-8:00P - EVENING PRAYER, IN-PERSON AND	