

# MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

## MARCH THEME: CAN YOU HEAR ME?

### March Fighter Verse — Psalm 116:1-2

I love the Lord, for He heard my voice; He heard my cry for mercy.  
Because He turned His ear to me, I will call on Him as long as I live.

### MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT Music Ministry

By Sharrata Hunt

#### BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONCERT

Sunday, February 27, 2022

The Music Ministry brought a moving and worshipful close to Black History Month with a concert celebrating the music in the black church and its origins highlighting the spiritual and traditional and the connection with modern and contemporary worship music. From Spirituals and traditional church music still bring us to a place of worship. At the request of Pastor Fils-Aime, Willana Mack Hudson, Central's Music Director, put together a program featuring the music of legends in black church music such as James Cleveland, Sister Rosetta Tharpe and Tramaine Hawkins. Willana's aim in putting the program together was to take us on a journey through woven where we gather together communally as we Lift Every Voice and Sing yet we when walk alone say, "I want Jesus to Walk with Me."

Willana introduced the concert with the following historical information garnered from different websites:



*"When enslaved Africans were brought to the United States, they were forced to leave behind nearly all material possessions. But they retained their cultural traditions — including a tradition of vibrant, rhythmic communal music. And that's how the black spiritual was born. Slaves used spirituals as a form of work song in order to boost their companions' spirits, convey their sorrows, convey secret messages, and seek comfort in God.*

*Spirituals were created extemporaneously and were passed orally from person to person. There is record of approximately 6,000 spirituals or sorrow songs; however, the oral tradition of the slaves' ancestors—and the prohibition against slaves learning to read or write—meant that the actual number of songs is unknown. Some of the best-known spirituals include: "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child," "Nobody Knows The Trouble I've Seen," "Steal Away," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "Go Down, Moses," "He's Got the Whole World in His Hand," "Every Time I Feel the Spirit," "Let Us Break*

## OUR WORSHIP

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP**  
**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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## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Viola Holmes	03/03	Elijah Rivera	03/11	Diane Singleton	03/20
Lisa Phillips	03/04	Kristy Fils-Aime	03/14	Willana Mack	03/20
Cristal Tejeda	03/05	Evelyn Trowell	03/17	Brandon Valentin Griffin	03/21
Adelle Marcelin	03/07	Nadja Hicks	03/19	Charles Smith	03/23
Jahzara Bryant	03/09	Jordan Winn	03/19	Mamie Murray	03/27

*Bread Together on Our Knees,” and “Wade in the Water.” The spiritual has given birth to a number of American music genres, including Blues, Jazz and gospel; and spirituals played a major role during the Civil Rights Era of the 1950’s and 1960’s.*

African American Gospel music emerged in the 1930s and is influenced by spirituals, the blues, and hymns from numerous traditions. Like Spirituals, Gospel utilizes the call and response and improvisation. Gospel mixes the sacred and the secular. The Fisk Jubilee Singers, and groups like them that sang spirituals in secular contexts, are part of the evolution from spirituals to gospel. Singer Mahalia Jackson played a significant role in the promotion and development of gospel music during the 1940s and 1950s. She could be frequently seen on national television and in concert halls. Another singer who emerged in the 1940s to popularize the genre was Sister Rosetta Tharpe, who famously combined gospel with jazz guitar.



Mahalia Jackson

*Spirituals are now understood to be one of the most important genres of American folk music.*



The concert closed with “The Potter’s House” which reminds us that everything we need to mend our brokenness can be found in the Potter’s House because “the Potter wants to put you back together again.”

Pray for our Musical Director’s health and that our Worship team will continue to lead in spirit filled worship.

#### **PRAISE AND WORSHIP TEAM**

##### **VOCALISTS**

Willana Mack Hudson, Leader; Laticia Smith, Soprano;  
Crystal Ward, Tenor; Anita Johnson, Alto  
Angela Workman, Guest Artist

##### **BAND**

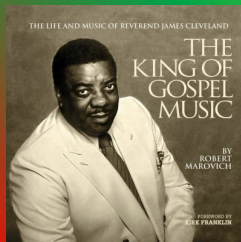
Junior Joseph, Keyboard; Wayne Hudson, Bass  
Xavier McCollin, Drums

#### **BLACK HISTORY CONCERT PROGRAM**

*Lift Every Voice and Sing  
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me  
\*\*Moment In Black History\*\**

**VIDEO: Sister Rosetta Tharp singing  
“Down by the Riverside”**

*Give Me Jesus  
Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child  
I Don’t Feel No Ways Tired  
Wade in the Water*



Upper Left corner: Tramaine Hawkins  
Lower Left corner: James Cleveland  
Above right: Sister Rosetta Tharpe

## **PASTOR’S DEVOTIONAL**

### **The Disciple’s Call**

**Matthew 5:11-13**—“Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.”

**T**he Gospel according to Matthew is organized and arranged around five discourses or sermons that Jesus gives to a particular audience. The content of these discourses ranges from how to discern hidden revelation to how to prepare for the inevitable future judgement. The first and most well-known of these discourses is found in Matthew 5-7. Because of its setting, Matthew 5-7 is typically referred to as the Sermon on the Mount. This sermon contains some of the most familiar ethical teachings in the world. Even people outside of the church and unfamiliar with the bible, know some of the sayings and teachings it contains. But the Sermon on the Mount is more than just a series of ethical teachings, it is essentially a disciple’s employee handbook.

The Sermon on the Mount starts by giving the church its detailed benefits package, the beatitudes of Matthew 5:1-12. The beatitudes are a series of nine blessings; nine promises of the good life for disciples who display a certain characteristic or find themselves in certain situations. Jesus promises blessings for disciples who pursue peace, who are merciful, or who are pure in heart because God will fulfill their longings.

## Pastor's Devotional, continued

The last beatitude of Matthew 5:11-12 is directly related to and prepares Jesus' disciples for the job description in part two of the employee handbook: the disciple's calling of Matthew 5:13-16. Matthew 5:13 begins by looking back, "you who are salt and light" refers to the same group who are blessed when they experience persecution in verse 11 and at the same time are called to impact the world. In verse 11, Jesus describes the challenges of persecution that the disciples will face, and then in verse 13 Jesus describes the Disciple's Call.



<https://robertbuck.blog/2017/09/22/radical-discipleship-will-get-you-in-trouble/>

In connecting the two verses, Jesus is saying that we will face opposition in the world, and our calling comes with challenges. We are called to do good in the world and to have a positive impact on people, but the world that we are called to do good in and the people we are called to positively impact won't always appreciate what we do or even like us. In fact, Jesus says just the opposite. The world will more likely call you names than show their appreciation. And the world will more likely persecute you than congratulate you. The calling of a disciple is not for the faint of heart. The very people you are called to help are the very people Jesus says will try to hurt you. Jesus connects the challenges with the call to encourage us in verse 12 to fulfill our calling despite the challenges and promises us a heavenly blessing. If you endure the world and continue in your mission, God reserves a blessing for you.

Jesus reminds us in verse 13 that despite the challenges of the call, the responsibility to impact the world remains the same. You will be persecuted but you are still salt and light. The persecution and challenges we experience are never an excuse for us to deny our calling. In many ways our calling leads to the challenges; people will persecute us because we are salt and light. And persecution is often the thing the enemy uses to distract us and keep us from being salt and light. He would rather we focus on what people do to us, say about us, or the ways they hurt and harm us, rather than on the need they have to experience the love of God that comes through us to them. The enemy wants to get the people of God to focus on what is happening in their lives, and the trouble they are experiencing. But for Jesus, persecution is a complementary feature of trying to impact the world, and persecution should never keep us from impacting the world.

They will hate you, but you are still called to love them; they may try to hurt you, but you are still called to help



## Bible in a Year Reading Calendar March, 2022

Date	OT Reading	NT Reading
3/1/2022	Samuel 10 - 14	Luke 19:29 - 20:26
3/2/2022	Catch Up & Reflect	
3/3/2022	2 Samuel 15 - 16	Luke 20:27-47
3/4/2022	2 Samuel 17 - 18	Luke 21:1-19
3/5/2022	2 Samuel 19 - 20	Luke 21:20-38
3/6/2022	2 Samuel 21 - 22	Luke 22:1-30
3/7/2022	2 Samuel 23 - 26	Luke 22:31-53
3/8/2022	1 Kings 1 - 5	Luke 22:54—23:26
3/9/2022	Catch Up & Reflect	
3/10/2022	1 Kings 6 - 7	Luke 23:27-38
3/11/2022	1 Kings 8 - 9	Luke 23:39-56
3/12/2022	1 Kings 10 - 11	Luke 24:1-35
3/13/2022	1 Kings 12 - 13	Luke 24:36-53
3/14/2022	1 Kings 14 - 15	John 1:1-28
3/15/2022	1 Kings 16 - 20	John 1:29 - 2:25
3/16/2022	Catch Up & Reflect	
3/17/2022	1 Kings 21 - 22	John 3:1-21
3/18/2022	2 Kings 1 - 3	John 3:22-36
3/19/2022	2 Kings 4 - 5	John 4:1-30
3/20/2022	2 Kings 6 - 8	John 4:31-54
3/21/2022	2 Kings 9 - 11	John 5:1-24
3/22/2022	2 Kings 12 - 17	John 5:25 - 6:21
3/23/2022	Catch Up & Reflect	
3/24/2022	2 Kings 18 - 19	John 6:22-44
3/25/2022	2 Kings 20 - 22	John 6:45-71
3/26/2022	2 Kings 23 - 25	John 7:1-31
3/27/2022	1 Chronicles 1 - 2	John 7:32-53
3/28/2022	1 Chronicles 3 - 6	John 8
3/29/2022	1 Chronicles 7 - 11	John 9
3/30/2022	Catch Up & Reflect	
3/31/2022	1 Chronicles 12 - 14	John 10:1-21
<b>APRIL 2022</b>		
4/1/2022	1 Chronicles 15 - 17	John 10:22-42
4/2/2022	1 Chronicles 18 - 20	John 11:1-17
4/3/2022	1 Chronicles 21 - 23	John 11:18-46
4/4/2022	1 Chronicles 24 - 27	John 11:47-57
4/5/2022	1 Chron. 28 - 2 Chron. 3	John 12
4/6/2022	Catch Up & Reflect	

them; they may talk about you, but you are still called to bless them. Challenges don't prevent calling. And regardless of how much the persecution the world weighs on us, the calling that God has placed on us still takes priority. You must show up to work in the kingdom regardless of how people outside of the kingdom are treating you because in the kingdom, there are no sick days.

### **SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT**

Merriam Webster defines CALLING as "a strong inner impulse toward a particular course of action especially when accompanied by conviction of divine influence."

As a disciple of Jesus, what actions will you need take in order to fulfill the Call on your life? Who will you love, help and bless in spite of how you have been treated?

### **CBC SENIOR MINISTRY**

*The Getaway Luncheon and Theater Experience DAVID at Sight & Sound in Lancaster, PA. is **SOLD OUT!** All inquires and payments are to be given to Otis Coleman 212-567-7479. NOTE: CDC virus protection guideline will be followed.*

## **Bible Study, Prayer Meetings & Announcements**

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

Join Zoom by Phone: 646-558-8656 & YouTube  
7:00 PM

#### **Prayer Meetings by Phone**

Conference Call  
Connection  
(712) 770-4711

Access Code: 667293#

#### **Sick and Shut-In:**

Monday & Thursday  
6-6:30 AM

#### **Men's Ministry**

Tuesday and Thursday  
6:45-7:30 AM

#### **Mid-Week Prayer:**

Wednesday  
12:00-1:00 PM

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

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

#### **"POWER HOUR" MEETING**

**Sunday, March 20 @ 12:30PM**

Join by phone at 646-558-8656

*"Prayer is our most powerful weapon!"*

## **EVENING PRAYER**

Evening Prayer will meet via Zoom  
**MARCH 25, 2022**

Dial into the Zoom Meeting using your phone to:  
**646-558-8656**

**All Senior Ministry Activities that take place at the church are cancelled until further notice.**

## **MISSIONS**

### **Pray For Our Missionaries**

#### **Our missionaries who serve with 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  
Luis and Azucena Matute, Panama & Costa Rica  
Vincent and Maryam Morgan, Brooklyn, NY,  
and the Middle East  
Ray and Valerie Ramos, Brooklyn, NY  
Marvin and Denise Robinson, Rochester, NY

#### **Our missionaries who serve with World Venture:**

Barry and Peggy Owen, Asia

#### **Our missionaries who serve with United World Mission:**

Matt and Nicole Paschall, Hungary

#### **Our missionary who serves with Urban Life Source Connection:**

Dale Belli, New York City

#### **Our missionaries who serve with COMINAD (Cooperative Mission Network of the African Dispersion)**

Brian and Ruth Johnson,  
Europe, Africa, and the Caribbean

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