



**CENTRAL  
BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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## MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

### MAY THEME: JESUS AT THE CENTER

#### May Fighter Verse— Hebrews 12:28-29

**T**herefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our “God is a consuming fire.”



## 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**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021— 1:00PM**

- Join us In-Person in the Parlor  
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.



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#### May Birthdays

Shelley Fortune	5/1	John Fils-Aime	5/15
Natasha Robinson	5/1	Malik Winn	5/16
Katherine Smith	5/3	Marcia Awobuluyi	5/17
Evelyn Grant	5/4	Isaiah Tejeda	5/17
Benjamin Johnson	5/4	Jermaine Bolden	5/19
Robert Casteline	5/5	Raquel Lachman	5/19
Sydney Jones	5/7	Patricia Young	5/22
Otis Coleman	5/8	Raymond G. Miller	5/23
<i>Mother's Day</i>	<i>5/9</i>	Deryck Tonge	5/27
Ernestine Jones	5/11	Melanie Fleming	5/30



#### MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT Young Life Upper West Side

*By Paulette Forbes-Igharo  
with Laura Cooley*

**Y**oung Life Upper West Side (UWS) is the youth ministry of Central Baptist Church and its mission is Introducing adolescents to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith; to motivate them to follow Christ and change their lives by caring for them.

We accomplish this by ...

- Praying for young people
- Going where kids are and building personal relationships with them

- Earning the right to share the Good News of Jesus Christ
- Providing fun, adventurous, life-changing and skill-building experiences
- Inviting kids to personally respond to the Good News and walking in friendship with them regardless of their response
- Preparing kids for a life-long relationship with Christ and a love for His word, His mission and the local church
- Working in community alongside like-minded adults (volunteer leaders, committee members, donors and staff).

The Young Life UWS Area rests under the umbrella of the Young Life Manhattan Region. Area Director Jay Payne trains Upper West Side volunteer leaders to form fruitful relationships with students and assist in the leading of student ministry events. Young Life UWS works in conjunction with our UWS Board Members.

### OUR VALUES

- **The Gospel** — Living according to and communicating the whole gospel of Jesus Christ
- **Scripture** — Acting under the authority of Scripture and relying on the Holy Spirit to empower our ministry
- **All Kids** — Reaching adolescents of every ability and all economic, cultural and ethnic backgrounds
- **Ecumenical** — Collaborating with followers of Christ from various traditions and local churches worldwide
- **Diversity** — Welcoming those whom God calls to our mission — men and women of all ethnicities and abilities who are committed to the common purpose of introducing adolescents to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith
- **Health** — Encouraging our staff and volunteers in their personal and spiritual health so we may minister out of a consistent and growing relationship with Christ and His followers
- **Stewardship** — Observing the highest standards of stewardship of all the resources placed in our trust
- **The Next Kid** — Developing innovative approaches to reach uncommitted, disinterested young people around the world.

### ACTIVITIES

Young Life leaders enter and "do life" with kids in an overwhelming, yet amazing world. Kids get to be kids while learning what life is about. We show kids true hope through Christ's love as they live life to the fullest. Aside from individualized contact work, our major events may be classified into three main categories: Club, Campaigners, and Camp.

**Club** is a party with a purpose! It's controlled chaos that's almost impossible to describe, but kids know it when they see it. And before the party ends, we share a simple message about God's love for them. After all, that's what the celebration is all about.

**Campaigners** is a time to learn and grow. It is a weekly meeting for kids who wish to learn more or grow in their faith through study, service and leadership. Young Life leaders also encourage these kids to celebrate their faith through participation in a local congregation.

**Camp** is contact work (described below) to the max! Kids consistently tell us that Young Life camp is the best week of their lives. That's a rousing (and unsolicited) endorsement! But how else would you describe a week where deep relationships are forged in the midst of mind-boggling fun and you experience and listen to what we believe is the greatest love story ever told? This is a sleepaway camp.

**(Central's Missions Committee provides financial assistance through scholarships. See page 4 for details.)**

**Meetings** Our kids and leaders meet at least once per week formally, but we encourage leaders to connect with kids individually as well. High School Men's Campaigners meets on Tuesdays from 7 to 8 PM on Zoom. Middle School (WyldLife) meets on Mondays from 7:30 to 8:30 PM on Zoom. Our basketball groups are on a rotating schedule in person at the CBC gym.



**Jay Payne, Area Director**

**Training** Our area director (Jay Payne) trains our volunteer leaders to perform what we call "contact work," while also maintaining a steady schedule of contact work himself. Because kids don't care how much you know until they know how much you care, Young Life leaders show they care by going where kids are, meeting them as they are, believing in who they can be. Within Young Life we call the persistent going out into the world of kids "contact work," but kids just call it friendship. Due to COVID restrictions, many of our groups meet on Zoom, but they can also be found in other places such as parks, basketball courts, and socially distanced ice cream shops. Young Life encourages leaders to connect with kids regularly and pray for them during their own personal quiet time.

**Requirements** We do require background checks for volunteer leaders and staff members as well as commitment to a code of conduct designed to keep our leaders and students safe at all time.

### JOIN US

Anyone who wishes to be a member of Young Life UWS as a volunteer leader, committee member, donor, staff or as a student should email our administrative assistant Laura Cooley at [Laura@uws.younglife.org](mailto:Laura@uws.younglife.org) or contact Jay directly at [jay@uws.younglife.org](mailto:jay@uws.younglife.org).

**View Young Life Upper West Side**  
<https://uws.younglife.org/>

## Pastor's Devotion

### EPHESIANS 5:29-30

**D**o not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.



Ephesians 4:29-30 is the fourth of four consecutive vices that Paul tells believers to put off or to remove because they are detrimental and hazardous to community life. With every vice that Paul tells believers to put off, he will also suggest a virtue that they should put on instead. These exhortations to put off and put on certain behaviors are given to the church and should be practiced in the church, but there is never a time when the word of God says that we should treat Christians one way and treat non-Christians another way. These behaviors should be practiced at church, at home, at your office, wherever you find yourself, and with whomever you find yourself. In verse 25, Paul says that we should put off lies and put on truthfulness. In verses 26-27, Paul says that we should put off uncontrolled anger and put on controlled restrained. In verse 28 we should put off stealing and put on hard work. And now in verse 29, Paul says that we should put off what the NIV refers to as unwholesome talk.

In the context of the vice and virtue list started in verse 25, unwholesome talk refers to negative speech about people in your community, speech designed to hurt, injure, or harm someone. Paul is saying nothing about the truthfulness of this type of speech; unwholesome speech may or may not be true, Paul is only saying something about its effect. Even if what you say is true and it results in someone being hurt, someone being negatively impacted, then your speech is unwholesome. Paul understands that words have the power to hurt or to help.

Hurtful words destroy people's confidence, undermine trust, devastate relationships, and therefore, have no place in any community.

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Paul uses an ineloquent yet colorful word, that the NIV translates "unwholesome." It is a word that literally means "rotten" or "putrid." Paul is the first to apply this term to the words we speak. The term is used of stinky rotten fish that should be thrown away. It also applies to moldy and decomposing fruit. Paul uses this term metaphorically, a word that means rancid, maggoty, disgusting, so that believers, when they are exposed to unwholesome speech, would develop a kind of gag reflex. They should be so repulsed by what they hear, refuse to listen and request the language be cleaned up.



In the Disney classic movie *Bambi*, when Thumper the eager, energetic, adolescent rabbit first meets Bambi the newborn baby deer, Thumper has something negative to say about Bambi from his name to his inability to walk. "Bambi! What kind of name is that?" "He doesn't walk very good does he?" After a while, Thumper's mom is fed up with Thumper's negativity. She very sternly calls out his name, and asks him to repeat what his father had said to him early that morning. Apparently Thumper has had a problem of negative speech and his father had to speak to him about it; and Thumper, with his head hung low recites, "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all."

And this is Paul's exhortation to every believer, if we are unable to encourage and elevate our brothers and sisters, then we should refrain from speaking at all.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY — SAVE THE DATE

### SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2021 - WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

#### Fervent Prayer Gathering @11:00AM



This time of prayer and testimonies completes our discipleship groups' study of Fervent Prayer by Priscilla Shirer. Come and hear what the Lord has done and then join us on Sunday for worship.

Wear something **lavender or purple** to celebrate!

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

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## Bible Study, Prayer Meetings & Announcements

### "TASTE OF LOVE—CBC COOKS" Women's Ministry Cookbook



The Women's Ministry is selling CBC Cookbooks, for the Women's Retreat. Please reserve your orders NOW via email address [ccooks21@gmail.com](mailto:ccooks21@gmail.com). Cookbooks are expected to be available on Mother's Day, May 9th.

The cost of the cookbook is \$25.00. Send check or money order payable to Central Baptist Church with "CBC COOKBOOKS" in the memo or order online <https://secure.subsplash.com/pay/19edqo>. Please consider also paying the processing cost.

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY** **Current Topic: *Knowing the Will of God*** **Join Zoom by Phone: 646-558-8656** **YouTube**

**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, May 16 @ 12:30PM**  
Dial in phone number: **646-558-8656**  
*"Prayer is our most powerful weapon!"*

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 23 @ 1PM**  
*In person & via Zoom*

**EVENING PRAYER,**  
Evening Prayer will meet  
**Friday, May 28 @ 7:00PM**

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

**All Senior Ministry Activities are cancelled until further notice.**

## MISSIONS



### **MISSION'S COMMITTEE SUMMER** **CAMP SCHOLARSHIP**

The Mission's Committee has a limited number of partial scholarships for CBC's young people ages 5-18 to attend one week of summer camp at one of CBC's Christian Camp Partners. The fund will pay up to **\$200** per child.

For more information and/or application email [missions@centralbaptistnyc.org](mailto:missions@centralbaptistnyc.org)

- Must be a member or regular attendee of CBC.
- Must apply before May 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Essay Required with application

## 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 & 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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