



They will know us by our Love John 13:35



April Theme: The Holiness of God

After Holy Week

April Fighter Verse: Leviticus 20:26

Leviticus 20:26 "You are to be holy to me because I, the LORD, am holy, and I have set you apart from the nations to be my own."



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.

Holy Week and Resurrection Sunday were the last week of March and there was nothing in the March newsletter; not even about ordering a memorial Easter lily. Sometimes we get so focused on what's in front of us, planning and looking ahead gets lost. But I ask myself, how could something as important as the reason for our faith miss being featured? It's like not reporting a significant news story that has taken over the news cycle and is blowing up social media, the news outlets, and the front page of *The New York Times*, *Daily News* and the *Post*. That may seem like an exaggeration but the Resurrection is the basis of our Christian faith. The apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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You can see how the resurrection is the cornerstone upon which our faith is built. Without it, there is no point for now and in the future. Sometimes we mess up. I know we are forgiven and yet even though our newsletter is not major, dropping the ball on Holy Week should not have happened. Our Risen Savior is no small thing and everyone should know. We have to tell everyone. Our salvation now carries on into our eternal future and we have this salvation not just for ourselves but, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to pass it on to others. In fact, spreading the Gospel became the call to prayer Monday through Friday during the 6am Prayer Line call from March 18 to March 29.

Many years ago, I came across a devotional written by Billy Graham, the first line of which sticks with me- "The resurrection of Christ brings hope." I share it with you on page 5 and trust you will allow it to inspire you. Included are the scriptures used during the 6am Prayer calls as prayers were sent up for the salvation of our family and friends. Continue to pray those scriptures and pray in a spirit of expectation, believing.

Sharrata Hunt



April Devotional

MEEKNESS

By Debby Holland Diaz MA ThM

But the Fruit of the Spirit is.....**meekness**. (Galatians 5:23)

In Isaiah Chapters 36 and 37, we can read an exciting part of the history of God's Chosen People, in which **meekness** plays a key role.

It is 701BC: Jerusalem, the City of God, is in trouble. The powerful Assyrian Empire, ruled by Sannacherib, has devastated many lands and peoples and is about to destroy the small Kingdom of Judah, whose king is Hezekiah; Assyria has already taken the fortified towns around Jerusalem, including the town of Lachish.

"And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem unto King Hezekiah with a great army." (Isaiah 36:2 KJV) This Assyrian Army numbered at least 185,000, we learn in verse thirty six of Chapter Thirty Seven.

Rabshakeh stands near the Jerusalem walls and Hezekiah's representatives, Eliakim, Shebna and Joah, go out to meet with him. Rabshakeh, the Assyrian king's representative, insults them and taunts their faith in The LORD GOD, even claiming that The LORD GOD told the Assyrian king to destroy Judah! (Isaiah 36:7 and 10)

Hezekiah's three representatives are the very definition of **meekness**: they **endure** the Assyrian's insults and taunts **with patience and without resentment**. Politely, they try to persuade Rabshakeh to speak to them "in the Syrian language and not in the Jews' language" because the people of Jerusalem are on, at and next to the city walls and can very likely hear the entire diplomatic conversation! (Isaiah 36:11)

At that time the educated minority of Judah, such as the kings' representatives, were bilingual, and spoke both Aramaic and Hebrew, while most Judeans were uneducated and spoke only Hebrew, the Language of God's Law.

Rabshakeh is bilingual, too! He shouts in Hebrew so he can be heard by everybody within earshot; he wants to humiliate and frighten them all with his crude and cruel description of what will happen to the people of Jerusalem if they don't submit to the King of Assyria! (Isaiah 36:12)

However, the people are **meek**: "they answered him not a word" because their King Hezekiah had told them not to. (Isaiah 36: 21) They **endure** the Assyrian's threats and insults in silence **with patience and without resentment**.

Now Eliakim, Shabna and Joah have to make their report to King Hezekiah. They rip the clothes they are wearing and put on sackcloth, a sign of mourning and repentance; when Hezekiah hears what the Assyrian king's representative has said, he does the same thing. Surely everyone in Judah is now afraid!

In Chapter 37, **meek** Hezekiah humbles himself, goes to the Jerusalem Temple, where The LORD GOD is worshipped, and seeks The Word of God. In 701 BC, The Word of God came from the Prophet Isaiah. Today God's Word is The Bible.

What does this slice of Biblical history mean for us? When we are hurt, threatened, insulted and scared, we can be **meek** like the Judeans and humble ourselves and pray to THE LORD the way King Hezekiah did in Isaiah 37:15-20. We can call on OUR GOD:

"O Lord of Hosts...Incline thine ear, O Lord, and hear. Open thine eyes, O Lord, and see." Isaiah (37:17) Like Hezekiah did, we can lay all our troubles before God and ask God to intervene in our situations. "Now O LORD," we can ask very specifically like Hezekiah asked regarding the Assyrian king, "save us from his hand that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the Lord, even thou only." (Isaiah 37:20)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opportunities to come together to learn, pray and fellowship.

BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult

9:45AM— In person and via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/6831601413>

Enter the meeting ID 683 160 1413 when prompted.

Phone: 646-558-8656

Youth

11:15AM

2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays

In-Person OR

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

Enter the meeting ID 683 160 1413 when prompted.

Phone: 646-558-8656

WEDNESDAY IN THE WORD

Current Study: **1 Corinthians**

7:00—8:00PM

Wednesday Night Bible study is a great way to keep your heart and mind on God! Join us for an interactive, in-depth reflection on the scriptures and how they can be applied to your life.

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

Enter the meeting ID 683 160 1413 when prompted.

Join Zoom by Phone: 646-558-8656

7 PM on Zoom

TALK
BACK

Tuesday

Join us as we explore Holiness.

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.

Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.

2 Timothy 2:16
Amplified Bible, Classic Edition
(AMP)

Activities and Senior Ministry Events



NEW AT CENTRAL!

PICKLEBALL

Saturdays 10-11:30A in Lower Gym

Open to the public.

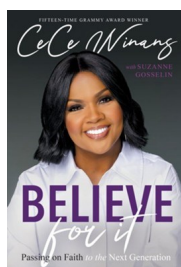
All levels. Equipment available.

SENIOR MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Saturday, April 20 @ 2:00pm

Location: The Parlor

All seniors 55 and older are invited to join us.



SENIOR BOOK CLUB

Saturday April 6, 2024

2:00pm to 4:00pm

Miss Ann's Room

Believe For It: Passing on Faith to the Next Generation by CeCe Winans



Senior Ministry Exercise Program

Time: 11:00am to 11:45am

Location: Chapel

April 13 and 27

CBC Senior's Ministry

Invites you to:

"DANIEL"

Sight & Sound Theatre

Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Saturday, July 20, 2024

Cost: **\$230.00** Per

Person (Deposit and 2 Payment)

See Otis Coleman for availability and payment plan.



Monthly Ministry Opportunity Every 3rd Saturday



**150 Riverside Drive & West 87th
Street
New York, NY 10024**

Each 3rd Saturday Central goes to the center to bring the residents a worship service. Come and bring a willing heart to serve. We meet at the church at 10:00AM, Walk over to the center as a group. Ministry ends around 12 noon.

April 20 May 18 June 15

April Birthdays

Chris Gee	Apr. 4
Eddie Sims	Apr. 4
Erica Winn	Apr. 4
Jacqueline Santiago	Apr. 5
Jermaine Bolden	Apr. 5
Ronald Pusey	Apr. 6
Kimberly Kiplagat	Apr. 8
Evan Triumph	Apr. 9
Carthina Lee	Apr. 11
Roderyck Lee	Apr. 11
Lauren Phillips	Apr. 12
Phillip Jones	Apr. 12



<https://chatbooks.com/blog/religious-birthday-wishes>

God is good! He has given you another year to praise him. All his love and grace upon you.

Alexis Phillips	Apr. 13
Azalee Evans	Apr. 14
Rhonda Marshall	Apr. 17
Iyanna Rivera	Apr. 18
Eleise Menjivar	Apr. 20
Anne Marie Stone	Apr. 21
Julissa Bordon-Marcelin	Apr. 23
Betty Johnson	Apr. 24
V. AnnDenise Brown	Apr. 24
Gwendolyn Barnes	Apr. 27
Julie Harris	Apr. 29
Sandra Richardson	Apr. 29

PRAYER MEETINGS

WOMEN'S MINISTRY "POWER HOUR"

Sunday, April 21 @ 12:30PM
Join the Zoom meeting by phone at
646-558-8656

EVENING PRAYER

Meeting the last Friday of the month
Friday, April 26 @ 7:00PM
Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://zoom.us/j/6831601413> or
In-Dial into the Zoom Meeting phone number:
646-558-8656

DAILY PRAYER MEETING BY CONFERENCE PHONE

Led by Elder Deryck and Sonya Tonge
(609) 746-1164
Access Code: 667293#
Monday — Friday
6-6:30 AM

Prayer Wall

WE BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF PRAYER. LET'S INTERCEDE FOR ONE ONE ANOTHER .

As you place your prayer request on the wall, take a prayer with you to interceded for someone else.

The Prayer Wall is located at the 92nd Street entrance on the bulletin board on your right as you enter the sanctuary.

See the Newsletter Prayer Journal on Page 8.

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#

About Prayer

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6–7

The Hope of Resurrection



There is hope that mistakes and sins can be forgiven. There is hope that we can have joy, peace, assurance, and security in the midst of the despair of this age. There is hope that Christ is coming soon—this is what is called in Scripture “the blessed hope.” There is hope that there will come some day a new heaven and a new earth, and that the Kingdom of God will reign and triumph. Our hope is not in our own ability, or in our goodness, or in our physical strength. Our hope is instilled in us by the resurrection of Christ.

<https://billygraham.org/devotion/the-hope-of-resurrection/>

He which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus . .
—2 Corinthians 4:14

The resurrection of Christ brings hope. The late Emil Brunner once said, “What oxygen is for the lungs, such is hope for the meaning of human life.” As the human organism is dependent on a supply of oxygen, so humanity is dependent on its supply of hope. Yet today hopelessness and despair are everywhere. Peter, who himself was given to despair during the episode of Calvary, writes in a triumphant note, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again into a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

Scriptures below were used for daily prayer during Holy Week as we prayed for family and friends who need to know Jesus.

DATE	SCRIPTURES
March 18	1 Timothy 2:1-6
March 19	Romans 1:16
March 20	Acts 4:12
March 21	Luke 19:10
March 22	1 Thessalonians 5:9
March 25	1 Peter 3:18
March 26	Hebrews 9:27-28
March 27	John 14:6
March 28	2 Corinthians 5:20-21
March 29	Romans 10:13-15

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Francklin and Nerlie Alexis Haiti, Missions Door



In a country that faces political turmoil, an uprise in Voodoo, and a lack of basic resources, Pastor Francklin Alexis along with his wife Nerlie Dorvill have been a Pillar of Hope in Haiti for nearly two decades. Pastor Francklin is not only an evangelist but is a strong advocate for early childhood education, social reform and self-reliance.

Pastor Francklin and Nerlie have built the Kingdom of God in Haiti by planting over 14 churches that are saving lives amid the chaos. All the while, they are facing personal attacks from the rebels at their home, which was vandalized and ransacked. Pastor Francklin and his family finds great comfort in Isaiah 43: 1- 5 knowing that God is with him. Prayers and their strong faith in God, helps keep their ministry strong and solid in Haiti despite all the adversities they have encountered. With all the obstacles that Pastor Francklin faces, he is determined to help 10 families or more per year to start their own businesses to help themselves and their family. Most of the population in Haiti makes an average of \$2.00 per day. His goal is to raise \$600.00 per family, who are his congregants, so that they can purchase goods and resell them at the local markets. If you would like to donate to this Small Business Project (92772M), please reach out to one of the CBC Missions Members.

Pastor Francklin's Prayer requests are:

- Pray for the safety and wellness of the people of Haiti during this time of a political turmoil.
- Our church members have a lot of needs, please pray for them that God give them strength and courage to not abandon Him in their difficult time.
- Pray for his wife Nerlie, who is expecting their third child, and son Isaiah and daughter Deborah.

10% of Central's tithes and offerings go to support our missionaries.



Arts and Letters *faithfulness*

Whenver there is no submission for Arts & Letters, we put in a few scriptures to see how that fruit of the spirit occurs in the Word. Focus on **Faithfulness** and build it in your life.

*Lamentations 3:22-23 — Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your **faithfulness**.*

*Joshua 24:14 — "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all **faithfulness**. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD."*

*Psalm 71:22 — I will praise you with the harp for your **faithfulness**, my God; I will sing praise to you with the lyre, Holy One of Israel.*

*Psalm 36:5 — Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your **faithfulness** to the skies.*

*Psalm 89:8 — Who is like you, LORD God Almighty? You, LORD, are mighty, and your **faithfulness** surrounds you.*

*Isaiah 61:8 — For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery and wrongdoing. In my **faithfulness** I will reward my people and make an everlasting covenant with them.*

*3 John 2-4 — Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well. It gave me great joy when some believers came and testified about your **faithfulness** to the truth, telling how you continue to walk in it. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.*

Send your visual or written submissions to sm-hunt@hotmail.com. We covet your prayers for an inspiring season ahead and spiritual growth through the arts.

SUBMISSION SCHEDULE		
NEWSLETTER ISSUE	FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT	LAST DAY TO SUBMIT
May	Gentleness	April 22, 2024
June	Self-Control	May 22, 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>April 2024</h1> <p>USE THIS CALENDAR TO MARK DAYS YOU WANT TO REMEMBER.</p>						
March 31 Resurrection Sunday 	1 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	2 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call 7PM-Tuesday Talk Back	3 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call 12P-Midweek Prayer-Phone; 7P-Wed Nite Bible Study—ZOOM	4 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	5 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	6 10:00-11:30A-Pickleball
7 9:45A —Adult Sunday School 11A-SUNDAY WORSHIP 1P-Women's Day Event	8 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	9 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call 7PM-Tuesday Talk Back	10 Conference call 12P-Midweek Prayer-Phone; 7P-Wed Nite Bible Study—ZOOM	11 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	12 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	13 10:00A-11:30A-Pickleball 11A-12P-Senior Exercise—Chapel
14 9:45A —Adult Sunday School 11A-SUNDAY WORSHIP	15 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	16 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call 7PM-Tuesday Talk Back	17 Conference call 12P-Midweek Prayer-Phone; 7P-Wed Nite Bible Study—ZOOM	18 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	19 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call 7P—Evening Prayer-ZOOM	20 10:00-11:30A-Pickleball 10A-RIVERSIDE REHAB (Meet at Central) 2-4PM -SENIOR LUNCHEON, PARLOR
21 9:45A —Adult Sunday School 11A-SUNDAY WORSHIP 12:30-Women's Ministry Prayer	22 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	23 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call 7PM-Tuesday Talk Back	24 Conference call 12P-Midweek Prayer-Phone; 7P-Wed Nite Bible Study—ZOOM	25 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	26 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	27 10:00-11:30A-Pickleball 11A-12P-Senior Exercise—Chapel
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**Keep
Central's
finances in
prayer!**

**\$40,000.00
as of March
2024**

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



**CBC
Capital Campaign
Building Facade**

To help offset the costs of the repairs, we kindly request that **EACH MEMBER** contributes in one of the following ways in addition to your regular giving:

- A one-time donation of \$640 or more
- For those who may not be able to make a one-time donation, we ask that you consider making a monthly donation of \$80
- Or a \$20 weekly donation over the next 8 months

\$100K

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Praying Together

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Psalm 25:4-5

With so many opportunities to pray corporately with one another, one of our goals is to provide the information you need to remember the various requests and praise reports.

Create Your Own Prayer Journal

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH	CITY, STATE & COUNTRY
Pastor Fils-Aime	New York City
Pastor Robert Casteline	Leadership of NYC, State and Country
Willana Mack Hudson	The World and personal circumstances
Deacons & Elders	
Ministries	
Missionaries	
Members and Friends of Central	
Sick and Shut-in	



1 Timothy 2:1-6 (NIV)

Iurge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.

Prayer Requests and Answers

