



They will know us by our Love John 13:35



Happy Mother's Day

May God bless you with a beautiful Mother's Day!

May Fighter Verse: Jonah 2:8-9

"Those who cling to worthless idols
turn away from God's love for them.
But I, with shouts of grateful praise,
will sacrifice to You.
What I have vowed I will make good.
I will say, 'Salvation comes from the LORD.'"

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.

May Theme: Counterfeit Gods

SPECIAL WORSHIP EVENT

A Night of Faith, Hope & Renewal

Friday, May 31 @ 7PM

Doors open at 6:45PM



Evening Prayer, which meets via Zoom on the last Friday of each month will be combining forces with our Music Ministry and Soul Cry Church in a gathering of praise and worship as we focus on Faith, Hope and Renewal. Join us in the sanctuary for this unique time of corporate prayer and worship.

May Devotional



But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and **self-control**. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

SELF-CONTROL

by Debby Holland Diaz MA ThM

One afternoon long ago I was riding my moped across the remote, rocky part of the island where I worked in Spain. I saw no sign of life until, behind a huge rock, I came upon two boys throwing stones violently on the ground. As I rode closer, I realized they were killing a cat! I zoomed over to them and jumped off my moped just as the cat's eyes were closing in death!

"*Os mato!*" I shouted at the boys, "I'll kill you!" I will never forget the look on their faces—they couldn't have been more than seven years old. They ran and I rode after them, but almost immediately they scrambled up some rocks and disappeared.

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I sat there on my moped, trembling. I had never been so enraged in all my life, but—*Que horror!* How horrible of me to threaten and chase two little boys, me the language teacher who loved kids who wanted to get married and raise a family! For the first time in years, I prayed.....

I believe there is a reason **self-control** is the last of the nine Gifts of The Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23. I've been writing about them since Rev. Fils-Aime asked me to do the devotionals for the monthly newsletter so beautifully edited by Deacon Sharrata Hunt; she helpfully suggested "Goodness" for the February issue; and I followed that with Faith, Meekness and now **Self-Control**. As we study these gifts, we find that the English translations of several of these important words vary. For example, the KJV (King James Version) calls self-control "temperance." God, whose Holy Word was first written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek and eventually translated into several versions of many languages, wants this final Gift of the Spirit, **self-control**, to stick in our minds!

God wants us to have control over ourselves! **Self-control** is a hallmark of the mature Christian who can speak honestly without hurting oneself or anyone else! God gave each of us the range of human emotions and wants us to experience them, not to repress them but to express them in a way that is pleasing to God! For example, the Bible says, "be angry and sin not." (Ephesians 4:26. KJV) God's Word does not forbid getting mad. God's Own Son our Savior Jesus Christ got angry at religious hypocrisy and greed.

We can be angry at injustice and say or do something about it-- like that amazing Christian preacher who asked all his hearers to be angry with him because three young Voting Rights Advocates were murdered and martyred together in Mississippi but could not be buried in the same cemetery. We remember Civil Rights Era examples of anger peacefully displayed and controlled. What **self-control** examples come to your mind?

God knows each one of us better than we know ourselves. God understands and speaks all the languages of the world! Let us all ask God to guide each of our emotions because God cherishes every part of each of us, including the way we feel. Let us trust God to give us the right kind of **self-control** at the right time! Thank you Jesus!

May Birthdays



On your birthday, remember that you were wonderfully made by God and rejoice in his love.

Shelley Fortune	May 1
Natasha Robinson	May 1
Katherine Smith	May 3
Benjamin Johnson	May 4
Evelyn Grant	May 4
Robert Casteline	May 5
Sydney Jones	May 7
Otis Coleman	May 8
Ernestine Jones	May 11
Cameron Keitt	May 11
John Fils-Aime	May 15
Malik Winn	May 16
Isaiah Tejeda	May 17
Marcia Awobuluyi	May 17
Kaleb McFarlin	May 18
Jermaine Bolden	May 19
Raquel Lachman	May 19
Patricia Young	May 22
Raymond George Miller	May 23
Deryck Tonge	May 27
Melanie Fleming	May 30
Georgianna Spann	May 31



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



Saturdays 10-11:30A in Lower Gym
Open to the public.
All levels. Equipment available.

SENIOR MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Saturday, May 18

Cancelled due to Sarah Clark Memorial Service

See Page 4 for details



Senior Ministry Exercise Program

Time: 11:00am to 11:45am

Location: Chapel

May 4, 11, and 25

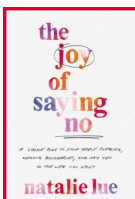
SOLD OUT



CBC Senior's Ministry
Trip to see "DANIEL" at
Sight & Sound Theatre
Lancaster,
Pennsylvania

Saturday, July 20, 2024

See Otis Coleman for availability and payment plan.



SENIOR BOOK CLUB

Saturday June 1, 2024

2:00pm to 4:00pm

Miss Ann's Room

"The Joy of Saying No" by Natalie Lue

CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE

Central's own
SARAH CLARK



February 7, 2024
to
April 14, 2024

Memorial Service
Saturday, May 18, 2024
12:00 Noon
Central Baptist Church
Followed by a Repast

Monthly Ministry Opportunity
Every 3rd Saturday



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. Below are the upcoming dates.

May 18

June 15

July 20

Praying Together

With so many opportunities to pray corporately with one another, here is some information that will help you remember the various requests and praise reports to 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	<i>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</i>
Missionaries	
Members and Friends of Central	
Sick and Shut-in	

The sanctuary is open during the week Monday-Thursday between 10:00A and 6:00P to anyone who desires a quiet place to pray.

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

EVENING PRAYER

Meeting the last Friday of the month
See the SPECIAL WORSHIP EVENT on
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MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Marvin and Denise Robinson
Missions Door

Marvin and Denise are long time missionaries with Missions Door. They are currently serving in Rochester, NY. for 22 years. They work within the inner city of Rochester bringing the message of hope and redemption to the people living there. Denise has a ministry called ASAP (Actively Serving and Proclaiming). This ministry does tract mailing, holiday outreach and prayer station outdoor evangelism.

Marvin and Denise have a love for their community and are dedicated to the cause of spreading the gospel. The children are very important to them and there is a lot of outreach to them. The Robinsons have a Children's Bible Club in their home. During the summer, scholarships are provided for the children to attend Word of Life Camp. Groups from different churches come to serve in the summer outreach program.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Marvin is asking for prayer for a large number of children to attend the Bible class.
- Prayer for more scholarships to Word of Life Camp this summer.
- Prayer for a facility for the summer groups.

The Robinsons thank you for caring about their ministry, contributing and praying.

You can contact the Robinsons at
denise316777@gmail.com

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

Newsletter Staff: Pastor Robert Casteline, Oversight; Paulette Forbes-Igharo and Sharrata Hunt. Special thanks to Debby Diaz, Tanya Glenn, and Edwina Chambers.

Arts and Letters

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 **Self Control** and build it in your life.

Better a patient person than a warrior, one with **self-control** than one who takes a city.
Proverbs 16:32

Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks **self-control**.
Proverbs 25:28

CONCERNING MARRIAGE

Do not deprive each other except perhaps by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of **self-control**.
1 Corinthians 7:5

QUALIFICATIONS FOR LEADERSHIP—Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task. Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, **self-controlled**, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.
1 Timothy 3:2

People will be lovers of themselves...proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,...without **self-control**, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—
2 Timothy 3:2-4

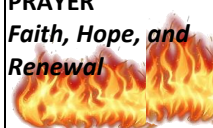
Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, **self-controlled**, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance.

Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be **self-controlled** and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.

Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled.

Titus 2:2-6

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.
2 Peter 1:5-7

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 2024 USE THIS CALENDAR TO MARK DAYS YOU WANT TO REMEMBER.			1 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call 12P-Midweek Prayer-Phone; 7P-Wed Nite Bible Study—ZOOM	2 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	3 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	4 10:00-11:30A-Pickleball 11:00-11:45A-Senior Exercise—Chapel
5 9:45A —Adult Sunday School 11A-SUNDAY WORSHIP 1P-Women's Day Event	6 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	7 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call 7PM-Tuesday Talk Back	8 Conference call 12P-Midweek Prayer-Phone; 7P-Wed Nite Bible Study—ZOOM	9 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	10 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	11 10:00A-11:30A-Pickleball 11:00-11:45A-Senior Exercise—Chapel
12- MOTHER'S DAY 9:45A —Adult Sunday School 11A-SUNDAY WORSHIP	13 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	14 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call 7PM-Tuesday Talk Back	15 Conference call 12P-Midweek Prayer-Phone; 7P-Wed Nite Bible Study—ZOOM	16 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	17 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call 7P—Evening Prayer-ZOOM	18 10:00-11:30A-Pickleball 10A-RIVERSIDE REHAB (Meet at Central) 2-Sarah Clark Memorial Service
19 9:45A —Adult Sunday School 11A-SUNDAY WORSHIP 12:30-Women's Ministry Prayer	20 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	21 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call 7PM-Tuesday Talk Back	22 Conference call 12P-Midweek Prayer-Phone; 7P-Wed Nite Bible Study—ZOOM	23 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	24 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	25 10:00-11:30A-Pickleball 11:00-11:45A-Senior Exercise—Chapel
26 9:45A —Adult Sunday School 11A-SUNDAY WORSHIP	27 MEMORIAL DAY 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	28 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call 7PM-Tuesday Talk Back	29 Conference call 12P-Midweek Prayer-Phone; 7P-Wed Nite Bible Study—ZOOM	30 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	31 7pm-A NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND PRAYER <i>Faith, Hope, and Renewal</i> 	JUNE 1 10:00-11:30A-Pickleball 11:00-11:45A-Senior Exercise—Chapel 2-4P Senior Book Club—Miss Ann's Room

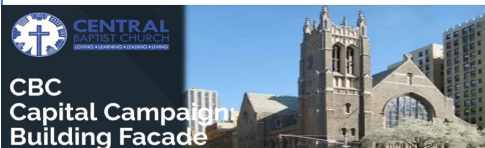
IMPORTANT CORRECTION:

The amount reported in the Newsletter for January-March 2024 was incorrect.

An accurate accounting follows: Campaign collected in 2024 as of April 24th: \$4,498.36.

The total amount collected from 2022-2024: \$33,277.19

Thank you to Trustee Yul McMullan for providing the above information.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

To help offset the costs of the repairs, we kindly request that **EACH MEMBER** contribute. Campaign Goal: \$100,000.00.

Keep Central's finances in prayer!

\$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.