



They will know us by our Love John 13:35



June Fighter Verse: Jeremiah 2:13

"My people have committed two sins:
They have forsaken me,
the spring of living water,
and have dug their own cisterns,
broken cisterns that cannot hold water."

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.

June Theme: Counterfeit Gods



Offering a prayer on this Father's Day for our men who trust the Lord and always put their hope in Him. We pray that the Lord will renew your strength so that you soar on wings like eagles, you will run and not grow weary, and you will walk and not grow faint.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS- SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024 @11:00AM

Interested in learning more about what it means to be a member of Central Baptist Church. Want to be a part? Come join Pastor John for a brief class on membership, what it means, and how you can become a part of CBC. Please contact Tanya at the church to sign up.

JUNE DEVOTIONAL

John the Baptist's Final Question

by Debby Holland Diaz, MA ThM

I had planned to write a June Devotional comparing Jesus' hometown synagogue scripture-reading and preaching (Luke 4:16-20) with the source of His sermon-text, Isaiah 61:1-3, but The Holy Spirit led me to Matthew 11:1-5, instead.

"Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples, that He departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities.

And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples³ and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?"

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Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them."

Verses 4-5 refer to the fact that Jesus performed miracles which were predicted centuries earlier by the Prophet Isaiah: Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart. (Isaiah 35: 5-6a KJV)

The Holy Spirit has something to say to us from the prisoner John the Baptist!

When John heard in prison what The Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to Him, are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another? (Matthew 11:2-3 NRSV)

Jesus' reply to John fulfills scriptural prophecy and, over two thousand years later, can fill with delight anyone who reads it, whatever the language or translation!

Jesus replied: Go back and report to John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised and good news is preached to the poor. (Matthew 11: 4-5 NIV)

We have but to thumb back through the preceding chapters of Matthew –or consult any of the gospels-- for the exciting details of Jesus Christ's ministry on earth.

But what about John the Baptist? Didn't he know who Jesus was? Wasn't John filled with the Holy Spirit before he was even born? Scripture tells us that his parents were:

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. (Luke 1:41NIV) As soon as he insisted on God's name for their baby, Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit. (Luke 1:67a NIV)

Let us pause and review Chapter 1 of Mark and Chapters 3 of Matthew and Luke and ask ourselves if that John, the Desert Preacher of Repentance for Forgiveness of Sins and Water Baptism by Immersion, knew who Jesus was! Mark 1:7-9 tells us how John predicted One, the thongs of whose sandals John was unworthy to stoop

down and untie, would come and baptize with the Holy Spirit; that One was Jesus, whom John baptized!

But John's fiery preaching offended someone in power, King Herod, who put John in prison to shut him up! (Luke 3: 19-20) Did prison put doubt in John's mind? What dungeons of doubt cloud our minds today? Mine is self-pity; what's yours? Or did prison give John time to think? Thinking needn't leave us in doubt; it can lead us into prayer, both personal and communal, where God's Holy Spirit can move our spirits..

Look at brave John the Baptist who loved his own disciples so much that, sensing he was going to die, sent them to Jesus Christ, the author of Eternal Life, the Messiah God had promised, the Miracle Worker the prophets had predicted! John's disciples now had the option of becoming Jesus' Disciples! May we take that option. Jesus, The Way out of prison and doubt. The Answer to our greatest questions!



CORRECTION

Sarah's Birth Date



SARAH CLARK
February 7, 1959
to
April 14, 2024

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



Join us as we explore and diagnose our spiritual health.

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.

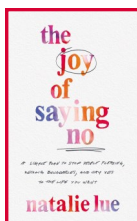
All levels. Equipment available.

SENIOR MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Saturday, June 15

2-4PM — Chapel

Speaker: LaShekia Chapman



SENIOR BOOK CLUB

June Book Club Cancelled

Next meeting: September 7, 2024

2:00pm to 4:00pm

Miss Ann's Room

"The Joy of Saying No" by Natalie Lue



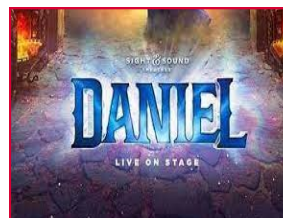
Senior Ministry Exercise Program

Time: 11:00am to 11:45am

Location: Chapel

June 1, 8, 22, and 29

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.

Monthly Ministry Opportunity Every 2nd Saturday



THE RIVERSIDE
PREMIER REHABILITATION & HEALING CENTER

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

Each 2nd 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.

June 8

July 13

August 10

The Beatitudes —Matthew 5: 3-12

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of
righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute
you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you
because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is
your reward in heaven, for in the same way they
persecuted the prophets who were before you.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



*Another year older is also another
year of learning to pray, to love, and
to feel God's grace. Here's to many more!*

*So teach us to number our days, That we
may gain a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:12*

Michelle Phillips	June 4
Niesha Foster	June 4
Demetrius Archer	June 6
Clara Rivera-Keita	June 7
Emma Woodard	June 8
Coral Aubert	June 10
Mona Parks	June 10
Mariah Ramos	June 11
James Stone	June 12

Robert Joseph Casteline	June 12
Laura Woodard	June 14
Jill Fortune	June 17
Lelia Fuller	June 22
Ariante Marcelin	June 24
Carlos Tejeda	June 24
Toshira Riojas	June 27
Melvina Ellis	June 28
Janice Mayers	June 29

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH



Brian and Ruth Johnson
Europe, Africa and the Caribbean
COMINAD
(Cooperative Mission Network of
the African Dispersion)

One of the projects that COMINAD is currently working on is developing a mission preparedness plan for prospective missionaries, originally from Haiti, who have a 3-year commitment as full-time missionaries to Northern Benin.

This northern region of Benin is in the 10/40 window and has limited to no missionaries in place to evangelize the people. How wonderful would it be to have two of their own come back to tell them of the ultimate story of forgiveness and reconciliation, through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Update: Since the Project began, still in communication with people responsible to the missionaries. Three missionaries kidnapped in Haiti and has not arrived to Benin and went back to Cap Haitian (home). They still want to go to Africa. The situation is worse now, they still working on their passports visas because they have to get those again. The project is still going.

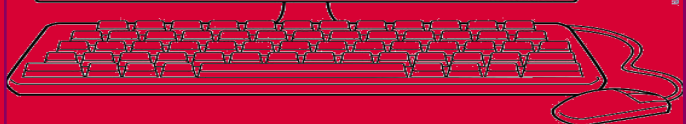
People are ministering to Muslims and unreached people group in Benin.

When it comes mobilizing missionaries within COMiNAD, many churches haven't recovered. Part of their work was mobilizing churches and they had issues mobilizing churches due to COVID. They have had issues because churches are more in need of bringing their churches back from COVID.

Prayer Requests: Blood Pressure issues for the past few months. Doing physical therapy, been having medical issues. Praise God: God has answered our prayers in 2023 and was able to sell house and move to VA.. He is in need of additional \$300 for resources to move.

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, and Tanya Glenn.



You are invited to Sharrata Hunt's first solo Art Show at Morningside Heights Library at 113th and Broadway during the month of June from June 2nd—June 29. Anytime during Library hours 10:00AM—6:00PM.



PAINT & PRAY NIGHT - SATURDAY JUNE 8, 2024 @ 4:00PM

Everyone between 25-45 is invited to join us.

For more information, please email Tanya at

tglenn@centralbaptistnyc.org

INVITATION TO CBC'S GARDEN OF LOVE

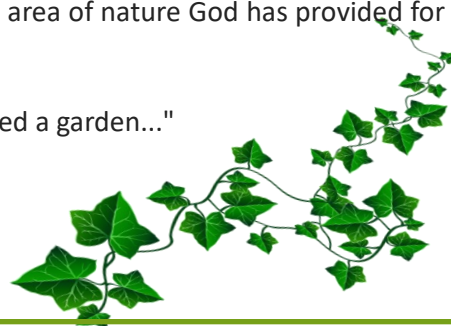
The Garden of Love is preparing another season of beauty for your enjoyment. The garden will be adorned with flowers, plants and vegetables. Some of the flowers will be given to the residents at the New Jewish Nursing Home.

Come and delight in this area of nature God has provided for us.

"And the Lord God planted a garden..."

Genesis 2:8

Jill Fortune
Garden Committee





Say it loud, I'm black and I'm proud! But with all my pride in heritage as an African American, I knew little of Black History until the activism of the 60's. Even after all this time, Juneteenth was not on my radar until a couple years ago. So, we were determined for this June issue to highlight Juneteenth.

Believe it or not, there are detractors as to whether or not we should celebrate Juneteenth, and that is for another time. The concern for this issue is simply acknowledging it and looking at it from the perspective as followers of Jesus Christ. Below is an edited version of an article from *Christianity Today* by Rasoon Berry of Brooklyn.

Sharrata Hunt

For Christians, Juneteenth Is a Time of Jubilee

Observing Juneteenth as a national holiday affirms what we believe about our faith and our freedoms.

Rasoon Berry / June 16, 2022

Over two and a half years passed between President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and when the first of those enslaved in Texas tasted freedom: 900 more days why does Juneteenth matter to the church?

The times set aside to celebrate and reflect reveal what matters to society then, now, and in the future. For instance, Pilgrims in early America set apart "days of thanksgiving" to express gratitude to God for his providential grace—a tradition that was formalized into the national calendar in 1863 with Abraham Lincoln's official proclamation of Thanksgiving Day "to heal the wounds of the nation" divided by war.

But an even earlier civically inspired sacred tradition was

inadvertently established less than a year prior on December 31, 1862—when congregations of Black Christians gathered for "Watch Night" services on what they called "Freedom's Eve."

Black churches across the country met to worship, pray, and thank God for the freedom that came to their brethren on January 1, 1863, when the Emancipation Proclamation went into effect. But it would be another two years after the first Watch Night service before this proclamation of freedom became a reality in the last holdout state of Texas.

The arrival of Union troops in Galveston, Texas, was a watershed moment in the nation's history and included thousands of Black soldiers—some recently freed themselves—who had joined the military unit. The next day, General Gordon Granger announced General Order No. 3: an "absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves."

The news spread like wildfire, and nicknames for the day proliferated as well: Emancipation Day, Freedom Day, Juneteenth, and so on. one of the first names given to the commemoration was Jubilee Day.

That these newly emancipated Americans referred to the day as Jubilee meant they understood their deliverance not only in a physical sense but also in a spiritual sense—no doubt seeing connections between their liberation and God's deliverance of Israel from over 400 years slavery in Egypt.

It is always good for Christians to celebrate freedom. The end of the evil institution of slavery in our midst is valuable and valid no matter how messy and incomplete it is. There's a renewal possible with a celebration such as Juneteenth—it's a reminder of where we've been and hopefully where we're going.

The apostle Paul instructed the church in Rome to "rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn" (Rom. 12:15), and Juneteenth provides a unique national moment to do both. We can "rejoice with those who rejoice" because freedom is a good gift from God that honors the image-bearing nature of humanity.

Many African Americans like me don't know a specific date when our ancestors were freed. Although our nation's population includes millions of people whose descendants are just a few generations removed from those who were enslaved or enslavers, we have not previously made time in our civic calendar of traditions to collectively reflect on the history of slavery and emancipation and its importance today.

Juneteenth gives us that opportunity. It is a historical reminder that invites us to continue "to proclaim freedom for the captives" (Isa. 61:1; Luke 4:18

When Jesus read from Isaiah 61, he declared that he had come "to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Luke 4:19)—that in him, the Jubilee promises of holistic deliverance were fully manifest.

Jesus demonstrated this by healing the body and soul of the poor, the captives, the blind, and the oppressed—but he ultimately revealed it in his death and resurrection, promising to raise to life whoever believes in him. Jesus himself is our Jubilee.

Juneteenth is something for which the whole church can say "Amen!"—and I pray we continue to experience more of the freedom and faith Jesus offers us as we celebrate.

Rasool Berry is the content developer and partnership liaison at Our Daily Bread Ministries and is a teaching pastor at the Bridge Church in Brooklyn, New York. You can watch his journey in the new documentary Juneteenth: Faith & Freedomhere.

Source: <https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2022/june-web-only/juneteenth-history-slavery-freedom-jubilee-church->



Emancipation Day celebration, June 19, 1900 held in "East Woods" on East 24th Street in Austin. Credit: Austin History Center.
Source: <https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/stories/historical-legacy-juneteenth>



JUNETEENTH FLAG

The five-pointed star refers both to Texas and to the "freedom of African Americans in all 50 states". Surrounding it is a nova (or "new star") representing a new beginning for all.

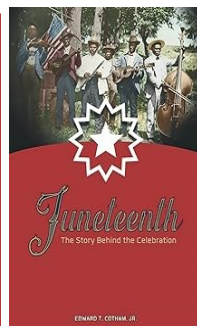
Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Juneteenth_flag

Additional Resources



On Juneteenth
by Annette Gordon-Reed

Juneteenth: The Story Behind the Celebration
by Edward T. Cotham Jr.



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	<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>
Ministries	
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

June 28, 2024
At 7:00PM
Via Zoom

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

Enter the meeting ID 683 160 1413 when prompted.
Phone: 646-558-8656

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 10:00-11:30A- Pickleball 11:00-11:45A- Senior Exercise— Chapel
2 9:45A —Adult Sun- day School 11A-SUNDAY WOR- SHIP	3 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	4 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call 7PM-Tuesday Talk Back	5 6-6:30A Prayer on Con- ference call 12P-Midweek Prayer- Phone; 7P-Wed Nite Bible Study—ZOOM	6 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	7 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	8 10A-RIVERSIDE RE- HAB (Meet at Cent- ral) 10:00A-11:30A- Pickleball 11:00-11:45A-Senior Exercise—Chapel Paint & Pray—4PM
9 9:45A —Adult Sun- day School 11A-SUNDAY WOR- SHIP	10 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	11 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call 7PM-Tuesday Talk Back	12 6-6:30A Prayer on Con- ference call Conference call 12P-Midweek Prayer- Phone; 7P-Wed Nite Bible Study—ZOOM	13 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	14 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	15 10:00-11:30A- Pickleball 2P-Senior Luncheon- Chapel
16 9:45A —Adult Sun- day School 11A-SUNDAY WOR- SHIP	17 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	18 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call 7PM-Tuesday Talk Back	19 6-6:30A Prayer on Con- ference call Conference call 12P-Midweek Prayer- Phone; 7P-Wed Nite Bible Study—ZOOM	20 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	21 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	22 10:00-11:30A- Pickleball 11:00-11:45A-Senior Exercise—Chapel
23 9:45A —Adult Sun- day School 11A-SUNDAY WOR- SHIP	24 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	25 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call 7PM-Tuesday Talk Back	26 6-6:30A Prayer on Con- ference call Conference call 12P-Midweek Prayer- Phone; 7P-Wed Nite Bible Study—ZOOM	27 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	28 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call 7p-Evening Prayer via Zoom	29 10:00-11:30A- Pickleball 11:00-11:45A-Senior Exercise—Chapel

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

**Keep
Central's
finances in
prayer!**



**CBC
Capital Campaign
Building Facade**



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

**Amount
collected as of
5/29/24
\$34,197.43**