



OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER THEME: ODD FOR GOD

October Fighter Verse — Hosea 6:1

Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds.

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

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SAVE THE DATE — 180th ANNIVERSARY

See page 6 and learn something new about the history of Central.
 Central Baptist Church celebrates its
 180th Anniversary
 on December 10, 2022 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Missions Service Project

In preparation for the Winter Clothing Drive (date to be determined), the mission’s Committee is asking anyone who is interested to help sort clothes. They will also be sending summer clothes to our Haitian missionary.

Saturday, October 15
 10AM – 1PM
 Lower Gym.

To sign up, contact the church at 212-724-4004
 Stay tuned for the date of the Winter Clothing Drive.



Women’s Ministry

THE 5 “PS” OF HEARING FROM GOD

October is harvest month. As a Christian the first thought is John 4:34-36-*“I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest”*; and Matthew 9:35-38 , *“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”*

Then members of the Women’s Discipleship I went to the Going Beyond Conference with Priscilla Shirer on Saturday September 24 at the Arena at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). Despite the setbacks, everyone made it to and from the conference safely. There were three sessions and each powerful and practical. It influenced my thinking about harvest and went from the usual evangelistic interpretation of harvesting souls, to harvesting truth from God’s Word. Harvesting truth in order to hear God’s voice



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Romans 6:1-2

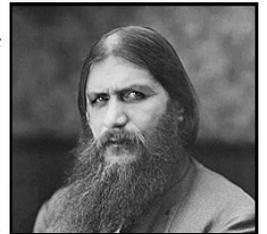
What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

The Book of Romans offers us the most extensive explanation of the gospel that we will find in scripture. For 16 chapters the apostle Paul presents his understanding of, and applications drawn from what God has done for His people in and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. At several points of his presentation, the apostle Paul will pause to deal with a controversy that could potentially arise; Romans chapter 6 is one such occasion.

Romans 6 is a response to an assertion that Paul made at the end of Romans 5. In Romans 5, Paul argues that sin and death will not have the last word when it comes to God's people. Through Jesus we now have peace with God, we are reconciled to God, and we now stand justified before God. God now offers us grace to overcome any tragedy we experience and hope to endure any trial we face. Grace becomes the realm in which we live, and our life become dominated by this experience of grace. In Romans 5:2 Paul says that we now stand in grace. Believers have been transferred from life in Adam where sin and death reigned to life in Christ where grace abounds. Life in Christ means that we are swept away by a tsunami of God's grace, all our past actions and sins have been washed away by the tidal wave of God's love. Paul even goes so far as to say at the end of chapter 5, that where sin increased, grace increased all the more.

The more sin the more grace. Paul in teaching this at the end of chapter 5 is moving close to the edge. It is easy to see how someone hearing this can argue that if grace abounds where sin abounds, then we should

sin more in order to receive that much more grace. Won't God be glorified more because our continual sin will give God more opportunity to manifest His glory?



Grigori Rasputin c 1910

This is the exact understanding of the nature of grace and sin that that the infamous Russian priest Rasputin had. Rasputin was the spiritual advisor to the wealthy Romanov family from 1908 until the day he was murdered in 1930. Rasputin believed that the more you sinned the more God gives you grace. So he taught that you should sin with reckless abandonment, so that you could give God more opportunity to glorify Himself. Rasputin said God gets no glory from ordinary sinners, so he encouraged his followers to be extraordinary sinners. If you are going to do it, don't just do it, do it big, that is the impression that the end of Romans 5 may leave with some .

Paul recognizes that in saying that there is available an overabundant supply of grace, can easily lead to the abuse of grace. In Romans 6, Paul argues why it is impossible for anyone who has truly experienced God's grace to abuse that grace. In verse 1, Paul himself will anticipate a question that can arise out of his statement in Romans 5:20. Throughout the course of the first 8 chapters of the book of Romans, Paul poses questions to himself as a way of responding to possible objections to what he has just said. The question of verse 1 is

"Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?"



The question that Paul is posing is not whether it is possible for a Christian to commit sin. The reality is that for all of us God is still working on us and we are still under construction. Therefore, for all of us living on this side of heaven

sin continues to be a real and ever present threat. Sinless perfection is not a possibility even for those who are the recipients of God's grace. It may be impossible for a Christian to escape sin, but our lives do not have to be characterized by sin.

In the rest of verse 2, Paul explains why a Christian continuing in sin is a contradiction, because a Christian has died to sin. To die to sin is a positional statement, it speaks of the Christian's relationship to sin. For Paul, sin can be an act that you commit or a destructive power. When we die to sin, we move out of the place where sin can exert its influence or power over us. It is a transfer from one realm to another. And dying to sin means that through Christ, God has caused a decisive break between God's people and sin; any connection that we had to sin is broken. That doesn't mean that we are no longer tempted to sin, or that we no longer have a desire to sin, but what it does say is that God has moved us out of the house. You no longer live under sin's roof. Paul puts it this way in Colossians 1:13, "God has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves." And once God has moved us out, we should stay out.

Scripture from the Devotional

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

Something to Think About

Is there a temptation or sin in your life that you justify? Based on Pastor's Devotional, what do you need to do. Take any conviction you may feel as God's invitation to repentance and step into the light. Remember, God will give you the strength you need to endure.

October Birthdays



May the Lord crown your year with His bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.

Psalm 65:11 NIV**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Chantay Buie	Oct 2
Autumn Reid	Oct 3
Elizabeth Cole	Oct 4
Sonya Tonge	Oct 4
Darryl Davis	Oct 6
Brown (William) Bailey	Oct 8
Edwidge Marcelin	Oct 15
Alex White	Oct 17
Patricia Marcelin	Oct 17
Ulrick Marcelin	Oct 22
Karen Perry	Oct 24
Naomi Foster	Oct 25
Brooke Major Reid	Oct 26
Jean Thelusme	Oct 26

**Christianbirthdaywishes.com

OCTOBER MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Francklin & Nerlie Alexis

Mission Board: Missions Door serving in Haiti



Dear supporters and friends,

Greetings and blessings to you! I pray that you and your family are doing well and continuing to enjoy God's favor. It is always with joy to reach out to you to inform you about my family and my ministry. Thank you for your ongoing prayers and financial support to us.

Ministry report

- In April to celebrate Easter, Friendship Baptist Church organized a week of prayer, worship, and predication where the Church members met together to thank God for his perfect sacrifice Jesus Christ. During that celebration many souls have been restored and two people received Jesus as their Savior and Lord.

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CBC'S WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP EVENT
Discipleship Kickdown
 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5
 10AM-2PM
 CHAPEL

More details will be announced later

FINISHING STRONG:
The End is Just the Beginning

The 5 Ps of Hearing from God

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God clearly. The shift came from Priscilla sharing an outline of what she called the *5 Ps of Hearing God*. Position, Pore, Paraphrase, Pose, Plan.

1. **POSITION YOURSELF** – Be expectant when coming to the Word. Seek a clear view. See Psalm 119:18 and Psalm 27.
2. **PORE** over the passage/meditate over it, hide it in your heart. See James 1:25.
3. **PARAPHRASE** – write the verse out in your own words. Pull out the spiritual meaning, “What is God saying?”
4. **POSE** the Question – Ask yourself a personally directed question i.e. “Is my life in line with what I just read?” If you experience conviction, consider it an invitation from the Lord to reconsider what’s happening in your life.
5. **PLAN OBEDIENCE** and pin down a dated to follow through and make whatever change is necessary.

We can be better witnesses/sowers when we not only know God’s word but have hidden it our hearts; and the way we live our lives reveals the difference the good news of the gospel has made.

Expect to hear from God, look deeply into His Word listening for how God is leading, make it personal, see where you need to correct and then do it.



Bible in a Year
October Reading
Calendar

No matter how much or little you read this year, the good news is your Bible is still there and God’s Word continues to be true. Very few people were perfect throughout the year so don’t try to catch up. Start with the calendar today and meet us at the finish line.

And finally, as this year long season of reading the Bible comes to a close, use the 5 Ps and go forward, dig deeper and sensitize your heart to hearing God and walking with Him.

DATE	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT
10/1/2022	Ezekiel 37 - 38	1 Peter 4
10/2/2022	Ezekiel 39—40	1 Peter 5
10/3/2022	Ezekiel 41— 43	2 Peter 1
10/4/2022	Ezekiel 44 – 48	2 Peter 2 - 3
10/5/2022	Catch Up & Reflect	
10/6/2022	Daniel 1 - 2	1 John 1
10/7/2022	Daniel 3 - 4	1 John 2
10/8/2022	Daniel 5 - 6	1 John 3
10/9/2022	Daniel 7 - 9	1 John 4
10/10/2022	Daniel 10 - 12	1 John 5
10/11/2022	Hosea 1 - 4	2 John - Jude 1
10/12/2022	Catch Up & Reflect	
10/13/2022	Hosea 5 - 8	Revelation 1
10/14/2022	Hosea 9 - 11	Revelation 2 - 3
10/15/2022	Hosea 12 - 14	Revelation 4
10/16/2022	Joel 1 - 3	Revelation 5
10/17/2022	Amos 1 - 3	Revelation 6
10/18/2022	Amos 4 - 9	Revelation 7 – 8
10/19/2022	Catch Up & Reflect	
10/20/2022	Amos 7 - 9	Revelation 9
10/21/2022	Obadiah 1 - Jonah 4	Revelation 10 – 11
10/22/2022	Micah 1 - 3	Revelation 12
10/23/2022	Micah 4 - 7	Revelation 13
10/24/2022	Nahum 1 - 3	Revelation 14
10/25/2022	Habakkuk 1 - Zephaniah 3	Revelation 15 - 16
10/26/2022	Catch Up & Reflect	
10/27/2022	Haggai 1 - 2	Revelation 17 – 18
10/28/2022	Zechariah 1 - 4	Revelation 19
10/29/2022	Zechariah 5 - 8	Revelation 20
10/30/2022	Zechariah 9 - 14	Revelation 21
10/31/2022	Malachi 1 - 4	Revelation 22

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opportunities to come together to learn, pray and fellowship.

Bible Study

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45AM

Join in person and
via Zoom by Phone: 646-558-8656

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

7:00—8:00PM

Join Zoom by Phone: 646-558-8656

Prayer Meetings

Mid-Week Prayer:

Wednesday

12:00-1:00 PM

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

Prayer Meetings by Phone

Conference Call

(712) 770-4711

Access Code: 667293#

Monday & Thursday

6-6:30 AM

WOMEN'S MINISTRY "POWER HOUR"

Sunday, October 16 @

12:30PM

Join by phone at

646-558-8656

EVENING PRAYER,

Evening Prayer will meet

Friday, October 28 @

7:00PM

Dial into the Zoom
Meeting phone number:

646-558-8656

Special Announcement

Capital Campaign

WHAT: CAPITAL CAMPAIGN—Raise \$100,000.00

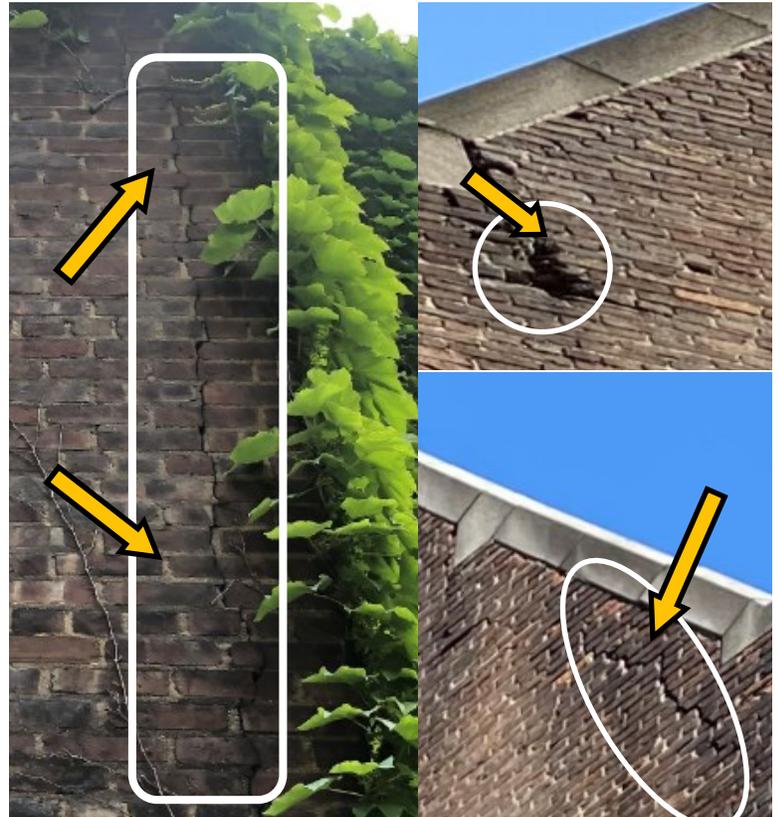
WHY: To offset the \$500,000 overall cost of exterior facade repairs

WHO IS INVOLVED: Members and Friends of Central Baptist Church who open their hearts, minds and treasure.

HOW MUCH: A monthly donation total from each CBC Member: \$78 dollars a month for 8 months; totaling \$624 from each Central Baptist member. This is additional giving beyond tithes and offerings.

WHEN: Commencing on October 16th, 2022 through June 16th, 2023 a total of 8 months. Monthly donation totals will be announced and displayed during each month, beginning October 31, 2022.

FINALLY: Current donations as of September 24th: \$966.80 will be carried forward into official launch date.



SAVE THE DATE

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
180TH ANNIVERSARY**

DID YOU KNOW?

The first edition of the *Central Baptist Messenger* premiered on October 3, 1955.

This weekly publication which shared news of “your church, its Sunday School, young people and other activities.”

A highlight of the first edition – Sunday Evening worship service was changed to 7:00-8:00 in order to give “the whole family a chance to attend, especially where Dads and Mothers are concerned in getting youngsters off to school early Monday morning.”

A simpler time indeed!

**Save the date for the
180th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, December 10
3-8pm**

Contact:
CentralBaptist180Anniversary@gmail.com

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All the glory is to God.

- Bethesda Tabernacle Church, celebrated Easter as well by organizing a week of spiritual activity in prayer, worship, and predication in which I was able to preach and minister. The Church had another 3 weeks of revival from June 5-26 on the theme: “Do not give God unworthy things” (2 Sam 24: 24(for their 19 years of anniversary. Many souls have been restored, 10 people affiliated and 14 people have been baptized. I Thank God for the Church ministry service in the Palm Beach area.
- From July 11-17, I was invited by Gary Lewis and First Baptist Church of Danville to be part of their VBS which was a great opportunity to promote the children Sponsorship program that support children’s education in Haiti. The VBS was great, and everything was well done by God’s grace. Also, the children, their parents, and the whole congregation were so generous to support several Children to fully go to school for the year 2022. I Thank God for their service.

A special thank you to each of you who support a child through the Haiti School Scholarship program. Last year because of your generosity we could send 26 children to school. Thank you so much for your service, this program exists because of your faithful assistance. Thank you for making a difference in Haiti despite of all is going on there now.

FAMILY NEWS

We are all doing well thanks to God, and we are thankful for God’s goodness and faithfulness toward us. Nerlie is doing well. She is busy, she continues with her schooling, and she must take two more semester of classes to enter the nursing program. Isaiah had a good preschool year, he is 5 years old, and will start kindergarten this coming August. Deborah will be 3 years old this coming October and she will start preschool in August. Here is a picture of us.



Prayer requests:

- Please pray for my ministry in Haiti, my collaborator leaders, Church members for their safety as the gangsters continue terrorizing the people by kidnaping them, killing them, and controlling their community.
- Pray that God raise a new generation of leaders in Haiti that love the country and want to work to serve the people.
- Pray that we continue impacting lives for Christ even in the difficult time.