



JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

JUNE THEME: DECONSTRUCTING FAITH

June Fighter Verse — 2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.



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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Paint + Chat

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
166 West 92nd Street
New York, NY 10025
June 11 | 1PM | Donation: \$15
<https://cbcnyc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/12366070> Register

Join us for an afternoon of painting & fellowship. You will receive your own canvas & painting kit in which you'll be able to create your own masterpiece. Light refreshments will be served. Register online or call the church office.

\$15 Donation



GRADUATION SALUTE

Congratulations to our 2022 graduates! Let's celebrate them with a ceremony and barbeque as they move on to their next steps in life. List of graduates on page 5.

Newsletter Staff — Oversight: Pastor Robert Casteline
Sharrata Hunt, Paulette Igharo with Special Thanks to Tanya Glenn

FATHER'S DAY

To all the
Fathers of
Central

HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY

19
JUN

FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Fathers are a very important part of a child's life. Join us as we celebrate them by creating and distributing care packages.

The Impact of Fatherhood Devotional by Tony Evans

Hope is a powerful thing. Hope is joyful expectation about the future. Hope means where I'm going is better than where I've been; that my tomorrow is going to be better than my yesterday. You can go a long way with hope. I got a lot of hope at Garrison Jr. High School because even though my grades said one thing, I had people who believed in me and my greatest influencer was my own father.

The kingdom man is a man who has influence and impact. Because he's been impacted by God, he impacts his whole family but he also impacts his society. He's a generational impactor. While his kids benefit from him, other kids do too. And that really speaks to the need of the hour. And the need of the hour, bar none, is fathering. The absentee father is for all foundation for all manner of crises that we are facing in our culture.

I am an illustration of the impact that can be made by a father on his family and on that family's family. If we build stronger youth, then then we'll be building stronger families. If we build stronger families, then we'll have stronger communities. If we have stronger communities, then we'll build a stronger nation. And if we build a stronger nation, we'll be investing in a better world. It is better that we impact our world before our world impacts us.

YouTube. (2012). *Impact of Fatherhood*. YouTube. Retrieved May 25, 2022, from <https://www.youtube.com/>.

The Significance of Father's Day by Paulette Forbes-Igharo

The Bible repeatedly specifies the role and responsibilities of fathers. In Ephesians 6: 4, fathers are instructed to bring their children up in the discipline and

instruction of the Lord. God is the greatest Father. He rebukes his children but does not stop loving them and; therefore, he is the greatest role model for all fathers.

Below is a poem Leonard Green, a poet living in Maryland, wrote reflecting on fatherhood in June 2016.

Fatherhood

I am a father
not because of biological deed
but rather of the wisdom I feel

I am a father
not because of the title borne
but rather for the life that's worn

I am a father
not because of ancestral traits
but rather the heart felt weights

I am a father
not because of it's given right
but rather embraced with might

I am a father
not because of some legal ritual
but rather acts that are habitual

I am a father not because of profit or fee
but rather by the family of "we"

I am a father
because I desire to be

I am a father
because it's a gift to be

I am a father
because He told me to be

Happy Father's Day to men who treasure and understand it

Hello Poetry (2016). *Fatherhood*. Retrieved May 25, 2022.

BY THE WAY: JUNE 19TH IS JUNTEENTH



On June 19, 1865, about two months after the Confederate general Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox, Va., Gordon Granger, a Union general, arrived in Galveston, Texas, to inform enslaved African-Americans of their freedom and that the Civil War had ended. General Granger's announcement put into effect the Emancipation Proclamation, which had been issued more than two and a half years earlier on Jan. 1, 1863, by President Abraham Lincoln.

<https://www.nytimes.com/article/juneteenth-day-celebration.html?smid=em-share>. Accessed May 25, 2022

LUKE 13:1-9 — JESUS CALLS THE PEOPLE TO REPENT



Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'"

"Sir," the man replied, "leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down."



Source: Shalomadventure.com

Luke 13:1-9 is Jesus' response to the tragedies that occur unexpectedly in life. In the first five verses of Luke 13, Jesus is honest and harsh about the uncertainty of life. Jesus' words are traumatic and his words are true with Jesus urging people to repent before life visits them with some unexpected tragedy. All of which may lead some into thinking that repentance is a form of insurance policy against future calamities. But fear can never lead to true repentance. Rather, it is God's grace and love that calls us to repentance. Romans 2:4 says that **"it is God's kindness that is intended to lead you to repentance."** So, in order to correct any misgivings about the true nature of God, Jesus will tell a story in verses 6-9 about a landowner and a fig tree. The story is intended to demonstrate God's patience even to those who do not deserve it.

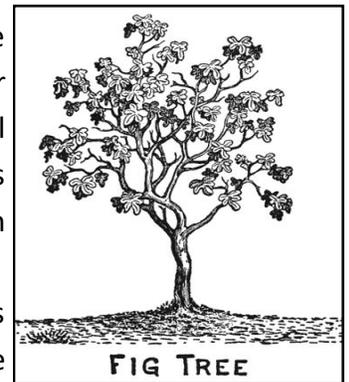
Jesus shares the sad details about the relationship between the landowner and the fig tree in verse 6. The landowner had a fig tree growing in his garden. And presumably, because the landowner

came out looking for fruit on the tree, we can assume that the landowner took all the necessary steps to ensure the tree's fruitfulness. He would water it and care for it, all with the expectancy that it would produce fruit because that's what healthy trees do. But rather than finding fruit, Jesus tells us that the tree was unproductive.

A parable is an extended metaphor and right away the people that were listening to the story would understand that Jesus was, in reality, describing God's relationship with his people, especially his relationship with Israel. Vineyards and fig trees are frequently used in the Old Testament as metaphors for Israel or Judah. And the fig tree's inability to produce fruit mirrors the people of God and their inability to obey God. Fruit is the byproduct of a holy life and when we fail to produce fruit, we are living outside of a healthy relationship with God.

The unfruitfulness of the tree creates a dilemma for the landowner. Jesus will present the landowner's dilemma and his decision in verse 7.

For three years he has been going to the fig tree looking for fruit and for three



Source: Blue Letter Bible

years nothing. Fig trees yield their fruit twice a year so at least 6 times over the course of the past three years the fig tree has not produced anything. Arborists say that after one year of unfruitfulness mature trees should be cut down, but against his better judgment the landowner permits the tree to continue to be planted in his garden even at considerable loss to himself. The landowner would have been justified in cutting down the tree at the first sign of its unproductivity. But he finally says at the end of verse 7, "Cut it down. Why should it use up the soil." What the landowner means by this is that the tree while planted, even though it was unproductive, was still robbing other trees in the

vineyard of valuable nutrients in the soil, impacting the existence of the other trees in the garden. Not to mention that the landowner could easily replace the tree with another more productive tree on his property. It was not until the tree left the landowner no other choice, did the landowner finally decide to cut the tree down.



Source: Shalomadventure.com

I am not sure that the disciples listening to Jesus' story that day understood it, but Central, I want to make sure that you do. If you have never come to a point in your life where you have turned to God and given over control of your life to him, if you haven't repented and committed your life to serving God and glorifying Him, then you are that unproductive tree. And this story isn't about the landowner's desire to eventually cut down the tree, God's justice. The story is about the fact that the landowner kept coming back even though he knew he wouldn't find any fruit in the tree, it is about God's patience. Even while you are living anyway you want to live, even while neglecting God, even while turning your back on God, He keeps giving you another chance. Instead, God is patient with you. As 2 Peter 3:9 reminds us, "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT
by Sharrata Hunt

Have you come to a point in your life where you have turned to God and given over control of your life to Him? Have you repented and committed your life to serving God and glorifying Him? If not, today is the day. Accept God's gift of salvation — Jesus' death on the cross for your sin— that He did that for you and open your heart to Him.

Are you an unproductive tree? You know Jesus as your Savior having received the gift of Salvation, but are not serving God.

As believers, we are ministers. Just as we are in relationship with God through Jesus Christ, we are in relationship with one another and the world.

Don't wait to be invited to serve. Look for ways that you can be in relationship with and reach out to your Central family, your neighbors, friends and close relatives. You are the light of the world. Matthew 5:14. Minister with your love, prayers and out loud expressions. Have an idea of how to serve, but not sure how to proceed, be proactive. Ask for help. Don't leave ministry to others. Instead, "produce fruit in keeping with repentance." Matthew 3:8.

June Birthdays

Happy Birthday

[May you be] the person who is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither and whatever they do prospers.

Psalm 1:2-3 NIV



Michelle Phillips	6/4
Clara Rivera-Keita	6/7
Coral Aubert	6/10
Mona Parks	6/10
Laura Woodard	6/14
Jill Fortune	6/17
Lelia Fuller	6/22
Ariante Marcelin	6/24
Carlos Tejeda	6/24
Toshira Riojas	6/27
Melvina Ellis	6/28

Bible Study, Prayer Meetings & Announcements

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45AM

Theme: *Book of Joshua*

Join Zoom by Phone:

646-558-8656

Facebook

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

7:00—8:00PM

Theme: *Book of Judges*

Join Zoom by Phone:

646-558-8656

Facebook

Prayer Meetings by Phone

Conference Call

Connection

(712) 770-4711

Access Code: 667293#

Monday & Thursday

6-6:30 AM

Mid-Week Prayer:

Wednesday

12:00-1:00 PM

Join Zoom Prayer Meetings

by Phone: 646-558-8656.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

"POWER HOUR"

Sunday, June 19 @ 12:30PM

Join by phone at 646-558-8656

EVENING PRAYER,

Evening Prayer will meet

Friday, June 27 @ 7:00PM

Dial into the Zoom Meeting with your phone

number: 646-558-8656

All Senior Ministry Activities are cancelled until further notice.

OUR 2022 GRADUATES

Destiny Jean-Michel

Temple University , BS in Psychology

Isaiah Rey Lee Tejeda

8th grade graduate

Attending High School of Technology In September

Ayanna Dickerson-Parker

8th grade graduate

Attending St. Barnabas High School in September

These are Central's young people. Destiny is Deacon Cliff's daughter and Helen's granddaughter. Isaiah's mother is Cristal Tejeda, who leads our dance ministry, and Deacon Carlos is his uncle. Ayanna is Gracie Dickerson's granddaughter. Ayanna made First Honors and received a partial scholarship for high school. She is also performing with Vy Higginson's Gospel for Teens on June 4th at Salem Church in Harlem.

These are children who have been prayed for and who will continue to need your prayers and support.

Come and celebrate on Sunday, June 26 immediately after worship with a ceremony and barbecue.



A PRAYER FOR OUR GRADUATES

A Prayer for Hope and Purpose

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Dear God, we thank you that you have indeed given our children great hope and a future. We pray for the days you have purposed for them to walk in, every single one, and ask you to fill them with your spirit and power as they live out their destiny. We ask that you would inspire them to never be afraid to dream big, run strong, and soar high. We pray that nothing be allowed to hold them back in this life. May they fulfill every calling you have on their lives. Strengthen them to live a life of so much love, passion, influence, hope, and determination that this world is changed for the better. May they always know that anything is possible to him who believes, for our God is always greater. May they have a deep desire to serve faithfully and a heart to work hard. Shine over them. Fill them with your spirit. Bless them with your favor and peace.

Source: <https://www.crosswalk.com/family/parenting/teens/10-prayers-for-the-graduate.html>



Bible in a Year June Reading Calendar

DATE	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT
6/1/2022	Catch Up & Reflect	
6/2/2022	Psalms 50 - 52	Acts 28:1-15
6/3/2022	Psalms 53 - 55	Acts 28:16-31
6/4/2022	Psalms 56 - 58	Romans 1
6/5/2022	Psalms 59 - 61	Romans 2
6/6/2022	Psalms 62 - 64	Romans 3
6/7/2022	Psalms 65 - 69	Romans 4
6/8/2022	Catch Up & Reflect	
6/9/2022	Psalms 70 - 72	Romans 5
6/10/2022	Psalms 73 - 75	Romans 6
6/11/2022	Psalms 76 - 78	Romans 7
6/12/2022	Psalms 79 - 80	Romans 8
6/13/2022	Psalms 81 - 84	Romans 9
6/14/2022	Psalms 85 - 90	Romans 10
6/15/2022	Catch Up & Reflect	
6/16/2022	Psalms 91 - 93	Romans 11
6/17/2022	Psalms 94 - 95	Romans 12
6/18/2022	Psalms 96 - 98	Romans 13
6/19/2022	Psalms 99 - 102	Romans 14
6/20/2022	Psalms 103 - 104	Romans 15
6/21/2022	Psalms 105 - 108	Romans 16
6/22/2022	Catch Up & Reflect	
6/23/2022	Psalms 109 - 111	1 Corinthians 1
6/24/2022	Psalms 112 - 115	1 Corinthians 2
6/25/2022	Psalms 116 - 118	1 Corinthians 3
6/26/2022	Psalms 119:1-48	1 Corinthians 4
6/27/2022	Psalms 119:49-104	1 Corinthians 5
6/28/2022	Psalms 119:105-176	1 Corinthians 6
6/29/2022	Catch Up & Reflect	
6/30/2022	Psalms 120 - 124	1 Corinthians 7

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH



Raymond & Valerie Ramos

Mission Field: New York City

Pastor Raymond Ramos surrendered his life to Christ in 1995. Since then, he and his family have been committed to sharing the gospel with people who are in recovery, people currently suffering from addiction and their family and friends. Pastor Ray is founder of the Recovery House of Worship Church Planting Movement and serves Jesus Christ under Missions Door. Pastor Ray, along with his childhood friend Pastor Edwin Colon, started the Recovery House of Worship in Brooklyn, NY.

Current needs:

God would raise up an army of believers to partner with Recovery House of Worship (RHOW) that will serve people suffering from addiction and their families.

The relaunch of live in-person worship and restructure of RHOW in Fall 2022 and relaunching live in-person campuses in the Bronx, Staten Island and other states and countries.

Believers who want to be a part of a RHOW campus in their area.

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