



**CENTRAL
BAPTIST CHURCH**
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DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER THEME: THIS IS HOPE—HOW WE KNOW TOMORROW WILL BE BETTER

December Fighter Verse — Romans 8:24-25

For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.



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**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2021
CBC ANNUAL CORPORATION MEETING
at 7PM**

All members are invited to join us.

- Join us In-Person in the Parlor

- 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.

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December Birthdays

Aaron Foster	Dec. 01
Chima Joseph	Dec. 01
Cometia Banfield	Dec. 02
Theresa Richardson	Dec. 03
Ketty Pierre	Dec. 05
Preston Gordon	Dec. 10
Christopher White	Dec. 11
Elijah Winn	Dec. 12
Gwen Myles- Chisholm	Dec.12

Tyerra Dickerson-Porter	Dec. 13
Lorraine Davis	Dec. 14
Theadora Brown	Dec. 14
Lydia Endale	Dec. 16
Paul Levell	Dec. 19
Edwina Chambers	Dec. 20
Maria Negron	Dec. 20
Toni Barton	Dec. 20
Vincent Clark	Dec. 22

Vincent Gerardi	Dec. 22
Dana Wright	Dec. 23
Andrew White	Dec. 26
Sharrata Hunt	Dec. 26
Patresse Phillips	Dec. 28
Zaria Dickerson-Parker	Dec. 29
Guiliene Eloi	Dec. 30
Herbert Moore	Dec. 31

Women's Ministry Discipleship Groups

The Leadership Committee—Kimberly Casteline (Chair), Gracie Dickerson, Melvina Ellis, Sharrata Hunt, Jenai Jackson, Christine Lewis, Esther Romero, Sandy Richardson, Kathy Smith and Taylor Wright

The new season of Discipleship kicked off on October 24, 2021 afternoon with a gathering to introduce the women of Central to the year long project of Bible reading.

During the weekend of September 17-19, a group of women went to the Women's Retreat at Spruce Lake. They were inspired by the Key Presenter Damaris Carbaugh who led three sessions entitled Living as Children of Light (Ephesians 4:17-31), Living in the Light (Ephesians 5:19), and finally Damaris, who had a successful career as a vocalist and a soloist with the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir gave a concert and her testimony.

When not in a session, the group spent part of its time meeting together to discuss, share and pray together. There were also activities and breakout sessions on topics specifically geared to the needs and concerns of women.

The overall message the women of Central walked away with was "Read your Bible!" Each of Damaris' sessions ended with her saying, "Read your Bible." Every memorable statement she made, counsel and advice came from her familiarity with scripture. The speaker's charge was the inspiration for this year's Discipleship Group Study.

In the past, the groups have read through Bible Study books on specific topics such as prayer, recognizing our weaknesses and how the enemy seeks to distract us with Priscilla Shirer's books "Fervent" and the "Armor of God" and the "Jesus Calling Bible Study Series" by Sarah Young. All of which challenged, inspired and encouraged us to walk worthy of the calling. Each of the books we've gone through as a group have focused on portions of scripture. This year, we are focusing of the whole Bible from Genesis to Revelation using the resource "Rooted: Bible in a Year Daily Reading Guide and Journal" available on Amazon for \$15.00. The format of the book is simple. It's laid out from Day 1 to Day 365. Each day gives the reading from both the Old and New Testament and asks us to note:

- Characteristic of God that stood out to me from today's reading
- Three things I am grateful for today
- Three things I am praying for today
- Journal-the bottom third of the page has blank lines to record your thoughts, feelings etc. A place to use anyway that is helpful to you.

But God Ministry, the publishers of the book, recognize that life happens, and one could get behind in the reading. To make room for that, about every 7th day there is a page dedicated to *Catch Up and Reflect*. With this scant outline, group members are challenged to be consistent and reflect; and Group leaders who have no leader's guide are challenged to trust the Holy Spirit on how to facilitate each meeting.

The Leadership Committee is planning quarterly meetings for all the discipleship groups to come together, meet and share their

experience of this non-traditional way of doing discipleship groups. That first meeting is January 22, 2022. It will be a bring your brunch *Denim and Pearls* gathering. Wearing denim and pearls is optional. See page 3 for the information.

Groups Meetings times:

Wednesdays 1:30-3PM via Zoom – Meet weekly. Leaders: Melvina Ellis & Esther Romero

Sunday from 1:00-2:30 in person at Central and via Zoom
Dial in phone number: 646-558-8656

Meets 2nd & 4th Sunday. Leaders: Sandra Richardson and Kathy Smith

Friday twice a month from 6:30-8:00PM – Meets on the 1st and 3rd Leaders: Christine Lewis and Sharrata Hunt

Monday Young Women of Central meet once a month on Mondays Evening: Leaders: Jenai Jackson and Taylor Wright

If you would like to join a group, please feel free to call the church or notify the leaders directly. It's never too late to get into God's Word. To whet your appetite, below is the reading schedule for January.

January Reading Schedule		
Date	Old Testament	New Testament
1/1/22	Numbers 13 - 14	Mark 6:33-56
1/2/22	Numbers 15 - 17	Mark 7:1-13
1/3/22	Numbers 18 - 20	Mark 7:14 -8:21
1/4/22	Numbers 21 - 25	Mark 8:22-38
1/5/22	Catch Up and Reflect	
1/6/22	Numbers 26 - 27	Mark 9:1-29
1/7/22	Numbers 28 - 29	Mark 9:30-50
1/8/22	Numbers 30 - 31	Mark 10:1-31
1/9/22	Numbers 32 - 33	Mark 10:32-52
1/10/22	Numbers 34 - 36	Mark 11:1-19
1/11/22	Deuteronomy 1 - 4	Mark 11:20-33
1/12/22	Catch Up and Reflect	
1/13/22	Deuteronomy 5 - 7	Mark 12:1-27
1/14/22	Deuteronomy 8 - 10	Mark 12:28-44
1/15/22	Deuteronomy 11 - 13	Mark 13:1-13
1/16/22	Deuteronomy 14 - 16	Mark 13:14-37
1/17/22	Deuteronomy 17 - 19	Mark 14:1-25
1/18/22	Deuteronomy 20 - 25	Mark 14:26-72
1/19/22	Catch Up and Reflect	
1/20/22	Deuteronomy 26 - 27	Mark 15:1-26
1/21/22	Deuteronomy 28	Mark 15:27-47
1/22/22	Deuteronomy 29 - 30	Mark 16
1/23/22	Deuteronomy 31 - 32	Luke 1:1-23
1/24/22	Deuteronomy 33 - 34	Luke 1:24-80
1/25/22	Joshua 1 - 6	Luke 1:57-2:24
1/26/22	Catch Up and Reflect	
1/27/22	Joshua 7 - 8	Luke 2:25-52
1/28/22	Joshua 9 - 10	Luke 3

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January Reading Schedule continued

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
1/29/22	Joshua 11 - 13	Luke 4:1-32
1/30/22	Joshua 14 - 15	Luke 4:33-44
1/31/22	Joshua 16 - 18	Luke 5:1-16

“You are not behind! We don’t want you to try to catch up! We want you to jump in where we are! Okay?”**
 Going forward and smiling too,
 Let’s read God Word in 2022!
 **flylady@flylady.net



Retreat attendees (left to right) Kathy Smith, Brigitte Beckham, Mia Newkirk, Michelle Newkirk, Christine Lewis, Gekira Coates, Lisa Phillips (not pictured), Sharrata Hunt, Kimberly Casteline and Michelle Phillips

WOMEN’S DISCIPLESHIP COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER



"A Taste of Love" cookbook is now available with 90 recipes from CBC family, friends, missions, and our own Senior Pastor John Fils-Aime. Cost is \$25 and proceeds benefit the Women's Retreat Scholarship fund. There are 3 ways to obtain your copy.

Subsplash <https://secure.subsplash.com/pay/19edqo>

- Mail check or money order, Memo: Women's Ministry Cookbook
- In-person after Sunday service now through December 26th

Thank you for your continued support! Bon Appetit!

SAVE THE DATE

WOMEN’S MINISTRY DISCIPLESHIP
 UPCOMING EVENT
 Discipleship Group Quarterly Meeting
 Denim and Pearls
 Bring Your Own Brunch
 Saturday, January 22, 2022
 11:00AM — 1:00PM
 Wearing Denim and Pearls
 optional



Christmas Devotional

A LITTLE TOWN THAT COULD

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel, whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you on my behalf. — Micah 5:2



The Little Engine that Could is a beloved children’s classic that most of us have heard many times, and probably read to our own children or grandchildren a time or two. In it, a long train filled with toys for little kids must be pulled over a high mountain.

All the larger, stronger engines refuse the job, believing it to be beneath them. Then a small blue engine offers to try, saying, “I think I can,” over and over to himself until he finally crests the mountain and rolls down victoriously. The lesson is to not overlook the smaller things, because they can do great things as well.

Bethlehem was a tiny, seemingly insignificant village. And when the prophet Micah prophesied hundreds of years before Jesus’ birth that out of Bethlehem would come a ruler over Israel, this would have seemed like a far-fetched notion.

But as we see time and again in God’s Word, God chooses the small, unimportant things for His great purposes. And that’s just what He did with the tiny town of Bethlehem. Out of this overlooked and unassuming village came the King of Kings, the Messiah.

This Advent, take time to remember that God chooses to use the small, the weak, and the unimportant to do His perfect will.

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No matter your position or stage in life, God wants to work through you as well.

PRAYER CHALLENGE

Ask God to show you how He wants to work through your life to accomplish great things for His Kingdom.

QUESTIONS FOR THOUGHT

Why do you think God chose a small, unimportant village like Bethlehem to be the birthplace of Jesus?

How have you seen God work through unexpected or unlikely people to bring blessings into your life?



<https://www.seniorlivingministries.org/2021/12/a-little-town-that-could/>

Bible Study, Prayer Meetings & Announcements

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Join Zoom by Phone: 646-558-8656
YouTube

Prayer Meetings by Phone
Conference Call
Connection
(712) 770-4711
Access Code: 667293#

Sick and Shut-In:
Monday & Thursday
6-6:30 AM

Men's Ministry
Tuesday and Thursday
6:45-7:30 AM

Mid-Week Prayer:
Wednesday
12:00-1:00 PM
Join Zoom Prayer Meetings
by Phone: 646-558-8656.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY
"POWER HOUR" MEETING
Sunday, December 21 @ 12:30PM
Dial in phone number: 646-558-8656
"Prayer is our most powerful weapon!"

EVENING PRAYER,

DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS,
EVENING PRAYER IS CANCELLED FOR DECEMBER
WILL RESUME JANUARY 28, 2022

Due to COVID, all Senior Ministry Activities are cancelled until further notice.

MISSIONS

Pray For Our Missionaries

Our missionaries who serve with Missions Door:

Francklin and Nerlie Alexis, Haiti
Felix and Amnerys Abreu, Dominican Republic
Edwin and Liz Colon, Brooklyn, NY
Herode and Edline Guillomettre, Haiti
Duane and Miriam Mansveld, Montreal, Canada
Luis and Azucena Matute, Panama & Costa Rica
Vincent and Maryam Morgan, Brooklyn, NY,
and the Middle East
Ray and Valerie Ramos, Brooklyn, NY
Marvin and Denise Robinson, Rochester, NY

Our missionaries who serve with World Venture:

Barry and Peggy Owen, Asia

Our missionaries who serve with United World Mission:

Matt and Nicole Paschall, Hungary

Our missionary who serves with Urban Life Source Connection:

Dale Belli, New York City

Our missionaries who serve with COMINAD (Cooperative Mission Network of the African Dispersion)

Brian and Ruth Johnson,
Europe, Africa, and the Caribbean

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