



JUNE THEME: PARABLES: STORIES WITH INTENT

June Fighter Verse — Mark 4:20

“Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.”



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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**ANNOUNCEMENT from the
Scholarship Committee**

The CBC Scholarship Committee plans to recognize the accomplishments of our High School and College students graduating June, 2021 and request your support.

Please submit your name, phone number, email address, the student’s name, and school name, no later than June 13, 2021 by email to Tanya Glenn at Tglenn@Centralbaptistnyc.org or phone 212-724-4004.

Donations to the CBC Scholarship Fund can be made online or on the Tithe Envelope. Note: Please write *Scholarship* in the memo section of your check. Thank you for contributing to the future of our youth.

June Birthdays

Michelle Phillips	6/4	Barbara Dorsey	6/20
Clara Rivera-Keita	6/7	Lelia Fuller	6/22
Coral Aubert	6/10	Ariante Marcelin	6/24
Mona Parks	6/10	Carlos Tejeda	6/24
Laura Woodard	6/14	Toshira Riojas	6/27
Jill Fortune	6/17	Melvina Ellis	6/28

**MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT
Kingdom Men of Resolution
aka
Men’s Ministry**

*By Paulette Forbes-Igharo
with Clarence Manuel*

What is the mission statement / What is the purpose of the mission?

Kingdom Men of Resolution have resolved to surrender their lives and wills to the authority of God. We have resolved before God to seek righteousness, live responsibly, honor authority, pursue justice, and to love and lead our families as

the spiritual leader of the home. We are faithful believers and doers of the word, who are committed to relentlessly pursuing, trusting, and valuing Jesus Christ. As Kingdom Men, we acknowledge God's authority and sovereignty in our lives and in the world. Therefore, we live to please and honor God in our roles as a man, citizen, husband, father, etc; Kingdom Men of Resolution only desire to please God. Further, we are committed to loving, encouraging, and maturing each man of Central Baptist Church in their walk with Christ. Lastly, we recognize that we are stronger as a community of believers, and we are committed to evangelism, discipleship, and bringing the Kingdom of Heaven to Earth.

What does the group do in the effort to fulfill the purpose/objective of the mission?

To remain faithful in our resolutions to God, the Men's Ministry has bi-weekly small group meetings that focus on prayer, bible study, and fellowship. Each meeting is held via Zoom or phone through the Church conference line. These meetings provide intimate opportunities for men to freely (without judgement) discuss scripture, ask questions, and share their personal joys, achievements, and/or challenges. Also, we have weekly men's prayer on Tuesdays and Thursdays on the Church conference line. During prayer, men have the opportunity to share testimonies, prayer requests and pray for their brothers in Christ.

How is the group organized?

Bro. Clarence Manuel is the leader of the Men's Ministry. Elder Chris Phillips and Pastor John Fils-Aime support Bro. Manuel in planning and organizing ministry events. Bro. Clarence Manuel, Elder Chris Phillips, Elder Deryck Tonge, and Bro. Yulando McMullen are lead facilitators of the small groups. Deacon Carlos Tejada is the leader of the weekly Men's prayer line.

What are the expectations from members of the group?

Men are encouraged to attend weekly prayer and actively participate in one of the small discipleship groups.

How does someone join this group?

Any man interested in joining the ministry can do so by contacting Clarence Manuel at men@centralbaptistnyc.org.

However, he does not have to be a member of CBC to join this group. Our aim is to disciple **all men**, and create a city-wide community of believers independent of church affiliation.

Is there is a particular month that is advantageous for your ministry to be highlighted?

June is important because it is Men's Health Month and Father's Day.



ABOUT FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day is a day of honouring fatherhood and paternal bonds, as well as the influence of fathers in society. In Catholic countries of Europe, it has been celebrated on 19 March as Saint Joseph's Day since the Middle Ages. In America, Father's Day was founded by Sonora Smart Dodd, and celebrated on the third Sunday of June for the first time in 1910. The day is held on various dates across the world and different regions maintain their own traditions of honoring fatherhood.



ABOUT MEN'S HEALTH MONTH/WEEK



Men's Health Week was created by Congress in 1994 to heighten awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys. The bills creating Men's Health Week were sponsored by former Senator Bob Dole and former Congressman Bill Richardson. The sponsors cited the cost-effectiveness of a shift from treatment to prevention in health care emphasis when presenting the bill. The supporters of Men's Health Week also noted that prevention requires public awareness and designating a week would spread information on preventing illnesses affecting males, which includes nationwide events and screenings.

Source: <http://www.menshealthmonth.org>

Matthew 18:21

Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how many times could my brother sin against me and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"



In Matthew 18:21, Peter asks Jesus the question "Lord how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me?" In this chapter, Jesus had been teaching the rule of the community: how the people of God should live with one another. And in the previous sections Jesus taught his disciples how to deal with, restore, and if necessary remove people from the church who repeatedly violated the standards of the community. Jesus teachings apply to the community at large; Peter wants to know if this also applies to the individual. That if there is someone in your life who repeatedly crosses over the line that you have drawn in the sand, do you have the right, like the church, to remove them from your life. And Peter even goes so far as to suggest to Jesus the answer to the question he has just asked, up to seven times. Seven was the perfect number, the number of completion: seven was the number of times blood was sprinkled for atonement. Seven was also 4 more than 3, the number of times the rabbis said the people of God were required to forgive. Forgiving someone seven times for a wrong they continue to commit was a magnanimous gesture and surely Jesus would not require more.

The issue for Peter is that of personal rights and how to protect them. Peter understood that forgiveness was part of the ethics of the kingdom that Jesus was establishing, but there had to be a limit to forgiveness or else the wrong person would trample all over our rights and abuse our mercy. In the neighborhood I grew up in in Florida, there was a woman who had a mango tree. Every summer when the mangos were ripe she would give us a few mangos so long as we would promise not to go

in her backyard and climb her tree and take the remaining mangos for ourselves. She gave, we would promise, and then we get hungry go in her backyard, climb her tree, and take the remaining mangos for ourselves anyway. The next year she gave, we promised, got hungry, went in the backyard to climb her tree, but this time we saw a sign that said, "No Trespassing." We climbed the tree anyway. Same thing next year, only this time the sign said "No Trespassing or I will call the cops." We climbed the tree anyway. Next year she didn't give, so we didn't have to promise, we just went into the backyard saw the sign, and still climbed the tree anyway. The year after that she didn't give, so we didn't have to promise, we were about to go in the backyard to climb the tree only this time there was a Rottweiler in the backyard waiting on us. We didn't have mangos that summer. Unlimited forgiveness is like putting up a sign that says no trespassing; the wrong people see that and trespass anyway. It is not until we refuse to forgive can we protect our rights.

Jesus doesn't see it this way. Rather than placing a limit on the number of times people are expected to forgive, Jesus teaches an ethic of unlimited forgives. The number of times Jesus requires his people to forgive, seventy-seven times, is not intended to place a cap on forgiveness. If you are counting up to 77 times when you have forgiven someone then you have missed the point. Seventy seven is beyond the perfect number. It is a number so far fetched that you and I should not be able to count to it. What Jesus is saying to Peter is the number of times we forgive people should not be limited to a number, we should forgive as much as is required. Even if it means someone takes all our mangoes in the process. The type of forgiveness that Jesus taught his followers to practice, often exposes his followers to potential hurt and abuse. That is why forgiveness requires trust; not trust in the people whom we are commanded to forgive, but trust in God to protect us from the people who would abuse our forgiveness.

SOMETHING TO PONDER: Are you willing to trust God enough that you forgive those who would turn around and hurt you all over again?

**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, June 20 @ 12:30PM
Dial in phone number: **646-558-8656**
*"Prayer is our most powerful
weapon!"*

EVENING PRAYER,
Evening Prayer will meet
Friday, June 28 @ 7:00PM

Dial into the Zoom Meeting with your
phone number: **646-558-8656**

**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 & 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

From the Newsletter Staff

To All Our Faithful Readers

The Newsletter will be on vacation for the months
of July and August and publication will resume in
September. Have a blessed and safe summer.

Paulette, Sharrata and Pastor Robert

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