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CBC Barbecue

Saturday 22 August at 1pm

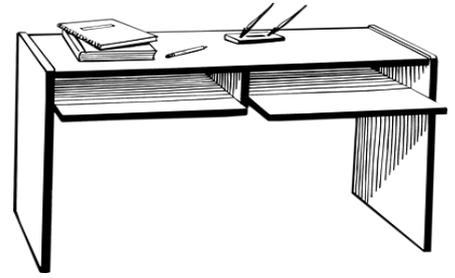
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

By Pastor Dele Oke



In Covenant With Creator

God's first word to mankind can be found in Genesis. 1:28

So God created human beings, making them to be like Himself. He created them male and female, 28 **blessed them, and said, "Have many children, so that your descendants will live all over the earth and bring it under their control.** I am putting you in charge of the fish, the birds, and all the wild animals. (Genesis 1:27-28 GNB)

Mankind has since given birth, to many descendants and today there are 7 billion people on earth - God's blessing works.

In Genesis 9:8-15 we have the first instances of a covenant between our Creator and us. **A covenant is a solemn agreement between two parties.** In this case God the Creator of the universe has made a covenant with human beings and it is confirmed by His Word and backed up with a promise. Let's read a few of the verses there:

8 God said to Noah and his sons, 9 "I am now making my **covenant** with you and with your descendants, 10 and with all living beings — all birds and all animals — everything that came out of the boat with you. 11 With these words I make my **covenant** with you: I promise that never again will all living beings be destroyed by a flood; never again will a flood destroy the earth. (Genesis 9:8-11 GNB)

The above is an unconditional covenant – there are no conditions attached. God has made an alliance with the human race never to destroy **the whole world again** with a flood. Although there have been floods over large areas of land and even countries but never will the whole earth be destroyed by a flood again. The rainbow is evidence of this. God has never broken His promise.

The Lord God went on to make a covenant with Abraham. This covenant was extended to Abraham's descendants:

1 When Abraham was 99 years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am the Almighty God. Obey me and always do what is right. 2 I will make my **covenant** with you and give you many descendants." (Genesis 17:1-2 GNB)

You will notice that the above covenant came with a condition. They were to obey God and do what was right.

The Lord God renewed this covenant again to Moses and the Children of Israel after they left Egypt (Exodus 24:3-8) and later again to David after he became King (2 Samuel 7:12-13).

The one problem with the above covenant was the condition attached to it, for no one could continuously obey God and do what is right?

Fortunately, God Himself has provided the solution by introducing a new covenant. He initially told us about this new covenant in Jeremiah 31:

33 The **new covenant** that I will make with the people of Israel will be this: I will put my law within them and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 34 None of them will have to teach his fellow-citizen to know the LORD, because all will know me, from the least to the greatest. I will forgive their sins and I will no longer remember their wrongs. I, the LORD, have spoken." (Jeremiah 31:33-34 GNB).

This new covenant is made available to all that would accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Notice that this new covenant writes the Law into our hearts – or in other words – God gives us the grace to meet the requirements. God gives us the ability to know Him. He forgives our sins.

All this means, that by putting your faith in Christ Jesus you can have access to the unfailing and everlasting promises of God on a personal level. This really is something to get excited about. For those of us who have accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, we enter

into a whole new covenant relationship with our Creator. Hebrews 9:15 put it quite succinctly:

15 For this reason Christ is the one who arranges a **new covenant**, so that those who have been called by God may receive the eternal blessings that God has promised. This can be done because there has been a death which sets people free from the wrongs they did while the first covenant was in force. (Hebrews 9:15 GNB).

We remind ourselves of this new covenant each time we take the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:23-25). Notice verse 25:

25 In the same way, after the supper he took the cup and said, "This cup is **God's new covenant**, sealed with my blood. Whenever you drink it, do so in memory of me." (1 Corinthians 11:25 GNB).

Christ shed blood and the promises in His word, are evidence that He will never leave nor forsake you. His covenant is sealed with His blood. They can never be broken.

Now go and live like someone who has the Lord God, the Creator of heaven and earth on your side.

In Christ you are secure. You are in a personal covenant relationship with your Creator.

AUGUST 2015 – DIARY AT A GLANCE

Deacon on Duty: Sylvester Turner

Date	Event and People	Time
Every Wednesday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th	Bible Study & Prayer Time (7.30pm Teas & Coffees – Start at 7.45pm)	7.30-9.00pm
Every Saturday	Praise & Worship Practice	5.30pm
Sunday 2nd Morning	Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Preach: Pastor Dele Oke	11.00am
Sunday 2nd Evening	Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Preach: Anthony Ogbeifun Communion Service	6.30pm
Friday 7th Evening	Women's Prayer Meeting	8.00pm
Saturday 8th Afternoon	Men's Meeting	4.00pm
Saturday 8th Evening	CBC Club – Uproar Worship Concert	5.30-9.30pm
Sunday 9th Morning	Lead: Benson Adedeji Preach: Pastor Dele Oke 13+ Stay in Church	11.00am
Sunday 9th Evening	Lead: Jane Young Preach: Cynthia Reynolds	6.30pm
Friday 14th Evening	Prayer Walk Lead: Patricia Antoine-Ramsey	8.30-9.30pm
Saturday 15th Afternoon	Leader's Bible Encounter	3.30-5.00pm
Sunday 16th Morning	Lead: Sylvester Turner Preach: Vivienne Oke FAMILY SERVICE	11.00am

Date	Event and People	Time
Sunday 16th Evening	Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Preach: Stanley Nziramasanga	6.30pm
Friday 21st Evening	Prayer Walk Lead: David Ramsey	8.30-9.30pm
Saturday 22nd Afternoon	Church Barbecue	1.00pm
Sunday 23rd Morning	Lead: Jane Young Preach: Pastor Dele Oke Communion Service	11.00am
Sunday 23rd Evening	Lead: Tex Reynolds Preach: Patricia Antoine-Ramsey	6.30pm
Monday 24th Afternoon	Over 60's Club Day Out to Greenwich Park	12.00pm
Friday 28th Evening	Prayer Time - David Ramsey & Patricia Antoine-Ramsey 8.00pm - Barbara Reynolds 9.00pm - Vivienne Oke 10.00pm	8.00-11.00pm
Sunday 30th Morning	Lead: Tex Reynolds Preach: Pastor Dele Oke	11.00am
Sunday 30th Afternoon	Visiting Team: Ayo Oke Folashade Adebayo Joyce Aber-Obitta	After Service
Sunday 30th Evening	NO EVENING SERVICE	

ADVANCE NOTICE

Water Baptism – Sunday 20th September 2015.

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY'S PEN

By Suzanne Gudgeon



Dear Friends

By the time you read this report, we would have had a lovely time in Margate – our annual church outing. I know everyone would have had a good time, enjoying all that Margate has to offer. And as to the weather I know that would have been good too!

August is holiday month and the children will be enjoying the time with their friends and family. If you are away I hope you have a good time – don't forget to send a postcard (only joking)!! Please don't forget the barbecue on Saturday 22nd August – I hope you can come and support it.

September will be a busy month at the Central with a Baptismal Service on 20th and then the following week Harvest on 27th.

I know that there are many in the fellowship who are experiencing difficulties one way or another. Please can I leave the same verse that I left last month again Isaiah 40 verse 31 – look it up and read it several times.

Please continue to remember the countries where there are difficulties of one sort or another, especially where there is conflict. Pray too for our fellow brothers and sisters who are suffering for being Christians.

I will have the privilege of being at Westfield Inspire (Faith Space) this month and will share my experience with you in another report.

Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus and keep walking in the pathway that leads to eternal life.

Have Faith in God – He never fails.

NEWS FROM CORNWALL

By Ron Meloy (5th July)

Last month your Pastor mentioned boys growing up to become men and I have now reached the stage of grandfather. This causes me to thank God for Sunday School Teachers, Youth Leaders and others at the Central who encouraged and supported me in the Christian faith and still do.

This morning I took up my duties as a Steward for the first time for 28 weeks. It was a real pleasure to stand at the front of the church to welcome friends, visitors and the visiting preacher. It gave me the opportunity to thank everyone for their support following my heart attack. As I usually sit at the back of the church I was able to see their faces rather than the back of their heads. On the 15th June I was informed that the Cardiology Department felt there was no need for me to attend anymore so I was discharged. This coming Wednesday will be the eighth and final time to attend the Cardiac Rehabilitation Centre. The following day I visit my local GP for a check over.

Newquay Church along with St. Agnes and other churches are part of the Methodist Circuit in this area. Newquay was once a small fishing village, its Cornish name Towan Blistra means 'dune by the Harbour boats'. Shoals of pilchards would arrive off the coast. A huer would be waiting to spot them and shout 'Heva, heva', local men would rush to their boats to harvest the fish. This only lasted for a few weeks. Now all this has disappeared but the beaches are glorious.

Whilst in the Primary Department I would have sung many choruses including 'I will make you Fishers of Men' without really understanding what that was all about. Now I know that there are still many 'fish' still available but sadly due to dwindling congregations a lack of 'fishers' rushing to gather the harvest.

A Prayer: Heavenly Father take our hands and work through them, take our lips and speak through them, take our minds and think through them, take our hearts and set them on fire with your love; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

By Leadership/Central News Team

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Date		Date	
1st	Rachel Reynolds	20th	John Oke
1st	Hannah Brown	25th	Mrs Lee Jones
4th	Myrtle Smith	25th	Michael Conteh
6th	Sue Ang	29th	Rose Ramnath
8th	Augusta Ehigie	29th	Zara Sofo-Wuni Issahaku
19th	Sylvia Turner	31st	Nenyi Mills-Robertson

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Date		Years
10th	Grace & Benson Adedeji	25
27th	Jackie & Oscar Trotman	21

EARLY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Date		Date	
3rd	Rogini(Rose)Sachithanantham	5th	Glad Paul-Emerald
3rd	Colin Lucking	6th	Issahaku Sofo-Wuni
4th	Andrew Brown	6th	Lynsey Man

EARLY SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Date		Years
2nd	Doreen & Ron Meloy	54
2nd	Rogini (Rose) & Vellupillai Sachithanantham	9
3rd	Dot & Brian Sheekey	55
4th	Folu & Allen Olatuja	11

**BEST WISHES TO YOU ALL FROM ALL OF US AT
CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH**



REPORTS

Reports from across the Church

Prayer

By Vivienne Oke

My Temple will be called a house of prayer for the people of all nations.” Isaiah 56:7 (GNB).

If they pray to me and repent and turn away from the evil they have been doing, then I will hear them in heaven, forgive their sins, and make their land prosperous again. 2 Chronicles 7:14 (GNB).

Church at CBC - the Nations need our prayers! Please pray for the following Countries: *United Kingdom, Tunisia, Russia, Ukraine, Liberia, Sierra Leone, France, America, Nigeria, and Turkey.....* I am sure you can think of others.

Please also continue to pray for the following prayer points:

- That our Children are placed in the right Schools come - September.
- Cheryl Smith – God’s Will be done in her Workplace.
- Kam, Diler and Jonah.
- All the people that minister within CBC.
- Tony Gorodnicenko – Healing.
- Shade Igali and LeonThallapally and others that the right University door will be open.
- David Ramsey – Our brother’s health.
- Algi Dyer - That the right door will be opened.
- Suzanne Gudgeon – That the right door will be opened.
- Florence Olajide – God will continue to be exalted in her health.
- Anthony Ogbeifun – God is being exalted.
- Christine Ayo Williams – Comfort for her and family at this time.
- Mavis Nziramasanga – Comfort for her and family at this time.
- Members of the Diaconate. Thank God for what they do.
- Our Pastor.
- Thank God that His Will is being done and His Kingdom will come in Central Baptist Church Stratford.

Have you got a prayer request, please send it to:

prayer@centralbaptistchurch.co.uk

THANKSGIVING & PRAYER REQUESTS

By Nab Mills-Robertson/Visiting Team (04/07/2015)

- Ethlyn Salmon – Although she was not feeling well, she managed to sing along with us at the last visit to her. She expressed her gratitude for her family and gave her offering to thank the Lord. Please pray for the Lord's blessing on her family
- Doreen Waterman – She is experiencing a lot of pain due to the poor function of her heart and kidney according to doctors. Please let us pray for these organs to function well.
- May Gardner – Praise God 'keyhole' surgery on her knee was successful. Pray that all will be well when she returns to see the specialist in 6 weeks. She gives thanks to the Lord for His goodness.
- Blossom Dammar – She give thanks to the Lord for all His provisions. Sometimes it's difficult but she is grateful to God.
- Virginia Reynolds –She knows it is the goodness of the Lord that is sustaining her and warmly appreciated our visit.
- Myrtle & Frank Smith – Please pray for the Lord's comfort to them as they mourn the sudden death of Frank's sister.
- Icilda May – She is doing very well and the pain in her shoulder is getting better. Please let us continue to pray for complete healing.
- Rogini (Rose) Sachithanatham – They are doing very well as a family and hoping for complete healing for Rose.
- Rosaleen Monteiro – Your continued prayers for her and Monty would be appreciated.
- Mr Albert Grant – He is grateful to all those who are assisting him to come to Church. Please continue to pray for his family.
- Mr Moses Williams – Our visit last month was a blessing to him, he was encouraged and thanked God for His love for him.
- Yvonne Thomas – It is sad to know she and Sonny are leaving for Jamaica. Please pray that the Lord will protect and care for them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ministry of Flowers

By Suzanne Gudgeon



This month flowers are being provided by the following friends:

Date	Provided by
2nd	Myrtle Smith
9th	DATE FREE
16th	Dorothy Lee
23rd	Suzanne Gudgeon
30th	DATE FREE

Please put your contribution in an envelope with your name and date you are providing flowers and place it in the collection at **least two weeks before** your chosen date.

If you wish to use one of free dates for a birthday or another special celebration, please let me know. Please note that the cost of providing flowers is around £15.00. If you are sharing a date, you can give less. Please consider this when providing on your particular date.

The picture above is one of the flower displays in the church.

Junior Church (All children are welcome)

By Pat Reynolds

There are five different classes, age ranging from 1 year upwards. The children follow teaching based on the Bible. **Prayer:** Sunday 23rd at 10.15-10.30am – **Pat Reynolds.**

OUTREACH

By Nab Mills-Robertson

❖ **Food Bank** – Urgent needs, this means your contribution for food is now highly required please.

❖ **Teen Challenge** – **Stratford Drop-In**: God is opening doors of work for many of the attendees.

Bus Outreach every Saturday 8.30pm – 11.30pm.
'Drop In' at CBC every Monday 3.00pm – 5.00pm.
Anyone interested in helping should speak to Nab.

❖ **Street Pastors** - CBC Team goes out **every fourth Friday**

CHURCH EVENTS

Over 60's Club

By Jackie Trotman/Rose Tucker

Monday 24th August, we will be taking a trip to Greenwich Park and pray we will be blessed with good weather.

We will not on this occasion be providing lunch so please bring your own with you.

We meet at 12 noon outside the Church, leaving at 12.15pm sharp.
See you then. God bless.

Central News Articles for the **September 2015 Edition**
Please submit items by **Monday 10th August 2015**
Or earlier to: E-mail address: cbcnews@live.com

BIBLE ENCOUNTER SERIES

Get to grips with studying, understanding and applying the Word.

All welcome. Registration is necessary before attendance.

See Pastor Dele Oke or email:
pastor@centralbaptistchurch.co.uk

Saturday 15th August 2015

3.30pm - 5pm

Saturday 5th September 2015

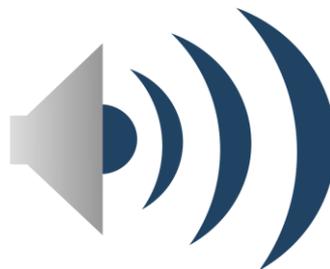
3.30pm - 5pm

Saturday 24th October 2015

3.30 - 5pm



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