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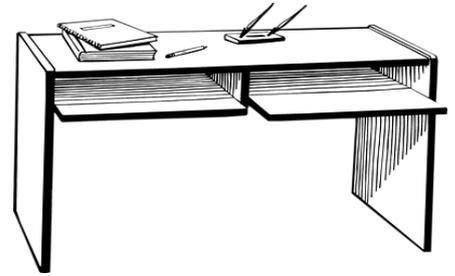
Remember that I have commanded you to be determined and confident! Do not be afraid or discouraged, for I, the Lord your God, am with you **wherever you go.**” Joshua 1:9 (GNB)

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

By Pastor Dele Oke



Fathers, Men And Boys

Last month we celebrated Father's Day. Boys grow up to become men and men can become fathers. Hence when talking about fathers we should also mention boys. Here are seven things we considered on that Father's Day that can be applied to our life generally. They will help you have a fruitful and peaceful life.

1. **Timing Is Vital:** In Luke 15:12 we read about the young boy asking for his inheritance now. He took what was supposed to be his at the wrong time. The consequences were dire. It is often tempting for us to try and rush along in life. We often do not see the value of waiting. As one young boy who was in a rush to get intimate with his girlfriend once said "All I wanted was a girlfriend and now I'm a father! Learning how to wait is a healthy habit that will yield much reward.
2. **Don't Give Up:** Waiting often involves persistence and endurance. We often fail to see the good steps that the prodigal son took. In Luke 15:15 he started to learn the art of endurance. He took on a job he did not like but had to do. We all come across difficult situations in life. They often only last for a short time. The things you learn during the hard times will help you in the good times.
3. **Your Father Will Have You Back:** Turning around will save your life. There is a time to change. Changing direction or sometimes changing your attitude is what is required to turn things around. Everyone makes mistakes and we cannot keep running away from them. In Luke 15:17 the prodigal son "came to his senses" and headed back home. Is there something you need to change?

4. **Cultivate And Guard Your Garden:** In Genesis 2:15 God told man to tend and keep the garden. Our life is like a garden. Gardens that are not taken care of grow wild. Self-control, keeping your emotions and feelings in check are all part of what it takes to tend the garden of the inner life that God has given you. We cannot always get the things we want, nor should we go around blaming others for our own faults. If you have an uncontrolled temper you cannot continue blaming others each time you throw your mobile phone down and break it during a fit of anger. Stop blaming the ones who made you angry and control your anger. That is the way to live.
5. **God Made Animals Without Names:** In Genesis 2:19-20 we witness man naming all the animals. Did it ever occur to you that God created animals without names? Adam came across new and unfamiliar animals regularly. We too come across many new situations that might appear daunting and confusing. Don't be dismayed. It is called life. We learn as we go along. Don't get discouraged when you face situations you don't know how to handle. God will help you through. God has confidence in His Spirit in you to guide you through life. Don't panic. Take one day at a time.
6. **Throwing The First Stone:** In John 8:7 Jesus asked the person without sin to throw the first stone. In short, forgiveness is not an option but a requirement for a fruitful and peaceful life. We should all learn how to forgive, move on and live. You only have one life.
7. **It Takes Time:** In John 8:9 notice that it took a while for the stone throwers to eventually go away. Things take time – especially forgiveness. If you have hurt someone with your actions it might take a while before the forgiveness they offer you shows. Forgiveness can take time. It will help to remember that.

JULY 2015 – DIARY AT A GLANCE

Deacon on Duty: Suzanne Gudgeon

Date	Event and People	Time
Every Wednesday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd 29th	Bible Study & Prayer Time (7.30pm Teas & Coffees – Start at 7.45pm)	7.30-9.00pm
Friday 3rd Evening	CBC Club	6.00-9.00pm
Every Saturday	Praise & Worship Practice	5.30pm
Saturday 4th	Leaders Bible Encounter	3.30–5.00pm
Sunday 5th Morning	Lead: Tex Reynolds Preach: Pastor Dele Oke 13+ Stay in Church	11.00am
Sunday 5th Evening	Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Preach: David Ramsey Communion Service	6.30pm
Friday 10th Evening	Women's Prayer Meeting	8.00pm
Friday 10th Evening	Prayer Walk Lead: Harriet Mills-Robertson	8.30-9.30pm
Saturday 11th Afternoon	Men's Meeting Speaker: Nick Gibbs	4.00pm
Sunday 12th Morning	Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Preach: Pastor Dele Oke	11.00am
Sunday 12th Afternoon	Special Workers Gathering	1.30pm
Sunday 12th Evening	Lead: Sylvester Turner Preach: Benson Adedeji	6.30pm

Date	Event and People	Time
Friday 17th Evening	Prayer Walk Lead: Cynthia Reynolds	8.30-9.30pm
Saturday 18th Afternoon	Open Crowd Festival Stratford Churches Event St John's Yard	2.00–6.00pm
Sunday 19th Morning	Lead: Vivienne Oke Preach: Pastor Dele Oke Communion Service 13+ Stay in Church	11.00am
Sunday 19th Evening	Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Preach: Folu Olatuja	6.30pm
Saturday 25th	Church Day Out - Margate	8.30am
Sunday 26th Morning	Lead: Sylvester Turner Preach: Sam Nair Family Service	11.00am
Sunday 26th Afternoon	Visiting Team: Florence Olajide Arthur Thallapally Pat Reynolds	After Service
Sunday 26th Evening	Lead: Jane Young Preach: Tex Reynolds	6.30pm
Monday 27th Afternoon	Over 60's Club Speaker: Malcolm Boulter	12.00pm
Friday 31st Evening	Prayer Time - 8.00pm Magdalene Ogbeifun - 9.00pm Pat Reynolds - 10.00pm Pastor Dele	8.00-11.00pm

BIBLE ENCOUNTER SERIES

Please see page 12 for dates

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY'S PEN

By Suzanne Gudgeon



God is Good – All the time; All the time – God is Good

Dear Friends

I am sure you are well aware of the number of issues going on nationally and around the world at the moment. Some of the situations are very difficult to deal with and there seems little or no hope. Some of the situations are causing great concern to those involved and personally we do go through situations that are sometimes beyond our control but we need to remember that we have a God who deals with the impossible. He can work things out for us.

Over the last few weeks and months, the same verse of scripture keeps coming back to my mind and heart and I feel it is one verse that is worth sharing. It has helped me and I trust it will be a help to you too.

Isaiah 40 verse 31 (NIV) says *“but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”*

The summer holidays are now upon us and people will be going away during the next few months. If you are going away I trust you will enjoy your time away and feel refreshed when you are back amongst us but even if you don't go away, I pray the Lord will refresh you and you will be able to enjoy a well-earned rest.

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.

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 (10th June)

Last Sunday I was able to walk to the morning service but I hasten to say not to St. Agnes as they came to Mount Hawke for a joint service led by our minister Rev Simon Clarke. Our thoughts were centered on that 'mighty warrior, brave and mighty man, mighty hero and mighty man of valour as Gideon is referred to in various versions of the Bible. At that time Gideon was down cast terrified and hiding from the Midianites. He was an ordinary man but not in God's sight and learnt that in difficult times one with God is in the majority. The first verse of our last hymn began 'Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? I wonder if you recognize that hymn.

The annual Victorian Fayre was held in St Agnes on 25th May, the main road closed to all traffic to enable various stalls to be set up on both sides. The only rule was that at least one person at each stall was dressed in Victorian costume. The takings for the day raised the wonderful sum of £866.84.

I continued my rehabilitation course which speeds up each week and this afternoon was back to Mount Pleasant Nursing Home playing the piano, so out of tune that no one would have been able to tell if I was playing the right notes or not. This coming Saturday at St Agnes there will be a combined Coffee Morning and the annual Gift Day.

Next Monday morning is my appointment with Mr Kuo the Consultant Cardiologist who carried out my operation in London. I have great respect for his medical expertise and friendly personality. He even plays badminton.

Walking is now a very important part of my everyday life and Mission Praise 760 has some very good advice which now has a special meaning to me. At an Evangelical meeting in America a young man was heard to say 'I am not quite sure, but I am going to trust and obey'. John Henry Sammis who died in 1919 heard about this and was inspired to write the hymn, "When we walk with the Lord". To me the most important word is the first one in verse one which is "WHEN".

A prayer: Give us, living God, a vision of your glory, that we may worship you in spirit and in truth, and offer the praise of glad and thankful hearts; through Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

By Leadership/Central News Team

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Date		Date	
1st	Suzy Davies	17th	Abibatu Sesay
2nd	Folu Olatuja	20th	Grace Adedeji
2nd	Leah Cared	21st	Clarence Brown
3rd	May Davis	23rd	Wellington Eusebe
3rd	Olivia Adedeji	24th	Chewe Mwambazi
7th	Pastor Dele Oke	25th	Manasseh Sachithanantham
11th	Ian McDonald	27th	Carol Clarke
14th	Johnson Ehigie	28th	Patrick Nkrumah
16th	Ted Cooke	31st	May Gardner
17th	Tricia Gudgeon	31st	Nalene Jordan

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Date		Years
7th	Rosaleen & Monty Monteiro	42

EARLY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Date		Date	
1st	Rachel Reynolds	2nd	Beryl Clarke
1st	Hannah Brown	4th	Myrtle Smith

NO EARLY AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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



REPORTS

Reports from across the Church

Prayer

By Magdalene Ogbeifun

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

If you are reading this, then you should be praising the Lord. You are alive. God has a purpose for you. To praise Him and to do His will.

To help us with this, we count our blessings; we name them one by one and it is always amazing what the Lord has done.

Prayer: Father help us to always count our blessings and keep praising you. In Jesus Name.

‘If God is for us who can be against us?’ Romans 8:31 (NKJV), no one. Also Joshua 1:9 “---be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” So we must trust Him.

Who or what can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Even if your situation is different from the above, I implore you to trust God and keep praising Him for He will never leave you nor forsake you.

Let your focus be on Jesus and in the meantime do God’s will in praying for others. Look around you and pray for a different person each day and you will surely have your testimony.

Remain faithful even as He is faithful. To Him be all the Glory.

Romans 8:31-39 (NKJV).

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 4th July 2015

3.30pm - 5pm

Saturday 15th August 2015

3.30pm - 5pm

Saturday 5th September 2015

3.30pm - 5pm

Saturday 24th October 2015

3.30 - 5pm

Central News Articles for the **August 2015 Edition**

Please submit items by **Friday 10th July 2015**

Or earlier to: E-mail address: cbcnews@live.com

THANKSGIVING & PRAYER REQUESTS

By Nab Mills-Robertson/Visiting Team (09/06/2015)

- Ethlyn Salmon – Has experienced great improvement to her health as well as her husband's and expresses her gratitude to the Lord for His faithfulness to her call upon Him each moment.
- Doreen Waterman – Please continue to pray for her and family.
- Yvonne Thomas – Is doing well by God's grace but hospital treatment continues, her next appointment is 22nd June. Please pray for support for her husband and wisdom for medical staff.
- Blossom Dammar – Praise God she continues to made progress after an operation and is very grateful for the help she is receiving. Please continue your prayers for her and Nicole.
- Virginia Reynolds – Glory be to God for the strength she receives each day. Please continue to pray for the family.
- Myrtle & Frank Smith – God has been gracious to them in many ways. Please continue to pray for them.
- Icilda May – A very encouraging visit to her this month as she celebrated her 91st birthday. She praised God for His blessings over these years. Pray she will receive healing in her shoulder.
- Rogini (Rose) Sachithanatham – Thank God Rose and Manasseh continue to attend Sunday morning service. Please pray for the entire family.
- Rosaleen Monteiro – Thank God for His goodness; she is not doing badly. Please continue to pray for her.
- Mr Albert Grant – Praises God for healing during recent hospitalization. He managed to attend Sunday morning service and it is hoped this will continue during the summer months.
- Mr Moses Williams – He is doing well but needs prayer for his family.
- May Gardner – She's doing very well and full of the joy and goodness of the Lord. Please continue to pray for the Lord's healing of her knee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CBC Outing To Margate

By Algi Dyer / Suzanne Gudgeon/ Pat Turner

By the time you read this we expect the coaches booked for our outing to Margate will have been filled. If you are coming, please make sure you are at the Church by **8.30am**, so that we can leave on time. Thank You.

Ministry of Flowers

By Suzanne Gudgeon

Flowers are being provided by the following friends:

Date	Provided by
5th	Date Free
12th	Rosaleen Monteiro
19th	Jackie Trotman (in memory of Alex)
26th	May Gardner

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. The average cost of providing flowers is £20.00, please consider this when providing on your particular date. If you wish to use one of the 'free dates' for a special celebration, please let me know.

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 26th at 10.15-10.30am – **Efua Mills-Robertson.**

OUTREACH

By Nab Mills-Robertson

❖ **Food Bank** – We managed to send a few items to the team last month. May the Lord replenish the stores of all those who were able to give to this cause.

❖ **Teen Challenge** – **Stratford Drop-In**: Praise God for His amazing work. We received reports that many of the visitors to the Centre have secured jobs. Please pray for the Lord's healing; a total breakthrough from alcohol addiction and above all for Dominic to come to faith in Christ Jesus.

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

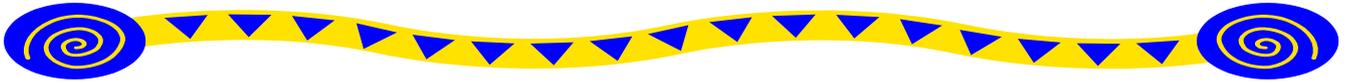
By Jackie Trotman/Rose Tucker

The speaker for 27th July will be Malcolm Boulter who unfortunately had to cancel the last booking due to personal reasons – we are however really looking forward to seeing him again and hope you will all make a real effort to attend. God Bless.

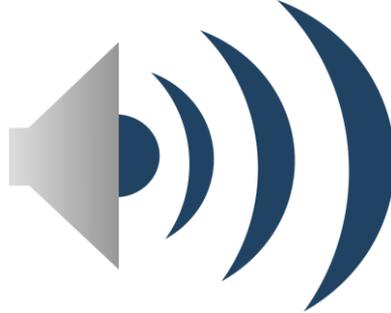
CBC Club

By Efua Mills-Robertson

Date	Time	Calendar
Friday 3rd Evening	6.00-9.00pm	CBC Club – Central Baptist Church



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Where to find us (Buses: 69, 257 stops outside)

