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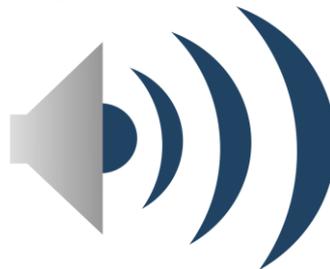


Step by step with Christ throughout 2018

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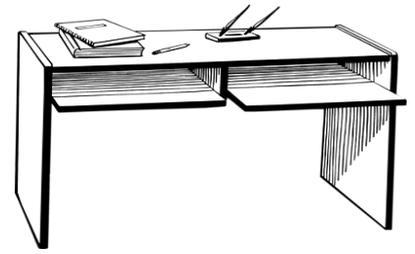


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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

By Pastor Dele Oke



Walking Through 2018 Step By Step

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places (Ephesians 6:12 NKJV)

We make our way through 2018, one day at a time and step by step. Firstly, it is needful to remember that flesh and blood (in other words, people) are not the enemies we face. As Ephesians says '**we do not wrestle against flesh and blood**'. It is sometimes easy to forget this because people are often the ones that annoy us. Yes, people might be the ones who are the deliverer of the bad news, bad comments or even responsible for the wars, crimes and evil we witness in the world, but they are not the drivers of evil.

If you want to stop car accidents on our roads you would not ban all cars from moving, that would just create another transport problem. To reduce road accidents, you would go about training people how to drive more safely, make the roads safer and alert the pedestrians on how to be more aware of the traffic.

In short, you aim your attention at the drivers of the cars to make the roads safer. The same is true of our walk through 2018. If we consider and deal with people as our main problem we simply magnify the problem. People are driven by the thoughts and content of their hearts and only God can give us the wisdom to deal with this and the grace to overcome the corresponding actions.

Let us pray: Dear Lord Jesus, give us the grace to keep our heart free of bitterness and resentment to those who hurt us. Grant us the wisdom to respond appropriately to the things said and done against us. Make us aware of the thoughts the evil one drops in our hearts, so that we might never act on them or be unconsciously driven by the evil one. Let us see your favour in our life and be gracious to others – Amen.

MARCH DIARY 2018 AT GLANCE



Deacon on Duty: Algi Dyer

DATE	EVENTS & PEOPLE	TIME
1st Sunday each month	COMMUNION	Evening
Wednesday: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th	Bible Study & Prayer Time (7.30pm Teas & Coffees) Starts at 7.45pm	7.30pm - 9.00pm
Every Saturday	Praise & Worship Practice	5.30pm
Every Sunday	Prayer Time before Church Service – All Welcome	10.30am

DATE	EVENTS & PEOPLE	TIME
Saturday 3rd Afternoon	Women's Fellowship – Mums Prayer Time	3.30pm - 4.30pm
Sunday 4th Morning	Lead: Sylvester Turner Preach: Pastor Dele Oke	11.00am- 1.00pm
Sunday 4th Evening	COMMUNION Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Preach: Pastor Dele Oke	6.30pm- 7.30pm
Friday 9th Evening	Prayer Focus	8.00pm- 9.30pm
Sunday 11th Morning	FAMILY SERVICE MOTHERS DAY Lead: Men's Fellowship Preach: Pastor Dele Oke	11.00am- 1.00pm
Sunday 11th Evening	NO EVENING SERVICE	No Service
Saturday 17th Afternoon	Women's Fellowship Cakes and Prayer	3.30pm – 5.00pm

DATE	EVENTS & PEOPLE	TIME
Sunday 18th Morning	COMMUNION Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Preach: Pastor Dele Oke Women's Fellowship after Service	11.00am-1.00pm 1.15pm
Sunday 18th Evening	Lead: Steve Cooper Preach: Dorcas Olakunbi	6.30pm-7.30pm
Friday 23rd Evening	FRIDAY NIGHT PRAYER 8.00pm Patricia Antoine-Ramsey 9.00pm Vivienne Oke & Sanita Attride 10.00pm Benson Adedeji	8.00pm-11.00pm
Saturday 24th Afternoon	Junior Church Team Meeting	3.00pm
Sunday 25th Morning	PALM SUNDAY Lead: Vivienne Oke Preach: Guest Speaker	11.00am-1.00pm
Sunday 25th Afternoon	Visiting Team Go Out	After Service
Sunday 25th Evening	Lead: Jane Young Preach: TBC	6.30pm-7.30pm
Monday 26th Afternoon	Over 60's Club	12.00pm-2.00pm
Friday 30th Morning	COMMUNION GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE Lead: Preach:	10.30am-11.30am

Coffee Morning

By the Over 60's Group



The next coffee morning will take place on Saturday 24th March. God willing, from **10.30am to 12.30pm**. We were greatly encouraged by increased visitors at the last meeting – please come and share with us if you are able. Thank you and God bless.

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY'S PEN

By Algi Dyer



My Brothers & Sisters in Christ

I pray that all is well with you. I find myself relating bible verses with songs/hymns, and this month I am sharing the following.

Joshua 1:9 New International Version (NIV)

⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

BE BOLD, BE STRONG

Be bold, be strong,
for the Lord your God is with you;
be bold, be strong,
for the Lord your God is with you!
I am not afraid, (No! No! No!)
I am not dismayed, (Not me!)
for I'm walking in faith and victory:
come on and walk in faith and victory,
for the Lord your God is with you.

Joshua 1:9 King James Version (KJV)

⁹ Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

It is well with my soul

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all, always.

REPORTS

Reports from across the Church



PRAYER

By Magdalene Ogbeifun

My Dear Brothers & Sisters in the Lord,

May the peace and blessings of God be with us in Jesus name. If I ask, how many people would like to see a revival today, many would have their hands up. But, how many are willing to do something about it? We know that prayer is the key. So make up your mind to come to the next prayer meeting.

Let us praise father God together, and as it says in Matthew 18:19 NASB. 'Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it will be done for them by My Father who is in heaven'. Let us agree together to see a revival in our time.

Come let us agree about other things too, our health, finances, employment, family, children, youth, government and more.

Let us pray:

- For the grace to seek first the kingdom of God.
- For the grace to love others as we love ourselves, so that God's love is perfected in us.
- To know how to demonstrate the love of God in our actions/attitudes to others. That we do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, rather in humility value others above ourselves.
- For our leaders always.
- Continue to pray for families who have lost loved ones recently.
- For peace and stability in our families, church, communities and nation.
- Give God thanks we are alive, and we know He loves us.

Thanksgiving & Prayer Requests

By Visiting Team (28/1/18)

- Ethlyn Salmon – She still misses the fellowship very much and longs for more visits from friends at Central. As usual, with company to read God's word, join in her favourite hymns and prayer she is always greatly encouraged.
- Doreen Waterman – Still needs our prayers as she mourns the loss of her sister. At our last visit she shared information from the order of service and memories of her dear sister's life.
- Myrtle & Frank Smith – They both looked very well at our last visit and we enjoyed a great time of fellowship with enthusiastic participation in a time of praise and worship, reading and discussing scripture, communion and prayer. We praise God that Frank was able to attend church last Sunday.
- Icilda May – She was still very emotional, tearful and thankful to all those who turned out to take part in the special service held at her home 20th January. It brought great joy to her and she prays for more opportunities to fellowship with friends at Central.
- May Gardner – She continues to trust God for wisdom to be given to medical team treating her for pain relief.
- Moses Williams – We praise God for the care he is receiving. At our last visit he was in very good health, sat in his chair watching television. He shared his concerns for the recent tragic situation in Jamaica which took place near where he used to live. Please pray for all our elderly folk who have relatives overseas.
- Doris Francis – Please continue to pray that God's grace will continue to abound towards her and that she will experience a total breakthrough in her health.

CHURCH EVENTS

Over 60's Club

By Jackie Trotman/Rose Tucker

Our speaker for our meeting will be David Driver. Please make every effort to attend, a warm welcome will be extended to all. God bless. Jackie & Rose.



Junior Church Programme

From Junior Church Team

Date	Bubbles	XStream	The Grid
04/03	Genesis 29:1-35 God Speaks to Jacob	Genesis 29-31 Jacob gets married	Genesis 29-31 Chat Show Jacob
11/03	Family Service		
18/03	Genesis 35:1-15 God blesses Jacob	Genesis 35:1-15 God blesses Jacob	Genesis 35:1-15 Jacob's timeout
25/03	Genesis 42:1-13 Joseph helps his family	Genesis 45:1-13 God at work	Genesis 45:1-15 Forgiven and Forgotten

Ministry of Flowers

By Suzanne Gudgeon



This month the flowers are being provided by the following friends:

Date	Provided by
4th	Suzanne & Irene Gudgeon.
11th	Claudette Ramsey (in memory of Aaron (grandson)). Doreen Waterman.
18th	Jackie Trotman (in memory of Alma).
25th	Central Baptist Church.

This ministry is a wonderful way to remember a special day whether it is a birthday, anniversary, another special occasion or in memory of someone, when you can provide flowers in the church. Once you have selected your date, please put your contribution in an envelope with your name and the date you are providing flowers, and place it in the collection at least two weeks before the date you have selected.

A list for 2018 is now available at the back of the church. Please check and see what dates are available to use for your special occasion. If you would like to know more about how you can take part in the ministry of flowers, please speak to me. Thank you to all who support this wonderful ministry. Every blessing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays and Anniversaries

By Leadership/Central News Team

To help us keep our birthday / anniversary list up to date and celebrate with you – please let us know if you are not mentioned below or would like to be included in the month of your Birthday, or Wedding Anniversary. Please inform Algi ☺ or send an email to cbcnews@live.com. Thank you.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Date		Date	
2nd	Estina Grant	23rd	Comfort Ottah
3rd	Peter Eni	23rd	Kemuel Owusu-Kyereko
4th	Richard Oguntona	27th	Fiona Gray
16th	Pat Reynolds	28th	Harriet Mills-Robertson
18th	Alan Davies	28th	Stanley Nziramasanga
20th	Osaze Ehigie	30th	Reenell Roach-Williams

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Date		Years
13th	Doreen and Ralph Waterman	53

EARLY ARIL BIRTHDAYS

Date		Date	
5th	Tex Reynolds		

NO EARLY APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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



Other Events

OUTREACH

By Nab Mills-Robertson

❖ **Food Bank** – I was at a meeting last month and a Member of Parliament mentioned that the Food Bank has been very helpful to the Society. This has been a great tool of witness to reveal the love of Christ. God appreciates every act of giving to those in need. James 2:17 says ...”Faith by itself, if is not accompanied by action is dead”.

❖ **Teen Challenge** – Stratford Drop-In: The number of people visiting has gone down. A woman who used to come to the Drop-In three years ago has accepted Christ and she is now a volunteer in the Bus Outreach.

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.