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PEACE OF CHRIST
RULE IN YOUR HEARTS**

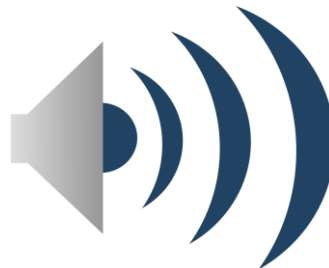
**TO WHICH INDEED YOU WERE CALLED
IN ONE BODY. AND BE THANKFUL.**



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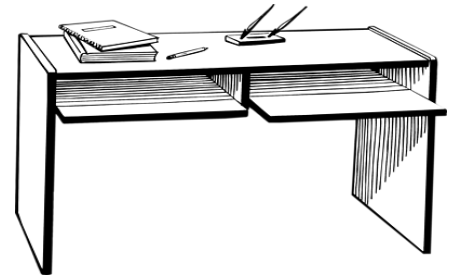
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

By Pastor Dele Oke



The Church – The Body of Christ

Jesus first made mention of the Church in Matthew 16:13-18.

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

14 They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

15 “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

17 Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and **on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.** Matthew 16:13-18 (NIV)

The Church is not a building nor is it limited to any particular denomination. Rather the English word *Church* comes from the Greek word *ekklesia* which means ‘a called out body of people’.

The Church of God is made up of people that have responded personally to the call of God.

When mankind walked away from God in disobedience in the Garden of Eden, God called out to them yet they ran and hid (Genesis 3: 6-8). God wanted back the personal relationship He had made mankind to have with Him. Yet our disobedience and insistence of doing things our way and without Him is the sin that denies us the personal relationship we should have with our heavenly Father.

Holding on to customs, rituals and guidelines can make us religious but not righteous. To be righteous we have to be *right with God* and only Jesus Christ can accomplish that for us.

Ever since mankind walked away from God, the human race has got further and further away from her creator.

God called a man known as Abram and promised to make him and his descendants the people of God (Genesis 12:1-3). These people later became known as Israel and God also changed Abram's name to Abraham. Jesus has come to extend this invitation to all people and this is what is known as the Church. Those who are not Israelites are often called Gentiles in the Bible. The book of Galatians puts it this way.

7 Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham.

8 Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: 'All nations will be blessed through you.'

9 So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. Galatians 3:7-9 (NIV)

The truth is, when God called Abraham, he was giving him and the children of Israel an advance invitation to the gospel.

Jesus Christ has called us to come and take part in the blessing of a restored relationship with Him. This is brought about by the work of the Holy Spirit as can be seen on the day of Pentecost (Acts 1). Galatians summarises all this for us quite neatly

14 He (Jesus) redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit. Galatians 3:14 (NIV)

The Church, the body of Christ, is comprised of those who have willingly and consciously accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and |saviour. They have a personal relationship with God through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

SEPTEMBER 2016 – DIARY AT A GLANCE

Deacon on Duty: Sylvester Turner

Date	Events & People	Time
1st Sunday each month	COMMUNION	Evening
Wednesday's 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
Last Sunday each Month	Visiting Team go out	After Morning Service

Date	Events & People	Time
Saturday 3rd Afternoon	Youth Meeting	3.00pm
Sunday 4th Morning	WATER BAPTISM Lead: Vivienne Oke Preach: 13+ Remain in Church	11.00am
Sunday 4th Evening	COMMUNION Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Preach: Pastor Dele Oke	6.30pm
Saturday 10th Afternoon	Men's Meeting	4.00pm
Saturday 10th Afternoon	IT Training at Central Baptist Church, Stratford.	3.00pm- 5.00pm
Sunday 11th Morning	Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Preach: Guest	11.00am
Sunday 11th Evening	Lead: Jane Young Preach: Vivienne Oke	6.30pm

Date	Events & People	Time
Sunday 18th Morning	COMMUNION Lead: Tex Reynolds Preach: Pastor Dele Oke 13+ Stay In	11.00am
Sunday 18th Evening	Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon HEALTH TALK Preach: Dr. Bernard Watts-Amissah	6.00pm Note early start
Friday 23rd Evening	PRAYER NIGHT 8.00pm Anthony Ogbeifun 9.00pm Nab Mills-Robinson 10.00pm Pastor Dele Oke	8.00pm– 11.00pm
Sunday 25th Morning	FAMILY SERVICE HARVEST SUNDAY Lead: Vivienne Oke Preach: Pastor Dele Oke	11.00pm
Sunday 25th Evening	NO EVENING SERVICE	
Monday 26th Afternoon	Over 60's Club	12.00pm

ADVANCE NOTICE

G.A.P. Women's Conference will be held on **Saturday 23rd October 2016**, at 12.00pm (noon). This event will be hosted by CBC, Stratford.

Completed:

STAINED GLASS FEATURE WINDOW REPAIR: Work has been completed. Thank you all for your patience.

REPAIR AND PAINTING: Work has been completed. Scaffolding will be removed by end of August.

Flat Roof (This covers the Offices/Toilets/Foyer):

The Flat Roof of the Office will be next to be replaced. The works being done here should have little or no effect to functions in the Church and/or Church Hall.

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY'S PEN

By Suzanne Gudgeon



Dear Friends

Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves...

We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves. (Redemption Hymn Book). Welcome to September and this month, we celebrate Harvest and this hymn was sung in the churches up and down the country in years gone by. We have much to be thankful for and praise God for His many blessings and provisions every day of the year.

Our recent Church Away Day was amazing; Gilwell Park was a lovely venue, the food was great and fellowship and ministry was fantastic. The bible studies were good too. If you didn't go, you should have a word with someone who did! Our annual barbecue would have taken place by the time you read this and I am sure it would have gone well and the Lord would have blessed the occasion with fine weather. Of course this month we see a number of friends going through the waters of baptism. Please pray for them and support them. Next month, we as a Church will celebrate our anniversary – giving thanks to God for another year of His goodness to us as a church and enabling us to be a witness in the local community.

Please continue to remember the countries where there is difficulties of one sort or another, especially where there is conflict. Pray too for our fellow brothers and sisters who are suffering for being a Christian. Please also pray for our nation with all the changes that will take place now and in the months ahead. Pray for wisdom for those leading our country.

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

Have Faith in God – He never fails

REPORTS

Reports from across the Church

Prayer

By Vivienne Oke

Let us have confidence, then and approach God's throne, where there is grace. There we will receive mercy and find grace to help us just when we need it. Hebrews 4:16

- Please pray that God will open the right doors for our children. Halima, Rachel, Victory, Osazi, Nenyi and Melanie, John are off to University in September.
- Pray for our Children who are currently away at University. (Leone, Shade, Abigail, Aaron, Kenneth, Zac and Andrew). Pray that they will grow in Christ and that they will not be led into temptation.
- Pray for Kam and Family, Tonji and David, John, Freddie and others seeking a total recovery.
- Please pray for Marie-Ange, Josiah and new baby Eliannah
- Please pray for Annalise and Asher.
- Please pray for the Pastor, Diaconate and Team leaders.
- Please pray that God will grant favour in the workplace, particularly those seeking to be released on Sunday.
- Pray for CBC Stratford, God's will be done and God's kingdom come.
- Pray for the Worship Team and the Stewards.
- Continue to pray for Marriages and for those seeking Life Partners.
- Please pray that God will add on Families to the church at CBC.
- Please pray for London and the Newham area. Peace on our streets
- Pray God's will be done, God's kingdom come in our midst
- Please continue to pray for the youth of this Country.

Your prayer is vital and will bring the supply of God's Spirit in the various situations we encounter.

THANKSGIVING & PRAYER REQUESTS

By Nab Mills-Robertson/Visiting Team (15/06/2016)

- Ethlyn Salmon - She looked well and peaceful, in high spirits and did not seem to have any major worries except that she wanted us to pray that the family will continue to support her. It would seem that she was more concerned with the well-being of the family in their support for her.
- Doreen Waterman – She is making progress with her health and she prays for continued strength in the Lord.
- Virginia Reynolds – Thank you God for His protection and the continued love from the family.
- Myrtle & Frank Smith – Myrtle has not been able to eat well. A test has revealed a problem with the kidneys. Please pray for recovery.
- Icilda May – Icilda looked well except that she complained about her hearing and the medical attention she was receiving. She felt it could be better. Let's uphold her in our prayer.
- Mr Moses Williams – His wife is still in hospital going through treatment. Please pray for his well-being as well as healing for his wife.
- May Gardner – We give the Lord the glory for giving her strength to attend service.
- Calbert Tucker – We praise God for His healing, and trust 'He who has started a good work will bring it to completion'.
- Dorothy – A niece from Leigh on Sea visits occasionally. As she is not able to venture out, due to problems with her legs, she welcomes our visits which we hope to arrange on a monthly basis. Please do pray that she will get the right help and support she needs and will accept it.
- Vera and Lebert - Vera used to visit CBC over a number of years but, due to mobility problems, is no longer able to fellowship although she is hoping that she will attend again. Please pray regarding their health and the daily care they need.

NEWS FROM CORNWALL

By Ron Meloy (1st August)

Did you hear or see on TV or in the newspapers last month that UK's largest ever mechanical puppet was seen in Cornwall? It was three times taller than a double decker bus, part man and part steam machine. It was due to make an appearance at a disused mining site just outside St. Agnes this morning but this is unlikely to have happened due to the inclement weather. This major feat of Cornish engineering set off from Tavistock in Devon a fortnight ago to mark the 10th anniversary of the Cornwall and West Devon Landscape being added to the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites. I am reminded of a man who was nearly 10ft tall who was challenged and defeated by a young boy. Do you know their names?

Last month a 40ft sperm whale became stranded on the beach in Perranporth but unfortunately could not be saved. That reminds me of someone who was swallowed by a great fish and survived. I like to believe so did the fish. You will not see any reference this time in the Bible of the tallest man recorded in the world at 8ft 11 inches who died aged 22 in 1940.

Yesterday morning our monthly Café Church was led by our minister. There will be plenty of music/singing next Sunday. In the morning all the hymns will have been chosen by the congregation and given the opportunity of introducing them. At 6.00pm Songs of Praise will take place in the grounds [inside the chapel if wet/windy] accompanied by St. Agnes Silver Band. On Saturday at 6.00pm St. Agnes holds its Annual Carnival procession. There will be many taking part including a group celebrating 25 years of supporting Cornwall Hospice Care dressed in costumes similar to those used in past years [nurses, clowns, scare-crows etc.] Unfortunately I will not be present this year as I have a prior appointment at Truro City Football Clubs first home fixture.

A PRAYER: Lord in your mercy guide the nations in the ways of justice, liberty and peace. Amen

CHURCH EVENTS

Over 60's Club

By Jackie Trotman/Rose Tucker

Keith White will be our speaker for September. It would be nice if you could manage to bring a few non-perishable groceries for him to take back to the Home for the children; this will be very much appreciated I am sure. Many thanks in advance. God Bless.

IT Training

By Pastor Dele Oke

Date: Saturday 10th September from 3.00pm – 5.00pm

Venue: Central Baptist Church Hall

Topic: IT Training

Description: This will be a brief introduction to HTML and WordPress. It will be useful for those who need to develop the skills to build or maintain a web site. It will also provide the skills for those who would want to help with updating our Church web site.

Course requirement: This is a free course put on by the Church and is only open to those who attend CBC. A keenness to learn new technology, the ability to confidently use a laptop or PC. You will need to bring your own laptop.

Those attending will need to register beforehand by emailing admin@centralbaptistchurch.co.uk.

Please put 'HTML Course' as the subject of your email and include your name and mobile number in the body.

Topics to be covered

- How to build a basic HTML 5 web page
- Adding text and images to your web page
- Adding audio and video to your web page
- Linking to other web site from your web page
- Introduction to WordPress

HEALTH TALK BY DR. B. WATTS-AMISSAH

By Pastor Dele Oke

Sunday evening, 18 September 2016 at 6.00pm.

SIGNIFICANCE: GOD WISHES US TO PROSPER IN OUR BODY, SOUL & SPIRIT - OUR INPUT IS ESSENTIAL!

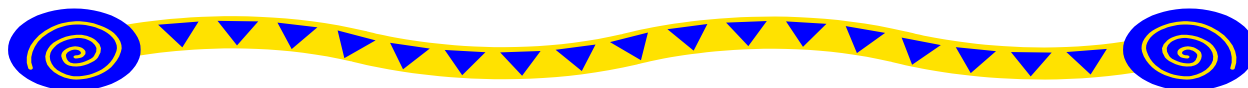
* "Health is the totality of our Spiritual, Physical, Psychological, Sexual & Social Wellbeing; and not merely the absence of Disease or Infirmary."(DR. BWA)

MAIN TOPICS:

- * A HEALTHY WEIGHT
- * HYPERTENSION - A 'HEARTFELT' ISSUE
- * MENTAL/PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH - A 'MINDFUL' ISSUE

EXTRA TOPICS (as directed by Question Time may include):

The Principles of the Causes, Prognosis, Management & Practical Preventive measures will be discussed with Q & A section.



Proverbs 16:24

Pleasant words *are like* a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and **health** to the bones.

Other Events

OUTREACH

By Nab Mills-Robertson

❖ **Food Bank** – The Lord is doing amazing things in the Food Bank reaching out to those in need.

❖ **Teen Challenge** – **Stratford Drop-In**: Angela is coming to the Church with her grand-daughter Lola, Siva was given an accommodation and is receiving help from many professions. Please continue to pray for their close relationship with Christ.

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**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays and Anniversaries

By Leadership/Central News Team

To help us keep our birthday and anniversary list up to date – please let us know if you are not mentioned below or would like to be mentioned in the month of your birthday. Please email us at cbcnews@live.com alternatively kindly inform Algi. Thank you.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Date		Years
2nd	Doreen & Ron Meloy	55
2nd	Rogini (Rose) & Vellupillai Sachithanantham	10
3rd	Dot & Brian Sheekey	56
4th	Folu & Allen Olatuja	12
20th	Mary & Theophilus Nwabuzor	8
27th	Esther Madu-Kwatamdia & Issahaku Sofo-Wuni	20

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Date		Date	
3rd	Rogini(Rose)Sachithanantham	17th	Claudette Burke
3rd	Colin Lucking	19th	Cindy Murray
4th	Andrew Brown	22nd	Suzanne Gudgeon
5th	Glad Paul-Emerald	22nd	Reece Hudson-Campbell
6th	Issahaku Sofu-Wuni	22nd	David Oke
6th	Lynsey Man	23rd	Kathleen Lucking
8th	David Ramsey	23rd	Donna Bachan
8th	William Turner	24th	Nab Mills-Robertson
9th	Ottoh Owoh	27th	Patricia Antoine-Ramsey
15th	Richard Horrabin	28th	Mary Nwabuzor
17th	Jackie Bailey		

EARLY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Date		Date	
1st	Jean Powell	3rd	Avis Horrabin-Newman
1st	Isaiah Murray	4th	Doreen Waterman
1st	Rose Tucker		

EARLY OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Date		Years
2nd	Terry & Avis Horrabin-Newman	
12th	Pastor Dele & Vivienne Oke	27

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



Ministry of Flowers

By Suzanne Gudgeon



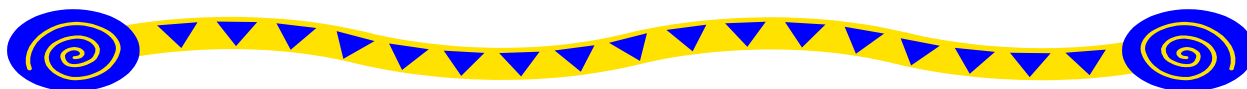
This month the flowers are being provided by the following friends:

Date	Provided by
4th	Central Baptist Church
11th	Claudette Burke
18th	Claudette Ramsey (in memory of Arnold)
25th	Harvest Sunday - Central Baptist Church

If you want to contribute to the ministry of flowers by providing flowers in the church to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or another special occasion, 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 the rest of the year is at the back of the church. Please check this to see if there are any free dates, which you can use.

God bless you all and thank you for your support in this ministry.



HARVEST

Deuteronomy 24:19 (NIV)

When you are **harvesting** in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.

Deuteronomy 24:19 (NKJV)

“When you reap your **harvest** in your field, and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.