



The Challenge

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Central Baptist Church, 14 West Broad, Newnan, GA 30263

FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
DECEMBER 23, 2018

Rev. Matt Sapp

SERMON
"The Gift of Love"

SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:7-16

John 3:16-17

John 15:5-12

8:45 am
Worship Service

9:45 am
Sunday School

10:55 am
Worship Service
Special Music
Gesu Bambino

Ms. Kathleen Duncan, solo
Sing, O Sing, This Blessed Morn
The Chancel Choir

USHERS

8:45 am
Cindy Yeager, Captain

10:55 am
Otis Jones, III, Captain

NURSERY

Available for children ages
birth- 3 years old

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Available Pre-K through K

WORSHIP CLASS

Katie Faison



***CHRISTMAS
AT CENTRAL***



***ADVENT IV,
DECEMBER 23***

The Sunday of Love

8:45 am and 10:55 am Worship

***CHRISTMAS EVE,
DECEMBER 24***

***6:00 pm Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service***

***11:00 pm Festival of Lessons and Carols
Chancel Choir with String Quartet***

***NEW YEARS SERVICE,
DECEMBER 30***

9:15 am Fellowship Breakfast

10:00 am Worship

PASTOR'S PEN

Groundbreaking Sunday—January 6th

I hope you'll join us at 10 am on Sunday, January 6th for a groundbreaking ceremony as we kick-off the construction phase of our building project. More than a year of mostly behind-the-scenes work has led us to what is now a very visible phase of our "Building on the Past, Building for the Future" campaign. As we approach the official groundbreaking, all of our combined efforts are moving in the right direction.

We've had tremendous response to the first few months of fundraising and continue to see significant progress each week. More than 150(!) families have pledged to support the campaign, and many of you have already begun making significant contributions. Thank you! Your early and generous support allows us to move into the building phase of the project with great confidence.

Our planning and professional teams continue to meet important benchmarks as we work with the city and utility providers to make sure that all of the permitting and infrastructure requirements are met before we officially begin construction. And, you should know that nearly a year into our partnership with architecture, project management and construction firms, we couldn't have picked better partners for our project.

So, in the middle of all of your holiday activities, I hope you won't let January 6th slip by you. It's an important day in the life of our church.

And, between now and then, I hope you and your family have a very Merry Christmas.

See you Sunday,

Matt

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 19,907.60
Budget Offering	\$ 24,424.00
YTD Budget Needs	\$ 995,379.80
YTD Budget Offering	\$ 1,042,084.50

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Receipts	\$ 5,884,496.56
Pledges	\$ 8,083,376.66
152 Families	

MUSIC MINISTRY

There is more beautiful music as we move from Advent to Christmas.

Sunday, December 23

Ms. Kathleen Duncan, solo
The Chancel Choir

Monday, December 24, 6:00 pm

Youth Girls' Ensemble
Caroline and Megan Headley, duet
Rebecca Huster, solo

Monday, December 24, 11:00 pm

The Festival of Lessons and Carols
The Chancel Choir and string quartet
Soloists: Kathleen Duncan, Bill Killmeier and
Tim Whitehead.

Sunday, December 30, 10:00 am

Ms. Blaire Morgan, solo

Anne

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

PASSPORTKids!
Exploring Missions in a World without Borders

I can't believe we are already having to think about summer, but I need to know who is interested in going to PassportKids camp. Summer 2019 dates and location will be: July 25-July 28 at Converse College in Spartanburg, S.C. Children must have completed third grade through sixth grade to attend. The camp is open to both male and female participants. The cost will be \$305 per child. I have reserved 15 slots, more can be added as long as space is available at this camp. Sign up ASAP to guarantee your child's spot. Please contact me at kfaison@centralbaptistnewnan.org and let me know if your child(ren) are interested.

Blessings,

Katie

**The church office will be closed Dec. 24th-26th
for the Christmas holidays and on
Jan. 1st for the New Year holiday.**

**The Challenge will not be printed the weeks of
Dec. 25th and Jan. 1st.
Publication will resume on Jan. 8, 2019.**

YOUTH MINISTRY



**Winter Ski Retreat
Beech Mountain, NC
February 18-20, 2019**

Make plans to join us for our Winter Ski Retreat at Beech Mountain, NC, during your Winter Break! We'll leave Newnan on Monday, February 18, ski all day Tuesday/Wednesday, and head home Wednesday evening. Pros and first-timers are all welcome! (How can you learn if you don't try?) Cost for the weekend is \$220/person--tell Santa that it covers ski rentals, lift tickets, travel, lodging, and 4 meals, and reserve your spot today! Click [here](#) to sign up. Contact Steve with any questions.

**Save the Date!
Youth Summer Mission
June 15-22, 2019**

We're still finalizing the details and destination of our 2019 Mission Trip but since many of you are already mapping out your summer, we want to make sure you reserve this week for another life-changing adventure! Watch this space for more details soon!

Steve

2018 Contributions and Stock Gifts

Please remember that mailed checks must be postmarked by **Monday, December 31, 2018.** If you plan to stop by the office with a check or cash, please do so by **Friday, December 28, 2018.** You may also make your contribution in church on **Sunday, December 30, 2018.** Stock gifts must be transferred in 2018 for a tax deduction.

Christmas Can Drive



As a way to further focus on the gifts of Christmas, there is no better way of giving the gift of hope, peace, joy and love than by feeding those in our community who are hungry. Each time we worship together during Advent, we invite you to bring canned goods and place them in the gift boxes under the tree. After Christmas, we will distribute the cans collected to the local food banks.

CENTRAL SENIORS



CBC seniors at the National Cathedral in Washington DC.

We had a wonderful trip to DC! We did a lot in just a few days, such as, visit the Bible museum, a night tour of the monuments, and we saw many other sites based on personal interest.

Some of the highlights of the trip... On Saturday morning we braved the rain and went to lay wreaths on the graves at Arlington Cemetery as part of Wreaths Across America. We were joined by 44,000 other people and there was not a dry piece of clothing on any one of us when we were done. It was worth every moment to be a part of this amazing volunteer opportunity! Sunday morning we went to the Holy Eucharist service at the National Cathedral for the 3rd Sunday of Advent. It was a special Sunday as The Reverend Dr. Munther Isaac from Bethlehem was visiting. Rev. Dr. Isaac served many of us communion.

On Sunday evening we went to Ford's Theatre and saw a wonderful production of A Christmas Carol. There was a lot of eating, bus riding, rain gear, laughing, walking, and many new friends were made!

Thanks to all who joined us in Washington DC this past week!

Blessings,

Katie

**GROUNDBREAKING SUNDAY
January 6, 2019, 10:00 am**

Please come join us for this special ceremony during the Sunday School hour. Breakfast will be served before and after the ceremony.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, December 23

8:45 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:55 am Worship Service
10:00 am Finance Meeting
12:00 pm Deacon's Meeting

Monday, December 24

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
11:00 pm Festival of Lessons and Carols
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, December 25

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, December 26

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, December 30

9:15 am Fellowship Breakfast
10:00 am Worship Service

Monday, December 31

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON

Tuesday, January 1

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

December 16, 2018 Sunday School

Preschool	17
Children	17
Youth	10
Adults	<u>107</u>
Total	181

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