The Challenge

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

THIS SUNDAY

View our 10:55 am worship service each Sunday live on our website or directly from YouTube.

TWELTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
August 20, 2023

SERMON

Rev. Matt Sapp
"The Kindness of God"

SCRIPTURE

Romans 11:11-24 Psalm 67

8:45 am

Worship Service Special Music Hymn Medley Miss Carys Kuhr

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:55 am

Worship Service Special Music Jesus Loves Even Me CBC Family Choir

Nursery

Available for children birth - three years

Labor Day Weekend Worship

Sunday, September 3

9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship

Wednesday Night Schedule

August 16

5:15 pm

Wednesday Night Supper

August 23 Ministry Kickoff

5:15 pm

Wednesday Night Supper

6:00 pm

Meet with your respective ministry to hear about how you can be involved throughout the next year.

Don't forget your calendars!

- Children's Ministry parent(s) and their children, who are in 3rd through 5th grade, will meet in the children's area.
 - *Children 2nd grade and under will be supervised in the nursery or on the playground.
- **Youth Ministry** parent(s) and their youth will meet in the youth room.
- All Adult Ministries will meet in the sanctuary.

Music Ministry will be addressed in each ministry area.

August 30 *All Activities Resume*

5:15 pm

Wednesday Night Supper

5:45 pm

Childrens Choir/Missions

5:00 pm/6:00 pm

Middle School/High School

6:00 pm

Adult Bible Study

6:45 pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Pastor's Pen

Celebrating God's Growing Presence

Last Sunday in worship we looked at a text from Romans chapter 10 in which the apostle Paul celebrates the fact that you don't have to go all the way up to heaven to find God, and you don't have to descend down into the deep either. In Christ, God has come to earth. And through the resurrection, God's presence through Christ continues forever. God is here. With us. Now.

It's easy to see all the places we could do better—as individuals and as a community—and to point to our broken places and shortcomings as evidence that God's presence is not as fully transformative as we would like it to be. But we ought also to celebrate all the ways God's presence is growing in us and through us, remembering that God is as near to us as our own hearts.

The opportunity to partner with God in the growing presence of God's kingdom here on earth is one of the great privileges of living as Christians. With scripture as my guide, I choose to believe that all progress is God ordained and that each setback is only temporary. Each incremental step in the quality of life and connectedness of community for all who live with us—especially the most vulnerable among us—is a step toward making our world look more like God's kingdom. And while we admittedly still have much work to do, and progress never happens in a straight line, any honest assessment of history will show that we are on the right trajectory.

I believe with scripture that God's presence is more fully manifest today than it was yesterday, and that the same will be true tomorrow. Each day that gives me something to celebrate—and something to do.

We each get to be part of God's growing presence in our lives and in our world. Thanks be to God.

See you Sunday,

Matt

Birth

Margaret Rose Lichty August 10, 2023 Daughter of Megan and Daniel Lichty

Music Ministry

Thank you to Deborah, Anne, Julie Bunn, and the Connections and Joyful News classes for your musical leadership on Sunday! You help all of us get in the mindset where we can truly worship.

HANDBELLS – Yes, we are resuming Handbell rehearsals on Monday, September 11, from 7pm-8pm. Please email me and tell me "YES! I want to be a ringer!"

NEWNAN COMMUNITY YOUTH CHOIR – Registration is ongoing – email me or use the QR code in the poster below to register. Our first rehearsal is Sunday, September 10, at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Gratefully,

Ronnie





Senior Adult Ministry



Senior Adult **Breakfast** Continues Through the Summer!

Where: Town and Country (8 Franklin Rd.) When: Second and Fourth Wednesday at 9:00 am. All summer dates are listed below for your convenience. Mark your calendars!

August 23

Student Ministry

Monday Youth Prayer **Breakfast**

We begin each week at 7:15 am with Chick-Fil-A, friends,



and fellowship. After about 30 minutes, we'll end with a devotion before parents help transport youth to schools. Hope to see you there!

Missions



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Please contact Otis Jones at 770-683-9329 or Ben Robuck at 404-456-6867 for more information or to buy tickets.

A "Remind"-er for youth and parents...

We use Remind text alerts to send important updates for Central Baptist Youth. Please click on this link https://www.remind.com/ join/3h8493b2 to receive important information about upcoming events. (For reference, our class code is @3h8493b2.) Thanks for joining!

New Members

Please welcome Dennis and Gail Marsengill, who joined Central Baptist Church on Sunday, July 9, 2023 by statement of faith.

Please welcome Clayton and Anne Marie Austin. along with their children, Jack, Josh and Maddie, who joined Central Baptist Church on Sunday, August 13, by transfer of letter.

Please welcome Charlie Markham, who joined Central Baptist Church on Sunday, August 13, by profession of faith.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, August 20

8:45 am Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

10:55 am Worship Service

Monday, August 21

7:15 am Youth Prayer Breakfast

Tuesday, August 22

7:00 am Men's Bible Study

10:00 am Feeding Our Friends

Wednesday, August 23

5:15 pm Wednesday Night Supper

6:00 pm Ministry Kickoff

Stewardship Update Sunday, August 13, 2023

Weekly Budget Needs \$26,950.33

Budget Offering \$20,228.00

YTD Budget Needs \$862,410.56

YTD Budget Offering \$824,977.29