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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.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
HANGING OF THE
GREENS
December 3, 2023**

SERMON

Rev. Matt Sapp
"Tear Open the Heavens"

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 64:1-9
Mark 13:24-37

8:45 am

Worship Service
Special Music
Mary, Did You Know?
Carol Glover, Merry Todd,
Cathy Wright

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:55 am

Worship Service
Special Music
O How Joyfully
The Chancel Choir

Nursery

Available for children
birth - three years



**Angel Tree
Gifts Due
Sunday,
December 3**



Christmas At Central

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 3

8:45 am and 10:55 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
5:45 pm NCYC Concert
***Angel Tree Gifts Due**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

5:15 pm Family Fellowship Supper
5:45 pm PK4-5th Children's Choir Rehearsal
6:00/6:45 pm Middle School/High School Youth Group
6:00 pm REST, Christmas Communion
6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 10

Global Missions Offering
8:45 am and 10:55 am Worship
Handbells in Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
2:00 pm-5:00 pm Santa Comes to CBC

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

5:15 pm Family Bring-a-Dish Christmas Dinner
5:30 pm PK-5th Children's Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm Children's Christmas Program

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 17

8:45 am and 10:55 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
4:30 pm Vestibule Series, Edd Brashier, solo handbells
6:00 pm Youth Christmas Party

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

6:00 pm Blue Christmas
6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

CHRISTMAS EVE-SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
6:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
(childcare provided)
11:00 pm Festival of Lessons and Carols
Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

10:00 am Worship

Pastor's Pen

The Joy of Waiting Expectantly

It's easy to feel overwhelmed during the holidays. Our calendars fill up. Your church asks more of you. End-of-year responsibilities at work can be demanding. Your family requires more of you. Each organization of which you are a part has a holiday celebration or a charity push or both. There are gifts to buy and houses to decorate and food to prepare and guests to welcome and bags to pack and travel arrangements to finalize—and someone in your family will inevitably get sick somewhere along the way. It's easy to feel overwhelmed during the holidays.

So here's some free advice. Don't. Instead, embrace the patience, the stillness, and even the joy of waiting expectantly.

Advent begins on Sunday when we'll begin a careful watch for the moment when God chooses to tear open the heavens and to be with us. As we wait and watch, we'll also remember that we're closer to all the promises of Christmas than we might think. Waiting is never easy, but when we know the wait isn't long, it gets easier. And no amount of rush and hurry will get Christmas here any sooner anyway.

So for the next four weeks, in the midst of all the other responsibilities of the season, slow down and embrace the joy of waiting expectantly. Wrap that joyful expectation around you like a blanket. God's arrival is close and getting nearer every day.

May your days be merry and bright. And I'll see you Sunday,

Matt

Music Ministry

Music at Central is buzzing with exciting activity in every ministry! The renovation of the Music Suite is proceeding as scheduled; the Newnan Community Youth Choir concert is this Sunday, December 3 at 5:45 pm; the Handbell Choir will be ringing in worship on Sunday, December 10; with the Children's Choir Christmas program on Wednesday, December 13 at 6 pm; and our Vestibule Series will feature Edd Brashier, Handbell Soloist, on Sunday, December 17 at 4:30 pm! Of course, the Chancel Choir and instrumentalists will be leading worship throughout the month with music helping us to celebrate the birth of Christ. Invite your friends to share in this celebration here at Central—a great opportunity to give them a taste of the meaningful community we have here on W. Broad Street.

Gratefully,

Ronnie

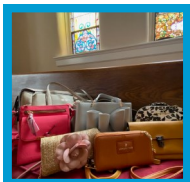


Missions



Save the Date!
Church-wide Event
Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Women's Ministry



Purses in the Pew
Monday, Jan. 22, 11:00 am

Dianne McNary, CBF Field
Personnel, Poprad, Slovakia

Reservations are appreciated for name tags;
reservations are required for lunch (\$8).

Please click the link [here](#) to sign up!

Senior Adult Ministry

Senior Adult
Breakfast at Town
& Country



Wednesday, Dec. 13, 9:00 am

Children's Ministry



Santa Workshop
& Pictures
Sunday, Dec. 10

We have loved welcoming Santa to CBC the last few years and can't wait for him to visit again this year. He plans to be here from 2:00 pm-5:00 pm on December 10. We hope your family will come and join us for pictures and a stroll through Santa's Workshop. This is a drop-in event. You can sign your family up for a 5-minute picture slot [HERE](#). The cost is \$30 per family for pictures. You will be given access to the pictures taken. The payment should be made to the church on or before December 10.

Youth Ministry



Winter Ski Retreat

Join us for fun and fellowship at Beech Mountain Ski Resort during Winter Break, February 19-22, 2024. This is a great time to get away and grow as a youth group, so make plans now to join us! Sign up [HERE](#)!

Youth Prayer
Breakfast
Mondays at
7:15 am



Only two more chances to join us for breakfast in 2023! Finish the year—and your exams—strong with a good breakfast, good friends, and the Good News!

2024 Flower Calendar



The 2024 sanctuary flower calendar is now available. Dates are available to place

flowers for worship services in memory or in honor of loved ones, or to celebrate a special occasion. If you are interested, please [email](#) or call Courtney in the church office. We greatly appreciate your help!

Dates Available

January 21, 28

February 18, 25

March 24, 31

April 7, 14, 21, 28

May 12, 19

June 2, 9, 16, 23

July 7, 21

August 18, 25

September 1, 8, 29

October 6, 13, 20

November 10

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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, December 3

8:45 am Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

10:55 am Worship Service

5:45 pm NCYC Concert

Monday, December 4

7:15 am Youth Prayer Breakfast

7:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 5

7:00 am Men's Bible Study

10:00 am Feeding Our Friends

Wednesday, December 6

5:15 pm WNS (Chicken and Rice)

5:45 pm K-5th Choir Rehearsals

6:00 pm PK4 Choir Rehearsal & Activity

6:00 pm Middle School Youth Group

6:00 pm REST, Communion Service

6:45 pm High School Youth Group

6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal