

TUE 12-12-23

## THIS SUNDAY

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

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 17, 2023

#### SERMON

Rev. Matt Sapp  
"Keeping What's Good"

#### SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
Luke 1:46b-55

#### 8:45 am

Worship Service  
Special Music  
*O How Joyfully*  
Scarborough Scholars

#### 9:45 am

Sunday School

#### 10:55 am

Worship Service  
Special Music  
*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*  
The Chancel Choir and Strings

#### Nursery

Available for children  
birth - three years

### Holiday Hours

The church office will be closed **December 22-26** for the Christmas holidays and on **January 1** for the New Year holiday.

*The Challenge* will not be printed the weeks of December 25 & January 1.

Publication will resume on January 9, 2023.

# The Challenge

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

## Wednesday, December 13

5:00 pm Christmas Bring-a-Dish  
(church will supply meat, please bring a side or dessert)

6:00 pm Children's Christmas Program

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH  
VESTIBULE SERIES

featuring  
**Edd Brashier**  
*Handbell Soloist*

Sunday, December 17 • 4:30pm  
14 West Broad Street  
Newnan, Georgia



## Wednesday, December 20, 6:00 pm

Invite a friend and join us in the Sanctuary for this meaningful service as we light candles and remember God's promise that "the people walking in darkness have seen a great light."

## Pastor's Pen

### One of the Best Gifts of Christmas

This Christmas season—like every Christmas season—I am particularly grateful for all the volunteers who make all of our church programming and ministries possible. We are a lay-led organization. Nothing happens at Central without the gifted efforts of an extraordinary number of volunteers. That's true all year long, but it's even more true at Christmas.

As volunteers, you teach and lead children, youth and adult Bible study groups. Volunteers lead in worship—in the choir, as scripture readers, as ushers, as greeters, as A/V technicians, as flower arrangers, as Christmas decorators, as Advent readers, and as worship class and children's church volunteers.

As volunteers, you lead, direct, and serve in ongoing ministry and missions projects like Feeding our Friends, Helping Hands, our Georgia Baptist Children's home project, Keeping in Touch baskets, and NEST service opportunities. Volunteers serve on committees and ministry teams and as deacons to oversee the operations of our church, to be good stewards of our finances, to maintain our buildings, to oversee capital improvement projects, and to support our staff.

As volunteers, you plan and host special events, cook on Wednesday nights, serve families who have lost a loved one, represent our church on boards of partner organizations, and serve in hundreds of other capacities throughout our community in ways that make you not only faithful representatives of our church, but also of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The faithful and generous ways that you each choose to serve make it a joy to be your pastor. What a blessing it is to live and serve together at Central Baptist Church—especially at Christmas.

See you Sunday,

Matt

## Music Ministry

THANK YOU to the Handbell Choir, Scarbrough Scholars, Julie, and Anne for leading us so joyfully in worship! This is what Christmas is all about!

This Wednesday, December 13, at 6:00 pm, the Children's Choirs will present their Christmas Program, "A Silent Night Christmas." Come join us for Wednesday night supper, then head to the Sanctuary for the program.

Then, on Sunday, December 17, at 4:30 pm, Edd Brashier, Handbell Soloist, will bring us a concert of Christmas music. As we are anticipating a large crowd, we'll meet in the Sanctuary for this performance.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS EITHER OF THESE SPECIAL PROGRAMS!

Gratefully,

Ronnie



## 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** 19

**June** 2, 16, 23

**July** 7, 21

**August** 18, 25

**September** 1, 8, 29

**October** 6

**November** 10



## Missions



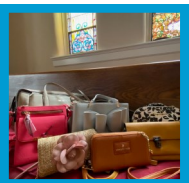
Wednesday,  
January 10

On Wednesday,  
January 10, we will  
host a Rise Against  
Hunger packing

event with volunteer sessions throughout the day. We hope everyone will be able to find a time to come and be part of packing meals for those who are hungry. Our goal is to pack a little over 40,000 meals in one day! Please see the session times at the link and sign up for one or more time slots that work best for you and your families. Thank you in advance for helping us reach our goal! This event will take place in lieu of WNS and children, youth, and adult activities. We will provide Chick-fil-a for dinner for all who are signed up to participate. We do ask that you pay regular Wednesday night prices for your dinner that evening. We will have childcare provided for nursery age children that night. Please note, if you sign up for a session you do not have to stay for the entire time. Also, feel free to sign up for more than one session.

Sign up [HERE!](#)

## Women's Ministry



Purses in the Pew

Monday, January 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

Last Breakfast of  
the Year at Town &  
Country

Wednesday, December 13. Breakfast  
will resume January 24.



## Youth Ministry



Sunday,  
December 17,  
6:00 pm

Join us in the Youth  
Room for food and  
fun and you supply  
the food!

Boys bring something salty, girls bring something sweet.

We will also do a "white elephant" gift exchange. if you would like to participate, bring a wrapped gift—"free" or under \$5.



## 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!](#)

## 2023 Contributions and Stock Gifts

Please remember that mailed checks must be postmarked by **Saturday, December 30, 2023**. If you plan to stop by the office with a check or cash, please do so by noon on **Thursday, December 28, 2023**. You may also make your contribution in church on **Sunday, December 31, 2023**. Stock gifts must be transferred in 2023 for a tax deduction. Contact Debbie for stock gift instructions: 770-683-6585 or email her at: [dporrello@centralbaptistnewnan.org](mailto:dporrello@centralbaptistnewnan.org)

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**CENTRAL**  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
NEWNAN, GEORGIA

### CHURCH STAFF

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### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Sunday, December 17

8:45 am Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

10:55 am Worship Service

4:30 pm Vestibule Series, Edd Brashier,  
Solo Handbells

#### Tuesday, December 19

7:00 am Men's Bible Study

10:00 am Feeding Our Friends

#### Wednesday, December 20

6:00 pm Blue Christmas Service

6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday, December 22

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

#### Sunday, December 24

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship Service

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight  
Service

11:00 pm Festival of Lessons and Carols

### Stewardship Update

#### Sunday, December 10, 2023

Weekly Budget Needs \$26,950.33

Budget Offering \$43,615.32

YTD Budget Needs \$1,320,566.01

YTD Budget Offering \$1,294,434.35