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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 10, 2023

#### **SERMON**

Rev. Matt Sapp "Here Is Your God"

#### **SCRIPTURE**

Isaiah 40:1-11 Mark 1:1-8

#### 8:45 am and 10:55 am

Worship Service Special Music The Handbell Choir Alyssa Pinson and Scarbrough Scholars

#### 9:45 am

Sunday School

#### Nursery

Available for children birth - three years



Sunday,
December 10
8:45 am & 10:55 am
Worship



## Wednesday, December 6, 6:00 pm

Christmas Communion
A midweek prayer and communion service



## **Thank You**

Sincere thanks to Tracy Behm and Sherri O'Mahoney, cochairs, and Katie Brady, Lee Collins, Karen Craddock, Kathy Easom, Stephanie Farmer, Jennifer Griffin, Beth Headley, Pat Odom, Sandy Parker and Richard Yancey for the lovely decorations in our church this season.

And a special thanks to Lee Collins for the wonderful arrangement she created for our First Sunday of Advent.



## Wednesday, December 20, 6:00 pm

Christmas carols carry joyful refrains over the airwaves, reminding us of "a beautiful sight, we're happy tonight, walking in a Winter Wonderland!" But in our times of grief and loss, life may feel more like a "Winter Wilderness" where Isaiah identifies with "the people walking in darkness...those living in the land of the shadow of death...."

If celebrating this season is sometimes difficult, you are invited to join us for our Blue Christmas Service in the Sanctuary. We will light candles, recite litanies, and hold our grief together remembering Immanuel—the "God who is with us" even in our pain.

## In Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to daughter Terry Chadwick and daughter-in-law and grandchildren, Charlotte, Ida Lee, Sarah, and Yates and extended family and friends in the death of Frances Lunsford, who passed away on Friday, December 1, 2023.

Sympathy is extended to Brenda Dunn in the death of her husband, John Dunn, who passed away on Monday, December 4, 2023.

## 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

## **Music Ministry**

We began our advent season yesterday with grace, joy, and excellence. The Reynolds and Tate families led us meaningfully in the lighting of the first Advent candle, the Hanging of the Green participants helped us understand the significance of the various Christmas traditions, the "expanded" Scarbrough Scholars octet sang beautifully, *Chordially Yours* was fantastic, the Chancel Choir exuded joy, and Anne and David knitted everything together wonderfully with their playing. Thank you.

Our inaugural Newnan Community Youth Choir concert Sunday evening was a great success! The choir sang well and the audience (of 120+) was enthusiastic in their applause! We're off to a great start!

This coming Sunday our Handbell Choir will be playing in both services, and the Scholars will be singing an excerpt from Handel's MESSIAH as we continue our expectant watch for Jesus' first coming.

Please continue to pray for our music ministries during this exciting time of year!

Some reminders:

**December 6:** Christmas REST service—6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

**December 13:** Children's Choirs Christmas program—6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

**December 17:** Vestibule Series Concert— 4:30 pm in the Vestibule, featuring Edd Brashier, Handbell Soloist

**December 20:** Blue Christmas service—6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Expectantly,

Ronnie



### **Missions**



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

### **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**

Senior Adult Breakfast at Town & Country



Wednesday, December 13, 9:00 am

## **Children's Ministry**



Santa Workshop & Pictures Sunday, December 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**

## Youth Prayer **Breakfast** Monday at 7:15 am

Only one more chance to join us for breakfast in 2023! Finish the year—and your exams—strong with a

News!



#### 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!



## 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 **Mav** 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 10

8:45 am Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

10:55 am Worship Service

2:00 pm Santa's Workshop

#### **Monday, December 11**

7:15 am Youth Prayer Breakfast

#### **Tuesday, December 12**

7:00 am Men's Bible Study

10:00 am Feeding Our Friends

#### Wednesday, December 13

9:00 am Senior Adult Breakfast at Town & Country

5:15 pm Christmas Bring-a-Dish

5:30 pm PK4-5th Choir Rehearsals

6:00 pm Children's Christmas Program

6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## Stewardship Update Sunday, December 3, 2023

Weekly Budget Needs \$26,950.33

Budget Offering \$61,738.34

YTD Budget Needs \$1,293,615.68

YTD Budget Offering \$1,231,938.71