

TUE 1-9-24

THIS SUNDAY

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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY January 14, 2024

SERMON

Rev. Matt Sapp
"When God Speaks"

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 3:1-10
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

8:45 am

Worship Service
Special Music
Mr. David Phillips

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:55 am

Worship Service
Special Music
Speak and We Will Hear
The Chancel Choir

Nursery

Available for children
birth - three years

Pictorial Directory Photos This Spring!

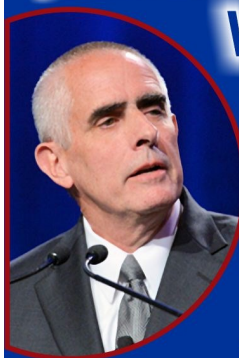


Mark your calendars! *The Portrait Café* will be here on Thursday, April 18-Tuesday, April 23 taking photos for our new pictorial directory. More information will be made available next week on how to sign up for a convenient time.

The Challenge

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

You're invited to the...



2024 Winter Preaching Series featuring **Chuck Poole**

During his 40-year career, Rev. Poole has served at the First Baptist Church of Christ in Macon, GA; First Baptist Church in Washington, DC; and Northminster Baptist Church in Jackson, MS. A 1977 graduate of Mercer University, Poole received a Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Seminary and an honorary doctorate from Mercer. He has been a visiting preacher and teacher at colleges and universities across the Southeast. In addition to publishing numerous articles, he is the author of eight books, including *Is Life Fair? Good Words for Hard Times* and *Don't Cry Past Tuesday: Hopeful Words for Difficult Days*.

SAT, JAN 20, 4:30 pm

Welcome Reception
Appetizers and Introductory Remarks



SUN, JAN 21, 8:30 am

Worship Service
and Communion



SUN, JAN 21, 10:55 am

Worship Service followed by
Lunch in the Fellowship Hall*



*For lunch reservations (\$10) and more information, please contact Courtney Haynes in the Central Baptist office (770-683-0610). Offerings and proceeds from the weekend will benefit Bridging the Gap.

Salvation Army Pack the Pantry Food Drive

Help us Pack the Pantry for the Salvation Army this month! If you would like to donate any of the items listed below, please drop them off in the barrels provided at our main entrances.

Most Needed Items: Pasta sauce & noodles, mac & cheese, ramen, canned meat (tuna, chicken, salmon), soup, complete pancake mix & syrup, peanut butter & jelly, cornbread/muffin mix.

*If possible, they would like easy to open cans (pop-top) or pouches where a can opener is not required. Can openers are also a good donation item.



Pastor's Pen

Another Great Holiday Season

We had a great Christmas season again at Central. Each year it's a congregation-wide effort to make Christmas all that it is at our church. So before we move fully into all that's ahead of us, I want to thank everyone who helped make Christmas so special this year.

Whether you read scripture or prayed in a worship service, or you or your family helped light candles on our Advent wreath, or you sang with or played with or accompanied or led one of our choirs—

or you taught a Sunday School class or led a Bible study group—

or served as an usher or a greeter or helped decorate our building or prepared flowers for worship—

or helped spruce up some landscaping—

or served hot chocolate or helped with crafts at Pictures with Santa—

or you volunteered at NEST or at the Georgia Baptist Children's Home or with Feeding our Friends—

or if you helped prepare and deliver our Keeping In Touch Christmas Baskets—

or volunteered in our nursery—

or helped with the Youth Christmas party—

or served on our A/V team—

or helped with our online presence—

or volunteered to serve at our Christmas Vestibule Concert Series—

or hosted a Sunday School Christmas party or sponsored an Angel Tree child—do you get the idea?

It takes hundreds of people volunteering literally thousands of hours to do everything we've done together at Central this Christmas season—and I couldn't be more grateful.

And our staff who coordinate all the extra activity? You get to see our ministers working, but Courtney and Debbie in the church office, and Randy and German who maintain our facilities—most of what they do goes unseen by most of you, but their work is invaluable.

So thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who did everything to make Christmas at Central so special again this year

Here's to a great 2024 and I'll see you Sunday,

Matt

Music Ministry

The Music Ministry is excited about this new year with wonderful opportunities to share God's love in a variety of ways...

Here are a few to put on your calendars:

Wednesday, Jan 10 – Chancel Choir rehearsals resume—6:45 pm in the Sanctuary—**COME JOIN US!** We have plenty of room!

Wednesday, Jan 17 – Children's Choirs rehearsals resume—5:45 pm-6:30 pm

Monday, Jan 22 – Handbell rehearsals resume—7:00 pm-8:00 pm—*email me saying you'll join!*

Friday, Feb 9-Sunday, Feb 11 – COMPOSER WEEKEND with Rosephanye Powell (Professor of Music at Auburn University)

Sunday, February 18 – Vestibule Series #6—STELLARUM (8-voice vocal group) 4:30 pm (Childcare will be provided during the concert only, no parents night out due to holiday week)

March 10 – ILLUMINARE Concert with Masterworks Chorale—2:30 pm at the Nixon Centre—(our Chancel Choir will join Masterworks Chorale with Ronnie conducting) Get your ticket at <https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/thenixoncentre/5497/event/1337656>

April 12-16 – Chancel Choir to NYC/CARNEGIE HALL!

Gratefully,

Ronnie



Feeding Our Friends 2023 Review

Feeding Our Friends Ministry prepared and delivered over 10,500 meals during 2023. This ministry is made possible by 35+ faithful folks that arrive each Tuesday morning to prepare the 210 meals for delivery. Each meal is made possible by donations of cakes, brownies, cookies, hashbrown casseroles and various other dishes. Monetary gifts to Feeding Our Friends help pay our ever-increasing food costs. In short, many people, doing whatever they are led to do keep Feeding Our Friends, feeding our friends. Please make Feeding Our Friends a part of your prayer life in 2024. We covet your prayers for safety and wisdom as we begin this new year.

Senior Adult Ministry

An iconic tribute to the King!

ELVIS

A MUSICAL REVOLUTION

legacytheater.com

Friday, February 16

Join us for dinner and a festive show at the Legacy Theatre. Tickets are \$35 or less, depending on how many people attend. Call or email

the church office if you are interested. Please RSVP by **Wednesday, January 17** so we know how many spots to reserve. Please also let us know if you would like to ride the bus. We will leave the church at 4:30 pm. Dinner will be at 5:00 pm and the show will begin at 7:00 pm.

Senior Adult Breakfast at Town & Country

Resumes Wednesday, January 24.



Join us every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at Town and Country. No need to make reservations; just show up and enjoy the fellowship of your peers!

Missions

Wednesday, January 10



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!](#)

Child Protection Training Sunday, February 4

Our annual training will be held on Sunday, February 4 in the Fellowship Hall directly after worship. Please call or [email](#) the church office if you're able to attend so we know how many lunches to order.

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 Fernraiser Coming in February



The Fernraiser returns this year to help youth raise money for youth summer missions to Romania and Kentucky. Ferns are \$25 and are almost as HUGE as the HUGE impact you will make this summer! Youth earn \$10/fern towards their mission trip account.

In Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Tim Whitehead in the death of his father, Robert George Whitehead, who passed away on Friday, December 22, 2023.

Sympathy is extended to Scott Zachry in the death of his father, James Grigg Zachry, III, who passed away on Friday, December 29, 2023.

Sympathy is extended to Andy McDonald in the death of his father, Thomas Frederick McDonald, who passed away on Saturday, December 30, 2023.

Sympathy is extended to Steve Cothran in the death of his aunt, Faye Watson McCants, who passed away on Sunday, December 31, 2023.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, January 14

8:45 am Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

10:55 am Worship Service

5:00 pm NCYC Rehearsal

Monday, January 15

OFFICE CLOSED FOR MLK JR. HOLIDAY

Tuesday, January 16

7:00 am Men's Bible Study

10:00 am Feeding Our Friends

Wednesday, January 17

5:15 pm Wednesday Night Supper
(Lasagna)

5:45 pm K-5th Choir Rehearsals

6:00 pm Adult Bible Study

6:00 pm PK4 Choir Rehearsal & Activity

6:00 pm Middle School Youth Group

6:00 pm Adult Bible Study

6:45 pm High School Youth Group

6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, January 20

4:30 pm Welcome & Appetizer Reception
at Newnan Presbyterian

Stewardship Update Sunday, January 7, 2024

Weekly Budget Needs	\$28,766.02
Budget Offering	\$24,314.00
YTD Budget Needs	\$28,766.02
YTD Budget Offering	\$24,314.00