

TUE 5-6-25

THIS SUNDAY

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 11, 2025

SERMON

Rev. Matt Sapp
"Beyond the Great Ordeal"

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 23

8:45 am

Worship Service
Special Music
This is My Father's World
Ruby Leech, piano
This I Know
Blessie Leech, solo

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:55 am

Worship Service
Special Music
For the Beauty of the Earth
The Chancel Choir
Bethany Lukehart, flute,
Rusty Wilson, oboe
The Children's Choirs

Nursery

Available for children
birth-three years

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CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

REST

a midweek prayer and communion service

**Wednesday, May 7,
6:00 pm**

*A Midweek Communion
Service*

Let's Welcome the Westbrooks to Newnan

Annie Westbrook and her family are moving to Newnan this week. She's planning to come to dinner and youth activities tomorrow, Wednesday, May 7 to hang out with our families and youth before our Wednesday nights pause for the summer.

We'd like to encourage you to bring some "advice" such as your favorite restaurant, stores, parks, products, events, whatever you'd like them to know about what makes Newnan such a great place to live!

Your "advice" could be as simple as a written card or you could include a favorite product or gift card along with it. Please bring it with you on Wednesday night or drop it by the church office.



Sunday, May 11

Georgia Baptist Children's Home Offering

Parent/Child Dedication

10:55 am Worship

Love Offering for Julia Huster

We are blessed to have had Julia Huster as a member of our church staff for more than a decade, but as most of you know, Julia has decided that the time has come for her to retire. This month she concludes nearly 40 years of service to the local church. During that time Julia has diligently and faithfully served God, and we have had the pleasure of having our worship experience enhanced and deepened by her musical talents.

Her last Sunday at the piano will be May 25. At that time, we want to present Julia with a gift from the congregation to show our love and appreciation for her tireless efforts over these many years. I know that we all want to have the opportunity to contribute to that gift, so we are now accepting donations for that purpose.

Pastor's Pen

Easter Makes a Difference Now

On Easter Sunday, we asked the question, "How does the experience of finding life where we were expecting death make a difference in our lives right now?" We said that if the resurrection has real power over the next life, it must (and it will) make a difference in this life, too. On Easter we said that the experience of resurrection might help us keep our distance from things that don't have life in them. When we find something that really does have life in it (Christ, our shared faith), we stop going back to old habits that only leave us feeling empty inside. And we said that when we do that, we discover that there's infinitely more to who we are—and to who we are becoming together—than we have yet imagined.

Last week, we asked the same question again as we looked at the Apostle Paul. Paul was radically transformed on the other side of his divine encounter (Acts 9). The experience of a living God made a big difference in his life. Paul changed from being a gatekeeper whose natural inclination was to keep people out into a gatekeeper whose life-long passion was to continually invite more and more people in. On the other side of Easter, we asked if we might claim that new and larger vision, too.

This Sunday is Mother's Day, but we're going to keep talking about how Easter can make a difference in our lives right now. We'll discover together that God's vision for our future isn't limited by our present circumstances. Sometimes we let our current situations limit our visions for what's possible in our futures, but God never does that. When we see God's larger vision for our futures, it changes how we live our lives today.

On this seventeenth day of Easter, remember, "Easter makes a difference now."

See you Sunday,

Matt

Music Ministry

Thanks to the Scarbrough Men, Yen Yu, Henry, and the Chancel Choir for bringing meaningful music to our services Sunday. Our music ministry is buzzing with activity. The Newnan Community Youth Choir and expanded Scarbrough Scholars are preparing for their concert on May 18 at 4:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall and the Chancel Choir and Children's Choirs are preparing for this Sunday's honoring of mothers and Julia Huster.

Thank you for your continuing prayers, encouragement, and support of the music ministry. Our purpose as leaders in worship is to use our God-given gifts to unitedly and effectively render praise to God, direct lost souls to the Savior, Jesus Christ, and strengthen believers in the faith.

Gratefully,

Ronnie

Choose Something Like A Star

**Newnan Community Youth Choir
& Scarbrough Scholars**

featuring music by
Stephen Schwartz, Pinkzebra, Benj Pasek & Justin Paul
and
Frostiana by Randall Thompson

Sunday, May 18 • 4:30pm

**Fellowship Hall
Central Baptist Church, Newnan**

Childcare provided

New Members

Please welcome Weber, Katie, and Charlie Behm, who joined Central Baptist Church on Sunday, May 4, by statement of faith.

Please welcome Savannah and Patrick Griner, along with their children, Camden and Rush, who joined Central Baptist Church on Sunday, May 4, by statement of faith.

Please welcome Taylor Drake, Jr. who joined Central Baptist Church on Sunday, May 4, by statement of faith.

Women's Ministry

Lavinia Barron Book Group

On Monday, May 12 at 7:00 pm, the Lavinia Barron Book Group will meet in the Central Baptist Church Youth Room. The book for discussion will be "The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers: Spiritual Insights from the World's Most Beloved Neighbor" by Amy Hollingsworth.



Purses in the Pew Monday, May 19, 11:00 am

Rick Burnette, CBF Field Personnel, Cultivate Abundance, Immokalee, FL

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

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

2025 Women's Retreat Poll

We would like to set a date for our women's retreat this year. We are looking into doing it on Columbus Day weekend. Please click [here](#) to answer the questions to help us plan!



Children's Ministry



VBS June 2-5

We are so excited for VBS 2025! Please click the link [here](#) to register!

Please register before May 14 to guarantee a t-shirt!

Registration will close on May 22!

If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to [Amanda Willoughby](#) ASAP.

Senior Adult Ministry

Senior Adult Breakfast May 14, 9:00 am

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!



Youth Ministry

Youth Prayer Breakfast Mondays at 7:15 am



Start your week with food, friends, and a devotional! Parents pick up @ 7:50 am for school!



Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 18

We want to rejoice with all Central members who are graduating this year from high school or college. Please email a senior photo along with information about them to [Courtney](#) no later than Friday, May 9.

We will celebrate our high school seniors and their families with breakfast during the Sunday School hour on May 18. As part of that breakfast, we will need 6-8 of your senior's cutest photos from birth to present (please include a senior picture) that we will use in a video honoring them. We will finish the day by recognizing our graduates during the 10:55 am worship service.

Church Picnic Carl Miller Park Wednesday, May 14, 5:00 pm



Come celebrate another successful school year with us as we get ready for the fun of summer to begin!

Please sign up [here](#)!

In case of rain, picnic will be moved to the Fellowship Hall.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, May 11

8:45 am Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

10:55 am Worship Service

5:00 pm NCYC Rehearsal

Monday, May 12

7:15 am Youth Prayer Breakfast

7:00 pm Lavinia Barron Book Group

Tuesday, May 13

7:00 am Men's Bible Study

9:00 am Feeding Our Friends

Wednesday, May 14

5:00 pm Church-wide Picnic
at Carl Miller Park

Saturday, May 17

10:00 am NCYC Rehearsal