

TUE 8-12-25

THIS SUNDAY

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

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 17, 2025

SERMON

Rev. Matt Sapp
"God Near and Far"

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 23:23-29
Psalm 8

8:45 am

Worship Service
Special Music
*If I Could Look Through
Your Eyes*
Mindy Leech

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:55 am

Worship Service
Special Music
God in Heaven
The Chancel Choir

Nursery

Available for children
birth-three years

Labor Day Weekend Worship

**Sunday,
August 31**

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship

The Challenge

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Wednesday Night Schedule

Wednesday, August 13

5:00 pm

Food Truck Fellowship with The Varsity

Wednesday, August 20

Ministry Fair

5:15 pm

Wednesday Night Supper (Spaghetti)

6:00 pm

Meet with your respective ministry to hear about how you can be involved throughout the next year.
Don't forget your calendars!

•**Children's Ministry**—parent(s) and their children, who are in 3rd through 5th grade will meet in the children's area.

*Children 2nd grade and under will be supervised in the nursery or on the playground.

•**Youth Ministry**—parent(s) and their youth will meet in the youth room.

•**Adult Ministry**—all adult ministries will meet in the sanctuary.

•**Music Ministry**—will be addressed in each ministry area.

Wednesday, August 27

All Activities Resume

5:15 pm Wednesday Night Supper

5:45 pm 1st-5th Choir Rehearsal

6:00 pm PK-K Choir Rehearsal and Activity

5:45 pm Youth Group

6:00 pm Adult Bible Study

6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Pastor's Pen

Pursuing Excellence

It's good to be home. One of the great blessings of being away this summer was realizing how much we were looking forward to coming home. It's a real gift to have a place, and more importantly to have people, that you want to come home to.

I'm still processing our time away. I'm not sure how to fully summarize it yet, but I can say at least a few things about it. It was rich, restorative, and inspiring. It came at a great time for me both personally and professionally. And it was a great experience for our family.

I read more this summer than I have in years, a renewed habit I hope to keep.

I attended worship services six mornings a week this summer without needing to plan, prepare, or lead in any way. What a gift! In addition to filling a spiritual hole for me, those worship experiences helped me think deeply about both the art of worship and the craft of preaching.

And, while we were at the Chautauqua Institution, I got to hear world-class speakers give lectures across a range of disciplines on a near daily basis.

Experiencing those worship services and listening to those lectures reminded me that I am most inspired by people with the courage to confidently share the best of who they are with the world, by people with the courage to really go for it.

Those who aim for and achieve excellence in their lives somehow intrinsically encourage the rest of us to seek to do the same. And it has nothing to do with the content of the work, or the discipline in which the work is performed; it's the quality that inspires us. It's seeing someone else do their very best that gives us courage.

As we've settled back in at home, I've noticed something. That's the thing that makes this church and this community so special. In Newnan and at Central, I am surrounded by people with the courage to really go for it. In your work and in your hobbies, in your service to our church and our community, you inspire me.

I am surrounded by so many people so confidently pursuing excellence it boggles my mind. And so much of the best of who you are gets directed so generously toward our shared efforts at the church.

Incidentally, that's also the great strength of our church staff right now. They know how to aim for and achieve excellence in their work, too.

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See you Sunday,

Matt

Music Ministry

Thank you to Annie and the youth for leading us to see how we can be vibrant Christians in our day-to-day lives. And, to the Chancel Choir, Rick, and Henry for their vibrancy in bringing us worshipful music!

We had **30**, yes 30, at our first Newnan Community Youth Choir rehearsal on Sunday! Many of the new singers were from the community, which I love, because our youth are so great at welcoming and including new friends! Please continue to tell the Coweta County young people about this choir. One of the parents said, "We need a group like this in Newnan!"

This Sunday, August 17, at **5:00 pm**, our Vestibule Series will feature the Atlanta Ragtime Band. It will be a fun time of this "American" music. Invite your friends—we have plenty of room in our Fellowship Hall for lots of folks!



Our Handbell Choir starts back on Monday, August 18, at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in joining us, let me know this week!

And finally, registration for the Paris trip in June 2026 is open. I would love to have a minimum of 25 singers and 10 cheerleaders—let me know if you have any questions.

Gratefully,

Ronnie



Women's Ministry

Ladies Retreat 2025

October 9-11



Join us for our annual ladies' retreat this fall. We will gather in Columbus, GA. Columbus has a variety of things to do. Great places to eat, take a walk around the river, shop, visit historic sites, sit by the pool, or if you are really adventurous you can choose to zip line and/or whitewater raft. We will read "Bread and Wine" by Shauna Niequist prior to going and have a few opportunities for discussion throughout the weekend.

Please click [here](#) to sign up and for more information!



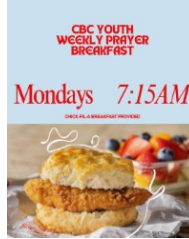
Begins Tuesday,
September 9,
5:30 pm

The book we plan to study throughout the year is "Ten Women of the Bible", by Max Lucado. You can purchase the book from Amazon [HERE](#).

Youth Ministry

Prayer Breakfast

We started our weekly breakfast this week. Please plan to join us next Monday, August 18, from 7:15 am-7:45 am in the Youth Area.



Prayer Breakfast is a great opportunity to start out the school week with fellowship and focus on God together. Every week, we have Chick-fil-A breakfast provided for students and participate in a devotional and prayer time together. Hope to see you there!

Middle School Adventure Camp at Banning Mills September 12-13



Join us September 12-13, for an overnight retreat planned just for middle schoolers! This weekend will be full of fun, bonding, and growth as we talk about our identity as individuals and a group! Click [HERE](#) to register and for more information.

CBF-GA Fall Retreat Nov. 7-9 at Camp Glisson



We hope all our students will join us for this weekend of worship and adventure with other CBF churches from across Georgia. Click [HERE](#) to register and for some information.

Senior Adult Ministry

Senior Adult Breakfast at Town & Country

Wednesday, August 13,
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!

**TONY BARNHART
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
KICKOFF BREAKFAST**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025
7:00AM**

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

RESERVED TABLE OF 8 \$1,000	INDIVIDUAL TICKETS \$100
RAFFLE TICKETS \$20/TICKET \$100/6 TICKETS	

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR GAME DAY GREATS!

Bob Coggin & Family Stanley & Ginger Queener Linda & Keith Winn

JanSco BLUE MOON Cakes GEESLIN GROUP

BREAKFAST BY TRUETT'S **Chick-fil-A**

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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, August 17

8:45 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:55 am Worship Service
4:00 pm NCYC Rehearsal
5:00 pm Vestibule Series-Atlanta
Ragtime Band

Monday, August 18

7:15 am Youth Prayer Breakfast
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Tuesday, August 19

7:00 am Men's Bible Study
10:00 am Feeding Our Friends

Wednesday, August 20

5:00 pm Spaghetti Supper & Ministry
Fair
6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Stewardship Update Sunday, August 10, 2025

Weekly Budget Needs	\$32,486.92
Budget Offering	\$33,053.00
YTD Budget Needs	\$1,039,581.44
YTD Budget Offering	\$973,886.47