The Challenge

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

THIS SUNDAY

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

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 10, 2025

SERMON

Rev. Annie Westbrook Mr. Ryan O'Mahoney Miss Lucy Springfield "Vibrant Faith"

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

8:45 am

Worship Service Special Music Dr. Ronnie Oliver

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:55 am

Worship Service Special Music Zion's Walls The Chancel Choir

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Available for children birth-three years



Sunday, August 10 9:45 am

Fellowship Hall



Food Truck Fellowship

Wednesday, August 13, 5:00 pm

Join us for a fun family time around the table Wednesday, August 13 at 5:00 pm. Please choose all that works for your family so we know how much to tell the food truck. Use the form linked below to choose between "one entree, one side" (\$12) or "two entrees, one side" (\$14).

The night of the event you will need to hand the food truck a ticket to show what you ordered. You can pay for your meals the night of the event or you can pay now using Realm or with cash/ check in the church office. You can pick up your tickets (red for 2 entrees and blue for one entree) the night of or in the church office ahead of time. To pay online: text CBCGIVES to 73256 and choose "Varsity" or pay through your app/website.

Please click **HERE** to fill out the google form with your family's food choices as soon as possible.

A Thank You from Feeding Our Friends Ministry

The Feeding Our Friends Ministry is blessed to receive thank you notes from recipients of our weekly visits and meals. Recently we received a note that contained the following words:



"To the Central Baptist Church,

Thank you for all the good duties you do for the community in the name of the Lord. It's not many churches like you are.

God Bless All of You"

This note is for those of you that: deliver these meals on Tuesday, provide fruit for our meals, deliver cookies once a month, assemble the meals on Tuesday, cook and help serve our meals, provide scripture verses for each meal package, sign up, purchase and bring in needed food supplies each week, make financial donations, provide dog and cat food for our furry friends, and for all those that pray for this ministry. And thanks to the vendors that cook many entrées for our meals.

Indeed "There are not many churches like you", who support Feeding Our Friends in so many different ways.

If you feel a warm encouraging feeling on Tuesday morning know that you have helped minister to a Friend in your community. God Bless All of You.

Pastor's Pen

Finding Meaning Beyond Work

As part of Back-to-School Sunday we talked a bit about finding meaning beyond work. As we looked at texts from Ecclesiastes and Psalms, we were reminded that God understands how we feel when we fail to find the meaning and purpose we all crave in our day-to-day labors. Scripture reminds us that riches and wealth don't last—and that seeking honor and glory, or even seeking to leave a lasting legacy, often leaves us feeling empty.

Ultimately meaning comes not from what we do or what we have, but from who we are.

I've been thinking a lot about identity formation recently—both about mine and yours. How is my faith and my discipleship journey shaping who I am becoming? How can I as your pastor encourage you to think about your own identity formation? Is this a journey we can go on together? I believe it is.

So don't be surprised if you hear me encouraging you to think more deeply about your personal identity over the next several weeks and months. The meaning and purpose we all crave in life comes from a deep understanding of who God created us to be and from claiming our Christian identity as our primary identity. As we search for meaning, we have to move beyond thinking about what we do and what we have and instead begin to understand who we are.

Coco Chanel once said, "How many cares one loses when one decides not to be something but to be someone." I'm not sure she had our Christian identities in mind when she said it, but she's right.

See you Sunday,

Matt

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!

Music Ministry

Wasn't it WONDERFUL having the choir back in the worship services after their July break!! Thank you, choir, Chance, Henry, and Rick, for helping us to worship and pointing us to Jesus.

Chancel Choir rehearsals resume **THIS WEDNESDAY at 6:45 pm**. Come join us (we're a great group of people!). We have a wonderful season of music planned and you need to be a part of it!



Newnan Community Youth Choir (NCYC) starts rehearsals this **Sunday, August 10, at 4:00 pm.** NCYC is for ALL the youth of Coweta County—a place where we can join together in fun music-making. Invite youth in

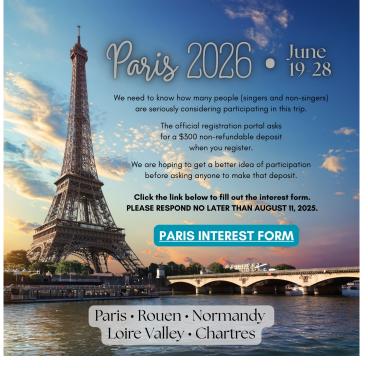
grades 6-12; we're hoping for 30 singers this year.

The Atlanta Ragtime Band will be presenting our **August 17**, **5:00 pm** concert. You don't want to miss this fun time of great ragtime music!

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 a book (TBD) 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**.

Birth

Owen Michael Sumner
August 1, 2025
Son of Kate and Thomas Sumner
Paternal Grandmother: Leah Sumner



Youth Ministry



Prayer Breakfast

We will start our weekly prayer breakfast next Monday, August 11, 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 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 stu-

dents 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.

Missions

Hope Revisited is so proud to be celebrating our FIFTH anniversary! Thousands of family visit hours have happened over the past years and with the support of our community we will have many, many more. As



we all know, the economy is super tough, especially for small non-profits. We have never charged anything for family visits for foster children, preadoption visits or tons of learning opportunities we have offered during our tenure. The combination of not charging, and the economy slowing down donations, has really put our future in jeopardy.

We would love it if you would consider sharing this post with your friends, family, business associates, and community! Together, we can continue to make a difference in a child's life. Click **HERE** to donate!

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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, August 10

8:45 am Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

9:45 am Baptism Class

10:55 am Worship Service

Monday, August 11

7:15 am Youth Prayer Breakfast

Tuesday, August 12

10:00 am Feeding Our Friends

Wednesday, August 13

5:00 pm Food Truck Fellowship (Varsity)6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Stewardship Update Sunday, August 3, 2025

Weekly Budget Needs \$32,486.92 Budget Offering \$55,957.20

YTD Budget Needs \$1,007,094.52

YTD Budget Offering \$940,833.47

In Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Martin and Misty Smith and family in the death of Martin's father, Tony Smith, who passed away on Tuesday, July 22, 2025.