

**TUE 9-23-25**

## **THIS SUNDAY**

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

### **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**September 28, 2025**

#### **SERMON**

Rev. Matt Sapp  
"Our First Identity"

#### **SCRIPTURE**

Psalms 148  
Genesis 1:1-5; 24-31

**8:45 am and 10:55 am**

Worship Service  
Special Music  
EnsembleNYC

**9:45 am**

Sunday School

#### **Nursery**

Available for children  
birth-three years

# *The Challenge*

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

## **Bluegrass & BBQ Fundraiser** *Wednesday, October 15*

Join us for a night of music with the Straynotes, BBQ, and fundraising! On Wednesday, October 15 during our regular Wednesday night dinner we are planning an evening focused on our partnership with the Ruth School in Romania. Our special guest will be Stefan Neaga with his wife Evelina, visiting all the way from Romania, who will speak about his experience, first as a camper and now as a translator for the school. Stefan got to know those on our mission team who served in Romania in 2024, and he is excited to come experience some southern culture and share his story!



Proceeds from the dinner will help offset the cost for those attending the 2026 Romania Mission Trip scheduled for June, when we will send a group of 15 to facilitate a 5-day overnight camp for 40 Roma children who attend the Ruth School.

That evening, we will have several opportunities for you to give through a cake auction, generous donation, or you can pre-order a cooked Boston Butt to take home and put in your freezer! We hope you will come meet Stefan, learn more about the Ruth School, eat amazing BBQ and enjoy great music, all in support of our 2026 Romania Mission Team!

To pre-order a Boston Butt, please contact [Courtney](#) in the church office.

## **Flu Vaccine**

*Wednesday, October 1*

*4:30 pm-6:00 pm*

Shots will be offered prior to and during dinner on Wednesday, October 1. Please call or [email](#) the church office to reserve a time to receive a flu shot.

\*Prescriptions are required to be sent to Lee King Pharmacy from pediatricians for any kids under 13.

*Lee-King*  
**PHARMACY**

## Pastor's Pen

### Ordaining Dr. Ronnie Oliver

When Dr. Ronnie Oliver began serving at Central, one of our questions for him was whether he had ever considered being ordained as a minister. Although Dr. Oliver has served in academic roles for most of his professional career, he has also regularly served in ministry settings since he was a graduate student. Dr. Oliver served churches in Texas, Kentucky, and New York prior to his service at Central.

**After two and a half years as our Minister of Music and Worship, after prayerful and deliberate thought on Dr. Oliver's part, and after several conversations between me and Ronnie, we are intending to ordain Dr. Ronnie Oliver to the gospel ministry on Sunday morning, October 19.**

This Sunday I will ask our Board of Deacons to pass a resolution affirming this action on behalf of our church pending the approval of Dr. Oliver's ordination council. The ordination council will meet prior to Sunday, October 19 and will be comprised of leaders in our church as well as ministers and friends who have known Ronnie for much longer than we have.

In the Baptist tradition, the local church is granted the authority and responsibility for the ordination of ministers. It is not a responsibility we, or any church, should take lightly. Ordination is a compact and a process entered into between an individual minister, the local church, and God himself. In that way it is a holy process that sets apart individuals for holy service. It is both an honor and privilege for Central Baptist Church to be engaged in this process both with Dr. Oliver and with the God we aim to serve together.

I hope you'll do two things for me as we engage this process as a congregation. First, pray for Ronnie. Thank God for his unique giftedness and for the blessing of his presence among us—and pray for God's continued leadership in Ronnie's life and ministry. And second, be here for Dr. Oliver's ordination service on October 19. We don't ordain ministers very often. It will be a holy and meaningful celebration.

See you Sunday,

Matt

## Music Ministry

The Chancel Choir's rendition of Thomas Tallis' "If Ye Love Me" was just lovely—thank you! And thank you to Becky, Yen Yu, and Henry for their beautiful music! Such a great variety of music here at Central!

This weekend, EnsembleNYC will be joining us in our worship services Sunday morning and bringing a great concert at 2:00 pm. Invite everyone you know!

Save the date! On October 28, at 5:00 pm, our Chancel Choir will be joined by the Fayetteville First United Methodist Choir in a concert of hymns and gospel songs—another great opportunity to invite friends to Central.

Gratefully,

Ronnie

*Let Our Love Be Heard*

featuring  
**Britten's REJOICE IN THE LAMB**  
and works by  
Haydn, Vaughan Williams,  
Runestad, Whitacre, Hogan,  
and Carnelia

ensembleNYC  
Ronnie Oliver, conductor

**September 28 • 2:00pm • Free Admission**  
Central Baptist Church  
14 West Broad Street, Newnan

Donations will be accepted in support of  
Bridging the Gap of Newnan

## Women's Ministry

Ladies Bible  
Study  
Tuesdays at  
5:30 pm



We are studying "Ten Women of the Bible" by Max Lucado throughout the year. You can purchase the book from Amazon [HERE](#).



Purses in the Pew  
Monday, September 29,  
11:00 am

Missy Ward Angalla  
Amani Sasa, Uganda, Africa

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

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



Ladies Coffee Hour

Thursday, October 2, 9:00 am

Join us every first and third Thursday of the month at Leaf and Bean. No need to make a reservation; just show up and enjoy the fellowship of your peers.

## Youth Ministry

ATTN: Parents of College  
Students & Young Adults!

We are making a new effort to stay connected and show some love to our college students and young adults. To do that, we need some information from you. Please fill out the Google Form below or have your adult children complete it. We hope to use this information to send care packages and have events throughout the year. Thank you in advance! Click [HERE](#) for form.

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

Click [HERE](#) to register and for some information.



## Senior Adult Ministry



Our senior adults had a wonderful time in Oregon two weeks ago! Thanks to Christy and David Van Drew, Brandon Respress, and Josh Tate for helping us with airport transportation!



Senior Adult  
Breakfast at  
Town & Country  
Wednesday, Sept. 24,  
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!

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**CENTRAL  
BAPTIST CHURCH**  
NEWNAN, GEORGIA

## CHURCH STAFF

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**Dr. Ronnie Oliver, Jr.** Associate Pastor of Music & Worship  
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## LOOKING AHEAD

### Sunday, September 28

8:45 am Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:55am Worship Service  
2:00 pm EnsembleNYC Concert  
6:15 pm Finance Meeting  
7:00 pm Deacon's Meeting

### Monday, September 29

7:15 am Youth Prayer Breakfast  
11:00 am Purses in the Pew  
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

### Tuesday, September 30

7:00 am Men's Bible Study  
10:00 am Feeding Our Friends  
5:30 pm Ruth Drake Ladies Bible Study

### Wednesday, October 1

5:15 pm Wednesday Night Supper-  
Chicken Gumbo & Muffaletta  
Sandwiches  
5:45 pm Grades 1-5 Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 pm Youth Group  
6:00 pm PK-K Choir Rehearsal/Activity  
6:00 pm REST, Communion Service  
6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Stewardship Update

#### Sunday, September 21, 2025

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|---------------------|----------------|
| Weekly Budget Needs | \$32,486.92    |
| Budget Offering     | \$16,461.00    |
| YTD Budget Needs    | \$1,234,502.96 |
| YTD Budget Offering | \$1,124,153.81 |