The Challenge

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

THIS SUNDAY

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

SEVENTEENTH
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
WORLD COMMUNION

October 5, 2025

SERMON

Rev. Matt Sapp
"The Atomic Power of
Faith"

SCRIPTURE

Luke 17:5-6 Lamentations 3:19-26

8:45 am

Worship Service Special Music In Remembrance Scarbrough Scholars

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:55 am

Worship Service Special Music In Remembrance The Chancel Choir Rusty Wilson, oboe

Nursery

Available for children birth-three years

Flu Vaccine

This 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 <u>email</u> 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.



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 participate. You can donate items for our raffle or purchase tickets, pre-order a cooked Boston Butt or just make a generous donation! 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!

We are looking for several donations that we can raffle that night. We're hoping to find people willing to donate items such as...sporting event tickets, paintings, vacation home for a weekend getaway, legal service, i.e. create a will for someone, music lessons, or any other service/ item you are willing to donate. Please email <u>Katie Faison</u> if you have a donation.

To pre-order a Boston Butt, please fill out google form <u>HERE</u>.

Pastor's Pen

Our Primary Identity

What a JOY it is to find our primary identity in Christ! When we choose to be Christians before we are anything else, it provides an inherent sense of order in our lives. Choices that might have previously seemed complicated, and decisions that might have previously been unclear, become simple when we are clearly Christians first.

Various interests, institutions, and powers will always be competing for primacy in our lives. The world tells us we don't have to choose between them; we can serve them all. But that's not true. In Luke 16:13, Jesus says, "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other."

Your first identity, the one that stands above all the others, is your identity as one who was both created by God and created in God's image. You will find simplicity and order in your life when you place Christ squarely at the top and in the center of who you are. It works because it allows you to live in a way that is most true to who you really are.

So start believing that you are who the Bible says you are, instead of believing that you need to conform to the demands of the competing voices of our culture. When Christ is at the top and in the center, all the other parts of who you are have a way of falling into place and holding together. What a joy it is to find our primary identity in Christ.

See you Sunday,

Matt



Wednesday, October 1, 6:00 pm

A midweek prayer and communion service

Music Ministry

We had a great weekend of fellowship and music! EnsembleNYC helped us to worship and brought a spectacular concert on Sunday afternoon. Our heartfelt appreciation to all who made this weekend possible—our sponsor, home hosts, food crew, drivers, Courtney, Debbie, Amanda & Katie, ushers, Karvelas, Wishbone, and Life of the South. SO MANY generous people helped us to bring great music which honored God to our community.

Now, save the date for our next Vestibule Series on October 26 at 5:00 pm when the Fayetteville FUMC Choir will join Central's Chancel Choir in presenting a concert of hymns and gospel songs. Another opportunity to bring people to our church—don't miss it!

Gratefully,

Ronnie

Missions



Helping Hands has been active since 2008. We are a group of volunteers who help people when they

are in need. We have done some minor home repairs, built wheelchair ramps, built and repaired handrails, painted rooms, cleaned houses, and done yard work. We have done things as small as changing a light bulb, picking up medicine or groceries, and even taking people to the doctor. Also, we have furnished canes, wheelchairs, and scooters. The list goes on...

We receive project suggestions from our pastor, our church members, community organizations, the community, etc. We help people in the community and church members. Our projects are financed through donations.

Perhaps you would like to have your name added to the <u>Helping Hands</u> team. You are under **no obligation** to do any of the projects, but if you discover one that you could help with, that would be great. Just contact the church or me and I will add you to our list.

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Our bodies are a gift from God and intended to be used for God's service. 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

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, October 27, 11:00 am

Brooke Baker Executive Director of ReStart Coweta



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.

Prayer Breakfast

Mondays 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!

Senior Adult Ministry



Senior Adult Breakfast at Town & Country Wednesday, October 8, 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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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, October 5

8:45 am Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

10:55am Worship Service

4:00 pm NCYC Rehearsal

Monday, October 6

7:15 am Youth Prayer Breakfast

6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 7

7:00 am Men's Bible Study

10:00 am Feeding Our Friends

5:30 pm Ruth Drake Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, October 8

9:00 am Senior Adult Breakfast at Town & Country

5:15 pm Wednesday Night Supper— Fried Chicken

5:45 pm Grades 1-5 Choir Rehearsal

6:00 pm Youth Group

6:00 pm PK-K Choir Rehearsal/Activity

6:00 pm Adult Bible Study

6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal