The Challenge

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

THIS SUNDAY

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

NINTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST October 19, 2025

SERMON

Rev. Matt Sapp "When God Calls"

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 6:1-8 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

8:45 am

Worship Service Special Music Ann and Ronnie Oliver

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:55 am

Worship Service
Special Music
Just As I Am
Ann and Ronnie Oliver
O Love
The Chancel Choir
Alexandria Haines, cello

Nursery

Available for children birth-three years

Deacon Installation and Ordination

Sunday, October 26 10:55 am Worship

Bluegrass & BBQ Fundraiser

This Wednesday, October 15

How Can You Join the Fun?

We are looking forward to a great time of fellowship and a successful fundraiser on Wednesday evening. We hope you will come and join us for BBQ and Bluegrass music. There will also be several ways you can choose to support our Romania Mission Team throughout the evening. We have six items to raffle. All are amazing things donated by our members and our community!

Mums for Missions

We will also have mums for sale donated by Morgan's Market. There are three sizes set at a great price for you! And since MM donated them, 100% of the proceeds will go directly to our team!

6.5 inch (\$5) 8 inch (\$10) 10 inch (\$15)

If you can't make it on Wednesday and would like to buy raffle tickets or purchase a mum, you can call or <u>email</u> the church office and place your order before Wednesday evening. We will enter you into the raffle and set your mums aside!

We would like to thank those who have already purchased Boston Butts in advance. We might have a few left that night for purchase if you missed out on this opportunity. Check with us if you are interested in purchasing one.

I would also like to thank in advance all the people who have made this fundraiser possible! Thanks to the Straynotes Band and Stefan and Evelina for coming to make the evening extra special! Thanks to Lee and Susan Nall for cooking all of the Boston Butts and providing dinner this week! And a BIG thanks to all the businesses and individuals who donated things for us to raffle and sell!

And thanks to ALL OF YOU who plan to come out to support us this Wednesday!

2026 Proposed Budget Vote

Copies of the deacon-approved budget are available now. Representatives will be available to answer questions on Wednesday, October 15 and 22. We will vote to approve the budget on Sunday, October 26.

Pastor's Pen

Leave the Rest to God

Accept the world as it is. Focus on what's right in front of you. Live faithfully inside your sphere of influence. Pray for the peace and prosperity of the world around you. And leave the rest to God. That was our message in worship last Sunday based on Jeremiah's letter to the Babylonian exiles in Jeremiah 29.

The world as it is, is not the world as it should be in a thousand different ways. We all know that. But choosing to live with equanimity inside a fallen world isn't blind resignation to the limitations of the world as we find it, it's a demonstration of our faithful understanding that even in a world like this, God is in control.

As we talked about the Jeremiah 29 text as part of Wednesday night Bible study last week, I shared three favorite quotes that speak in different ways to this idea. You may find one or more familiar.

The first is the serenity prayer from Reinhold Niebuhr: "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

The second is one of Fred Craddock's most oftrepeated benedictions: "Live simply. Love generously. Serve faithfully. Speak truthfully. Pray daily. And leave the rest to God."

And the last is a great summation of Wendell Berry's philosophy and words I aim to live by: "Slow down. Pay attention. Do good work. Love your neighbors. Love your place. Stay in your place. Settle for less. Enjoy it more."

As Psalm 111 reminds us, "the fear of the Lord (a healthy respect for God's sovereignty), is the beginning of wisdom." There's great wisdom in choosing to live faithfully inside our limited spheres of influence and leaving the rest to God.

See you Sunday,

Matt

Music Ministry

What a beautiful rendition of "Fairest Lord Jesus" Yen Yu and Henry played Sunday! It captured all the beauty and excitement of that wonderful hymn! Thank you, Yen Yu and Henry!

On Sunday, October 26, the Fayetteville FUMC Choir will join our Chancel Choir for our Vestibule Series concert at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary. We'll be singing some great hymns and gospel songs. Invite your friends for a time of rousing music and then go out to eat afterward—we'll have childcare from 4:45 pm-7:30 pm.

The months of November and December are busy ones for the music ministry. Would you begin to pray now for our Chancel Choir, Handbells, Children's Choirs, Newnan Community Youth Choir, instrumentalists, everyone involved in the many worship services? We need you to pray for good health, that we would practice well and efficiently, and that we would honor God in everything we do. Your prayer support is essential—thank you!

Gratefully,

Ronnie



Women's Ministry



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, Oct. 16, 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.

Children's Ministry

Fall Hayride

Sunday, Nov. 2 4:00 pm-6:00 pm



Join us for a fun family night at Pat and Julie Yancey's barn (1830 Highway 29 N Newnan, GA 30263)! We will have dinner, bonfire, fun activities, and of course a hayride! Just let us know who is coming below so we can have enough food and fun! Please sign up **HERE**.



Santa at Central

Sunday, December 7 2:00 pm-5:00 pm

Santa is bringing his favorite photographer again this year! Kinsey Young Photography is

back to take the sweetest pictures of your kids and/or family with Santa! We will have crafts, cookie decorating and hot chocolate.

Please sign up here for your photo time slot!

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.

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, Oct. 22, 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!

New Members

Please welcome Robert Wren, who joined Central Baptist Church on Sunday, October 12, by profession of faith.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, October 19

8:45 am Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

10:55 am Worship Service

4:00 pm NCYC Rehearsal

Monday, October 20

7:15 am Youth Prayer Breakfast

6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 21

7:00 am Men's Bible Study

10:00 am Feeding Our Friends

5:30 pm Ruth Drake Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, October 22

9:00 am Senior Adult Breakfast at Town & Country

5:15 pm Wednesday Night Supper— Oktoberfest

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

Stewardship Update Sunday, October 12, 2025

Weekly Budget Needs \$32,486.92

Budget Offering \$25,236.66

YTD Budget Needs \$1,331,963.72

YTD Budget Offering \$1,192,945.24