# The Challenge

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

## THIS SUNDAY

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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY

AFTER

PENTECOST

October 26, 2025

### **SERMON**

Rev. Matt Sapp "Moving from Strength to Strength"

#### **SCRIPTURE**

Luke 18:9-14 Psalm 84:1-7

### 8:45 am

Worship Service Special Music Heavenly Sunlight Scarbrough Men

#### 9:45 am

Sunday School

### 10:55 am

Worship Service
Special Music
A Psalm of Praise
The Chancel Choir,
Dennis Marsengill, trumpet

### Nursery

Available for children birth-three years

## 2026 Proposed Budget Vote

Sunday, October 26

(after both worship services)

## **Deacon Installation and Ordination**

Sunday, October 26 10:55 am Worship



## **FCA Clay Shoot Team**

Thanks to Joey Griffin, Luke Headley, Olen Kuhr, Bill Behm for participating in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Clay Shoot.

## Sunday, November 2

Please join us in remembrance of those saints in our congregation who have gone to be with the Lord this past year.



### Pastor's Pen

### A Season of Ordination

As part of worship last Sunday, we ordained Ronnie Oliver to the Gospel Ministry. This coming Sunday we will ordain Brandon Respress as a new deacon. Each time we formally set someone apart for Christian service it is a holy celebration, and we get to celebrate that kind of calling/commissioning two Sundays in a row now.

Last Sunday as Ronnie was ordained, we talked a bit about Isaiah's transcendent experience of God in the Temple as part of his calling and commissioning, and we were reminded that the experience of God in worship really does have the power to change us.

This Sunday as we ordain Brandon Respress, we'll talk about an appropriate kind of self-awareness that allows those called to serve (that's all of us) to really flourish in life. Psalm 84 says those who walk with God have a way of moving "from strength to strength." And Jesus teaches in the New Testament about a balanced, self-aware approach to living characterized by humility, saying that those who manage to live this way will be exalted.

God's presence in our lives and in our worship changes us—and it changes us in ways that allow us to really flourish. Ordination two Sundays in a row is really special. It's a sign of God's presence and our flourishing.

See you Sunday,

Matt

## **Birth**

**Virginia Thomasson Eldridge** September 24, 2025 Daughter of **Cheney and Harris Eldridge** 

Paternal Grandparents: **Edie and Frank Eldridge** 

## **Music Ministry**

Dear Central Family,

I am still overwhelmed with gratitude and joy from the beautiful, meaningful ordination service on Sunday. It was truly a moment I will never forget.

My heartfelt thanks to Matt, the Choir, Ann, Henry, Yen Yu, Alexandria, David, Leah, Josh, Katie, and Annie—each of you offered your gifts so generously, and together you created something profoundly moving. I am deeply touched by the prayers, encouragement, and love I received from the members of Central Baptist Church.

Your love and support has strengthened my faith. I will endeavor to serve you and this community in a way that honors God and encourages you, just as you have encouraged me.

With deep appreciation and love,

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, Nov. 6, 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**

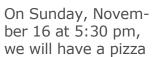


### October Vestibule Series

We are having a PJ party for the kids during the October Vestibule Series! Please sign up by October 22. Click <u>here</u> to register.

## **Youth Ministry**

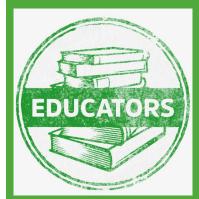
## High School Only!





and trivia night in the youth loft for all current high school students!

If your student will be there, please RSVP to **Annie** so we know how to best prepare! This is also a great opportunity to bring friends. Can't wait for a fun night!



# We Love Our Educators!

If you work in education as a teacher, administrator, or other staff, please take the time to complete this short survey. You never

know what surprises might come your way!

Please click **here** for survey.

## **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 Member**

Please welcome Rusty Wilson, who joined Central Baptist Church on Sunday, October 19, by transfer of letter.

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#### **CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Matt Sapp Pastor

Rev. Katie Faison Associate Pastor for Congregational Life Dr. Ronnie Oliver, Jr. Associate Pastor of Music & Worship Rev. Annie Westbrook Associate Pastor to Youth and Families Mrs. Amanda Willoughby Children's Ministry Director Mr. Henry Lee Organist Mrs. Yen Yu Chen Pianist

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### LOOKING AHEAD

### **Sunday, October 26**

8:45 am Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

10:55 am Worship Service

5:00 pm Vestibule Series—Hymns & Gospel Songs

6:15 pm Finance Meeting

7:00 pm Deacons Meeting

### Monday, October 27

7:15 am Youth Prayer Breakfast

11:00 am Purses in the Pew

6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

### **Tuesday, October 28**

7:00 am Men's Bible Study

10:00 am Feeding Our Friends

5:30 pm Ruth Drake Ladies Bible Study

### Wednesday, October 29

5:15 pm Wednesday Night Supper—BBQ Beef Brisket

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 19, 2025

Weekly Budget Needs \$32,486.92

Budget Offering \$42,515.49

YTD Budget Needs \$1,364,450.64

YTD Budget Offering \$1,235,215.73