THIS SUNDAY

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

AFTER PENTECOST October 12, 2025

SERMON

Rev. Matt Sapp
"Accepting the World
as It Is"

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 111

8:45 am

Worship Service Special Music Fairest Lord Jesus Henry and Yen Yu

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:55 am

Worship Service Special Music A Psalm of Praise The Chancel Choir

Nursery

Available for children birth-three years

Deacon Installation and Ordination

Sunday, October 26 10:55 am Worship

The Challenge

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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.

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!

2026 Proposed Budget Vote

Copies of the deacon-approved budget are available now. Representatives will be available to answer questions at the end of worship on Sunday, October 12, and Wednesday, October 15 and 22. We will vote to approve the budget on Sunday, October 26.

Pastor's Pen

Faithfulness: God's, Christ's, and Ours

The song title is "Great is THY Faithfulness," but somehow, I have internalized that it's MY faithfulness that's most important. I bet some of you have, too. In Lamentations, the prophet Jeremiah reminds us that when times are tough it's not OUR faithfulness we should be looking to and leaning on, it's God's. As we said on Sunday, if we only had our own faithfulness to rely on, that would be a pretty meager kind of hope.

Luckily, we have God's faithfulness and Christ's faithfulness, too. Even when things appear to be at their worst, God is faithfully present to protect, comfort, and provide (Lamentations 3:22-23). And, it is through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, God's only son (Christ's faithfulness, not ours, a faithfulness even unto death and resurrection) that we are being redeemed. It is Christ's work that is key to our salvation, not ours.

The faith required of us is the faith that allows Christ to live in us and through us, so that as Paul says, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). We need not muster up our own steadfastness and courage, or our own faithfulness and strength; it is God's steadfastness and Christ's courage that see us through in the end.

Getting our theology right is important, and this piece of theology is right at the center of our Christian identity. What a relief it is each time we remember that it's not only, or even primarily, OUR faithfulness that makes the difference.

See you Sunday,

Matt

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!

Music Ministry

Chancel Choir, thank you for breathing new life into an "old standard." While we must always search for new music and support living composers, we must never forget the composers and music that have sustained great music for our worship throughout the years. It is important for us to keep a variety of music present in our worship services. Thank you for continuing to strive for excellence in every piece we offer in worship.

And, thank you to Ann and Carol for subbing in with our Scarbrough Scholars in the 8:45 am service! Along with the Scarbrough Scholars, you helped bring excellence and beauty to our worship.

Henry and Yen Yu will be performing in the annual "Religion in the Arts" program at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Sunday, October 12, at 3:00 pm. Come and support them and the other fine artists in our community!

Lastly, the Chancel Choir and the Choir of Fayetteville FUMC will combine to present a concert of Hymns and Gospel Songs on Sunday, October 26, at 5:00 pm, as part of our Vestibule Series. Bring your friends to enjoy a wonderful afternoon together!

Gratefully,

Ronnie



Women's Ministry

Lavinia Barron Book Group

On Monday, October 13 at 7:00 pm, the Lavinia Barron Book Group will meet in the Central Baptist Church Youth Room. The book for discussion will be "Under His Wings" by Emily Compango.

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!

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.

In Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Garry and Karen Craddock in the death of Garry's mother, Mary Carter Craddock, who passed away on Wednesday, October 1, 2025.

Youth Ministry

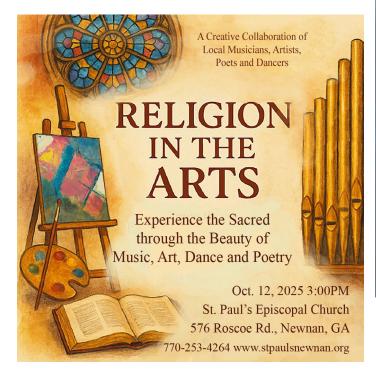
ATTN: Parents of College Students & Young Adults!

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.



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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, October 12

8:45 am Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

10:55 am Worship Service

4:00 pm NCYC Rehearsal

Monday, October 13

7:15 am Youth Prayer Breakfast

7:00 pm Lavinia Barron Book Group

Tuesday, October 14

7:00 am Men's Bible Study

10:00 am Feeding Our Friends

5:30 pm Ruth Drake Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, October 15

5:15 pm Wednesday Night Supper— Bluegrass & BBQ

5:45 pm Grades 1-5 Choir Rehearsal

6:00 pm PK-K Choir Rehearsal/Activity

6:00 pm Romania Report-Stefan Neaga

6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Stewardship Update Sunday, October 5, 2025

Weekly Budget Needs \$32,486.92

Budget Offering \$20,943.00

YTD Budget Needs \$1,299,476.80

YTD Budget Offering \$1,167,708.58