# The Challenge

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

### **THIS SUNDAY**

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

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY November 23, 2025

#### **SERMON**

Rev. Matt Sapp
"A Specific Purpose and a
Proper Place"

#### **SCRIPTURE**

Colossians 1:11-20 Psalm 47

#### 8:45 am

Worship Service Special Music In Christ Alone Coleman Ryan

#### 9:45 am

Sunday School

#### 10:55 am

Worship Service
Special Music
Table of Mercy, Table of
Rest
The Chancel Choir

#### Nursery

Available for children birth-three years



Sunday, December 7 8:45 am & 10:55 am Worship





# Thanksgiving Bring-A-Dish and Bingo Night

Wednesday, November 19, 5:15 pm

Join us for our annual family fun night on Wednesday, November 19 at 5:15 pm. We'll enjoy a Thanksgiving meal and play bingo. Please bring a side or dessert. The church will provide the meat. Thanks!

# **Angel/Silver Bell Tree**

Silver Bells Coweta This **Wednesday, November 19**, during our family Thanksgiving dinner the Angel Tree will be ready.

We have partnered with Bridging the Gap and Riverlife who are working with families and senior adults to provide Christmas for families who need a little extra love this year. This year our church will support 50 children (Angels) and 10 senior adults (silver bells). You can get an angel or silver bell that night (or call/come by the church office anytime that week if you can't be there on Wednesday night.) ALL gifts should be UNWRAPPED and returned to the church by **Sunday**, **November 30**.



# Christmas Decorations at Central

Let's haul out the holly! Join us Monday and Tuesday, November 24-25 to decorate

the church for Christmas! Sign up at Wednesday Night Supper or contact Tracy Behm at 662-891-8779 or tracybehm@gmail.com or Sherri O'Mahoney at 404-580-0017 or mattandsherri13@gmail.com.

### Pastor's Pen

# Christ the King Sunday

This Sunday is Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday of the Christian year. The Christian calendar begins each year with the anticipation of Christ's birth in Advent and ends each year with a celebration of the universal, cosmic Christ who lives and reigns forever at the right hand of God.

Along the way, as part of our liturgical calendar, we celebrate Christ's baptism; we focus on Jesus' teaching and ministry; we travel into Jerusalem with Jesus on Palm Sunday; we remember Christ's crucifixion on Good Friday; we celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter morning; we commemorate Christ's ascension into heaven; we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit and the establishment of the church on Pentecost; and we learn about the work of the Apostles and the growth of the early church.

All of that happens between Christmas and the end of the school year each spring. In the summer, we typically take a break from the order of the lectionary and do a special study like the Sermon on the Mount or Paul's Letter to the Romans. Each fall we generally find time to focus on Old Testament history, Wisdom Literature, and the teaching of the prophets before finding our way back to Advent and Christmas.

We're about to have come full circle again. This Sunday we'll celebrate another annual journey through scripture by celebrating the Lord's Supper as we remember both Christ's purpose in our lives and Christ's place in the universe. Advent marks a new beginning. But first, we must give the previous year a proper ending. That's what Christ the King Sunday is for.

See you Sunday,

Matt

# 2025 Contributions and Stock Gifts

Please remember that mailed checks must be postmarked by **Wednesday**, **December 31**, **2025**. If you plan to stop by the office with a check or cash, please do so by noon on **Wednesday**, **December 31**, **2025**. You may also make your contribution in church on **Sunday**, **December 28**, **2025**. Stock gifts must be transferred in 2025 for a tax deduction. <u>Email</u> or call Debbie (770-683-6585) for stock gift instructions.

### **Music Ministry**

We are so fortunate here at Central to have such stellar musicians involved in our music ministry. Their commitment and dedication to communicating God's Word, His love, mercy, and grace is an encouragement to us all. We have over 130(!) people—Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, Children's Choirs, Newnan Community Youth Choir—who are working weekly learning to be better musicians and how to use music to worship our Savior Jesus Christ. WOW!

Thank you to all—you are making a positive difference in our church and community.

I am thankful for Central Baptist Church and your support of all we do!

Gratefully,

Ronnie



### WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW MORE VOLUNTEERS To Join our Audio/Visual Team!

If you've ever wanted to help make worship run smoothly
—running sound and helping with our livestream—
this is your chance!

We need help in both the 8:45am & 10:55am services

We'll provide all the training you need. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Ronnie or Steve Mapel.

## **Senior Adult Ministry**

Senior Adult Breakfast at Town & Country

Wednesday, November 26, 9:00 am



Our last breakfast for the year will be Wednesday, December 10. We will resume our regular schedule on Wednesday, January 14, 2026.

## Women's Ministry



Monday, January 26, 11:00 am

Kelli Hines and Christy Van Drew, Coweta Samaritan Clinic

Reservations are appreciated for name tags; reservations

are required for lunch (\$8). Please click the link **here** to sign up!

# Ladies Coffee Hour





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**



It's time for

# Pizza, Pajamas, and Practice!

Don your best Christmas pjs, and join us on Sunday, December 7th for a pizza party during Children's Church at the 10:55 service. All children are welcome!

After the 10:55 service ends, Preschool and Elementary Children's Choir participants will stay for a special rehearsal in the sanctuary. Parents are welcome to stay as well, or leave and return at 1:00 for pick up on the playground.

And don't forget, the Children's Christmas Program on Dec 10th at 6pm!



#### 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



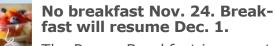
with Santa! We will have crafts, cookie decorating and hot chocolate. Please sign up here for your photo time slot!

# **Youth Ministry**



# Prayer Breakfast

Prayer breakfast is every Monday at 7:15am!



The Prayer Breakfast is a great opportunity to start 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. See you there!

# Youth **Christmas** Party

DEC 7 @(BC

Join us on December 7 from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm in the Youth Loft for a Not A Christmas Party Party!

Everyone, come dressed for a holiday party but make sure you're not dressed for Christmas! Pick any holiday other than Christmas and come decked out to have a great time. More details and an RSVP here.



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#### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Sunday, November 23

8:45 am Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

10:55 am Worship Service

6:15 pm Finance Meeting

7:00 pm Deacons Meeting

#### **Tuesday, November 25**

7:00 am Men's Bible Study

10:00 am Feeding Our Friends

#### Wednesday, November 26

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSES AT NOON

#### Thursday, November 27-28

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS

# **Stewardship Update Sunday, November 16, 2025**

Weekly Budget Needs \$32,486.92

Budget Offering \$21,274.00

YTD Budget Needs \$1,494,398.32

YTD Budget Offering \$1,340,669.07