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## THIS SUNDAY

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

### **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** **November 9, 2025**

#### **SERMON**

Rev. Matt Sapp  
"It's Getting Better All the Time"

#### **SCRIPTURE**

Haggai 2:3-9  
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

#### **8:45 am**

Worship Service  
Special Music  
*I Will Sing of My Redeemer*  
Sam Weis

#### **9:45 am**

Sunday School

#### **10:55 am**

Worship Service  
Special Music  
*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*  
The Chancel Choir

#### **Nursery**

Available for children  
birth-three years

## Thanksgiving Bring-A-Dish and Bingo Night

*Wednesday,  
November 19, 5:15 pm*

Please bring a side or dessert. The church will provide the meat. Thanks!

More details to come about Bingo!

# The Challenge

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER



Thanks to all the families who came to the hayride this past Sunday; it was a great success.

And special thanks to the Yancey family for hosting!

*Wednesday,  
November 5,  
6:00 pm*

A midweek prayer and  
communion service

## REST

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## Wednesday Night Cooks

We are coordinating chefs for our spring semester. Meals can be catered, homemade, or a combination of both. (We are currently serving about 160 people each week.)

We have dates available if you are looking for an opportunity to serve. Please contact Teresa Clements at 404-520-1420 or Lynn Smith at 910-827-1524 if you are interested.

## Pastor's Pen

### Election Day Thoughts

Baptists are the most liberty-loving religious group in the world. We are a radically democratic, one person, one vote, kind of people. We organize our religious life around the idea that each individual is both free and responsible before God without any intermediary—not the church, not the pastor, and not any overarching religious authority. We take individual freedom and liberty seriously as a component of our faith, and we live it out inside our church polity.

We believe the best way for the Kingdom of God to flourish here on earth is through a free church in a free state. On the free church side, we consider religious liberty, the separation of church and state, local church autonomy, and the freedom of the individual conscience to be bedrock Baptist principles. On the free state side, we take our responsibilities as citizens with an equal amount of seriousness. We believe the individual freedom and liberty we exercise inside our church is equally important to the healthy functioning of a free state as well.

On this Election Day, I'm proud of our congregation. We are, I believe, by and large, holding up our Christian, Baptist responsibility to be engaged and informed citizens, and we are blessed to have more than our fair share of public servants and elected representatives as members of our church. The Baptist ideal of a free church in a free state requires careful safeguarding and constant vigilance from each of us, both as good Christians and as good citizens.

So, remember that voting today isn't only a right, it's also a sacred responsibility—and that independence, individual liberty, and freedom are not just hallmarks of our country, they are hallmarks of our Baptist faith, too.

Happy Election Day. See you Sunday,

Matt

## Senior Adult Ministry



**Senior Adult  
Breakfast at Town  
& Country**  
*Wednesday, November 12,  
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

We experienced a meaningful All Saints' Day worship service on Sunday. The whole service pointed to Christ and His servants who align themselves with God's purposes and share His love with others. Thank you to the Choir, Lamar, Henry, and Yen Yu, for lifting us up with your music!

This Sunday, Henry will present an organ recital at 5:00 pm in the sanctuary. Remember, these concerts are not just for Central folks, they are for EVERYONE in our community. Make it your goal to bring one or two guests with you. We should fill up our sanctuary every time we make these musical offerings. It won't happen unless YOU invite your friends, neighbors, and family.

Please continue to pray for our Music Ministry in these weeks leading up to Advent and our Christmas celebrations. Pray for good health, regular attendance, and that we would honor God in our music-making.

Gratefully,

Ronnie

## TRANSCENDENCE & TRANSFORMATION

An enchanting organ concert featuring  
Bach, Mendelssohn, Elgar, and Liszt

November 9 • 5:00pm



HENRY LEE, ORGANIST

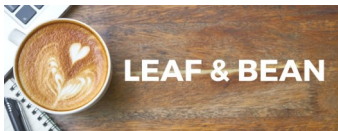


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## Women's Ministry

### 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.

### Lavinia Barron Book Group

On Monday, November 10 at 7:00 pm, the Lavinia Barron Book Group will meet in the Central Baptist Church Youth Loft. The book for discussion will be "Touching Heaven: a Cardiologist's Encounter with Death and Living Proof of an Afterlife" by Dr. Chauncey Crandall.



### Purses in the Pew

*Monday, November 17,  
11:00 am*

Beth Ellison, Spiritual Outreach, City of Hope

Reservations are appreciated for name tags; reservations are required for lunch (\$8). Please click the link [here](#) to sign up!

## Children's Ministry

### 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!



## 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.

## Youth Ministry



### High School Only!

On Sunday, November 16 at 5:30 pm, we will have a pizza 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!

### Youth Christmas Party



Join us on Dec. 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. Dinner will be provided. Bring a gift for the gift exchange, with a maximum value of \$15. Sign up [HERE](#)!

## Missions

### Let's Support Our Community!

As a way to aid those in our community who need a little extra support, we have decided to do an ongoing food drive through the end of the year. We hope that whenever you are shopping for your family, you might pick up a few extra items. At the end of each week we will distribute any donations to our partners, Bridging the Gap, One Roof, Salvation Army, and Backpack Buddies. Of course, monetary donations are always appreciated. We will distribute any monetary gifts among these partners as well. If you wish to donate money online, please designate to "mission fund" and put food drive in the memo.

Here are some items that have been specifically requested by these organizations...**16 oz plastic jars of peanut butter, 12 oz boxes of cereal, canned vegetables, canned meat or tuna, canned fruit, grits or oatmeal, jiffy corn meal, pasta, and soup.**

Donation boxes will be inside the doors on either side of the church. Thanks for your support!

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## LOOKING AHEAD

### Sunday, November 9

8:45 am Worship Service  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 10:55 am Worship Service  
 4:00 pm NCYC Rehearsal  
 5:00 pm Organ Concert-Henry Lee

### Monday, November 10

7:15 am Youth Prayer Breakfast  
 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal  
 7:00 pm Lavinia Barron Book Group

### Tuesday, November 11

7:00 am Men's Bible Study  
 10:00 am Feeding Our Friends  
 5:30 pm Ruth Drake Ladies Bible Study

### Wednesday, November 12

9:00 am Senior Adult Breakfast at  
 Town & Country  
 5:15 pm Wednesday Night Supper—  
 Lasagna  
 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, November 2, 2025

Weekly Budget Needs	\$32,486.92
Budget Offering	\$26,157.34
YTD Budget Needs	\$1,429,424.48
YTD Budget Offering	\$1,280,599.07