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The Challenge

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

THIS SUNDAY

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

The Sixth Sunday of Epiphany
February 15, 2026

SERMON

Rev. Matt Sapp
"The Art of Not Being Afraid"

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 17:1-9
Psalm 99

8:45 am

Worship Service
Special Music
Precious Lord
Asia Henderson

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:55 am

Worship Service
Special Music
I Am Bound for the Kingdom
The Chancel Choir

Nursery

Available for children
birth-three years



COMMUNITY *Lenten Services*

Ecumenical Lenten Worship & Luncheon Schedule

The thirty-minute Lenten service will begin at 12:00 pm with a meal immediately following each service; the cost of the meal is \$5.

February 18 St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Rev. Elizabeth Pollard preaching

*to sign up and pay for lunch in advance, use this QR code.




February 25 Central Baptist Church
Fr. Stephen Lyness preaching
11:15 am Lenten Organ Recital

March 4 Newnan Presbyterian Church
The Rev. Winston Arthur preaching

March 11 Newnan Chapel United Methodist Church
Rev. David Jones preaching

March 18 Newnan First United Methodist Church
Rev. Matt Sapp preaching

March 25 St. George Catholic Church
Rev. Andrew Chappell preaching



Lenten Organ Recital

presented by
Thomas Hobson Williams

Program to include
Bach, Mailly, Stanley,
and hymn arrangements

Wednesday, February 25 • 11:15am
(directly preceding our community Lenten Service at 12noon)
Central Baptist Church
14 West Broad Street, Newnan

Pastor's Pen

Defining Clear Values

The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) begins with the Beatitudes. Beatitude means blessing, but the Beatitudes are more than blessings. They are a list of values by which Christians are called to live. Jesus teaches that we are to value things like humility, peacemaking, integrity, and kindness.

After listing value statements to begin his most famous sermon, Jesus turns to the question of identity, teaching, "You are salt of the earth...You are the light of the world." We are to be people who stand out with clarity and distinctness, to do in the world all the things that salt and light do.

Holding clear values is becoming increasingly rare in today's world. In such a world, Jesus' clarity about what we should value and who we should be stands out.

If you wanted to do something really great for you and your family this week, you could follow Jesus' lead and do something like what Jesus is doing in scripture at home. Sit down with a piece of paper and list your most important values; list the guiding principles you want you and your family to live by. And then think about your identity, who you are and who you want to be.

You might say, "We value integrity and courage. We want to be beautiful and kind and brave," or something. Whatever fits you. And then you might spend some time defining what those words mean to you and your family and how they might get lived out in your specific context.

I have a sheet like this myself. I call it the Sapp Family Identity. It's got four virtues and ten practices on it that guide me and my family as we go through life together. I review it often (sometimes daily) to make sure I stay in touch with who I am and on track with who I am becoming.

Holding clear values is becoming increasingly rare in today's world. Clarity about what you value and who you are is kind of a superpower. It shouldn't be surprising then, that that's exactly how Jesus begins the Sermon on the Mount.

See you Sunday,

Matt

Senior Adult Ministry



**Senior Adult Breakfast
at Town & Country**
Wednesday, Feb. 11, 9:00 am

As in years past, we will pause our breakfast during Lent. Breakfast will resume Wednesday, April 8.

Music Ministry

WOW—what a truly beautiful worship service we shared on Sunday. I am deeply grateful for the way Central values music with such generosity, love, and appreciation. Providing our choir the opportunity to experience a variety of composers of church music each year speaks volumes about who we are as a congregation and what we believe about worship. It is a gift to serve in a church that honors music as ministry in such a meaningful way.

Mary McDonald was a true gift to us this past weekend. Her music, her passion for worship, and her engaging, joyful spirit created a deeply meaningful experience for our choir and our congregation. I know you felt the impact she made on our singers. As I said in her introduction, "We are changed for the better." I truly believe that.

We also have two wonderful upcoming opportunities to invite our community to experience God's gift of music:

- **February 22 at 5:00 pm**—Concert pianist **Terry Lowry** will perform works by Chopin, Beethoven, Debussy, and Liszt in our sanctuary.
- **February 25 at 11:15 am**—**Thomas Hobson Williams** will present a **Lenten Organ Recital**, directly preceding our Community Lenten Service. Join us for this time of sublime and prayerful organ music.

Thank you, Central, for your continued support, encouragement, and prayers for our music ministry. It is a joy to serve alongside you.

With gratitude,

Ronnie



CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
VESTIBULE SERIES

Terry Lowry
Concert Pianist

featuring works by
Beethoven, Chopin,
Debussy, and Liszt

Sunday, February 22 • 5:00pm
14 West Broad Street, Newnan
Free Admission

Women's Ministry

Ladies Coffee Hour



Thursday, February 19, 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.



Purses in the Pew

Monday, February 23, 11:00 am

Melanie Reeves, Executive Director, RiverLife

Reservations are appreciated for name tags; reservations are required for lunch (\$8).

Please click the link [here](#) to sign up.

Children's Ministry

Children's PJ Party & Lock-in

When: February 15-16

Time: 5:30 pm-8:00 am

PJ party—5:30 pm-7:30 pm (Pre-K 4-2nd grade)

Lock-in—5:30 pm-8:00 am (3rd-5th grade)

Cost: FREE!

Get ready for an evening of fun and fellowship!

If your child is in 3rd-5th grade they are invited to SPEND THE NIGHT at the church!

Click [HERE](#) to sign up!

Missions

Amani Sasa International Women's Day Virtual 5K Saturday, March 7



Let's support our partners in Kampala, Uganda. Gather your family and friends, pick your favorite 5K route, and walk or run with us from anywhere in the world! All registered participants will receive an exclusive event t-shirt. Registration closes on February 16th—don't miss out! Register [HERE](#)!

If you would like to run as a group, we will meet at the church at 8:00 am and plan to start the run by 8:30 am.

Youth Ministry

Youth Mission Impact, March 13-15, is a weekend of worship, missions, and fun! We will spend the weekend worshipping and serving our local community. Our worship and meals will be held at Central Baptist, and students will stay in church-member Host Homes. Our chaperones will serve as small group leaders and pour into our students over the weekend. Register [HERE](#).



Youth Music and Mission Trip June 6-11

We are looking forward to a wonderful trip of learning and serving in Asheville, NC, this summer! Click [here](#) to register and for more details.

Scholarships

Harold and Catherine Barron

Scholarship for undergraduate education, graduate studies for career advancement or educational programs for career change.

Jennie Fowler Cole

Scholarship for college students who are members of Central Baptist.

Sallie Pinson Steed

Scholarship for Shorter College students.

The deadline to apply for these scholarships is **March 29**. Applications are in the church office or can be emailed upon request.

Birth

James Henry Wade

February 4, 2026

Son of **Blaire and Joseph Wade**

Maternal Grandparents: **Angie and Jim Morgan**

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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, February 15

- 8:45 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:55 am Worship Service
- 5:30 pm PJ Party and Lock-in

Tuesday, February 17

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

Wednesday, February 18

- 12:00 pm Lenten Worship/Luncheon at St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- Winter Break-
- No Regular Wednesday Night Activities
- 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

Stewardship Update	
Sunday, February 8, 2026	
Weekly Budget Needs	\$32,685.35
Budget Offering	\$43,321.00
YTD Budget Needs	\$196,112.10
YTD Budget Offering	\$214,880.34