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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 Second Sunday of Lent March 1, 2026

SERMON

Rev. Matt Sapp
"To Speak of What We Know"

SCRIPTURE

John 3:1-17
Genesis 12:1-4a

8:45 am

Worship Service
Special Music
Lord of the Small
Scarborough Women

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:55 am

Worship Service
Special Music
My Eternal King
The Chancel Choir

Nursery

Available for children
birth-three years

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

March 4 St. George Catholic 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 Newnan Presbyterian 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



The Flowering of Easter

We invite our members to contribute a \$10 donation as a special Easter remembrance. The names of those being remembered and/or honored will be included in the Easter Sunday worship folder. The money received this year will fund the flowering of the cross and a remembrance rose to take after Easter services. We encourage all of our families to bring cut flowers to decorate the outside cross. Order forms are available [here](#) or in the church office. Please send your order form and payment

to the church office or place it in the offering plate at any service. **The deadline is Monday, March 23.**

Pastor's Pen

The Virtues of Simplicity

Simplicity is our Lenten theme this year. On Sunday we talked a bit about how temptation (and our rationales for giving in to it) likes to hide in complexity. Simplicity in our faith and in our lives is one of the best ways to guard ourselves against the various temptations of the world.

Over the next several weeks in worship, we'll see Nicodemus make his newfound faith more complex than it needs to be. Jesus simplifies it for him. We'll see the woman at the well throwing up all kinds of objections to Christ's simple offer of new life. Jesus cuts through each objection one by one. We'll see a man born blind offer a simple testimony for how he regained his sight. No one believes his story can be that straightforward, but it is! And we'll see Lazarus experience new life with a simple word from God. No one thought it was possible, but it was!

Sometimes we hide behind a false complexity because we don't like the simple truth we're hearing. We don't want to understand something, so we intentionally make it more complicated than it needs to be.

Sometimes we can't believe how simple and straightforward God's good news through Jesus Christ is, so we assume there must be more to the story.

Sometimes God's simple truth asks us to get rid of things we would rather keep, so we construct complex arguments in an effort to have our cake and eat it, too.

In each case, complexity is something we introduce into the story. And in each case, God's truth turns out to be far simpler than we either imagined it to be or would like it to be.

Our goal this Lent is to arrive at Easter with simpler faiths, simpler narratives, and simpler lives so that we might be best prepared for the simple truth of God's salvation.

See you Sunday,

Matt

Senior Adult Ministry

Senior Adult trip 2027 Interest Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, 4:00 pm

Bring your ideas/suggestions with you! We will have a brief discussion in the sanctuary about possible ideas and then we'll research them and present them in a few weeks. If you are interested in the adult mission trip too, we will meet following this meeting at 4:30 pm.

Music Ministry

Thank you, Chancel Choir, Coleman, Henry, and Yen Yu, for your excellent worship leadership this past Sunday. The reminder for God to be in our heads, eyes, mouths, and understanding is so important in our lives today.

This Wednesday, February 25, in preparation for our Community Lenten Service, we will have an organ recital, beginning at **11:15 am**. Invite your friends to join for the recital and the Lenten service.

On **March 7, at 7:30 pm**, there will be a concert at the Wadsworth Auditorium celebrating the musical legacy of Charles Wadsworth. *You do not want to miss this!* Some of the finest artists you will ever hear are performing, including Ann Sanders (Oliver), and a choir made up of Newnan community singers led by me! Get your tickets NOW by clicking on this [link](#).

Gratefully,

Ronnie

CHARLES WADSWORTH
a celebration of musical spirit

MARCH 7, 2026 • 7:30PM
THE WADSWORTH AUDITORIUM
25 JEFFERSON STREET, NEWNAN

CHEE-YUN ANN SANDERS SARAH TAYLOR GWENDOLYN KUHLMANN TAJ STEPHENS JOE ARNOTTI TERRY LOWRY

& THE WADSWORTH CHAMBER PLAYERS
RONNIE OLIVER, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Sponsors: Spirit of Willows, SCS, PEACHY, NCAC, Piedmont, NEWNAN UTILITIES

Children's Ministry

VBS—Save the Date, June 1-4

Registration will open March 3! If you are interested in volunteering,

please reach out to [Amanda Willoughby](#) ASAP.



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 if registered before March 2. 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. Please email [Katie](#) if you're planning to run/walk with the group.

Adult Mission Trip Interest Meeting

Wednesday,
March 18, 4:30 pm

Interest meeting in the sanctuary for potential adult mission trip to Immokalee Florida to work with Rick Burnett and Cultivate Abundance in February of 2027.



**cultivate
abundance**

Women's Ministry

Ladies Coffee Hour



Thursday, March 5, 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, March 9 at 7:00 pm, the Lavinia Barron Book Group will meet in the Central Baptist Church Youth Room. The book for discussion will be "The Asset Mindset" by Daniel Fielding.

Youth Ministry

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.

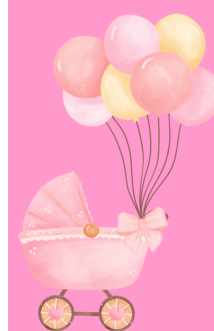
Sallie Pinson Steed

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.

Fernraiser

The youth will be selling ferns again this year as a fundraiser for the youth mission trip. Ferns are \$35 each. All orders must be placed by Wednesday, March 11. You can order from individual youth selling ferns or call the church office to order from the group. Ferns will be available for pickup on Wednesday, March 25, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm.



Westbrook Baby Shower

March 22, 5:30 pm,
Fellowship Hall

Let's celebrate with the Westbrooks as they prepare to welcome Miriam James to their family. Check out Miriam's birthday wish list [here!](#) This event will be hosted by our youth but our entire church family is invited to attend.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, March 1

- 8:45 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:55 am Worship Service
- 4:00 pm NCYC Rehearsal

Monday, March 2

- 7:15 am Youth Prayer Breakfast
- 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 3

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

Wednesday, March 4

- 12:00 pm Lenten Worship/Luncheon at St. George Catholic Church (*Date change*)
- 5:15 pm Wednesday Night Supper-Pasta Palooza (spaghetti, alfredo and marinara)
- 5:45 pm Grades 1-5 Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 6:00 pm PK-K Choir Rehearsal/Activity
- 6:00 pm REST, Communion Service
- 6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 5

- 9:00 am Ladies Coffee Hour at Leaf & Bean