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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 Fifth Sunday of Epiphany  
February 8, 2026**

### SERMON

Rev. Matt Sapp  
"Created to Stand Out"

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:13-20  
Psalm 46

**8:45 am and 10:55 am**  
We welcome  
**Mary McDonald**  
to worship as our  
**2026 Composer in Residence**

Worship Service  
Special Music  
*Crown Him Lord of All  
Glorious Name  
Be Still*  
The Chancel Choir  
Mary McDonald

### 9:45 am

Sunday School

### 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

**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



## Pastor's Pen

### The Integrity of Kindness

Last Sunday in worship we explored God's instruction through the prophet Micah that we are to be people who "love kindness." Too often these days, kindness seems to be in short supply. That fact is especially distressing to me when an absence of kindness exists among those who claim the name of Christ. As easy as it is to point to specific interactions today that fall short of the Christian kindness standard, it's important to remember that the kindness deficit isn't new. If it were, Micah wouldn't have been talking about it 3,000 years ago.

Throughout scripture, and most specifically through Christ's teaching and example, we are taught that we were created to be kind. As Christians, kindness is a core part of our identity—especially kindness to those we disagree with or to those who have wronged us, even to those who have broken the law (see the woman caught in adultery, the thief on the cross, or Paul, the murderer of Christians).

In that way, failures of kindness are failures of integrity. When we fail to be kind, we have failed to be fully and authentically who we were created to be. If it isn't kind, it isn't Christian. Even hard things can be done with kindness. Even intense conflict can acknowledge the human dignity and worth of all involved as those created in the image of God.

We reflect the identity of Christ best (we are most Christian) and we live with the most integrity (we are most fully ourselves), when we have the courage to stand up and stand out by being kind. We have a great opportunity right now to stand apart as Christians through the courage and integrity of our kindness.

So choose to be a champion for kindness this week. If you choose to champion kindness, it WILL stand out.

In a world where you can be anything, be kind. See you Sunday,

Matt

## Senior Adult Ministry



**Senior Adult Breakfast  
at Town & Country**  
Wednesday, Feb. 11, 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

What a great time of worship Sunday morning! Matt was back and the choir was in great form singing "Cornerstone" with Dominique and Taj—I think I even heard some clapping???)

As I told the choir Sunday morning, "The hits keep on coming!" This weekend Mary McDonald, composer, will join us on Friday and Saturday to work with the choir, then we'll enjoy her music in both services on Sunday. This is always a great time of worship and music for our congregation. So make sure to be in worship on Sunday—you'll have a meaningful time of worship and praise.

Please continue to pray for the good health of our musicians and to pray for good weather!

Save the date: On February 22 at 5:00 pm, Terry Lowry, concert pianist, will present a concert as a part of our Vestibule Series. Invite your friends to join you!

Gratefully,

Ronnie

### Central Baptist Church MUSIC MINISTRY

#### Annual Composer's Weekend

February 6-8

featuring the music of  
**Mary McDonald**  
Internationally known  
Composer



Mrs. McDonald will work with our Chancel Choir  
on Friday and Saturday.

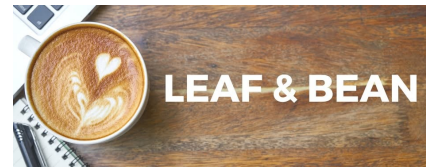
Her music will be included in both of our Worship Services  
on Sunday, February 8.

## Women's Ministry

### Lavinia Barron Book Group

On Monday, February 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 "Miracle at the Higher Grounds Cafe" by Max Lucado.

### Ladies Coffee Hour



Thursday, February 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.



### 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!

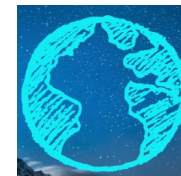
If your child is in 3rd-5th grade they are invited to SPEND THE NIGHT at the church!

Click [HERE](#) to sign up!

### PASSPORTkids Camp

When: July 12-15  
Where: Eatonton, GA  
Cost: \$408/person (church will pay a deposit for each child so you will only owe \$368.)

Sign up [HERE](#)!



## Youth Ministry



### Youth Super Bowl Party Sunday, Feb. 8, 6:00 pm

We are looking forward to our annual Super Bowl Party! We will meet at 6:00 pm in the Youth Loft to hang out, eat, and watch the game. Pick up is during halftime. If you can bring an appetizer or dessert to share with the group, please sign up [here](#)!

Youth Mission Impact, March 13-15, is a weekend of worship, missions, and fun! We will spend the weekend



worshiping 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.

Our theme this year is "Impact." Through worship, we will explore how our attitudes and actions make a difference in every area of our lives. We will then put that teaching into action on Saturday as we serve our community. Your students don't want to miss this fun, transformational weekend!

More information on the mission project and other details is coming soon!

\*Price includes meals, activities, and mission project costs. Register [HERE](#).

### 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.

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NEWNAN, GEORGIA

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### LOOKING AHEAD

**Sunday, February 8**

8:45 am Worship Service  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 10:55 am Worship Service  
 4:00 pm NCYC Rehearsal  
 6:00 pm Youth Super Bowl Party

**Monday, February 9**

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

**Tuesday, February 10**

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

**Wednesday, February 11**

9:00 am Senior Adult Breakfast at Town & Country  
 5:15 pm Wednesday Night Supper-Meatloaf  
 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, February 1, 2026**

Weekly Budget Needs	\$32,685.35
Budget Offering	\$76,701.34
YTD Budget Needs	\$163,426.75
YTD Budget Offering	\$171,920.34