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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 Fourth Sunday of Lent March 15, 2026

SERMON

Rev. Matt Sapp
"The Scandal of Simplicity"

SCRIPTURE

John 9:1-41
1 Samuel 16:1-13

8:45 am

Worship Service
Special Music
Be Thou My Vision
Scarborough Men

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:55 am

Worship Service
Special Music
*E'en So, Lord Jesus,
Quickly Come*
The Chancel Choir

Nursery

Available for children
birth-three years



Sunday, March 29,
4:00 pm

Home of Banks & Carol
Glover

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.

- 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

Cybersecurity & Fraud Awareness Seminar

- Financial Exploitation
- Scams
- Fraud Prevention

Date: Thursday, March 19

Time: 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Location: 14 West Broad Street

Please contact Brittney Walls at brittney@bullstrategicwealth.com if you plan to attend.



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

Striving Together

The story of the woman at the well in John chapter 4 begins with a competitive, even confrontational, conversation between Jesus and a Samaritan woman. The competition between the two centers on things like pride and ownership of place (the well), possession of the best resources (water), and even religious pedigrees. By the end of the story, though, competition and mistrust have given way to cooperation and mutual understanding as an entire Samaritan town comes to know and believe in Jesus.

As we explored that story together last Sunday, we talked about reframing our understanding of competition from "striving against" to "striving together." World champion marathoner Eliud Kipchoge has made this specific reframing of competition part of his mental approach to his sport, and he has made it his mission to share this idea of "striving together" with the world.

He's taken his understanding of competition back to its Latin roots; *com* means "with" or "together," *petere* means "to aim or strive for." Competition means "to strive together."

Too often we think of competition as being engaged in cross purposes or seeking opposing outcomes. Kipchoge's idea is that it's a privilege to compete with the best. We each strive to do our best and as we strive together we each make the other better.

When we reframe competition as cooperative efforts toward mutual improvement whole new worlds of possibilities open up for us. That's what happened in John chapter 4. It can happen in our lives, too.

For Eliud Kipchoge, "striving together" means that true achievement is not found in solitary victory, but in community-driven, sustainable, and joyful shared efforts that inspire everyone to aim higher—shared efforts that allow each of us to reach our full potential together in ways that would simply be impossible on our own.

The next time you find yourself "striving against" someone, see if there's a way to reframe the competition as "striving together." In the Bible, that kind of reframing was transformational, not only for the woman at the well, but also for her entire community. Maybe the same could be true for us, too.

See you Sunday,

Matt

Senior Adult Ministry

Senior Adult Trip 2027 Interest Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, 4:00 pm

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.

Music Ministry

We had a great weekend of music-making and worship! Several of our choir members participated in the Charles Wadsworth Tribute Concert on Saturday evening. This concert stands as one of the most significant cultural events in recent history here in Newnan. I'm glad that Central Baptist played an important part in our community's arts culture.

Then, on Sunday, the choir just sang so beautifully throughout the service—please make sure you convey to all our musicians your appreciation of their contribution to worship. They help us to be still and focus, listening for God's voice.

This Sunday, Emily Caitlin Dowling will join us in the morning services and present an organ recital at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Invite your friends to join you for fellowship and music.

Gratefully,

Ronnie

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH ORGAN RECITAL

featuring
**EMILY CAITLIN
DOWLING**

performing works by
BACH, GIGOUT,
FRANCK, SANDRESKY,
WRIGHT, FRENCH,
& VIERNE



SUNDAY, MARCH 15 • 5:00 PM
14 WEST BROAD STREET, NEWNAN

Children's Ministry

VBS, June 1-4

8:45 am-12:00 pm daily
PreK-4 through 7th grade

Vacation Bible School Registration is now open! Register [here](#).

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Amanda Willoughby [here](#).



Women's Ministry

Purses in the Pew

Monday, March 23, 11:00 am

Rev. Terri Byrd

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

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



Missions

Adult Mission Trip Interest Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, 4:30 pm



**cultivate
abundance**

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.



**HELPING
HANDS
MINISTRY**

Helping Hands has been active since 2008. We are a group of volunteers who help people when they are

in need. We have done some minor home repairs, built wheelchair ramps, built and repaired handrails, painted rooms, cleaned houses, and done yard work. We have done things as small as changing a light bulb, picking up medicine or groceries, and even taking people to the doctor. Also, we have furnished canes, wheelchairs, and scooters. The list goes on...

We receive project suggestions from our pastor, our church members, community organizations, the community, etc. We help people in the community and church members. Our projects are financed through donations.

Perhaps you would like to have your name added to the **Helping Hands** team. You are under **no obligation** to do any of the projects, but if you discover one that you could help with, that would be great. Just contact the church or me and I will add you to our list.

Central Baptist Church 770-683-0610 or Barbara Walls: 770-301-7316, barbwalls13@gmail.com

Our bodies are a gift from God and intended to be used for God's service. 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

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

All fern orders and money are due on Wednesday, March 11 and should be turned in to the church office. Please be sure order forms are clearly labeled with youth member names.

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.



New Member

Please welcome Ron Preuss, who joined Central Baptist Church on Sunday, March 8, by statement of faith.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, March 15

- 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

Monday, March 16

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

Tuesday, March 17

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

Wednesday, March 18

- 12:00 pm Lenten Worship/Luncheon at First United Methodist Church
- 5:15 pm Wednesday Night Supper-Chicken Fingers
- 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

Thursday, March 19

- 9:00 am Ladies Coffee Hour at Leaf & Bean
- 1:00 pm Cyber Security Awareness Seminar in Fellowship Hall