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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 Third Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026

SERMON

Rev. Matt Sapp
"Rejoicing Together"

SCRIPTURE

John 4:5-42
Exodus 17:1-7

8:45 am

Worship Service
Special Music
Marchin' On Up
Chance McCoy

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:55 am

Worship Service
Special Music
For the Beauty of Earth
The Chancel Choir

Nursery

Available for children
birth-three years

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
SPRING FORWARD



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS THIS
SUNDAY, MARCH 8

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 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



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.**

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.

Pastor's Pen

To Speak of What We Know

When we introduced our Lenten theme of "Simplicity" two Sundays ago in worship, many of you shared with me the familiar adage, "K.I.S.S., Keep It Simple, Stupid," on your way out the door. "Keep it Simple, Stupid" could have been the title of last Sunday's sermon. I called it "To Speak of What We Know" instead. In our life of faith, it's enough to speak only of the things we know for sure, while admitting we don't have everything figured out yet.

In *my* life of faith, "I don't know" is very often the most faithful response I can give. But here's something I do know. The more closely I follow Jesus' teaching and example, the better my life gets. There are lots of things I don't completely understand about our faith, and even more that I don't understand at all, but I do know that.

What if we had the courage and confidence to testify boldly to the things we *do* know about our faith and the humility to say, "I'm still trying to figure that out," to everything else?? That was our main question on Sunday. What if we told our friends who wonder why we go to church that our experience at church—and the things we learn here—and the relationships we build—make our lives simpler, more meaningful, and more fulfilling?

What if we just said, "I like who I'm becoming and who my family is becoming more when we focus more on some of the things our faith teaches us." That's a pretty powerful testimony. You don't have to be a theologian to be a Christian or a Bible scholar to follow Jesus.

We don't have to have this whole thing figured out; that's God's job. We can simply choose to follow Jesus one step at a time. Thanks be to God.

Keep it simple. 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

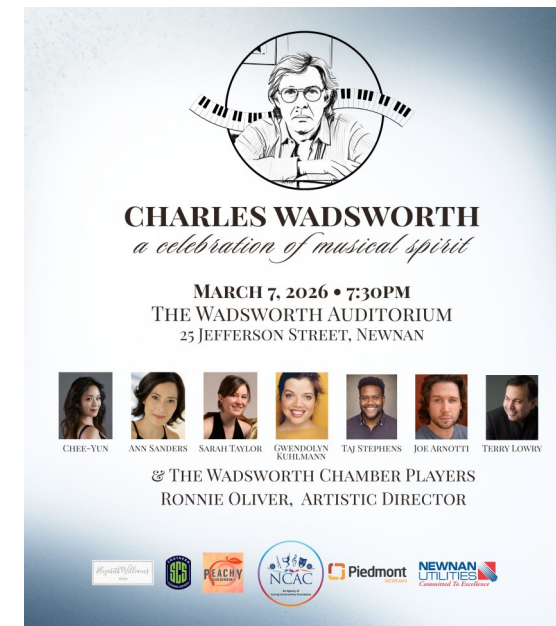
"My Eternal King" is one of those anthems that demand much of us and is so gratifying, as well. Thank you, Chancel Choir, for your beautiful and powerful singing. Thank you, Henry, Yen Yu, and the Scarbrough Women for your meaningful musical offerings. What a wonderful team of musicians we have here at Central!

This Saturday, many of our singers are joining the Charles Wadsworth Tribute concert. Get your tickets [here](#). The concert is on Saturday, March 7, at 7:30 pm at the Wadsworth Auditorium—this is one event you DO NOT want to miss!

And, on Sunday, March 15, at 5:00 pm we have a guest organist presenting a recital in the Sanctuary. Come hear Emily Caitlin Dowling as she presents works by Bach, Gigout, Franck, and Vierne.

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 KUBERMANNS TAJ STEPHENS JOE ARSOTTI TERRY LOWMY

& THE WADSWORTH CHAMBER PLAYERS
RONNIE OLIVER, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

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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

Missions

Amani Sasa International Women's Day Virtual 5K

Saturday, March 7

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.



**cultivate
abundance**

Adult Mission Trip Interest Meeting

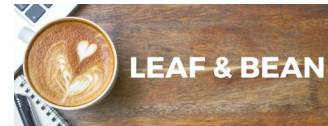
Wednesday, March 18,
4:30 pm

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.

Women's Ministry

Ladies Coffee Hour

Thurs., 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.



Mahjong Fellowship

Saturday, April 18,
10:00 am

Join us for a morning of fun as we gather to play Mahjong and connect on April 18 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Register [here](#).

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.



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.



New Members

Please welcome Jeffrey and Ashley Pope, along with their children Kathryn and Chandler, who joined Central Baptist Church on Sunday, March 1, by statement of faith.

Please welcome Lori and Lee Rourk, who joined Central Baptist Church on Sunday, March 1, by statement of faith.

Please welcome Penlea Smith, who joined Central Baptist Church on Sunday, March 1, by profession of faith.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, March 8

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

Monday, March 9

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

Tuesday, March 10

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

Wednesday, March 11

- 12:00 pm Lenten Worship/Luncheon at Newnan Chapel First United Methodist Church
- 5:15 pm Wednesday Night Supper-BBQ
- 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