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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.

**Palm Sunday**  
**March 29, 2026**

### SERMON

Rev. Matt Sapp  
"The Turmoil of the City"

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:1-11  
Psalm 118:1-2,19-29

### 8:45 am

Worship Service  
Special Music  
*Meditation on*  
*Laudes Domini*  
The Handbell Choir

### 9:45 am

Sunday School

### 10:55 am

Worship Service  
Special Music  
*Ride On, King Jesus*  
The Chancel Choir

### Nursery

Available for children  
birth-three years



## Ecumenical Lenten Worship & Luncheon Schedule

March 25, 12:00 pm

Newnan Presbyterian Church  
Rev. Andrew Chappell preaching



# HOLY WEEK



CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWNAN, GA  
SERVICES TO REMEMBER, REFLECT, AND REJOICE

### Palm Sunday

8:45 am & 10:55 am  
Palms & Children's  
Choirs at 10:55 service.

### Good Friday

11:15 am  
Sanctuary Opens  
11:35 am  
Communion Service

### Easter Sunday

8:45 am & 10:55 am  
Easter Services  
*Identical services*

### Palm Sunday, March 29

8:45 am and 10:55 am Worship  
4:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt (31 Alpine Dr.)

### Wednesday, April 1, 5:15 pm

Easter Bring-A-Dish Supper  
(Please bring a side or dessert, the church will provide the meat.)  
\*Regular Wednesday Night Activities\*

### Good Friday, April 3

11:15 am Open Sanctuary  
11:35 am Shared Communion

### Easter Sunday, April 5

8:45 am and 10:55 am Worship

(Please bring flowers or cuttings from flowering shrubs or trees  
from your yard to decorate the cross in front of the sanctuary.)

## Pastor's Pen

### The Week Before Holy Week

It's the week before Holy Week. This is the time of year when I offer my annual reminder not to wait until Holy Week to get ready for Easter. You can start getting mentally and spiritually prepared now. An electricity starts to build during Holy Week, a kind of crackling in the atmosphere, as the infinite prepares to invade the finite, and the sacred and holy prepare to enter the realm of the ordinary and the mundane. If you pay attention, you might start to feel it even now. Here are four things you can start doing today to be ready for Easter:

- 1. Slow down.** Create blank space in your life between now and Easter. Make a conscious decision to do less. It will help you develop an awareness of God's presence.
- 2. Focus on the spiritual.** How? Take a special interest in the lives of your family members. Be aware of how they're feeling. Be especially attuned to both joy and worry. Take a personal inventory. How are you feeling? What's bothering you? Could you change something small in your life to improve it?
- 3. Read the Bible.** Even if it's not a regular practice of yours, devote time between now and Easter to scripture reading. This would be a great time to read the Sermon on the Mount ([Matthew 5-7](#)) or the Farewell Discourse in John ([John 14-17](#)).
- 4. Pray.** Pray for forgiveness, for mercy, and for righteousness. Pray for a new kind of justice to take hold in the world. Pray for courage. Pray for a new vision that allows you to see the world as God sees it. Pray for God's coming kingdom. Pray.

Start doing these things now so that you'll be ready for Holy Week. And then, when Holy Week rolls around, be with us at Central each time we gather for worship. You'll have three opportunities. They are listed below.

**Palm Sunday Worship, 8:45 am and 10:55 am**

**Good Friday**

**Open Sanctuary, 11:15 am**

**Communion Service, 11:35 am-noon**

**Easter Sunday Worship, 8:45 am and 10:55 am**

See you Sunday,

Matt

## Music Ministry

What a beautiful and needed reminder in worship on Sunday: even when life feels as though it is unraveling—whether quietly or all at once—there is still peace, joy, and hope to be found in Jesus. Each offering of music gently and powerfully pointed us toward that truth—Candler's "Without Him," the choir's "Like a River in My Soul," and Anne's offertory, "Jesus Paid It All."

Thank you, Central musicians, for so faithfully illuminating and deepening the message shared by Matt in worship.

This Palm Sunday, our Children's Choirs, Handbell Choir, and Chancel Choir will lead us in music as we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and begin our journey through Holy Week. I hope you will come and be part of this meaningful time together.

As we move toward Easter, the music ministry would be grateful for your prayers—for strength, good health, healing, and renewed energy in these coming days.

With gratitude,

Ronnie



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

## Women's Ministry

### Ladies Coffee Hour

Thurs., April 2, 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.

## Senior Adult Ministry



### Senior Adult Breakfast at Town & Country Resumes

Wednesday, April 8, 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!

## 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](#).



Sunday,  
May 10  
10:55 am  
Worship

If you would like to have your child dedicated in worship on Mother's Day, please give the church office the following information: Child's full name, date of birth, and parents' names, along with the names of living grandparents and great-grandparents.

Please [email](#) your information or call the church office. The deadline to submit this information is Friday, May 1.

## Youth Ministry



### Graduate Recognition Sunday, April 26

We want to rejoice with all Central members who are graduating this year from high school or college. Please email a senior photo along with information about them to [Courtney](#) no later than Friday, April 17.

We will celebrate our high school seniors and their families with breakfast during the Sunday School hour on April 26. As part of that breakfast, we will need 6-8 of your senior's cutest photos from birth to present (please include a senior picture) that we will use in a video honoring them. We will finish the day by recognizing our graduates during the 10:55 am worship service.

## 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.

### \*J.T. Haynes, Jr. Scholarship\*

Scholarship for Central Baptist Church high school seniors who have been members for five years or longer, are actively involved in the youth program and in school programs, missions and ministries.

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

### Fern Pickup Wednesday, March 25 4:00 pm-6:00 pm

Fern pickup will be located on the Spring Street side of the church under the porte cochere.



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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, March 29**

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

**Monday, March 30**

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

**Tuesday, March 31**

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 am Feeding Our Friends

**Wednesday, April 1**

- 5:15 pm Easter Bring-a-Dish
- 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

**Good Friday, April 3**

- 11:15 am Open Sanctuary
- 11:35 am Shared Communion