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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.

**Easter Sunday  
April 5, 2026**

### SERMON

Rev. Matt Sapp  
"Transforming Encounters"

### SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-18  
1 Corinthians 15:20-22,  
54-58

### 8:45 am and 10:55 am

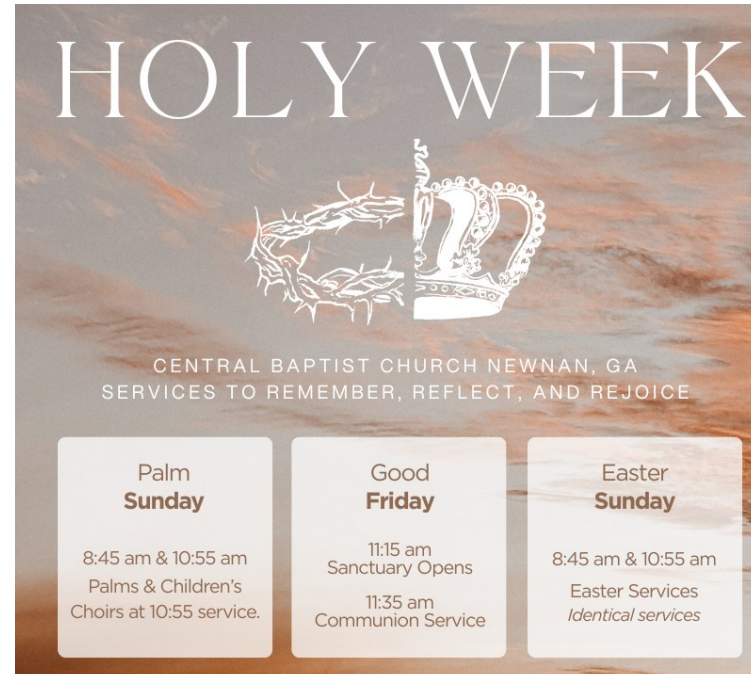
Worship Service  
Special Music  
*Crown Him!*  
The Chancel Choir  
Chamber Orchestra

### 9:45 am

Sunday School

### Nursery

Available for children  
birth-three years



**HOLY WEEK**

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

Palm Sunday	Good Friday	Easter Sunday
8:45 am & 10:55 am Palms & Children's Choirs at 10:55 service.	11:15 am Sanctuary Opens 11:35 am Communion Service	8:45 am & 10:55 am Easter Services <i>Identical services</i>

### 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.)



Another successful Easter Egg Hunt! Thanks to all who came!

A special thanks to Carol and Banks Glover for hosting us.  
And thanks to Katie Brady, Grier Brady, Sister Brady,  
Ellie Herdic and Bette Hickman for giving extra time  
to make this event so special!

## Pastor's Pen

### Preparing for Easter Celebration

There's an uncommon intensity to the biblical accounts of Holy Week. Few other places in scripture seem to match it. So each year I remind myself not to slide from Palm Sunday celebration to Easter celebration while missing all that happens in between.

The uncommon intensity of Holy Week is fueled by rising tension between Jesus and the Temple authorities. It's fueled by Jesus' internal anxiety about all that he is facing. It's fueled by misunderstanding and fear among the disciples. It's fueled by the energy and passion of the Passover festival crowd. It's fueled by the passing of responsibility back and forth between the Jewish High Priest and the Roman Governor. It's fueled by brutality and violence. It's fueled by love and loss. It's fueled by uncertainty and betrayal. It's fueled by injustice and seeming defeat.

There's an uncommon intensity to Holy Week that we shouldn't miss.

Our lives can feel overwhelming sometimes, even uncommonly intense. Betrayal and uncertainty are real for us, too. Sometimes it feels like the crowd has turned against us as well. Rising tension and interpersonal conflict are just as inevitable in our lives as they were in Jesus' life. Internal anxiety can be a real killer. Misunderstanding and fear about what God has planned next is as real in us today as it was for the disciples.

So, this week, feel all those things. Accept them. Remember that most of life, like most of Holy Week, is lived between celebrations. And in feeling and remembering, remember both that God understands how you feel because in Jesus God has been there—and remember that you are not alone.

And, remember that the swirling emotions and rising tension of Holy Week are not the end of the story. Easter's only five days away.

See you then,

Matt

## Music Ministry

What a joyful and energizing day we shared in worship on Sunday! We celebrated Palm Sunday in a beautifully "Central" way—Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, Children's Choirs, Henry, and Yen Yu—all offering our unique gifts to glorify God. What a gift it is to work together week after week.

Now we enter Holy Week—a sacred time to turn our hearts even more fully toward Jesus. These are the final days in which He prepared to do what He came to do: to take our sins upon Himself and open the way to eternal life. And the beauty of it all is this: we don't have to earn our place with Him—we can simply receive it.

I invite you to join me in embracing Matt's challenge for this week:

- Slow down
- Focus on the spiritual
- Read Scripture
- Pray

May we remember that our worship, no matter how excellent, only finds its true purpose when our eyes are fixed on Jesus.

Gratefully,

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](#).



### 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!

## Women's Ministry



### Purses in the Pew

Monday, April 27, 11:00 am

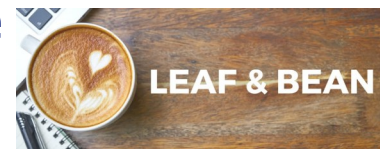
Kelli Hines and Christy Van Drew, Coweta Samaritan Clinic

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

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

### Ladies Coffee Hour

Thursday, 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.

## 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

Thank you to the youth, parents, and other church members who hosted our baby shower! It was a sweet afternoon of fellowship and celebration. Thank you to those who brought gifts, cards, and sent well wishes. You have made sure we are fully prepared for Miriam's arrival in May! Brian, Talmadge, and I feel so grateful for how our church cares for our family.



With Love,

Annie Westbrook



### 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.

### Middle School Movie Night

**Who:** Current 6th-8th graders

**What:** Movie night, dinner & snacks provided

**When:** April 18, 6:00 pm

**Where:** Central Baptist Youth Loft

Click [here](#) to RSVP.



## In Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Deanna McMurrain in the death of David McMurrain, who passed away on Saturday, March 21, 2026.

Sympathy is extended to Barbara, Greg, Bryan and their families in the death of their husband and father Charles Waites, who passed away on Friday, March 27, 2026.

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Easter Sunday, April 5**

8:45 am Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

10:55 am Worship Service

**Tuesday, April 7**

7:00 am Men's Bible Study

10:00 am Feeding Our Friends

**Wednesday, April 8**

Spring Break-Wednesday Night Activities  
Resume April 15

9:00 am Senior Adult Breakfast at Town & Country