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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.

**Third Sunday of Easter  
April 19, 2026**

### SERMON

Rev. Matt Sapp  
"Spiritual Synchronicity"

### SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-25  
1 Peter 1:17-23

### 8:45 am

Worship Service  
Special Music  
*I'd Rather Have Jesus*  
Ronnie Oliver

### 9:45 am

Sunday School

### 10:55 am

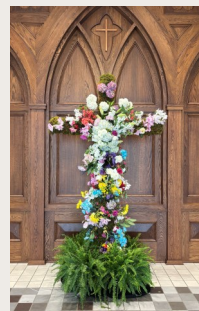
Worship Service  
Special Music  
*Steal Away*  
The Chancel Choir,  
Chance McCoy, soloist

### Nursery

Available for children  
birth-three years

## Easter Flowers Thank You

We extend sincere thanks to Beth and Randall Duncan for making the cross; Ellis McEntire, Sally McEntire and Elizabeth Williams for the flowering of the cross; and Kay Cawthon and Susan Conlan for the Easter roses.



## CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH VESTIBULE SERIES

# BROADWAY

on West Broad

featuring  
Lindsey Archer, Alyssa Ryan,  
Joe Arnotti, Drew Archer, Taj Stephens,  
& Coleman Ryan

Sunday, April 19 - 5:00 pm  
14 West Broad Street, Newnan

## 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.



## Pastor's Pen

### Spiritual Synchronicity

Sometimes everything in the universe seems to line up just right. Sometimes all the pieces seem to fall into place. Sometimes it seems as if God is trying to tell you something. One word for that experience is synchronicity. Often, synchronicity is dismissed as a random coincidence without meaning. But I wonder if synchronicity might sometimes be a way that God nudges us.

We'll talk about synchronicity in scripture as part of our worship on Sunday. Synchronous events happen often enough in the Bible that we shouldn't be so quick to dismiss them. In one example from Luke 24, a couple traveling on the road to Emmaus meet a stranger who strikes up a conversation with them as they walk into town together.

In hindsight, the couple realizes there was more to their encounter than they initially realized. They use phrases like "our eyes were opened," and "our hearts burned within us," to describe their experience. They had met just the right person with just the right truth at just the right time. And just as quickly as they realized the synchronicity, the moment was gone.

That's how we experience synchronicity too, isn't it? In these weeks after Easter, as we continue to celebrate the truth that God is alive and active in our world, we shouldn't be surprised that God might come alongside us every now and then to give us a nudge.

Maybe this week we can all be more open to God's nudges than we were before Easter. Transforming encounters happen all the time.

See you Sunday,

Matt

## In Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Jerry Hicks and family in the death of Cheryl Hicks, who passed away on Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

Sympathy is extended to Ron Preuss in the death of his sister, Nancy Preuss Smith, who passed away on Tuesday, April 14, 2026.

## Music Ministry

Thank you to Mary Jane, the Chancel Choir, and Henry and Yen Yu for their leadership in worship this past Sunday—it truly offered something meaningful for every musical taste.

This Sunday, we continue our Vestibule Series with "Broadway on West Broad," featuring performers from Central and across the Newnan community. You won't want to miss this delightful afternoon of Broadway favorites—both classic and contemporary. Join us at 5:00 pm in the Vestibule, and be sure to invite friends!

I'd also like to ask you to begin praying for those of us who will be traveling to France in June. As we prepare, I want to share a portion of a devotional written for us by Bo Wren: "This trip is also an opportunity for God to shape your perspective. Seeing another part of the world and interacting with people different from yourselves can deepen your understanding of how big God's kingdom truly is. It reminds us that the mission of Christ extends far beyond our church walls in Newnan, Georgia."

This is more than simply a "fun" trip—it is an opportunity to share the gifts God has given us and the joy we experience through singing. Thank you for praying for our health, safety, and for meaningful opportunities to share the love of Christ with all we encounter.

Gratefully,

Ronnie

## Senior Adult Ministry

### Senior Adult Breakfast at Town & Country

Wednesday, April 22, 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!



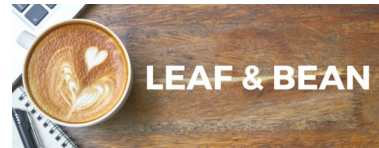
### Wednesday Night Supper Dessert Sign-Up

We are looking for a few volunteers to help with desserts for a few Wednesday Night Supper's this Spring. If you are interested in signing up, please click [here](#) and review the available slots. Thank you!

## Women's Ministry

### Ladies Coffee Hour

Thursday, April 16,  
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, 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.

## 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

### 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.



### UniDiversity Youth Camp

Monday, July 6-Friday, July 10

Join us for a life-changing week this summer for UniDiversity at Maryville College! UniDiversity is one of the best weeks of the year. It's a week filled with worship, Bible Study, special seminars, sports and activities, and so much more. Camp week brings students closer to God and closer to each other. We hope as many students as possible will come grow in faith and play together with friends from churches all over the Southeast. Register [here](#)!

### 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](#).



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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, April 19**

8:45 am Worship Service  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 10:55 am Worship Service  
 4:00 pm NCYC Rehearsal  
 5:00 pm Vestibule Series, Broadway on West Broad

**Monday, April 20**

7:15 am Youth Prayer Breakfast

**Tuesday, April 21**

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

**Wednesday, April 22**

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, April 12, 2026**

Weekly Budget Needs	\$32,685.35
Budget Offering	\$18,975.07
YTD Budget Needs	\$490,280.25
YTD Budget Offering	\$566,368.04