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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.

Ascension Sunday
May 17, 2026

SERMON

Rev. Matt Sapp
"How to Have an Ordered Life"

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:6-14
John 17:1-11

8:45 am

Worship Service
Special Music
My Jesus I Love Thee
Sam Weis

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:55 am

Worship Service
Special Music
Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal
The Chancel Choir

Nursery

Available for children birth-three years

Church Picnic at Newnan Utilities Carl Miller Park Wednesday, May 13 5:00 pm



Come celebrate another successful school year with us as we get ready for the fun of summer to begin!

The church will provide hotdogs and hamburgers, buns, chips, cheese, ketchup, mustard, relish, paper products, charcoal, and drinks. Please sign up [here](#) for a side dish or dessert and comment what you will bring so we don't all bring the same thing! We will have a donation basket to help cover the cost of what the church is providing.

If you are interested in volunteering to cook or help organize, there is also a place to sign up for that!

Here's to another successful family picnic in the making!

In case of rain, picnic will be moved to the Fellowship Hall.



VBS, June 1-4

Final Day to Register is this Friday, May 15!

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

T-shirts cannot be guaranteed for registrations after May 8.

Registration CLOSES May 15!

**Please understand that for the safety of our children and out of respect for our volunteers, we will not allow registrations after this date! Tell all your friends and family to register before May 15! Thank you in advance for your understanding! Register [here](#).

Rise Against Hunger will be here during VBS week, June 1-4, and we are looking for volunteers.

Please sign up [here](#) (18 and older).

*The truck will be here to drop off materials after church Sunday, May 31 at 1:00 pm. We are looking for volunteers to set up the tables in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 10:55 am service. If anyone is available to help unload the RAH truck starting at 1:00 pm...the more hands, the merrier.



Pastor's Pen

God Is Never Far Away

As we transition into summer at Central, I wonder if we might carry a theme from last Sunday's sermon forward with us: God is never far away.

That's one of the things Paul preached at the Areopagus in Athens in Acts 17. As he was surrounded by temples and shrines to all kinds of gods, and as he listened to philosophers and orators speak on behalf of all the other deities, one of the things Paul shared to distinguish our God from the other gods of the culture was God's constant nearness. God is never far away.

Through Christ, through His resurrection, through the authority of sacred scripture, and by the enduring power and presence of God's Holy Spirit, we serve and worship a God who has come near—and who remains near.

God created us to live in a certain time and place (Acts 17:26). As we go about our lives this summer, that's important to remember. Wherever we go and whatever we're doing, we are in the time and place for which God has specifically created us. And, wherever you are, whatever you're doing this summer, God is never far away.

For most of us, most of life is spent in a search of truth and meaning. We don't usually feel as if we're right in the center of understanding all the mysteries of life. That's Paul's first central claim in Acts 17.

But God created us to live in this time and place (Newnan, GA in 2026) so that in our fumbling about for meaning we might find Him through the truth revealed in the resurrected Jesus Christ. That's the second, more important truth in Paul's sermon.

So, as you wind your way through summer, even as we all kind of "fumble" our way forward through life, remember this: God is never far away.

See you Sunday.

Matt

Music Ministry

What a joy it was to have our children's choirs lead us in worship! Their enthusiasm, sincerity, and beautiful singing were a wonderful reminder of God's work among us through the next generation. A heartfelt thank you to the dedicated leaders of these choirs, who are so consistent, committed, and energetic in nurturing the faith and musical gifts of our young people. Please take a moment to express your gratitude to them when you have the opportunity. Thank you as well to Becky, Yen Yu, and Henry for their meaningful contributions and faithful support.

This Sunday, May 17, the Newnan Community Youth Choir will present their final concert of the season, *He's Got the Whole World*. This inspiring program will reflect on God's loving care for us and challenge us to extend that same care to others. We are also delighted that Chance McCoy will share a portion of his senior recital as part of the evening. We hope you will join us at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall—and be sure to invite your friends, family, and colleagues.

Please continue to pray for those participating in our upcoming Paris trip. Pray for good health, safe travels, and above all, that God will be honored and glorified in everything we do.

Gratefully,

Ronnie

newnan community youth choir



HE'S GOT
THE
WHOLE WORLD

Sunday, May 17 • 5pm
14 West Broad Street, Newnan

Women's Ministry

Purses in the Pew

Monday, May 18, 11:00 am

Lori Burnette, Backpack Buddies



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

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



Ladies Coffee Hour

Thursday, May 21, 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 and Local Mission Opportunity This Wednesday, May 13

Join us this Wednesday at 9:00 am for Senior Adult Breakfast at Town & Country. After breakfast, those who are able can head to One Roof from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm to help sort and pack food items for the Georgia Nutrition Program. to help.

Senior Adult Trip -Fall 2026

Join our Senior Adults on a "choose your own adventure" trip in Tennessee and Kentucky. We will stop one night to explore Chattanooga, TN then make our way to Bardstown, KY for a few nights. Join the group on a day trip to the Ark Encounter in Northern KY or spend an extra day in Bardstown. Gather with our group for a dinner train experience on the last night. If you want more information, contact [Katie](#). If you are interested please fill out the form [here](#).



Youth Ministry

Last Prayer Breakfast Before Summer!

Prayer breakfast is this Monday at 7:15 am!



The Prayer Breakfast is a great opportunity to start the school week with fellowship and focus on God together. We have Chick-fil-A breakfast provided for students and participate in a devotional and prayer time together. See you there!

Missions

Romania Mission Trip June 10-20

Please pray for our mission team as they prepare to facilitate a five night kids camp for the children from the Ruth School in Bucharest, Romania.

Our team will need to take a lot of supplies to make this camp a success. Please check out our Amazon wish list [HERE](#).

We are in need of some old suitcases (**large** checked bag size) you are willing to donate that can be left behind if needed.

We are also in need of one thing you can find around the house; please save your paper towel rolls.

**We have enough brown packing paper, thanks for your quick response.



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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, May 17

8:45 am Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

10:55 am Worship Service

5:00 pm NCYC Concert

Monday, May 18

7:15 am Youth Prayer Breakfast

11:00 am Purses in the Pew

Tuesday, May 19

7:00 am Men's Bible Study

10:00 am Feeding Our Friends

Wednesday, May 20

6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 21

9:00 am Ladies Coffee Hour at Leaf & Bean

**Stewardship Update
Sunday, May 10, 2026**

Weekly Budget Needs	\$32,685.35
Budget Offering	\$33,943.00
YTD Budget Needs	\$621,021.65
YTD Budget Offering	\$653,018.67