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# The Challenge

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

## THIS SUNDAY

View our 10:00 am worship service Sunday live on our website or directly from YouTube.

**Pentecost Sunday**  
**May 24, 2026**

### SERMON

Rev. Matt Sapp  
"The Enduring Power of God's Holy Spirit"

### SCRIPTURE

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Acts 2:1-12

### 9:00 am

Sunday School

### 10:00 am

Worship Service  
Special Music  
*Give Me Jesus*  
The Chancel Choir

### Nursery

Available for children  
birth-three years

## Memorial Day Weekend Holiday Service Schedule

**Sunday, May 24**  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship

Thank you to all who came to celebrate the end of another great year of family night suppers with us last Wednesday! And a big thanks to all who made this night possible...our cooks, organizers, transporters, God for the beautiful weather, and all who brought delicious sides and desserts. Happy Summer!



## Summer Worship Schedule

### All Sundays in June and July

9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship

*Summer @ Central*

**May 24**  
9am • Sunday School  
10am • Worship

**May 31**  
8:45am/10:55am • Worship  
9:45am • Fifth Sunday Breakfast  
& Missions Update

**June & July**  
9am • Sunday School  
10am • Worship

*Join us!*

## Pastor's Pen

### Spring Cleaning

On Ascension Sunday we talked about giving order to our lives and about the order that Christ brings to the universe when he assumes his rightful place at the right hand of God. Many of you came out of worship talking to me about spring cleaning—about working at home to give order to your physical spaces—about getting rid of things that no longer served their intended purposes or that you no longer had a great place for.

We did some of that at the Sapp house this weekend, too. It's nice when your life has a bit more order and organization to it, isn't it?

I defined order on Sunday as giving everything in life a specific purpose and a proper place. That includes all our stuff, of course, but it also includes habits, practices, relationships, mind-sets, and attitudes. It's important to give order to the non-physical parts of who we are, too. I know I have habits, relationships, and patterns of behavior that no longer serve me as well as they used to.

One of the best ways to aim for order as Christians is to remember Christ's two-fold purpose and two-fold place. Christ is both Lord and Savior—Lord of our lives now and Savior for all eternity. If you don't allow Christ to be both, you miss God's complete purpose in sending Jesus to earth. And Christ belongs both at the right hand of God in heaven and right at the top and in the center of who you are. This gives order both to the universe and to our individual lives.

Keep Christ in the right place in your life. It will help create a sense of order in you. Give everything a specific purpose and a proper place.

See you Sunday.

Matt

## Music Ministry

God blessed us with another meaningful Sunday of worship! Thank you to the Chancel Choir, Sam, Yen Yu, and Henry for helping lead us to focus on Jesus and bring order to the chaos we may be experiencing in our own lives. I especially appreciated Matt's definition of order: "Give everything a specific purpose and a proper place." I know that when I fail to do this in my own life, anxiety and frustration can quickly take over. How grateful I am that each Sunday, through worship, I can find renewed purpose and order—a sacred opportunity to "reset" for the week ahead.

We also shared a wonderful afternoon of music with the Newnan Community Youth Choir (NCYC). Their concert beautifully centered on sharing God's love with everyone we encounter—through our relationships, through caring for one another in times of loneliness, and through being a positive light and example in the world. NCYC is an important and meaningful part of the Newnan community, and I hope you will continue to pray that this ministry may shine brightly throughout Coweta County.

Gratefully,

Ronnie

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.

The church newsletter, *The Challenge*, will not be published the week of May 25. The newsletter will resume the week of June 1.

Please refer to our [website](#) and calendar for up-to-date information.

## Women's Ministry



### 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 at Town & Country

Wednesday, May 27, 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!



### TN & KY Senior Adult Trip Sept. 2-Sept. 6

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. Click [here](#) to sign up and for more detailed information!

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## Cyber Security Longterm Care Training

Wed., June 3, 6:30 pm

You're invited to a Long-Term Care Planning Event hosted by Bull Strategic Wealth, Westhill Newnan Crossing Assisted Living, and OneAmerica Financial.

Join us on June 3 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary for an informative presentation on long-term care planning, assisted living options, and protecting your family's financial future.

Light refreshments will be served in the Vestibule following the presentation.

## Youth Ministry

### Prayer Breakfast will resume in the Fall!

## 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.

Katie

## Top 2 Toe program

This year our VBS offering will go towards sponsoring children through Bridging the Gap's "Top 2 Toe program".

This program is similar to Christmas in Coweta. We will sponsor children and buy clothes they need for the beginning of the school year. In addition to VBS donations, we will have tags for children on a decorated tree in the vestibule at the beginning of July. We hope many of our families will sponsor one of these children. More details to come.



## Children's Ministry



### Save the Date! Family Night Out at the Legacy Theater

Wednesday, July 29, 7:00 pm

Look for registration and details in the next Challenge!

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, May 24**

9:00 am Sunday School  
 10:00 am Worship Service

**Monday, May 25**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR  
MEMORIAL DAY

**Tuesday, May 26**

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

**Wednesday, May 27**

9:00 am Senior Adult Breakfast at  
Town & Country  
 6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, May 31**

8:45 am Worship Service  
 9:45 am 5th Sunday Breakfast and  
Update from our Thailand  
Mission Partners  
 10:55 am Worship Service

**Stewardship Update  
Sunday, May 17, 2026**

Weekly Budget Needs	\$32,685.35
Budget Offering	\$57,741.00
YTD Budget Needs	\$653,707.00
YTD Budget Offering	\$710,759.67