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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.

**Thirteenth Sunday
After Pentecost
August 23, 2026**

SERMON

Rev. Matt Sapp
"Origin Stories"

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 1:8-2:10
Matthew 16:13-20

8:45 am

Worship Service
Special Music
God of Grace
Mary Jane Levann

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:55 am

Worship Service
Special Music
I Will Be a Child of Peace
The Chancel Choir

Nursery

Available for children
birth-three years

Labor Day Weekend Worship

**Sunday,
September 6**

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship

Back to School Schedule

Ministry Fair Night

Wednesday, August 19

5:15 pm-Ministry Fair Supper-Tacos
6:00 pm-Ministry Fair

Regular Wednesday Night Activities Resume

Wednesday, August 26

5:15 pm-Wednesday Night Supper-Fried Chicken
6:00 pm-All Children's Choirs (Pre-K through Grade 5)
6:00 pm-Youth Group
6:00 pm-Adult Bible Study
6:45 pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal



5th Sunday Breakfast

August 30, 9:45 am

We had a great kickoff to collecting items for the new Elevate room at Arnco-Sargent. If you haven't had a chance to donate and still wish to, please bring items from the updated list below to the church anytime between now and August 30.

Representatives from Elevate Coweta will be here to share more about their program during our 5th Sunday breakfast.

Wish List

Elementary Girls shorts or pants (gently used or new)

Girls & Boys deodorant, Socks—Boys & Girls Toddler size,
Boys boxer briefs, Girls underwear

Dear Church Members:

The Finance Committee and Board of Deacons are in the process of budgeting for the year 2027. Thankfully, we have had a very large increase in online giving. While online giving is way up because of convenience, bank charges related to online giving by credit card payments do carry a bank fee to the church which is also up as an expense item.

As we try to be good stewards of our church funds, please consider rounding up your giving to cover the bank fee as you set up your giving online.

An ACH transaction directly from your checking account carries a miniscule fee which would also assist us with this budget item.

We appreciate the regular, online system of giving. It has been a real blessing and assists with smoothing out the monthly financials. As always, let's stay mission minded; doing all we can to support the work of the church and promote our holy Lord to the world.

Pastor's Pen

All Bound Up Together

On Sunday we talked about the story of Joseph and his brothers from the final chapters of Genesis. In a dramatic scene in Genesis 45, Joseph reveals himself to his long-lost brothers; announces he has forgiven them for what they did to him so long ago; encourages them to forgive themselves; and then invites them to move to Egypt to live with him in all the luxury his prominent position in Pharaoh's household can afford. It's quite a scene.

Joseph also says that God had used the worst event of his life (being sold into slavery by his brothers) for good. He says it had become a blessing. On the flip side, his brothers worst mistake (betraying Joseph) was now becoming a blessing to them as well. So often we see the individual pieces of our lives as separate and discrete—and as all one thing or all another. This piece of my life was good. That part was bad. That event was blessing. That ordeal was a curse.

In reality, though, life doesn't usually work like that. Very often, God is on the other side of disappointment or betrayal. God is even on the other side of the biggest mistakes we make. Blessings and curses, tragedies and triumphs, successes and failures, good times and bad—they're all bound up together. And God is woven into all of them.

That's not to say, "Everything happens for a reason," or "It's all part of God's plan." God doesn't have to be "in" the worst things we do or the worst things we experience to be waiting on the other side. I wonder how our lives would change if we began to really believe that God could be on the other side of our biggest mistakes? Or that God could turn around our biggest disappointments and use them for good?

What was true in Genesis 45 can be true for us, too.

See you Sunday,

Matt

Missions

**Adult/Family
Mission Trip**  **cultivate
abundance**
February 16-20, 2027

We are taking a group to learn and experience firsthand Rick and Ellen Burnette's mission, Cultivate Abundance, in Immokalee, FL.

Please register [here](#) if you are interested in joining us and to learn more information.

Music Ministry

Thank you to Rusty, the Chancel Choir, Henry, and Yen Yu for sharing such a meaningful and diverse selection of music in our worship services. The Music Ministry strives to offer excellent music that lifts our hearts and minds toward the Creator and Lord of our lives, Jesus Christ. Our prayer is that, through the music and worship each week, you will experience God's presence and be encouraged to worship Him in spirit and in truth.

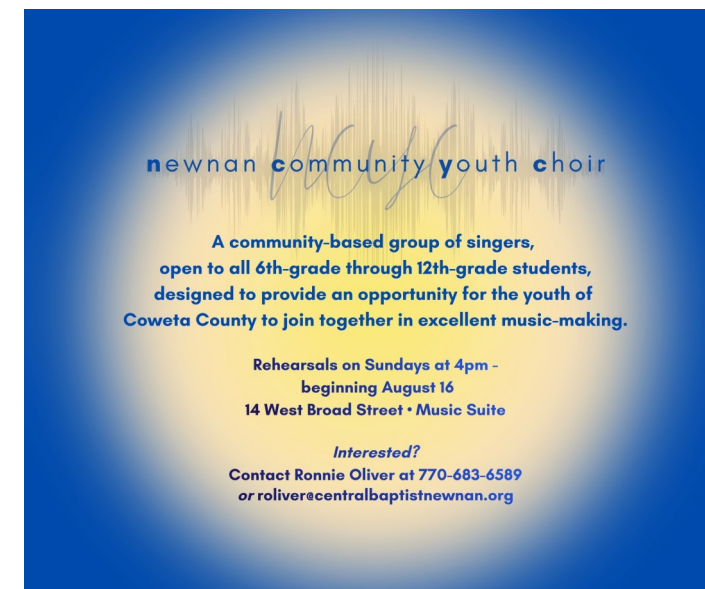
An important part of our Music Ministry is the Scarbrough Scholar Program. This program provides emerging musicians with opportunities to share and develop their God-given gifts through worship services and the music ministries of Central Baptist. We are grateful for the Scholars who serve alongside us in the choir and help enrich our worship through their musical gifts.

Please join us in praying for this ministry—that our Scarbrough Scholars will continue to grow both musically and spiritually, and that God will use their gifts to bless our congregation and glorify Him.

This Sunday, you'll find a handout as you enter the Sanctuary introducing you to our current Scholars. Take a moment to learn more about them, and be sure to introduce yourself!

Gratefully,

Ronnie



newnan community youth choir

A community-based group of singers,
open to all 6th-grade through 12th-grade students,
designed to provide an opportunity for the youth of
Coweta County to join together in excellent music-making.

Rehearsals on Sundays at 4pm -
beginning August 16
14 West Broad Street • Music Suite

Interested?
Contact Ronnie Oliver at 770-683-6589
or roliver@centralbaptistnewnan.org

In Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Barbara Cleveland, in the death of Chuck Cleveland, who passed away on Friday, August 7, 2026.

Women's Ministry

Join us
September 8!

Total Christmas Makeover
by Melissa Spoelstra



Have you ever had the good intentions of doing an advent devotional and when the month of December arrives it gets shoved to the side? Our Decembers have become so full and often it is hard to stay focused on the most important parts of the Christmas season.

Come join our ladies Bible study starting September 8 as we do a study leading up to Advent. We will do some focus and preparation throughout the semester so when Advent arrives, we can put our best foot forward as we celebrate our Saviors birth!

Tuesdays 5:30 pm-6:30 pm
Meet in the Cauthen-Cole Class
You can order your copy using this [link](#).

Please read the intro and Day 1 in preparation for September 8.



Ladies Coffee Hour
Thursday, August 20, 9:00 am

Join us every first and third
Thursday of the month at Leaf
and Bean.

Senior Adult Ministry

Senior Adult
Breakfast at Town
& Country

Wed., August 26, 9:00 am



Join us every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at Town and Country.



Lane Southern Orchards-
Macon, GA

Thursday, October 8

Join our senior adults as we travel down to Macon to visit Lane Southern Orchards. Click [here](#) for more details and to register!

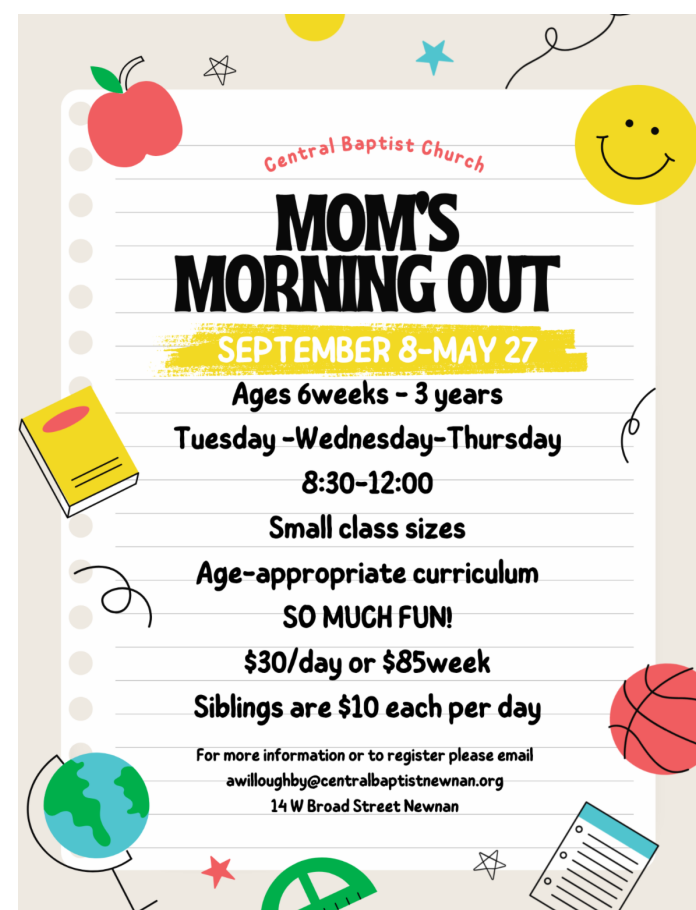
Youth Ministry



Calling All Middle Schoolers!

All middle schoolers are invited to our annual Middle School Retreat at Banning Mills! This is an awesome one-night event that helps kick off the school year with adventure and community. You don't want to miss out! Sign up [here](#)!

Children's Ministry



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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, August 23

8:45 am Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

10:55 am Worship Service

4:00 pm NCYC Rehearsal

Monday, August 24

7:15 am Youth Prayer Breakfast

6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Tuesday, August 25

7:00 am Men's Bible Study Resumes

10:00 am Feeding Our Friends

Wednesday, August 26

9:00 am Senior Adult Breakfast at Town & Country

5:15 pm Wednesday Night Supper-Fried Chicken

6:00 pm All Children's Choirs (Pre-K through Grade 5)

6:00 pm Youth Group

6:00 pm Adult Bible Study

6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Stewardship Update

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Weekly Budget Needs	\$32,685.35
Budget Offering	\$21,477.00
YTD Budget Needs	\$1,078,616.55
YTD Budget Offering	\$1,016,896.34