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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.

**Fourteenth Sunday
After Pentecost
August 30, 2026**

SERMON

Rev. Matt Sapp
"A Moment of Truth"

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3:1-15
Matthew 16:21-28

8:45 am

Worship Service
Special Music
*Come, Thou Fount of
Every Blessing*
Kalen Kennedy

9:45 am

5th Sunday Breakfast

10:55 am

Worship Service
Special Music
Fanny Crosby Medley
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

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

REST

a midweek prayer and communion service

**Wednesday,
September 2,
6:00 pm**

*A midweek prayer and
communion service*

Deacon Election Sunday, September 13

The deacon eligibility list is enclosed this week and includes anyone 21 years of age or older who has been a church member for at least a year. Inactive and out-of-town members have been removed from the list.

If you do not wish to be on the list, please call the church office and your name will be removed. Also, if we have inadvertently left off anyone who wishes to be considered, please call the office. Lists will be available Wednesday and Sunday. The final list will be available on Sunday, September 6. This year we will be electing six new deacons to serve a three-year term.

Please prayerfully consider this election of servant leadership for Central.

Pastor's Pen

Straight Line Progress?

Progress rarely happens in a straight line. Most of us have periods of faster growth and periods of slower growth with some small (or large) setbacks sprinkled in between. On Sunday we talked about how our origin stories (the stories we tell ourselves about who we are and where we come from) play a large role in how we view our own trajectories in life.

As we read the origin stories of both Moses (Genesis 1:22-2:10) and Peter (Matt 16:13-20), we talked briefly about the people their origin stories led them to become and about what God was able to do with them. But we also saw that even these great heroes of our faith made some pretty big mistakes along the way. Progress rarely happens in a straight line.

Moses made a BIG mistake in his personal life (Exodus 2:12), and he had trouble both believing in himself and trusting in God at different points along the way. Don't we all? And Peter faced his own setbacks of both courage and judgment as he was becoming all that Jesus saw in him.

When we face setbacks—when we make mistakes—when our progress is slower than we would like—we should remember we're in good company. Here's the thing we can learn from Moses and Peter: **They never let mistakes or setbacks or slow progress turn into failures of purpose or direction or identity.** They held onto their origin stories and kept pushing in the direction God was calling them.

That's what real faithfulness looks like. It isn't perfect progress. It's consistency in purpose, direction, and identity. So don't be discouraged when times get tough—or even when you make a big mistake. Progress rarely happens in a straight line.

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

One of the hallmarks of enduring choral music is the beautiful marriage of words and music. When these two elements serve and enrich one another, the poetry is communicated in a way that speaks deeply to those who hear it. Elaine Hagenberg's *I Will Be a Child of Peace* is a beautiful example of such a marriage. And when a choir adds its own personality, musicality, and intentionality, the impact is magnified.

I believe that is what happened Sunday morning. The text, "O Holy Father, I will be a child of peace and purity; for well I know Thy hand will bless the seeker after righteousness," was communicated with such sincerity and conviction that it created a special moment—one that seemed to pierce our hearts with the love, grace, and comfort of God.

Please pray that our Music Ministry will continue to:

- Use our God-given gifts to unite our voices and hearts in offering effective and heartfelt praise to God;
- Direct lost souls to the Savior, Jesus Christ, through the beauty and truth of music; and
- Strengthen fellow believers in their faith through the ministry of music.

What a privilege it is to make music that not only sounds beautiful, but also communicates the heart of God and ministers to His people.

Gratefully,

Ronnie

In Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Louisa Smith, in the death of her brother, Jesse Edwards, who passed away on Friday, August 14, 2026.

Sympathy is extended to Margaret Knox, Eleanor Chatham, and Sara Rund in the death of Roy Knox who passed away on Friday, August 14, 2026.

Sympathy is extended to Bob and Jenni Blackburn in the death of Bob's cousin, Bryan Blackburn Sargent who passed away on Thursday, August 20, 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 Savior's 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, Sept. 3, 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!

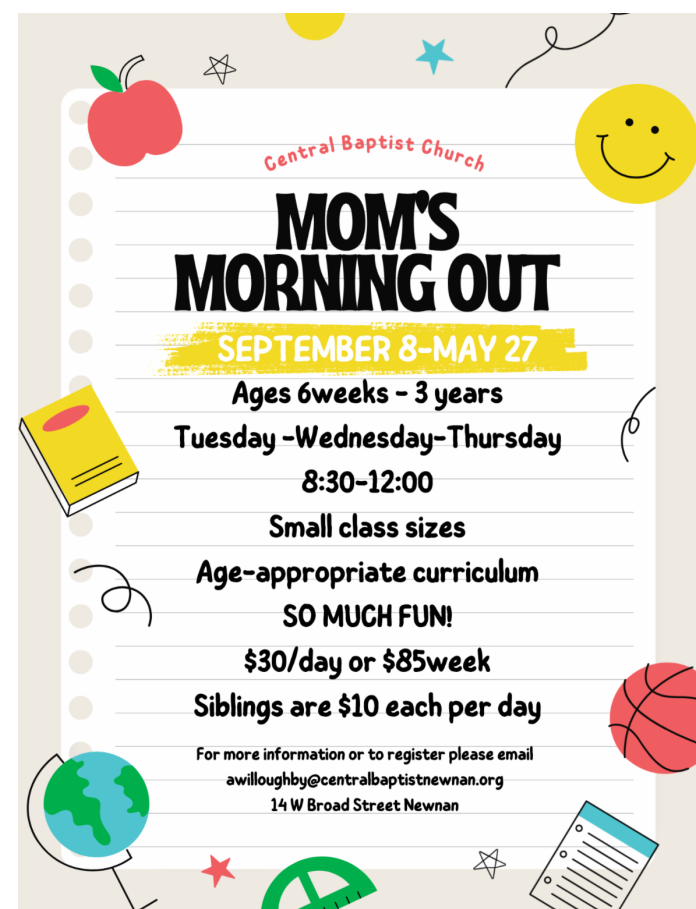
Youth Ministry



REGISTER THIS WEEK!

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 com-
munity. You don't want to miss out! Sign up
[here](#)!

Children's Ministry



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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, August 30

8:45 am Worship Service
9:45 am 5th Sunday Breakfast
10:55 am Worship Service
4:00 pm NCYC Rehearsal

Monday, August 31

7:15 am Youth Prayer Breakfast
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 1

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

Wednesday, September 2

5:15 pm Wednesday Night Supper–Meatloaf
6:00 pm All Children’s Choirs (Pre-K through Grade 5)
6:00 pm Youth Group
6:00 pm REST, Communion Service
6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Stewardship Update
Sunday, August 23, 2026

Weekly Budget Needs	\$32,685.35
Budget Offering	\$17,720.00
YTD Budget Needs	\$1,111,301.90
YTD Budget Offering	\$1,034,616.34