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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.

**Fifteenth Sunday
After Pentecost
September 6, 2026**

SERMON

Rev. Matt Sapp
"Resetting the Calendar"

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149:1-5

9:00 am

Sunday School

10:00 am

Worship Service
Special Music
*I Know Whom I Have
Believed*
Chance McCoy

Nursery

Available for children
birth-three years

**Labor Day
Weekend
Worship**

**This Sunday,
September 6**

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship

REST

a midweek prayer and communion service

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

*A midweek prayer and
communion service*

Flu Vaccine

Wednesday, October 7

4:30 pm-6:00 pm

Lee-King
PHARMACY

Shots will be offered prior to and dur-
ing dinner on Wednesday, October 7.
Please call or [email](#) the church office
to reserve a time to receive a flu
shot.

*Prescriptions are required to be sent to Lee King Pharmacy
from pediatricians for any kids under 13.

Deacon Election Sunday, September 13

The deacon eligibility list is enclosed this week and includes any-
one 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 re-
moved 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 inad-
vertently 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

Called to Go?

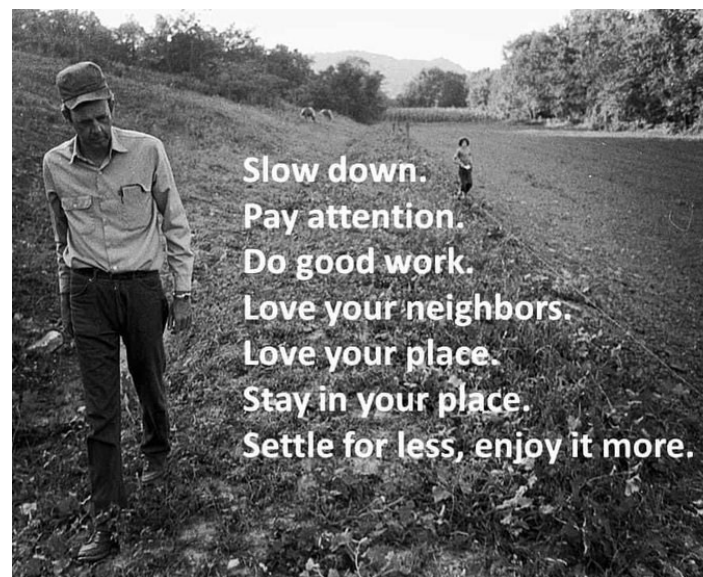
I used a Wendell Berry-inspired quote as part of Sunday's sermon. Many of you have heard me use it before. When we think about calling and direction and purpose, it's easy to think that we must be called to "go." What if sometimes the call is to stay?

On Sunday we heard that Moses was called to go and the disciples were called to follow. But sometimes the call is to stay. Simeon and Anna were called to stay and wait. Timothy was called to stay true to who he was as Paul encouraged him in his young ministry. Peter reminded his followers to stand firm in a rapidly changing world.

Sometimes the call is to stay where you are and to keep being who you are and to keep doing what you're doing. Those calls from God are equally true to the teaching of scripture. The call to "go" sounds exciting. But the call to stay, to continue, to dig in, can be just as meaningful. That's what the Wendell Berry quote is getting at. Whether the call is to go or follow or stay, the key is to do it faithfully.

See you Sunday.

Matt



Music Ministry

The choir so enjoyed singing those familiar hymns that so many of us have known and loved throughout our lives. As I mentioned to the choir on Sunday, singing these hymns takes me back to my roots at South Hampton Baptist Church in Ensor, Kentucky. Fanny Crosby is truly one of the foundational hymn writers of the Christian faith, and her hymns continue to shape our worship today. Here is a link to a Wikipedia article about her: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fanny_Crosby

Why are hymns so important in our worship? Quite simply, a hymn is theology that has learned to sing.

And when a congregation sings a great hymn together, something remarkable happens: the words become ours. We don't merely remember what Christians before us believed—we proclaim that we believe it, too.

That is why familiar hymns can be so powerful in worship. They carry Scripture, theology, memory, history, community, and personal experience, all within a few minutes of music.

I invite you to participate fully in our hymn singing! Whether you consider yourself a good singer or not, your voice is a gift of praise to God and an opportunity to join with others in worship. Remember, God is not concerned with how our voices sound or how we appear to others—He looks at our hearts. So sing with confidence, sing with joy, and sing from the heart!

Gratefully,

Ronnie

Senior Adult Ministry



Senior Adult Breakfast at Town & Country

Wed., Sept. 9, 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!



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.

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.

New Member

Please welcome Bodhi Avery, who joined Central Baptist Church on Sunday, August 30, by profession of faith.

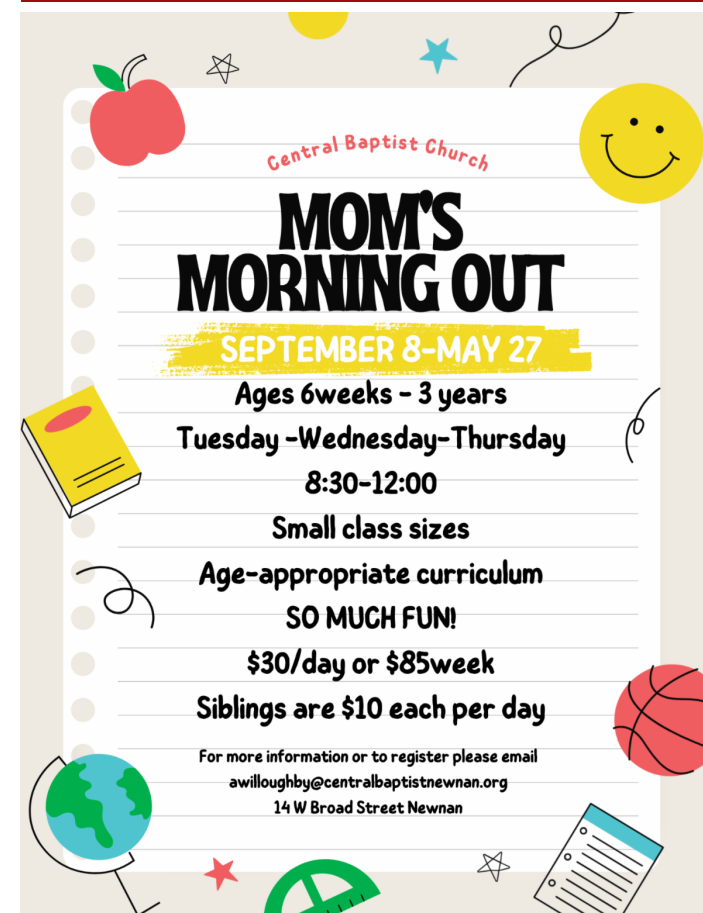
Youth Ministry



Youth Pumpkin Party @ the Glovers

October 18, 5:30 pm

Children's Ministry



In Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Diane Windham, Joy Knight, and Christy Flemming and their families in the death of Pat Windham, who passed away on Tuesday, August 25, 2026.

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NEWNAN, GEORGIA

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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, September 6

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

Monday, September 7

LABOR DAY-OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 8

7:00 am Men’s Bible Study
10:00 am Feeding Our Friends
5:30 pm Ruth Drake Ladies Bible Study Resumes

Wednesday, September 9

5:15 pm Wednesday Night Supper–Chicken Divan
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 30, 2026

Weekly Budget Needs	\$32,685.35
Budget Offering	\$18,904.90
YTD Budget Needs	\$1,143,987.25
YTD Budget Offering	\$1,053,712.24