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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.

**Sixteenth Sunday
After Pentecost
September 13, 2026**

SERMON

Rev. Matt Sapp
"Seeing is Believing"

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 14:19-31
John 20:24-29

8:45 am

Worship Service
Special Music
*My Faith Has Found a
Resting Place*
Lauren Welker

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:55 am

Worship Service
Special Music
Come By Here
The Chancel Choir

Nursery

Available for children
birth-three years

Deacon Election This 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. 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.



CBF
GEORGIA
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

2026 STATE GATHERING

Smoke Rise Baptist Church
Stone Mountain, GA

OCTOBER 4-5, 2026

REGISTER BELOW



Click [here](#) for more information and click [here](#) to register!

Pastor's Pen

Set Free to Live Set Apart

In Exodus, the Hebrew people were set free from Egypt to live set-apart lives for God. Later in the Old Testament, on the other side of Israel's history, the Hebrew people are set free once again, this time from Babylonian exile, to live set apart lives for God.

Last Sunday in worship, we looked at these two "tent pole" events in the Old Testament (Exodus and Exile) to remind ourselves that we have been set free to live set apart lives for God as well. We haven't been set free from Egypt or Babylon; we've been set free from the power of sin and death. We've been set free from guilt by the power of forgiveness and grace through Jesus Christ.

So, for a Labor Day reset, free yourself from guilt. Don't carry it around anymore. Live like people who have been set free.

This fall, I want people to know we're different. I want us to live in a "set apart" way that others can see. I want us to carry within us a freedom, a confidence, and a joy—and to develop a deeply rooted sense of identity and a distinctiveness of character—that sets us apart from the crowd.

God's way is a better way to live. It's more authentic. We live with the most peace and the most integrity when our faith is at the center of who we are. As we reset the calendar for fall, remember that just like the Hebrew people in scripture, you have been set free to live set apart lives for God, too.

See you Sunday.

Matt



American
Heart
Association®

Heartsaver® First Aid CPR AED

Monday, October 12
10:00 am-3:00 pm

Limited space available, register [HERE](#).

HeartSaver-CPR + AED + First Aid

Music Ministry

Worship at Central Baptist is made up of many elements, each with a purpose. Since we come from many different worship backgrounds, some elements may be familiar while others may be new. Last week, we talked about the importance of hymns in our worship. Over the next few weeks, we'll take a closer look at the other pieces that make up our worship services. I hope these brief glimpses will spark your thinking, deepen your understanding of why we do what we do, and help you see how each element weaves together to focus our hearts and minds on God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

This week, let's look at the Prelude, Offertory, and Postlude:

- As we move from the activity and distractions of everyday life into the sanctuary, the **Prelude** creates space for quietness, reflection, and anticipation. *The Prelude prepares us to listen for God.*

- The **Offertory** gives us an opportunity to consider what we are offering to God—our financial gifts, certainly, but ultimately our lives. *Everything we have comes from God, and everything we are belongs to God.*

- The **Postlude** is sometimes thought of simply as the music that happens after the service. Liturgically, however, it can have a much more important purpose. The service is ending, but worship is not really over. The Postlude gives us a final musical statement before we leave the sanctuary and return to our daily lives. *The Postlude sends us from worship into the world.*

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
Tonight,
Sept. 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 tonight 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 Upper Room Sunday School Class
You can order your copy using this [link](#).

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

Lavinia Barron Book Group

On Monday, September 14 at 7:00 pm, the Lavinia Barron Book Group will meet in the Central Baptist Church Youth Room. The book for discussion will be "This Book Made Me Think of You" by Libby Page.



Ladies Coffee Hour

*Thursday, September 17,
9:00 am*

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

Youth Ministry

Youth
Pumpkin
Party @
the Glovers
October 18,
5:30 pm



Youth Fall Retreat

Click the link [here](#) to register and for more information!

Missions

Adult/Family Mission Trip



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.



Food Drive

Sloppy Joe/canned chili, pasta, soups, macaroni and cheese, rice, ramen noodles, canned tomatoes, mixed vegetables, canned/bagged beans, canned fruit, peanut butter and jelly, snacks for school kids, granola/protein bars, instant coffee and tea, oatmeal, breakfast cereal, pancake mix, cake mix, apple juice, shelf stable plant milk, Ensure & similar beverages (protein), seasonings shakers (salt, pepper, garlic powder)

Please drop off the items in the boxes provided at our entrances.

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NEWNAN, GEORGIA

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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, September 13

8:45 am Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

10:55 am Worship Service

4:00 pm NCYC Rehearsal

Monday, September 14

7:15 am Youth Prayer Breakfast

6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

7:00 pm Lavinia Barron Book Group

Tuesday, September 15

7:00 am Men's Bible Study

10:00 am Feeding Our Friends

5:30 pm Ruth Drake Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, September 16

5:15 pm Wednesday Night Supper– Pizza

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

Thursday, September 17

9:00 am Ladies Coffee Hour

Stewardship Update

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Weekly Budget Needs	\$32,685.35
Budget Offering	\$87,532.00
YTD Budget Needs	\$1,176,672.60
YTD Budget Offering	\$1,140,619.24