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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.

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
October 18, 2026

SERMON
Rev. Matt Sapp
"To Forgive and Be Forgiven"

SCRIPTURE
Psalm 32:1-5
Matthew 18:21-35

8:45 am
Worship Service
Special Music
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
Greg Wright

9:45 am
Sunday School

10:55 am
Worship Service
Special Music
Mercy
The Chancel Choir

Nursery
Available for children birth-three years

Deacon Installation and Ordination

Sunday, October 18
10:55 am Worship





Pastor's Pen

Faithful Representatives

Each Sunday I express my hope that we will all leave worship "encouraged and emboldened to be faithful representatives both of our church and our Lord, Jesus Christ." And each week I'm amazed at all the ways you manage to be just that. We are a congregation of people who are living out our faith together in ways that faithfully represent Christ. That, more than anything else, makes it a joy to be your pastor.

Recently, a couple of you have been publicly recognized for your faithful contributions beyond the walls of our church. **Menlia Trammell** recently established the Robert and Menlia Moss Trammell Endowed Scholarship at Mercer University, a Baptist university with which we have a longstanding partnership. Menlia earned both her undergraduate and master's degrees from Mercer. The scholarship will support students pursuing majors in English or Communications.

Pat McKee was recently recognized by Tamassee Hope Village in South Carolina for his years of legal work to help secure the organization's financial future. The administration building at Tamassee is now named the Patrick W. McKee Administration Building. Tamassee was established in 1919 as a boarding school for impoverished children and today provides a place for mothers recovering from addiction to stay with their children through the recovery process.

These two are just a representative sample of what so many of you are doing to be "faithful representatives" out there in the world.

This Sunday is Deacon Ordination and Installation Sunday. We'll install four deacons and ordain two to three-year terms of service. Each of the six is making a commitment to lead us as a "faithful representative." **Clay Hudson**, **Keith Miller**, **Becca Springfield**, and **Otis Jones, III** will be installed to new terms of deacon service. **Leah Sumner** and **Charlie Farmer** will be ordained as deacons serving for the first time. Take a minute to say a prayer of thanksgiving for each of them this week.

We are each blessed by the contributions of the others around us at Central. When you count your blessings, don't forget to count each other.

See you Sunday,

Matt

Music Ministry

The Passionate Pursuit of Excellence

(*With thanks to Harold M. Best, Music Through the Eyes of Faith*)

"Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." — Philippians 4:8

Excellence is the ongoing process of becoming better than we once were. It is not about surpassing others or measuring ourselves against their achievements. It is about faithfully growing beyond where we were yesterday.

Excellence is both a command and a journey. As stewards of God's gifts, we are called to continually grow, improve, and pursue our best. Though our gifts and abilities differ, every one of us can become better than we once were.

God's question to each of us is simple: "Having come this far, what is your next step?"

Ultimately, excellence is not measured by the applause or approval of others, but by our faithfulness to God, who has entrusted us with gifts to develop and use for His glory.

Excellence is not perfection. It is faithful, continual growth.

Gratefully,

Ronnie



Women's Ministry



Tuesdays at 5:30 pm

Total Christmas Makeover by Melissa Spoelstra

Tuesdays 5:30 pm-6:30 pm
Meet in the Upper Room Sunday School Class

Ladies Coffee Hour



Thurs., Oct. 15, 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.



Purses in the Pew

Monday, October 26, 11:00 am

Dianne McNary, Director of Mission Support Role

Reservations are appreciated for name tags; reservations are required for lunch ($8).

Please click the link here to sign up!

Senior Adult Ministry

Senior Adult Breakfast at Town & Country



Wed., Oct. 14, 9:00 am

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

Missions

cultivate abundance

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

Youth Ministry



Youth Fall Retreat

Nothing says fall like retreating to the mountains! That's why we're so excited about Fall Retreat, Nov. 13-15 at Camp Glisson in Dahlonega, GA. We hope all our students will join us for this weekend of worship and adventure with other CBF churches from across Georgia.

For more information and a tentative schedule of events, visit the CBF GA website.

This retreat is open to all students 6th-12th grades. The cost of the trip is $150 and includes transportation, meals, overnight lodging, and all activities. Click here to register!

2027 Proposed Budget Vote



Sunday, October 25, 2026

Copies of the deacon-approved budget are available now. Representatives will be available to answer questions on Wednesdays, October 14 and 21. We will vote to approve the budget on Sunday, October 25.

In Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Suzanne and Bill Scarbrough in the death of Suzanne's brother, Sam Letson, who passed away on Monday, October 12, 2026.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, October 18
8:45 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:55 am Worship Service
4:00 pm NCYC Rehearsal

Monday, October 19
7:15 am Youth Prayer Breakfast
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 20
7:00 am Men's Bible Study
10:00 am Feeding Our Friends
5:30 pm Ruth Drake Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, October 21
9:00 am Senior Adult Breakfast at Town & Country
5:15 pm Wednesday Night Supper– Salisbury Steak
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, October 11, 2026

Weekly Budget Needs	$32,685.35
Budget Offering	$27,699.25
YTD Budget Needs	$1,340,099.35
YTD Budget Offering	$1,289,324.59