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The Challenge

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

THIS SUNDAY

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

November 1, 2026

SERMON

Rev. Matt Sapp

"The Promised Land"

SCRIPTURE

Joshua 3:7-17

Deuteronomy 23:3-6

Revelation 7:9-17

8:45 am and 10:55 am

Worship Service

Special Music

Faithful Servant

The Chancel Choir

Chamber Orchestra

9:45 am

Sunday School

Nursery

Available for children birth-three years



Daylight Saving Time expires this **Sunday, November 1, 2026.** Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!



Sunday, November 1

Please join us in remembrance of those saints in our congregation who have gone to be with the Lord this past year.

Active Military and Veterans



We would like to know who our active miliary or veterans are so we can find ways to honor you. If you or a family member are a veteran or currently serving, please click here to fill out this form.

Pastor's Pen

Guarding Against Temptation

We wrapped up our four-week Lord's Prayer worship series on Sunday by talking about guarding ourselves against temptation. Temptation is both pervasive and persistent. That's true today, and it's been true from the very beginning of the biblical record.

We talked specifically on Sunday about two competing gods of the culture—the gods of wealth and beauty. We each see thousands of brand messages and advertisements every day, many of them appeals from these two most persistent gods of the culture. That's why guarding ourselves against the siren song of those appeals must be a daily practice. One of the best ways to guard against temptation is to honor God daily like the Lord's Prayer teaches.

We honor God with our worship. The daily worship of God prevents us from inadvertently finding ourselves offering sacrifices at other altars. We honor God when we live with the expectation of God's growing presence in our lives and in our world. As God's presence grows, the space available for competing gods shrinks. And we honor God by doing the work and will of God in the world. We stay so busy honoring God with our actions that we don't have time for anything else.

I hope you'll let the Lord's Prayer continue to shape you. Make praying it (and doing it) a daily practice.

Today, I Will:

1. Honor God.
2. Rely on God's providence,
3. Understand the need to both forgive and be forgiven, and
4. Guard myself against temptation.

See you Sunday,
Matt

Music Ministry

Once again—WOW! Our Chancel Choir sang beautifully on Sunday, bringing extraordinary meaning and intention to every phrase. Their music helped focus our hearts and minds on what matters most: the central place of Jesus Christ in our lives.

As I reflected on Matt's sermon and the many ways Central says "YES" to sharing God's love with our community and one another, I naturally thought of the wonderful people who make up our Music Ministry.

Like everyone else, their lives are full—work, children, family responsibilities, health concerns, and commitments throughout our community. Yet, week after week, they show up. They encourage one another, share their gifts, and generously give their time and energy in service to God and others.

Just this past week, I've watched them say "YES" in so many ways. Some helped with the technology for our silent film event, while another created a beautiful floral arrangement for the reception. Two choir members arrived for Sunday morning worship after getting home at 1 a.m. from a band competition! Others responded with an enthusiastic, "Yes, I'll sing a solo!" or a last-minute text saying, "My plans changed—I can be there! Save me a seat!"

They've stepped in to learn and accompany choir anthems, encouraged our young musicians, prepared and shared meals, and welcomed guests into our church home with genuine warmth and hospitality.

These are just a handful of examples from one week, but they reflect something I witness all the time: a ministry filled with people whose willingness to say "YES" extends far beyond the music they make. Their generosity, kindness, faithfulness, and love for one another are expressions of Christ at work among us.

I am deeply grateful for each of these remarkable people and for the joy of serving alongside them. I hope you'll join me in thanking and encouraging them, not only for the beautiful music they offer in worship, but also for the countless ways they quietly and faithfully demonstrate God's love.

After all, some of the most beautiful music we make isn't heard—it's lived.

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



Purses in the Pew

Monday, Nov. 16, 11:00 am
Lori Whitney, Founder, Hope Forward

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

Please click the link here to sign up!

Ladies Coffee Hour

Thurs., Nov. 5, 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.

Senior Adult Ministry

Senior Adult Breakfast at Town & Country

Wed., Oct. 28, 9:00 am



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

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.

Youth Ministry

Care Packages for College Students

This year, we want to step up our care package game! Help us by giving us your college/grad student's mailing address and telling us their favorite things! We will send a customized package of love and support in time for exams right after Thanksgiving. Fill out this form online or complete the paper copy and return to the church office by Wednesday, November 4.

Children's Ministry

Santa is Coming to Central



December 6
2:00 pm-5:00 pm

Please register for your timeslot
$30.00 per family
Photos are guaranteed within 10 days!
Photos will be sent to the e-mail address you provide at sign up. Sign up here!

Thank you

Dear Central Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers, love, and kindness during the loss of Pat Windham. We are so grateful for your comforting words and sweet gestures. You have truly been the body of Christ to us, and for that, we are so thankful.

With love,

Diane, Keith W, Christy, and Joy

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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, November 1
8:45 am • Worship
9:45 am • Sunday School
10:55 am • Worship Service
4:00 pm • NCYC Rehearsal

Monday, November 2
7:15 am • Youth Prayer Breakfast
6:30 pm • Handbell Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 3
7:00 am • Men's Bible Study
10:00 am • Feeding Our Friends
5:30 pm • Ruth Drake Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, November 4
5:15 pm • Wednesday Night Supper– Chicken Pot Pie
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

Thursday, November 5
9:00 am • Ladies Coffee Hour at Leaf & Bean

Stewardship Update
Sunday, October 25, 2026

Weekly Budget Needs	$32,685.35
Budget Offering	$36,343.34
YTD Budget Needs	$1,405,470.05
YTD Budget Offering	$1,355,738.13