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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.

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
October 11, 2026

SERMON
Rev. Matt Sapp
"Relying on God's Providence"

SCRIPTURE
Exodus 16:13-21
Matthew 6:19-35
Luke 12:16-21

8:45 am
Worship Service
Special Music
On Eagle's Wings
Waylon Camp

9:45 am
Sunday School

10:55 am
Worship Service
Special Music
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
The Chancel Choir Men

Nursery
Available for children birth-three years

Flu Vaccine

This Wednesday, October 7

4:30 pm-6:00 pm

Lee-King PHARMACY

Shots will be offered prior to and during dinner this 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 Installation and Ordination

Sunday, October 18
10:55 am Worship



Pastor's Pen

Missions at Central

Missions has always been "central" to our church's identity. On Sunday, as we celebrated World Communion Sunday, we highlighted four missions opportunities from the past summer—Vacation Bible School, our youth mission trip to North Carolina, our missions work in Romania, and our choir trip to France.

On Wednesday evening we'll give more comprehensive reports on our trips to Asheville, Romania, and France. Join us for dinner at 5:15 am and stay for those reports in our fellowship hall at 6:00 pm. In addition to these summer opportunities for service, we maintain close connections with global missions partners in Thailand, Uganda, Uruguay, and the Dominican Republic. In fact, we've been in direct contact with partners in each of those places in just the past two weeks.

Beyond the one-on-one relationships described above, our gifts to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship support missionary efforts in every region of the world and across the United States. We also maintain important partnerships in our state with organizations like CBF of Georgia, Mercer University, McAfee School of Theology, and the Georgia Baptist Children's Home.

Locally, we work with partners like Angel's House, One Roof, Bridging the Gap, the Coweta Samaritan Clinic, FCA, Backpack Buddies, Elevate Coweta, NEST, and many more.

It's budget time at Central. The deacons have approved a 2027 church budget that we'll ask you to approve on Sunday, October 25. Copies of the budget are available for your review now. Each year I remind you that budgets are spiritual documents. Your budget at home reveals priority, and so does our budget here. Our goal in each year's budget is to maximize the resources available for ministry and missions.

I'm proud to say we have increased our giving to missions every year I've been your pastor. The same will be true in 2027. As you review our proposed budget, say a prayer of thanksgiving for all the ways God allows us to connect with Christian partners throughout our community and around the world.

See you Sunday,

Matt

Music Ministry

This week, we conclude our exploration of the various elements of worship with the Children's Sermon and the Sermon—two moments in worship that help us encounter and respond to Jesus.

The Children's Sermon gives our youngest worshipers an opportunity to hear and experience the good news of Jesus in ways they can understand and remember. Through story, conversation, imagination, and participation, it connects the teachings of Jesus to their everyday lives while reminding the whole congregation that children are not simply the future of the Church—they are an important part of the Church today.

The Sermon is a central act of proclamation and the foundation around which each week's worship service at Central is built. Through Scripture, the Sermon points us to Jesus—who He is, what He has done, and what it means to follow Him. The goal is not simply to gain information about the Bible, but to hear God's Word, encounter Christ, and respond with lives shaped by His love and grace.

Scripture was written in particular times, places, languages, and circumstances. The Sermon helps bridge the distance between the biblical text and our lives today, asking not only, "What did this passage mean?" but also, "What is Jesus saying to us through this Word, and how are we called to live?"

In both the Children's Sermon and the Sermon, we seek to move from hearing about Jesus to following Jesus—growing in faith, recognizing His presence in our lives, and living His love in the world.

I hope you've enjoyed our journey of exploring and understanding the elements of worship at Central. You can revisit the entire series by clicking here.

Thank you for continuing to pray for our worship and for the ministry of music at Central. May we always remember that worship is more than something we attend or observe—it is something we experience together as the body of Christ. As we gather to hear God's Word, sing His praises, pray, and encounter Jesus, we trust that God uses our shared worship to shape and transform us into the people He has called us to be.

Gratefully,

Ronnie

In Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Amy Hughes and family in the death of her brother, Benjie MacNabb who passed away on Wednesday, September 30, 2026.

Women's Ministry

Lavinia Barron Book Group

On Monday, October 12 at 7:00 pm, the Lavinia Barron Book Group will meet in the Central Baptist Church Youth Room. The book for discussion will be "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi.

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

You can order your copy using this **link**.

Senior Adult Ministry



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!

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.

New Members

Please welcome Maggie and Preston Wise, along with son, Henry, who joined Central Baptist Church on Sunday, October 4, by statement of faith.

Please welcome Amanda and Anna Leigh Willoughby who joined Central Baptist Church on Sunday, October 4, by profession of faith.

Youth Ministry





Youth Fall Retreat

Click the link here to register and for more information!

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.

2027 Proposed Budget Vote



Sunday, October 25, 2026

Copies of the deacon-approved budget are available now. Representatives will be available to answer questions at the end of worship on Sunday, October 11, and Wednesdays, October 14 and 21. We will vote to approve the budget on Sunday, October 25.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, October 11
8:45 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:55 am Worship Service
4:00 pm NCYC Rehearsal

Monday, October 12
7:15 am Youth Prayer Breakfast
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 pm Lavinia Barron Book Group

Tuesday, October 13
7:00 am Men's Bible Study
10:00 am Feeding Our Friends
5:30 pm Ruth Drake Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, October 14
9:00 am Senior Adult Breakfast at Town & Country
5:15 pm Wednesday Night Supper– BBQ
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, October 15
9:00 am Ladies Coffee Hour at Leaf & Bean