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The Challenge

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

THIS SUNDAY

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
November 15, 2026

SERMON
Rev. Matt Sapp
"Life Comes at You Fast"

SCRIPTURE
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Psalm 123

8:45 am
Worship Service
Special Music
Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated
Waylon Camp

9:45 am
Sunday School

10:55 am
Worship Service
Special Music
Like a River in My Soul
The Chancel Choir

Nursery
Available for children birth-three years



Christmas at Central

We will be decorating Central for Christmas the following dates. Please click here if you would like to sign up to help!

- Sunday November 15, 1:00 pm (Fellowship Hall Tree)
- Sunday November 22, 1:00 pm
- Friday November 27, TBD (decorating sanctuary Christmas Tree-depending on time it arrives.)

Thanksgiving Bring-A-Dish and Game Night

Wednesday, November 18, 5:15 pm



Bring the whole family for an evening filled with laughter, learning, and a little friendly competition! Our family game night at Central Baptist is the perfect way to enjoy time together. There will be trivia-style games on your tables to earn points and prizes. Watch the staff go head-to-head on minute to win it games and help raise money for the youth summer NYC mission trip. Please bring a side or dessert. The church will provide the meat. Thanks!

Angel/Silver Bell Tree

On Wednesday, November 18, during our family Thanksgiving dinner the Angel Tree will be ready.

We have partnered with Bridging the Gap and Riverlife who are working with families and senior adults to provide Christmas for families who need a little extra love this year. This year our church will support 50 children (angels) and 20 senior adults (silver bells). You can get an angel or silver bell that night (or call/come by the church office anytime that week if you can't be there on Wednesday night.) ALL gifts should be UNWRAPPED with tag attached and returned to the church by Sunday, November 29.

Pastor's Pen

An Early Thanksgiving

I know Thanksgiving is still a few weeks away, but why wait? I'm ready for the holidays to be here now. I bet some of you are, too. There's never a bad time to count our blessings. So here are a few things I'm grateful for this morning.

I'm grateful for family. For most of us, our families grow more scattered as we get older. But two weekends ago, I spent a Friday afternoon and evening with my brother in Macon. Last Friday seven Sapps ate pizza together at Fabiano's. Julie's mom is staying at our house right now. And we'll have a house full of visiting family for Thanksgiving this year. It's great when family can be together, so do your best to make presence a priority this holiday season. If you can be there, go—even if it's a three-hour drive for a one-hour visit. There is no better way to communicate priority (and love) than physical presence.

I'm grateful for community. We're blessed to live in Newnan. I tell people all the time, "Newnan is the kind of place I would've told you didn't exist anymore until we moved here." There's a throwback character and quality to Newnan that can't be beat—local shops and restaurants, hometown pride, school spirit, a strong faith community, neighbors who know and care for each other, and a shared commitment to improving who we are as a community. No town is perfect. But we've got it pretty good here.

I'm grateful for our church. I firmly believe that God's growing presence is transforming us together. And it's not an abstractly growing presence, either. It's a grounded, rooted, physical presence located in each of you—a growing presence that makes our church and community look increasingly more like God's kingdom. Maybe some of you see it, too.

There's lots more to be grateful for, but I'm running out of room. What are you grateful for today? You don't have to wait until Thanksgiving to count your blessings.

See you Sunday,
Matt

Music Ministry

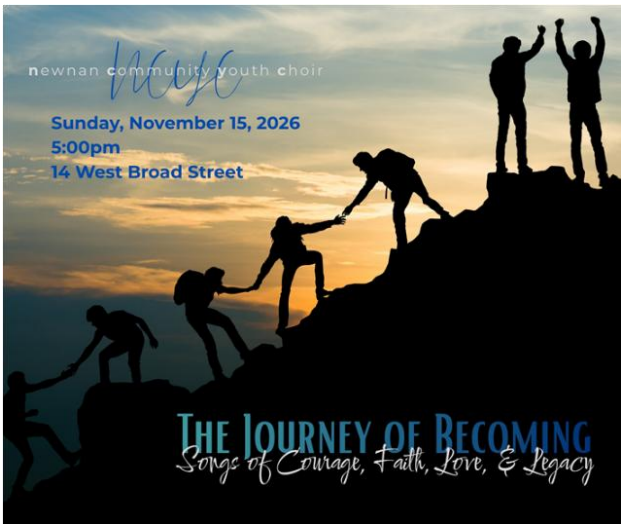
I told the choir Sunday after the service that I think that some of them have a promising career in potato digging! (*Ask a choir member!*) What a fun, energetic, and meaningful anthem! It carried a wonderful reminder for all of us: God loves and accepts us just as we are—even in our sinfulness—and His grace continues to transform us! Thank you, Chancel Choir, for bringing the music and its message to life!

Newnan Community Youth Choir Concert – Sunday, November 15

Sunday at **5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall**, our Newnan Community Youth Choir will present its fall concert, *The Journey of Becoming*. Through songs of courage, faith, love, and legacy, these talented young singers will share a wonderful musical journey. I hope you'll come out, encourage them, and celebrate all their hard work! This is also the final week of their fundraiser for June's Music City Youth Choir Festival. Frozen pastries and cookie dough are available to order—just in time to stock up on treats for Thanksgiving and Christmas! Talk to one of the youth choir singers this week and place your order!

What a joy and privilege it is to help lead our church family in worship each Sunday. As we enter the beautiful seasons of Advent and Christmas, please keep our Music Ministry in your prayers. Our heartfelt desire is that everything we share will encourage your faith and draw us all closer to Christ.

Gratefully,
Ronnie



Women's Ministry



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. 19, 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., Nov. 11, 9:00 am

Join us every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at Town and Country. (no breakfast on November 25)

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.

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.

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!

2026 Contributions and Stock Gifts

Please remember that mailed checks must be postmarked by **Thursday, December 31, 2026.** If you plan to stop by the office with a check or cash, please do so by noon on **Thursday, December 31, 2026**. You may also make your contribution in church on **Sunday, December 27, 2026.** Stock gifts must be transferred in 2026 for a tax deduction. Email or call Debbie (770-683 6585) for stock gift instructions.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, November 15
8:45 am • Worship Service
9:45 am • Sunday School
10:55 am • Worship Service
4:00 pm • NCYC Rehearsal
5:00 pm • NCYC Concert

Monday, November 16
7:15 am • Youth Prayer Breakfast
11:00 am • Purses in the Pew
6:30 pm • Handbell Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 17
7:00 am • Men's Bible Study
10:00 am • Feeding Our Friends
5:30 pm • Ruth Drake Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, November 18
5:15 pm • Thanksgiving Bring-A-Dish and Family Game night
6:45 pm • Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 19
9:00 am • Ladies Coffee Hour at Leaf & Bean

Stewardship Update
Sunday, November 8, 2026

Weekly Budget Needs	$32,685.35
Budget Offering	$28,800.00
YTD Budget Needs	$1,470,840.75
YTD Budget Offering	$1,434,560.01