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The Challenge

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

THIS SUNDAY

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
November 8, 2026

SERMON
Rev. Matt Sapp
"The Rhythm of Faithfulness"

SCRIPTURE
Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25
2 Chronicles 33:1-9;
Judges 2:6-13

8:45 am
Worship Service
Special Music
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Mary Jane Levann

9:45 am
Sunday School

10:55 am
Worship Service
Special Music
Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
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!

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

The Rhythms of Life

Halloween is behind us. We've set our clocks back. Fall is fully here. The changing of the seasons has a way of reminding us that there's a rhythm to our lives. As Ecclesiastes says, "to everything there is a season."

As fall takes full hold, remember that there's a rhythm and balance to life—and that there's a God-given rhythm and balance to life. Some of you only operate on one setting with everything turned up to 11. Sometimes some of us have a hard time kicking it up into high gear when we need to. My first inclination is to fight against the pendulum swings of life—to resist the push and pull of balance and rhythm.

Let me suggest something different as we look toward the holidays. Allow the God-given rhythms of life to guide you. Slow down when life says slow down. Jump in with full energy when that's what life calls for. Don't be afraid to idle when a stop sign comes along. And don't be afraid to put it on cruise control when life stretches out like an open highway in front of you.

Sometimes we find ourselves on a racetrack. Sometimes life is a country road. Sometimes it's rush hour gridlock. Sometimes the path is a familiar route we've traveled a hundred times. Sometimes we're going somewhere we've never been and the GPS won't work. Don't fight it. Give in to the rhythm and let God guide your direction and pace.

Let weekly Sabbath be your reminder of God's rhythm and remember Jesus' regular habit of pulling away for rest. To everything there is a season. We're entering one of my favorite seasons now as fall pulls us toward Thanksgiving and Christmas. I'm already working to settle into the right rhythm.

See you Sunday,
Matt

Music Ministry

WOW! What a meaningful All Saints' Day worship service we experienced on Sunday! From the Litany of Remembrance to the Scripture, prayers, sermon, and beautiful music, every element came together to point us to Jesus and remind us of His grace, mercy, and faithfulness—yesterday, today, and forever. I'm grateful to everyone who helped make it such a memorable morning!

And can you believe it's NOVEMBER already?!

As we enter this wonderful season of Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas, our Music Ministry is preparing for some of the most meaningful worship experiences of the year. Behind every anthem, hymn, and special musical offering are dedicated people who generously give their time and talents to help lead us in worship. Please keep our Handbell Choir, Children's Choirs, Chancel Choir, Yen Yu, and our wonderful guest organists in your prayers. Pray for good health, renewed energy, and joyful hearts as they prepare to share the beautiful music of this season. I am deeply grateful for each of them and for the spirit of love and service they bring to Central.

And speaking of organists, we've been spreading the word FAR AND WIDE about our open position! Please continue to pray that God will guide us to the person who will become our next organist and an important part of our church family. I'm excited about the possibilities ahead and look forward to seeing how God will lead us in this next chapter of our Music Ministry.

What a wonderful season of worship we have ahead of us! My hope is that, amid all the busyness of the coming weeks, we'll find opportunities to slow down, listen, reflect, and experience anew the wonder of God's love and faithfulness.

I look forward to sharing this special season with you as we worship, sing, serve, and celebrate together. What a joy it is to be part of the Central family!

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., 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.

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!

New Members

Please welcome Michael and Sandra Deis who joined Central Baptist Church on Sunday, November 1, by transfer of letter.

Please welcome Brantley Wilson (along with his wife, member, Mollie Wilson), who joined Central Baptist Church on Sunday, November 1 by transfer of letter.

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LOOKING AHEAD

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

Monday, November 9
7:15 am • Youth Prayer Breakfast
6:30 pm • Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 pm • Lavinia Barron Book Group

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

Wednesday, November 11
9:00 am • Senior Adult Breakfast at Town & Country
5:15 pm • Wednesday Night Supper– BBQ Chicken
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