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Worship and Service Opportunities

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Classic Service
 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal

CBC Staff

Ryan Thurman	Pastor
Randy Carruth	Minister of Music
Jake Smith	Minister of Students
Teresa Britt	Secretary
Cindy Callender	Custodian



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The Message

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Kingdom Investment...
"But just as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us - see that you excel in this grace of giving." 2 Corinthians 8:7

Budget
Required Monthly \$22,497.47
Required to Date \$269,933.76
Received to Date \$290,799.89
November Receipts \$23,564.76

Bible Study Summary...
"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as in the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10:24-25

11/2	SS Attendance	90
	Worship	103
11/9	SS Attendance	68
	Worship	84
11/16	SS Attendance	92
	Worship	111
11/23	SS Attendance	n/a
	Worship	n/a
11/30	SS Attendance	59
	Worship	65

Upcoming Events

- Night of Praise and Missions (December 7)
- Faith in Action (December 8)
- Deacon/Staff Christmas Party (December 9)
- Christmas Presentation (December 14)
- Young at Heart (December 18)

Communicating the Vision

"Did I not say to you, if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" John 11:40

Ryan Thurman
 Pastor

Merry Christmas from the Thurman Family! I pray your family has a wonderful and joyous Christmas this year and that God's richest blessings be upon each of you.

These are exciting times in the life of Central Baptist Church as we close out the year 2025 and look forward to 2026! The much anticipated FLC building is being constructed and we look forward to the many ministry opportunities this new addition will provide for us in the years to come! The Fellowship of Faith Capital campaign continues to be supported and God is providing the financial needs for this vision to come to reality. Along with this, participation in Sunday school and worship continues to increase along with the growth

of each ministry department! God is truly blessing us and there is an excitement for how God is working in our hearts and lives. Share the word of what God is doing for His glory!

As December is upon us, I look forward to the many ways in which we will celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ! On December 7, we will conduct our annual Night of Praise and Missions (Lottie Moon Candlelight Service). We will begin receiving the Lottie Moon Christmas offering that supports the work of the International Mission Board of the SBC. The service begins at 6 p.m.! On December 14th, we will host "Celebrating Christmas at Central." This will be a night of worship led by our music ministry that will include songs from our Adult Choir, Children's Choir, congregational singing, and scripture reading! You do not want to miss this evening of

worship! There will be a church-wide fellowship to follow (please bring finger foods). Along with these two congregational celebrations, there will be many Sunday school celebrations and class fellowships to enjoy. Don't miss out on any of the opportunities this Christmas to celebrate the miracle of the birth of Jesus!

As we close out another year, I give God glory for the great things He has and is doing in the life of His church at Central! I am more than blessed to serve as your pastor and to lead such a remarkable congregation of disciples of Jesus. And, as I celebrate what God has done, I am looking forward to the days ahead and the ways in which God will prove Himself glorious in the next year! May God bless each of you!

A Word From Our Deacons

"For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus." 1 Timothy 3:13

Dr. William Kimble
 Deacon

As we enter this Christmas season, let us all be encouraged by the simple truth of John 3:16—that God loves us so much He gave us His Son. With that in mind, I encourage you to slow down, remember that gift, and reflect on the birth of Jesus throughout all the celebrations and activities this month.

This month we have several special opportunities to gather as a church family. We begin with our annual Lottie Moon Candlelight Service on December 7th at 6:00 p.m.,

always a beautiful, Christ-centered ceremony.

Then, on December 14th at 6:00 p.m., we will come together for a wonderful evening of music and a message of encouragement. This year's program, "Celebrating Christmas at Central," brings a fresh and exciting approach to a beloved Central tradition, and I hope you'll make plans to attend. Many of our small groups will also be hosting Christmas parties and activities, giving everyone a chance to connect and enjoy fellowship.

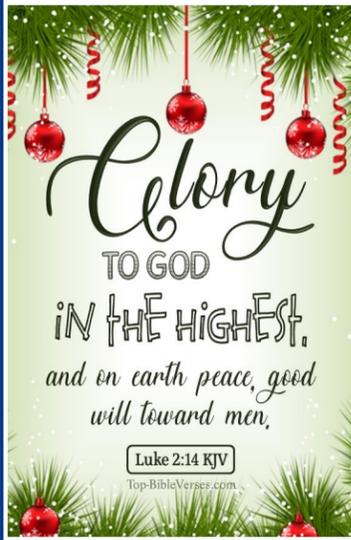
December should also bring significant progress on the FLC

construction project. We expect the exterior to be nearing completion, with work moving forward on interior framing and rough-in. It truly is a blessing to witness God's provision at work in our church.

Central has been richly blessed this year. As we look forward to all that God has in store, I encourage each of us to continue praying for His guidance and for His continued blessing on our church family. May we celebrate this season with grateful hearts and experience the joy of Christ together.



Scripture Memory Plan



Central's Bible Reading



Read the Bible through in one year:

December 1-31

Job 23 - 42
Hosea 1 - Malachi 4
John 14:1 - 21:25
Revelation 1:1-8

The church office will be closed from December 24 - 31, for Christmas and vacation time.

Happy New Year!

The church office will be closed January 1 - 2.

Kids Korner

Melanie Huber
Children's Committee

By the time you read this, we will have celebrated Thanksgiving and be well on our way to Christmas. We are thankful for the opportunity to lead and love the children in our church. We had a great time at the Heucks Retreat playground in November. We can't wait to start building our own playground at Central. If you have ideas about the playground, please share with a children's committee member. We are definitely in the planning phase and anticipating your valued

"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!" Psalm 127:3-5a

input. As the holidays start and schedules get even busier, we would like to share the upcoming events with our families. The children have been practicing on Wednesday nights for the songs they will sing in the adult Christmas program on Sunday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m. Please be sure to have your 1st through 6th grade kids at church on Wednesdays, if possible, so they can practice. They are doing a fantastic job. We can't wait for you all to hear them! They will be rewarded for their hard work with a trip to Urban Air in Jackson on Saturday, January 10.

Details will be sent home soon, but save the date! On Sunday, December 7, the children will sing at the Aspen. We will meet there a few minutes before 3 p.m. On Wednesday, December 17, we will have our Happy Birthday Jesus party. There is a rumor that Santa may also show up to celebrate Jesus' birthday! Please have the kids there at 5:30 p.m. We wish every family a Merry Christmas and a peaceful and safe holiday season. We look forward to a new year of serving and sharing with you all.

Student News



Jake Smith
Minister of Students

Hey church family! I hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving and I know we are all excited about Christmas coming up! Christmas is by far my favorite holiday. I love being able to celebrate the birth of Jesus and have a whole month of learning and talking about Him. After all, He is the reason for the season. We do have some exciting things coming up in the

"You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world and a little bit of salt goes a long way and a little bit of light goes a long way and a little bit of righteousness goes a long way."
Matthew 5:13-16

month of December. For example, we are having a youth Christmas party on December 17th at 6 p.m. We will have food and play some games and have a wonderful time of fellowship. Looking past December, we will prepare for E4 Weekend. It will be January 16th and 17th at Copiah Lincoln Community College. E4 Weekend is the Lincoln County Disciple Now weekend that we have every year. There will be break out session on various topics

such as evangelism, how to be a Biblical man, and how to read the Bible. I think it is important that every person knows how to do these things. Most of all, I am praying for a blessed holiday season and I am praying for each and every one of you for safety traveling and making great memories with your families that you can look back on and enjoy.

Music Notes



Randy Carruth
Minister of Music

December is a great month for the Music Ministry with all the songs of Christmas that we love. We kick off the season with a

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."
Colossians 3:16

Night of Praise and Missions on December 7th and on December 14th the worship choir, children's choir, and worship team will lead in the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Pray for, plan to attend, bring

someone with you, and together we will make His praise glorious.



CBC Mission Opportunities

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

Lottie Moon Kidz Kan
(December 1 - 31)



Night of Praise and Missions
LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING
Providing financial support to missionaries as they share the gospel overseas.
Sunday, December 7, at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Card Exchange Box

Located in the church foyer!
(December 1 - 21)



Calendar of Activities and Events

Sundays in December
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship

Wednesdays in December
6:00 p.m. - Classic Service
6:00 p.m. - Children in Action
6:00 p.m. - Youth Bible Study
7:00 p.m. - Adult Worship Choir

Sunday, December 7
6:00 p.m. - Lottie Moon Night of Praise and Missions

Monday, December 8
10:00 a.m. - Faith in Action

Tuesday, December 9
6:30 p.m. - Deacon/Staff Christmas Party at the home of Ryan & Amanda Thurman.

Friday, December 12
6:30 p.m. - Adult Worship Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 14
8:00 a.m. - Deacon's Meeting
6:00 p.m. - Celebrating Christmas at Central (Fellowship to follow)

Wednesday, December 17
6:00 p.m. - Children "Happy Birthday Jesus" Party

Thursday, December 18
4:00 p.m. - Young at Heart Christmas Gathering and Fellowship at the church. Christmas Piano musical presentation by Careene Scafidel.
Catered meal \$5 per person donation

Office Closed
Wednesday, December 24 through
Wednesday, December 31.

No Wednesday Activities
Wednesday, December 24 & 31

Minister On Call

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Deacons On Call

December 7
George Higdon 601-757-1823
William Kimble 601-754-5004

December 14
Larry Callender 601-757-9187
Jim Chambers 910-603-5118

December 21
Mike Grim 601-695-3280
Joe Price 601-320-2680

December 28
George Higdon 601-757-1823
William Kimble 601-754-5004

Nursery Workers

December 7
Debbie Callender & Gloria Sweatman

December 14
Halley Mitchell & Ashlyn Thurman

December 21
Melea Coon & Mitzie Stewart

December 28
Brenda Smith & Christi O'Neal

Ushers

December 7
Joe Price & Jason Falvey

December 14
Danny Blake & Mitchell Bessonette

December 21
David Gibson & John Daniel

December 28
Joe Price & Jason Falvey

Security

December 7 December 14
David Gibson George Higdon

December 21 December 28
Chuck Price Gary Myers