

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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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 (through 12-21-25)
Required Monthly
 \$22,497.47
Required to Date
 \$286,804.62
Received to Date
 \$318,028.16
December Receipts
 \$27,160.00

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

12/7	SS Attendance	76
	Worship	94

12/14	SS Attendance	79
	Worship	92

12/21	SS Attendance	75
	Worship	101

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

Happy new year and welcome to 2026! I trust that each of you had a wonderful Christmas season and a happy new year!

As we begin this new year together, I am excited about all that God will accomplish for His glory and our joy! This will be the year that God will see the vision of a new FLC come to reality! We give God praise and glory for allowing us the blessing of this needed part of ministry take place. And, we look forward to how He will use it to grow the fellowship of faith at Central in the many years to come!

This year, we will see
people join the fellowship at

Central and people saved and baptized. We will see God work in the lives of people as He grows them in their walk with Him. We will see God take us through storms and challenges of life that we never thought we would face. And, we will rejoice in the victories that God will bring our way.

As we begin this year together, may we renew our commitment to Jesus and living boldly for the glory of God! Let's recommit ourselves to being in God's house on God's day and serving the Lord with gladness each and every day. And, as we do, God will prove Himself faithful to bless us.

During this first month of the new year, our youth will participate in the LBA “E4”

weekend. Pray for them during this discipleship weekend! Also, our senior adults will participate in the LBA senior adult rally at Pleasant Hill BC. This is an annual event that is enjoyed by all. Also, Central BC will host the minister's conference for all the LBA pastors and ministers.

These are just a few of the many ways we are growing in Christ! Get involved! Get engaged! And, let's see a wonderful start to this new year!



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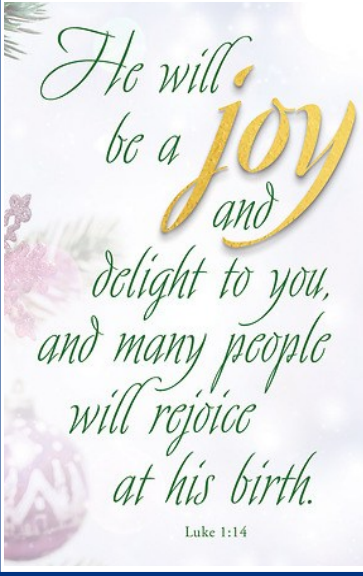
Hello everyone, there's a lot to talk about in the last month of the year. The church has experienced a lot in our growth, and I've seen several new faces this year, oh, hasn't the fellowship been great? We've been celebrating the blessings of tithes and offerings in our family here at Central and watching the new building startup. We are not likely to soon forget 2025. We've been enjoying God's blessings stretched out over

the entire year. Christmas will have come and gone by the time this letter comes out. That will always be the most important remembrance of the year. I guess we will have a lot to reflect on in the past year. This has been a year to remember and be grateful for. I'm grateful that I worship with joyful givers. I pray that it all gives joy and glory to God.

Happy New Year to everyone!



Scripture Memory Plan



Central's Bible Reading



Read the Bible through in
one year:

January

Genesis 1-50
Psalms 1-23
Matthew 1 - 10:20
Acts 1 - 15:21



Kids Korner

"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

Debbie Callender
Children's Committee

Wow! What a Busy
December!

We start the month with "Lottie Moon" Christmas offering. The children enjoy dressing up in costumes as they sell the cookies to our loving members who generously donate to the Christmas offerings for Lottie Moon Missions.

On December 7th we took the children to the Aspen. They entertained the residence with their sweet voices as they sang Christmas songs. Afterwards, they presented the residence with a Christmas gift. What a blessing to see the joy on the children's faces as well as the residents. We have a special group of children who have a

heart for the elderly.

On December 14th the children were invited to participate in the adult choir Christmas Cantata. Thank you to Melanie Huber for taking on the task of practicing and teaching the children the songs. You did an awesome job as they sang so well. For each child's participation on a job well done, they earned an outing in January. We will be taking them to Jackson for a fun time at Urban Air, a "trampoline jumping good time."

On December 17th we will be celebrating our annual "Happy Birthday, Jesus," party. We are encouraging the parents to have them at the church by 5:30 PM that evening. We will be providing chili and goodies. We will also enjoy hearing the Christmas story which we all

enjoy each year. There will also be a surprise visit from someone who will treat each child with a "Happy Bag."

We would like to thank you for letting us be a part of your children's lives each Sunday morning and Wednesday night.

We will continue planning and preparing for the new year. One thing we are discussing is having a fund raiser for the children's playground equipment.

We ask you to be in prayer for that project and pray for the children as well as us as we prepare their hearts and minds with the word of Jesus.

As Matthew 19:14 says: "Let the little children come to me, do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Student News



"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

Jake Smith
Minister of Students

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope y'all had a great Christmas and had a great time being with your family and friends. As we go into the New Year, I want to challenge all of you to take some time and thank God for this new year and all the things that are to come this year. We have so much to look forward to as a church in 2026 and one thing I am very excited for is the Family Life

Center being completed! The FLC is going to be such a huge blessing to all of us, and we are so excited for it to be complete!

For youth activities coming up in January, we have one major one which is E4 Weekend! This is the D-Now weekend that is put on by the Lincoln County Baptist Association at Copiah Lincoln Community College on January 16th and 17th. At E4 Weekend, there will be breakout sessions for various topics such as "How to Read

the Bible" and "How to be a Biblical Man/Woman." You still have time to sign up your student if you want to, it will be \$55 per student.

From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you all for such an amazing 2025, and I am so excited to see what 2026 has to offer. If there is any way I can help you or be praying for you this coming up year, let me know and I will gladly serve you in any way that I possibly can.

Music Notes



Randy Carruth
Minister of Music

I Surrender All (All My Treasures), No Other King, Here is Love, Vast as the Ocean (Everlasting Praise), Nothing but the Blood, Chain Breaker, I Trust Jesus. These

are just a few of the songs of praise we will be introducing in 2026. Also, soon, we will begin preparing to celebrate the life, death, and glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ during the Easter season.

We still need volunteers to assist with the Audio/

Video ministry. These are not difficult positions. If you would like to help, see me or Dr. William Kimble.

Find your place of service. Get involved and let's 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



Coming Next Month

Cecil Hubbard

Scholarship Offering

Calendar of Activities and Events

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

Sunday, January 11
8:00 a.m. - Deacon's Meeting

Monday, January 12
10:00 a.m. - Faith in Action

Wednesday, January 14
Business Meeting

Thursday, January 22
10:00 a.m. - Young at Heart will attend the Senior Adult Rally at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. A soup lunch will be provided. Bus departs at 9:15 a.m. from the church

Thursday, January 1 - Friday, January 2
Office Closed

Wednesday, January 7
6:00 p.m. - Wednesday Activities Resume

Saturday, January 10
2:00 p.m. - Children's Trip to Urban Air (Trampoline Park)

Sunday, January 25
7:45 a.m. - Brotherhood Breakfast

Announcements

Christian Sympathy is extended to:
The family of Billie Mathis (mother of Janet Smith)

Notes:

- 2025 Contribution statements will be mailed out by the second week of January.



- The staff of CBC would like to thank everyone for the gifts we received for Christmas. We are very blessed to be able to serve with such wonderful people here at Central Baptist Church.

Thank you, Central Baptist Family, for loving us through prayers, cards, texts, and food. Thank you, Central Baptist Family, for loving us through prayers, cards, texts, and food, Your generosity has truly been a blessing. Love you all, David & Sondra Dunn & Mrs. Yvonne McTaggart

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Deacons On Call

January 4
Larry Callender 601-757-9187
Jim Chambers 910-603-5118

January 11
Mike Grim 601-695-3280
Joe Price 601-320-2680

January 18
George Higdon 601-757-1823
William Kimble 601-754-5004

January 25
Larry Callender 601-757-9187
Jim Chambers 910-603-5118

Nursery Workers

January 4
Nan Clark & Leigh Ann Martin

January 11
Cheryl Myers & Amanda Thurman

January 18
Shanna Gage & Rachel Ard

January 25
Debbie Callender & Gloria Sweatman

Ushers

January 4
George Higdon & Mike Goza

January 11
Danny Blake & Mitchell Bessonette

January 18
David Gibson & John Daniel

January 25
Joe Price & Jason Falvey

Security

January 4
Mac Hebert

January 11
Jason Falvey

January 18
Jim Jones

January 25
Billy Amos