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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  
6:00 p.m. Children in Action  
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

A monthly publication of Central Baptist Church

### 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 for January

**Required Monthly**

\$24,441.08

**Required to Date**

\$103,874.59

**Received to Date**

\$99,704.27

**April Receipts**

\$22,831.00

### 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

4/5	SS Attendance	70
	Worship	132
4/12	SS Attendance	81
	Worship	88
4/19	SS Attendance	73
	Worship	84
4/26	SS Attendance	55
	Worship	71

### Upcoming Events

- Senior Adult Day (May 3)
- Baptist Children's Village Offering (May 10)
- Mother's Day (May 10)
- Graduate Recognition (May 17)
- Office Closed (May 25)
- Young at Heart (May 28)
- Children's Recognition (May 31)

## Communicating the Vision

Ryan Thurman  
Pastor

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

One year ago, Central Baptist Church pledged \$512,000 to the Fellowship of Faith Capital Campaign! And, since that time, you have been faithful to fulfill your pledges and commitments! Thank you, Church Family, for the way you are sacrificially giving to fund the Family Life Center project!

As of now, we are praying to be completed by the middle of June with the FLC and by the end of July with the children's playground. Renovations inside the current church building will begin immediately to enable us to reconfigure Sunday school space to accommodate growing classes! Thank you for your flexibility during this time!

With May upon us, we look forward to celebrating and honoring various groups within our congregation. On Sunday,

May 3, we will celebrate our annual Senior Adult Day with a luncheon to follow the morning worship for all senior adults. On Sunday, May 10, we will celebrate the blessing of our mothers. On this day, we will, also, receive a special offering for the Baptist Children's Village. Sunday, May 17, we will celebrate and recognize our high school graduate. And, on Sunday, May 31, we will recognize our Children in Action! Be sure to participate in these special Sundays all through the month of May.

As the summer approaches, we are looking forward to VBS. VBS will be June 7-10! And registration is open! Help us spread the word about VBS! It's only 6 weeks away! If you are willing to serve in VBS, we need you! See Mrs. Amanda

Thurman for details on how to be involved.

As summer gets in full swing, don't let the flames of the moving of God's Spirit die out! Continue your commitment to Sunday school and worship. Continue praying for God's protection over this congregation and that the enemy will not have a foothold to disrupt or to cause division. Engage in the ministries and the mission of the congregation! Continue to pray for God to grow us! And, together let's continue to see God move in ways we cannot fathom and continue to see God's Kingdom grow within this community all for His glory and our joy!

## A Word From Our Deacons

George Higdon,  
Deacon

"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

Someone once said a Church is like a battleship not a cruise ship, because unlike a cruise ship, both a Church and a battleship have a mission. Also, there is another similarity, a battleship cannot carry out its mission without its crew, and a church cannot carry out its mission without its members. The combined efforts of each member of a church are necessary for it to accomplish its mission just like the combined effort of the crew is necessary for a battleship to accomplish its mission.

It takes a crew of over 2,000 with many different duties to operate a battleship with each duty being essential for the completion of the mission. A

Church is the same, many different gifts and talents are needed for it to accomplish its mission.

Paul wrote in Romans 12, 4 -8 (KJV); "Far as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So, we, being many, are one body in Christ, and everyone members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching; or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: or he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with

diligence; he that showeth mercy with cheerfulness."

Central Baptist Church needs full complement (crew) to accomplish its mission. Volunteers are needed in our Children's Ministry and in our Audio/Visual Ministry, especially as we begin live-streaming Worship Services on the Internet. Do not say to yourself, "I cannot learn to do this," you will never know what you can do until you try.

Each of us has a gift, talent or ability that can be used to advance the Church and the Kingdom of God, all we need to do is use them.

<p><i>Children's Recognition</i> Sunday, May 31</p>	<p><b>2026</b> <i>CLASS OF</i> <b>Graduate Recognition</b> Sunday, May 17</p>	<p><i>Baptist Children's Village Offering, Sunday, May 10</i></p> <p><b>Mother's Day</b></p>	<p><i>A meal at the church for all senior adults will follow the morning worship.</i></p> <p><b>Senior Adult Day</b> Sunday, May 3</p>	<p>Passionately advancing the Kingdom of God</p>
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## Scripture Memory Plan

"In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven."

MATTHEW 5:16



## Central's Bible Reading

Read the Bible through in one year:

May

1 & 2 Samuel  
Mark 9:33 - 16  
Psalms 95 - 118



Memorial Day  
May 25, 2026

Office will be closed.



## Kids Korner

Cindie Chambers, Children's Committee

In April, the children were busy learning more about missionaries and participated in sharing about Jesus with the Easter eggs. Then they ended the month with showing of the movie *David*. We had a good turnout for children and adults. Everyone enjoyed the concession stand that included a variety of candy, left over from the egg hunt, and movie style candy donated by John and Barbara Daniel. They had fresh popcorn, and a drink of their choice. We had an intermission where the children were able to go on a special prize hunt for a first aid kit. The younger children also had a special fun night with outside and inside activities. They also enjoyed the special treats. A special thank you to the Children's committee for all the work to make this

event such a success, Don Huber for showing the movie, John and Barbara for helping wherever needed, Brenda Smith, Cheryl McNinch and Christi O'Neil for their help with the little children.

May is full of events, as well, starting with Mother's Day on May 10. The children will enjoy muffins, milk and juice with their moms and special women in their lives. They are working on a special surprise for them.

The "Kidz for Christ" Sunday school class will be challenged to know the books of the Bible. They have worked extremely hard to get ready to compete.

Then May will also bring our "End of Year" celebration, with Wednesday night children's activities ending. However, we will still have other things to do

during the summer. The older children will help with WMU ladies' special projects. They will also learn about scrapbooking and creating their own books.

Words cannot express how blessed I am to be part of such a loving, giving church family. Because we are a growing family, we will need more help. We need help in the nursery because there are days when we have as many as twelve children. We need to separate them into both nurseries, but we do not have the workers. If you would like to help, please let us know. We will also need help on Wednesday night, with the children's classes beginning with the new school year.

Let's all be ready to grow in Christ.

*"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*

## Student News



Jake Smith, Minister of Students

*"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*

Hey students! I hope you're as excited about this summer as I am! It is so close you can almost taste it, and we only have a few more weeks of school until your summer is in full swing!

We have some exciting things coming up this month!

The main thing we have planned is on May 31<sup>st</sup> at 5 p.m. we have an end of the school year pool party at Ms. Shanna Gage's house! We will have burgers and hot dogs and a great time of fellowship as well.

We, also, have some fun times planned for later in the

summer! We are going to have a lot of fun this summer, but the main focus is to enjoy Jesus and celebrate all that He has done for us because without Him, none of the fun things we get to do would be possible.

## Music Notes



Randy Carruth, Minister of Music

*"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*

May is a busy month in the life of Central as we honor our senior adults, mothers, and graduates. Summer is almost here and Bible school is just around the corner. The

music ministry is beginning preparations for July 4th, as we celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary. We still need volunteers to assist with the audio/video ministry. These positions are not

difficult, just takes a little time. If you would like to help us, please see me or Dr. William Kimble.

## 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*



**Mother's Day Offering  
for the  
Baptist Children's Village  
May 10, 2026**

## Calendar of Activities and Events

### Sundays in May

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

### Wednesdays in May

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, May 3

Senior Adult Day with Luncheon

### Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day (Baptist Children's Village Offering)

### Monday, May 11

10:00 a.m. - Faith in Action Meeting

### Sunday, May 17

8:00 a.m. - Deacon's Meeting  
Graduate Recognition

### Wednesday, May 20

Business Meeting

### Wednesday, May 20 & May 27

6:00 p.m. - VBS Workday

### Monday, May 25

The church office will be closed.

### Thursday, May 28

Young at Heart will eat at Shivers Creek Catfish House Restaurant, in Crystal Springs, MS. The bus leaves the church at 4:30 p.m. Price range for meal is \$10 - \$20

### Sunday, May 31

Children in Action Recognition

## Announcements

### Christian Sympathy is extended to:

The family of Lane (friend of Linda Blake)  
The family of Danny Ray Abbey (friend of Mike & Camille Grim)  
The family of Shirley Collins (sister-in-law of Lisa Mitchell)  
The family of Stephanie Reynaud (friend of Teresa Britt)  
The family of Philip Douglas (friend of Nannette Clark)  
The family of Charlene Wallace (family of Myra Thurman)  
The family of David Doty  
The family of Charles Seyfarth (friend of Linda Blake)  
The family of Al Smith (cousin of Larry Callender)  
The family of Laura Barrington (friend of Amanda Thurman)  
The family of Penny Delaney (friend of Linda Blake)  
The family of Elzey Smith (friend of Donna Becker)



**VBS 2026 - June 7-10  
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

VBS Workdays at 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 20, 27  
& June 3

### Minister On Call

Ryan Thurman 601-248-5857

### Deacons On Call

May 3  
George Higdon 601-757-1823  
William Kimble 601-754-5004

May 10  
Larry Callender 601-757-9187  
Jim Chambers 910-603-5118

May 17  
Mike Grim 601-695-3280  
Joe Price 601-320-2680

May 24  
George Higdon 601-757-1823  
William Kimble 601-754-5004

May 31  
Larry Callender 601-757-9187  
Jim Chambers 910-603-5118

### Nursery Workers

May 3  
Debbie Callender & Gloria Sweatman

May 10  
Halley Mitchell & Ashlyn Thurman

May 17  
Melea Coon & Mitzie Stewart

May 24  
Brenda Smith & Christi O'Neal

May 31  
Nan Clark & Leigh Ann Martin

### Ushers

May 3  
Danny Blake & Mitchell Bessonette

May 10  
David Gibson & John Daniel

May 17  
Joe Price & Jason Falvey

May 24  
George Higdon & Mike Goza

May 31  
Danny Blake & Mitchell Bessonette

### Security

May 3  
George Higdon  
May 10  
Chuck Price

May 17  
Gary Myers  
May 24  
Larry Callender

May 31  
Mac Hebert