

**CENTRAL BAPTIST
CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 2025**

MERRY MAKERS
SEPTEMBER 8

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DEACONS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14



WOMEN OF G.R.A.C.E.
CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 19-20



C'MON MAN
SEPTEMBER 23



**NEXT STEP
BEST STEP**



CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Seeking God and Serving Others

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PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Timothy Coker

Senior Pastor

Rev. Bryant McRae

Associate Pastor, Discipleship & Children

Mr. Gray Fall

Associate Pastor, Youth & Facilities

Mr. Jason Berry

Interim Worship Leader

Weekly Worship

Sundays:

9:00 am Coffee and Fellowship on Central Avenue

9:30 am Bible Study • classes available for all ages

10:30 am Worship

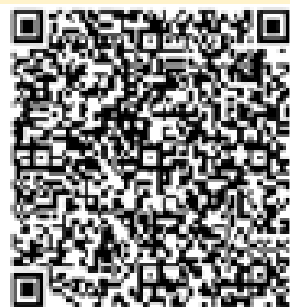
6:00 pm Junior & Senior High Youth Group Worship & Small Groups • Youth Building (doors open at 5:30 pm); Sunday Night Fundamentals • The Kid Central Building • kids 2K-5th grade; Small Groups as scheduled (locations TBA)

Wednesdays:

6:00 pm Junior & Senior High Youth Group Worship & Special Interest Classes • Youth Bldg; UFF! Lambs and H4 • The Kid Central Building • 2K to 5th grade; Small Groups as scheduled (locations TBA)



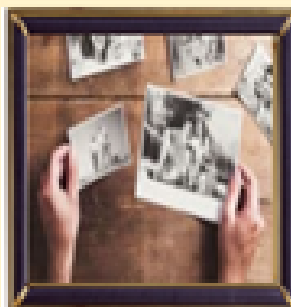
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September 19 & 20
This year's theme is
Anchored in Christ
Hebrews 6:19

Julie Cannon will be our
speaker. Ticket cost is
\$25.00 online and \$30
at the door.

Family Photos



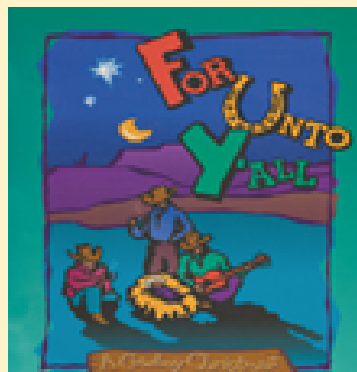
Family...Yesterday & Tomorrow

Help us honor and remember your family by sending us a picture past and present. Deadline to submit is September 5th. You can email them to Renee at randerson.central@gmail.com or text them to her.



Join Pastor Tim on Sunday nights beginning September 7th at 6 pm for this great Bible Study on the Gospel of John. You can order your book at:

experienceisraelnow.com/products



Join us December 14, 2025 at 6 PM in the Activity Building, as the Worship Ministry presents "For Unto Y'all: A Cowboy Christmas".

Auditions are open for all ages 4th Grade and up. See Jason if you are interested in auditioning or for more details.



Childlike, Not Childish, Pt. II

Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child—this one is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 18:4

He leaned over, placed his two fingers in my mouth, and stretched my lips apart with enough force to separate my skin from my body. Then, he stuck a metallic vacuum cleaner in my mouth and completely dried my gums. It felt so unnatural! I hated it! But nothing caused as much anxiety as what I heard next, “This might pinch a little.” I knew what was coming! Shots! Sting! Pain! Numbness! Horror!

By now you know that I’m referring to a visit to the dentist. The above words were written a long time ago, when I was young. Still, I confess that I loathe a trip to the dentist office. I know the dentist is necessary...I know it’s for my own good...I know I’ll be better off in the long run for having gone...BUT I HATE THE DISCOMFORT!

I imagine that you can identify with me, can’t you? We’ve all been there. In fact, we’re there now...together. As we head into the Fall season, still not back in the sanctuary, I feel as if someone is looking at our congregation and saying, “This could pinch a little bit.” We know it’s necessary. We know that we’ll be better off in the long run. We know that it has to be done. BUT IT STILL CAUSES DISCOMFORT!

Which brings me to Matthew 18:4. As we began last week, we’re looking at the characteristics of being childlike, not childish. The first characteristic in childlikeness is imagination.

The second characteristic of being childlike is trust! Children naturally trust those in authority, especially parents and grandparents (until it is proven to them that they cannot trust). They believe that those responsible for their well being will act in ways consistent with what’s best.

I am intent on being childlike this Fall, even in the midst of uncertainty and discomfort! I cannot stop the anxiety that comes with waiting, but I can guarantee this: We will go forward! We WILL continue to worship God—with our hearts and our minds—through song, praise, prayer and proclamation! I promise you that the messages I preach in our time away from the sanctuary will be as important to me as the ones I have preached in the sanctuary! We WILL still see lives changed! We recently baptized 4 young people whose lives have been touched by the gospel. I expect us to continue baptizing. Finally, we WILL still love! I am continually amazed at how you care for each other (and for me and my family). I expect to see that grow stronger in days ahead!

As you finish reading the words of someone who struggles...just like you...let me encourage you to reach up your little hand...no matter what you’re dealing with...and take the Hand of One who can be trusted. As another struggler wrote, some 3000 years ago, “Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.” Psalm 56:3

FIRST LOOK

INTERESTED IN BECOMING PART OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY?

INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT OUR BELIEFS, PRACTICES, AND VALUES?

When: The first Sunday of each month at 5 pm

Where: Conference Room

How: Contact the church office by 10 am on the Wednesday before

Note: If you prefer to speak one-on-one with Pastor Tim, please contact the church office to schedule an appointment.



UPCOMING EVENTS

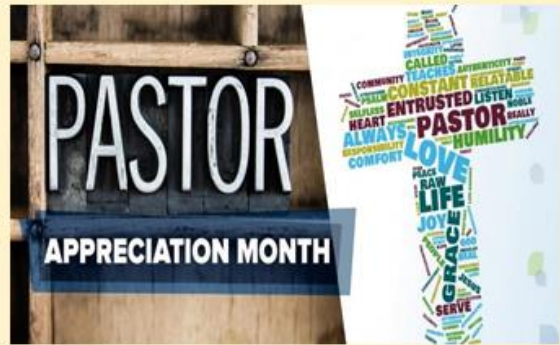
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- Little Givers' emphasis is Darlington Humane Society
- Good New Club begins in September Please contact Pastor Bryant if interested in being a volunteer.
- Wednesday Nights 6 to 7:15 pm:
H4 (1st-5th Grades)
Lit'l Lambs (3K-5K)
- Sunday Nights 5 to 6 pm
Sundae Night Fundamentals



We look forward to our Fall kickoff this month on September 8th at noon in the Activity Building. This month's guest will be Christ City of Refuge from Hartsville.

- Wednesday Nights 6 to 7:30 pm
Doors open at 5:30 pm
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Catch 63

Contact Pastor Tim to schedule a 12-minute game of catch

