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May 10, 2026

From Your Pastor

The *New York Times Magazine* recently published its list of the 30 Greatest Living American Songwriters — compiled with input from 250 music industry insiders and six of the magazine’s own critics, spanning a wide range of genres and generations. I caught an interview with one of those critics, who described what the selection process actually looked like: a room full of people, hours of music, and arguments that grew passionate and heated. I don’t have to tell you how seriously people take their music.

The names on the list won’t shock you — Bob Dylan, Stevie Wonder, Willie Nelson, Dolly Parton, Bruce Springsteen, Lionel Richie. Stevie Nicks and Billy Joel didn’t make the cut. No list is ever perfect, and the debate is part of the point.

The magazine conducted interviews with many of the artists themselves — conversations about how they write their songs. Some treat it like a job, showing up at the same time every day, whether inspiration strikes or not. Others thrive in collaboration, tossing ideas back and forth with people they trust. Some work in isolation. Some begin with a lyric; others start with a melody and let the words follow.

Listening to these artists talk about their craft left me with a renewed appreciation — not just for their talent, but for their discipline and their commitment to share something meaningful with the world.

It also reminded me of how Paul describes the church. In our congregation, there are “varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.” I’m grateful that Central Baptist is that kind of community — diverse in gifting, unified in purpose. I am grateful for the diverse melody we make together.

Blessings,
Ande



CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2026
BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

MAY 18 2026

SMITHWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
4914 JACKSBORO PIKE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

SERVICE BEGINS AT 7:00PM
SENIORS, PLEASE ARRIVE BY 6:45PM
ATTIRE: SUNDAY DRESS

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE SERVICE



Senior Adult Thrifting Day
Tuesday, May 19

- Meet at church: 9:00 AM
- Bring money for:
Brunch, Ice cream, and Thrift finds
- Sign up:
Call Debbie at 865-688-2421

Senior Adult VBS
Friday, June 12
More details coming soon!

Weekly Opportunities

Sunday School

Sundays at 9:45 am

There are Bible study classes for all ages!

Visit cbcfc.org/about/sunday-school/ for a list of classes.

Media Center

Come take advantage of the resources your church library

has to offer! Open Sundays 8:30am - 10:35am

Wednesdays 9:30 am - 12pm; 2pm - 4pm

Family Life Center

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday | 8am – 8pm

Wednesday | 8am – 2pm and Friday | 8am – noon

The fitness calendar can be found on our website at

cbcfc.org/calendar/fitness/



Wednesday Night LIFE

Kids, Youth and Families are invited for an
End of the Year Cookout on May 13 at 6pm!

Wednesday Night for Adults

Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30-8pm. Music Suite

Devotion with Ande Myers. 7pm. Facebook

Preschool Worship Workers

May 10 8:45 - Mike and Janet McConkey

10:45 - Janna Gadd, Josie Gadd, Blake Gadd, Jackson Gadd

May 17 8:45 - Mike and Janet McConkey

10:45 - Kristin Hawkins, Jonathan Williford, Kim Millard,
Debbie Crowder



VBS 2026

Registration is OPEN!

June 8 - 11

9am - Noon

Ages 4 - Completed 5th grade

(must be 4 by Aug. 15, 2026)

4 teachers are still needed!

Contact cheyenne at
cduffy@cbcfc.org to volunteer!

Register by scanning the
QR code or visit
cbcfc.org/vbs-2026/



Upcoming Events

LIFE End of the Year
COOKOUT



Wednesday, May 13 | 6-8pm | Volleyball Court

CBCFC Kids, Youth, & Families -
Join us for food and games for everyone!
Children up to 5th grade must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Composer Weekend
with Pepper Choplin
Sunday, May 17



We are honored to welcome acclaimed composer, Pepper Choplin, to preview his newly commissioned choir anthem during our traditional worship service on May 17. With a diverse musical background, Choplin incorporates varied styles such as folk, Gospel, classical, and jazz.

GRADUATE
Recognition



SUNDAY, MAY 17
8:45AM & 10:45AM | FLC

High school, college, and graduate level graduates will be honored in both worship services.

Graduates please send in: Name, School, Degree (if graduating from college), Accomplishments, Post graduation plans, Kindergarten graduation photo, and Current graduation photo.
Graduates are invited to lunch with Caleb after worship on May 17.
Email info and lunch RSVP to kpendley@cbfc.org by May 12!



Hearts & Hands May Meeting
MAY 17
4PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for a meeting as we welcome representatives from Susannah's House and hear about the growth and meaningful work taking place in their ministry. Donations from their needs list will be gratefully received. All ladies are invited—bring a friend and enjoy fellowship. Light refreshments will be served. See you there!

Needs List:

- 13 gallon trash bags
- 33 gallon trash bags
- Disinfecting wipes
- Baby wipes
- Dishwasher soap
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Paper plates
- Solo cups

Contemporary Worship *8:45 a.m.*

Welcome

Call to Worship *Lord I Lift Your Name on High*

Answering the Call Testimony Blake Gadd

Praise & Worship *Raise A Hallelujah*
King Of My Heart

Message *Community* Rev. Ande Myers
Exodus 18:13-20

Benediction *Make Room*

New to CBCFC? We'd love to meet you!
Scan the QR code, fill out the contact form,
and someone from the ministry
team will reach out soon.



Classic Worship *10:45 a.m.*

Prelude *How Beautiful* Paris-Larson

Welcome to Worshipers Rev. Ande Myers

Duet *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* arr. Young
Brett Beard, Drew Beard

Reading *The Rock of Our Salvation*

Congregational Hymns

This Is the Day

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Answering the Call Testimony Rob Huffaker

Congregational Hymn *I Love to Tell the Story*

Offertory Prayer Cheryl Sheridan

Offertory *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Larson
Sheree Beeler, piano & Jeff Mize, trombone

Duet *Now Sing We Joyfully Unto God* arr. Young
Brett Beard, Drew Beard

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Congregational Hymn *Take My Life, Lead Me Lord*

Benediction

Postlude *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* arr. Hustad