

HURRICANE HARVEY:
WHAT'S HAPPENING & HOW YOU CAN HELP

DONATION SITE
CANTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
74 Academy St, Canton, NC 28716
Tuesday - Thursday 9 am to 12 pm and 2 pm to 6 pm
Friday 9-12

DISASTER RELIEF

CANTON LABOR DAY FESTIVAL
a celebration of all things made in western n.c.

Canton First Outreach Sunday & Monday
September 3 & 4 Noon to 5pm
Crafts, Activities, Stories, Greeters,
Water Bottles, and Free Water Refills
Volunteer with Court Greene or Lisa Bedford
Come love on the kids & families
in our booth & have fun!

the children's village

Starting Sept 5!

What Happens After this Life?
Tuesday Night Bible Study
Facilitated by Kevin McDaniel
6pm in the Fellowship Hall

Get a Free 8x 10 taken Sept 13, 14, 15, & 16
Call 648-2367

Schedule your photography session

JOY Fellowship
(Just Older Youth)

9:45 am
September 10

Combined Adult Sunday School Classes

Wednesday, Sept 13
Lunch at The Moose
Meet at church at 11am
RSVP to 648.2367

Covered Dish Breakfast
9 am September 10
Bring Casseroles, Fruit, Danishes, & Breakfast Items to Share

Submit information in writing or by email to cantonfirst@gmail.com by the 15th. Announcements by Monday at 10am
Call 648-2367 for more information. To receive by email, write "subscribe" to dcbwitness@gmail.com.

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Dear Canton First Baptist Church Family,

A few weeks ago, in a sermon, I mentioned the changes that are happening in our small but vibrant town. People are moving into town. They are new people. They are strangers. They are... well... different. Is that OK? Thankfully, the Bible offers us some guidance for that very question. When Paul wrote to the church in Rome, he was writing to a church much like ours. It was in transition. There were new ideas, new people, new experiences, and with every new thing comes resistance to change. What was Paul's advice? Romans 15:7 says, "welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." We are called to go further than the golden rule. We are not simply asked to treat others how we want to be treated, a noble goal in itself, but instead to go further, treating one another as Christ treated us. Are we, then, to sacrifice ourselves for others? Are we to welcome others who we know are undeserving of our presence? Are we to be willing to accept those who our society deems unfit? Well, if Paul has anything to say about it, yes.

I can say with assurance that we as a church can be exactly what Paul calls us to be. We can be the embodiment of Christ in Canton and beyond. I know this for one simple reason... I am one of those very people described above. A few months ago, I moved here from somewhere else. I had new ideas, I had my own experiences, and I was a new face. You accepted me, you accepted my family, and we felt welcome. Thank you, but the work is not yet finished. Now that we've shown we're capable, let's seek those who are moving into our town. Let's welcome them as Christ welcomed us. Let's be willing to make a few sacrifices to show the love of God to others. Let's go beyond the golden rule, and let's serve the Kingdom together.

Rev. Court Greene

JOIN A NEW STUDY GROUP:

Sunday School for all ages meets every Sunday at 9:45am.

Combined Adult Sunday School: Sunday Sept 10 9:45 am we will enjoy guest speaker Chip Etier. Bring a guest!

Ladies Mission Groups: All ladies are invited to join the mission group that best fits their schedule. Jean Teague Group usually meets the 1st Tuesday morning of each month at 10 am. Irene Berry Smith Group meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm.

Men's Breakfast: All men are invited to Breakfast Bible Study & Prayer at 7am the 1st Tuesday of each month at Clyde's Restaurant and the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Bojangles.

Tuesday Study Group: The Tuesday Study Group facilitated by Rev. Kevin McDaniel will begin Tuesday, Sept 5 at 6pm. If you need child-care for the Tuesday study group, please call 648-2367 with their names and ages.

Adult Bible Study Wednesday 6pm: Wednesdays at 6pm a study of 1 Corinthians is led by Court Greene. Bring a friend. Nursery provided.

Youth Fellowship & Study: Wednesday at 6pm

Simmons Study Group: Meet Wednesday at 6pm at the Simmons Home. Childcare is provided at the church.

VOLUNTEER FOR LOCAL MISSIONS:

Papertown Kids Village Labor Day Outreach: Canton FBC will host a booth at the Canton Labor Day Festival Sunday Sept 3 from 1-6pm and Monday, Sept 4 each day with crafts, activities, stories for kids, handouts, invitations, water bottles, and free water refills. Volunteer with Court Greene or Lisa Ledford to assist with community outreach mission. Wear your CFBC t-shirts to this outreach event. Come support our booth and greet our community!

Hurricane Harvey Donation Site: Volunteers are needed for Tuesday through Thursdays for 9am-Noon and 2-6pm and Friday 9-12 shifts for a few weeks to help receive relief donations for Texas. Call 648-2367 to volunteer or learn more details. View our website or Facebook page for items needed or pick up a list at the office.

Community Kitchen Ministry: Every 1st Thursday (Aug 3) at 4pm our Ministry team prepares, serves, and cleans up at the Community Kitchen. To volunteer see Cathy Walsh or Lorene West.

Feed the Bears & Devotion: We will host the Varsity bears on October 6 at 3:30pm. Volunteer with Kevin.

Fall Festival: Join us at the Canton Armory 4-7 pm Sunday, October 29 for the Annual Fall Festival. See Kevin to volunteer and sign up to bring Cakes, goodies or help with a game booth, greeting & registration, parking, inflatables, serving food & drinks, set-up, clean-up, or other areas.

Candy Walk Outreach: 9:45 am Oct 31 Volunteer with Kevin.

Hospice Volunteers Needed: Reception & Reader/Sitters. Call Allbre Edwards at 425-5039 for more information.

Backpack Ministry: There is a need at Canton Middle School for tennis shoes new or gently used all adult sizes. Bring to the Volunteer/Sunday School office.

MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES

5th Sunday Food Drive: Sunday, July 30, bring non-perishable food and hygiene items for those less fortunate in our community.

Covered Dish Breakfast: Sunday, Sept 10 9am bring a covered dish and guests for this time of fellowship.

Youth Sunday Funday: All teens in 6th through 12 grade are invited each Sunday at 5pm to fellowship and study beginning Sept 10.

Kids Missions & Music: Children K3 to 5th Grade are invited each Sunday at 5pm to a fun rehearsal for the Christmas Drama Musical.

Joy Fellowship: Adults meet Wednesday, September 13 at 11 am to go together on the coach to the Moose Café. Call 648-2367 to reserve your space. Invite a guest to go with you.

Pictorial Directory: In September portraits will be taken for the new Pictorial Directory. You will receive a call to schedule your family appointments Sept 13-16. Makeup days will be Sept 26-27.

National Back to Church Sunday: Sept 17 Worship at 11am

Budget Requests: All Committee Chairs, Ministry Coordinators, Activity and Program Directors, and Mission leaders are requested to submit the budget request form to the office to help prepare for Finance Budget Workshop. If you did not get a packet, please contact the office to have one sent or go by and pick one up.

Homecoming: Sunday, October 1

Scholar Recognition Day: October 8

FREE FAMILY MOVIES, MUSIC, LIKE NETFLIX

Free Family Movies: To learn how you can get free movies, children programs, games, studies and more on your computer, smart TV or smart phone call the church office at 648.2367. We will email you a link to get you started for free. This is 100% free to anyone provided by Canton First Baptist Church Sunday School Ministry. Share this with your children and grandchildren even if they live away.

CANTON FIRST T-SHIRTS

Canton First T-Shirts: We have received a new shipment of CFBC shirts and we currently have sizes S-2XL available. If you would like to get one see Kevin. Shirts are \$5 each or free for volunteers of upcoming events. Wear your shirts for our mission outreach events.

DIRECTORY PORTRAITS

Free Family Portrait: Call 648-2367 to schedule to get your free family 8x10 portrait taken Sept 13, 14, 15, or 16th. Pictures will be back before Christmas. There are more discounts for those who purchase: Seniors, Military, Fire, Rescue, Police, and those who call the office to make their appointment. Call 648-2367 to schedule your family's appointment with the photographer. Invite your children, grandchildren, neighbors, friends, co-workers, military, fire, police, and rescue workers to come for a sitting and get a free portrait. Discounts are available for seniors, military, fire rescue police, and those who call the office to schedule.

Church Directory updates: Please submit all address, email, and cell phone changes to the church office to update the church directory.

Weekly Events & Activities

Sunday	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00	Worship Service for all ages
	5:00	Youth & Children - beginning Sept 10
Monday	10:00	Bulletin, Screens & Witness information needed
Tuesday	6:00	Bible Study Group at CFBC
Wednesday	4:00	Staff Meeting
	6:00	Adult Bible Study:
	6:00	Youth Study & Fellowship
	6:00	Adult Bible Study Group at Simmons Home
	7:00	Sanctuary Choir
15th of the prior month: Publications & Promotions Information Needed		

Upcoming Events & Activities

Sept 3-4		Labor Day outreach
Sept 5	7:00	Men's Breakfast Bible Study & Prayer @ Clyde's Rest.
	10:00	Jean Teague Ladies Missions Group
	6:00	Tuesday Study Group
Sept 6	12:00	Minister's Peer Group Meeting
Sept 7	4:00	Community Kitchen Ministry
	4:00	Broyhill WNC Conf & BBQ Dinner
Sept 8		JOY Adults to Kentucky Trip
Sept 10	9:00	Covered Dish Breakfast
	9:45	Combined Adult Sunday School
	5:00	Youth Sunday Funday starts
	5:00	Kids Missions & Music starts
Sept 11	5:30	Finance Meeting
	7:00	Irene Berry Smith Ladies Mission Group
Sept 13	11:00	JOY Fellowship to Moose Café
	2:00 - 9:00	Lifetouch Directory Portraits
Sept 14	2:00 - 9:00	Lifetouch Directory Portraits
Sept 15	2:00 - 9:00	Lifetouch Directory Portraits
Sept 16	10:00	Lifetouch Directory Portraits
Sept 17		National Back to Church Sunday
Sept 19	7:00	Men's Breakfast Bible Study & Prayer @ Bojangles
Sept 26	2:00 - 9:00	Lifetouch Directory Portraits Makeup Day
Sept 27	7:00	See You At The Pole - Every School
	2:00 - 9:00	Lifetouch Directory Portraits Makeup Day
Sept 29	11:00	Budget Requests Due
Sept 30		Fellowship Hall Reserved
Oct 1	11:00	Homecoming - Rev. Court Greene
Oct 6	3:30	Feed The Bears
Oct 8	11:00	Scholar Recognition Day
Oct 29	4:00	Fall Festival
Oct 31	9:30	Canton Candy Walk
	10:00	5th Tuesday Ladies Mission
	6:00	Men's Night Out

Deacons of the Week

Sept 3	Doug Bradburn, Jeff Conard, Jeff Haynes
Sept 10	Wendy Reid, Ernie Stines, Mike Wood
Sept 17	Charles Bowlin, Larry Paxton, Mike Pressley
Sept 24	Ray Shepard, Jack Shuler, Josh Simmons
Oct 1	Zeb Smathers, Jerry Smith, Carole Edwards
Oct 8	Kevin Lowery, Billie Conard, Lowell Grogan
Oct 15	Gail Bradburn, Tony Reid
Oct 22	Doug Bradburn, Jeff Conard, Jeff Haynes