

# JINGLE BELL

-BEACH-

A CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL  
Children Ages 3K to 5th Grade meet  
each Sunday at 5pm to rehearse

**children's ministry**  
Kids Ages 3yrs to 5th Grade  
Are invited 5 pm Each Sunday  
Rehearse for Jingle Bell Beach  
Directed by Sharon Cagle  
Christmas Musical Drama  
Parts Still Available



**Canton First Churchwide Packing Party**  
6pm to 9pm  
November 8

**Shoebbox Ingathering Morning Worship**  
November 12

Send Good News and Great Joy!  
Pack a Shoebbox

**JOY Fellowship**  
(Just Older Youth)

Wednesday, Nov. 8  
Maggie's Galley  
Meet at church at 11am  
RSVP to 648.2367

There is a place for you  
Grow Closer To God, Grow Closer To Others...Sundays @ 9:45

**SUNDAYSCHOOL**

Rehearsing each Wednesday at 7pm

# PEACE HAS COME

6 pm Sunday, December 10  
Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra

## Operation G.U.M. Drop (God Use Me) Ministry

Saturday, November 11  
8 am - 12pm  
Meet at Canton First  
For Light Breakfast!  
Bring rakes, gloves, tarps and blowers.

### THANKSGIVING EVENTS

## CANTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

JOY Adult Fellowship to Maggie's Galley 11am Nov 8  
Thanksgiving Covered Dish Banquet 6 pm Nov 15  
Thanksgiving Worship 11 am Nov 19  
Community Thanksgiving @ St Andrews 7pm Nov 19  
Hanging of the Greens 11 am Nov 26

**We thank God for:**

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# The Witness



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Dear Canton First Baptist Church Family,

"OK, it's Thanksgiving, so let's go around the table and everyone say something for which you are thankful." We didn't really do this in my family, probably because there are more people than table space, but I have seen it on TV so I assume everyone else in America does it yearly. So, let's do it now. Are you thinking of something? Are you making a list of all the things for which you are thankful today? GREAT! Now, where does your church fall on that list? I hope it's there, not because you're reading this publication but because you truly enjoy, rely upon and appreciate your church, and if it is there, where does your church fall on the list? There are, indeed, endless reasons to be thankful. I know that all of our lists would be different, and I can't speak for anyone but myself, but I put our church fairly high on this list. Our church is a place of refuge. It is a place where we can feel welcomed and loved. It is a place that has helped thousands of people over its lifetime and promises to continue helping others for years to come. Our church means something to us, to our town, and to the world around us, so I do hope you're thankful for this small corner of God's Kingdom. Now, here's the hard part. Do we show how thankful we are for our church like we would any other event, person, or institution? Usually, when something makes a positive impact on our lives, in our grateful exuberance, what do we do? We tell people what an impact it has made! We show them how it can help them too! We spread the news to any who will listen. That's what we used to do when the church made a difference for us. That is, after all, how the church grew from its infancy (as shown in the book of Acts). Do you ever wonder why we stopped? In the coming months, the staff of CFBC invites you to get back to that way of living. We encourage you to think of why you're thankful for our church, what it offers you, and how it has impacted you. Soon we are going to implement moments of reflection about these very things into our worship services to encourage your thoughts. Hopefully, we will treat the impact our church makes on our lives like we do other occasions for celebration. We'll think of those whose lives will also change for the better based on what happens here, and we'll invite them to accompany us.

Rev. Court Greene

**Memorial Remembrance Worship Service**  
11 am October 29

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

**FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL**  
Fun for the whole family!  
CANTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
At Canton Armory  
4:00 pm to 7:30 pm  
Sunday October 29, 2017

Fall Festival

Cake Walk Cupcakes Hot Dog Supper  
Drinks Games Booths Inflatables &  
More Fun For All

**FESTIVAL**  
CANDY COLLECTION IN VESTIBULE AND HALLWAY

LOOK FOR US AT  
**CANTON CANDY WALK**  
9:45 AM  
OCTOBER 31

## We love our pastors

Pastor APPRECIATION Month  
*1 Thessalonians 5:12-13*

and our staff, too!

We are praying for and extend Christian love and sympathy to the families of Roger Boyd, Audrey Mathews, David Shope, Mary Taylor, and Mary Haynes White.

## MISSIONS & MINISTRY COMING UP

**Extension Ministry Christmas Card Ministry:** Please prepare Christmas cards for our shut-ins, homebound, nursing home and special friends. Lists of names will be available mid November from the office, literature racks, on the counter next to the copier, and in the Sunday School classes. This means so much to our friends who are not able to attend. Place your cards in the bags in the hallway and the Extension Ministry team will deliver the bag full of cards in Mid-December.

**Hanging of the Green Worship Service:** Celebrate a festive morning worship kickoff of the Advent Season Sunday, Nov. 26.

**Poinsettia Memorials and Honorariums Ministry:** Your gift of \$20 provides poinsettias for homebound, shut-ins, and nursing home residents delivered by their deacon to bring them cheer throughout the Christmas season and provides the decorations in the church for this season. For your gift of \$20, your name and “in Memory or in Honor” designation will be listed in the memorial bulletin on December 20. Completed forms and donations are due by December 13.

**Community Children’s Christmas Ministry: Pray** for this ministry which has been a vital outreach ministry of Canton First Baptist for over 8 decades. The CCC Ministry team is already at work preparing for this ministry as it takes months of preparation and coordination. We work with the schools and social workers to identify the children and families who would best benefit from this ministry. The parents are then contacted and given an invitation and then they complete forms and return them to assist us with the preparations. We need you to **Volunteer** to help sort, setup, cleanup, lead crafts, serve supper, and have fun with our guests. You are the living representation of Christ that many of them will see. Please pray about participating in whatever way you can. Your smile, hug, and encouragement may be the best gift they receive this Christmas. Another way you can help is to serve as a **Host** to a child and their family on the day of the event Sunday, December 6. You will greet them when they arrive at 4pm, show them around, take them to the crafts area, take them to the sanctuary for the program at 5pm, bring them back down and eat with them at 6pm and continue to shadow them as they enjoy the special guest until they leave, all the while talking and sharing the love of Jesus with them and their family as they enjoy fun, and fellowship. You get to make that a connection with that child and family. This year we are planning for 50+ children yet there are *always* more who need us. *We can only provide gifts for the children that are registered.* We will have treat bags for all children and siblings. If you know of a family in need, contact the church office by November 8 with contact information so that we can see if they are eligible. **Give** to sponsor a child for \$30 to help with gifts and expenses of this ministry. Financial gifts of any size are welcome. Please write on your envelope Community Children’s Christmas Ministry. We can always use unopened Lego sets, Barbie Dolls, or other children’s items you may have laying around. For more information contact the church office, Lisa Ledford or Pam Floyd.

**Children’s Christmas Pageant:** The children and youth of CFBC will present “Jingle Bell Beach” a Christmas Pageant for everyone at 5pm on Sunday, December 3. This pageant, is open to everyone, as is the supper that follows with the appearance of a special guest.

## PLEASE NOTE

**Reservations:** If your class or group is planning a gathering this season, please be sure to call the church office to place reservations on the church calendar.

**Weather Policy:** During the week, when Haywood County Schools are dismissed or closed due to inclement weather, activities at Canton First are postponed and CFBC is closed. During a weather event, decisions are made as soon as possible and sent first to the Deacons. Please check WLOS, WPTL, Facebook, and our website for weather related program or time changes. Please travel only if it is safe to drive and walk.

**To Reach the Ministers & Staff:** Because of limited staff, schedules, holiday and vacation, please try to call the church with your requests on Monday through Wednesday between 10am and 2pm. When possible try to reach us by email at [canton-first@gmail.com](mailto:canton-first@gmail.com) or the staff specific email. Messages will be returned as soon as possible. **For a Ministry Need** please contact your family Deacon or Deacon Chairman Joshua Simmons at 828.400-6019.

**Budget Gifts:** Your gifts to the Canton First Baptist support our many partnership ministries and missions as well as fund the work of the ministry we do here locally. Thank you for your continued faithfulness and commitment to our community.

**End of Year Gifts:** Your gifts are important to us. For gifts to count for 2017, they must be received, postmarked or donated online by December 31, 2017. Thank you for your generosity throughout this Ministry Season!

## CANTON FIRST MINISTRY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

**Remembering the Saints:** We will have a time of remembrance for loved ones who have passed away over the last 12 months on Sunday, October 29th in morning worship. Please call the church office with names of those you would like to remember.

**Fall Festival, Sunday October 29 4-7:30pm Canton Armory:** Come and be a part of this great opportunity to show the love of Jesus to our community this fun outreach to staff game booths, greet, register, parking, costume judging, preparing and serving food and drinks, setup, cleanup, and much more.

**Fifth Sunday Food Drive Sunday, October 29:** Please place non-perishable food and hygiene items in the baskets on the landing for the needy in our community.

**Preschoolers welcome:** If you would like to join the Canton Candy Walk on Tuesday, October 31 at 10 am for preschoolers to kindergarten.

**Canton Candy Walk Outreach:** Come help us share the love of Jesus with the youngest in our community and their families Oct 31 at 9am.

**5th Tuesday Mission Group Project:** 10am to prepare food for Alternative School.

**Community Kitchen Ministry Team:** Be in prayer for our volunteers who prepare and serve the meal the first Thursday of each month. (Nov 2) To volunteer, see Cathy Walsh.

**Fall Back:** Move your clock back one hour Saturday, November 4.

**JOY (Just Older Youth) Fellowship:** All adults please reserve your seat to enjoy lunch together at Maggie's Galley on November 8 leaving the church at 10 am. Each person is responsible for the cost of their meal, tax & tip and \$1 for the JOY Fellowship. Call 648.2367 to reserve your place.

**Operation Christmas Child Church-wide Pack Party:** Everyone is invited at 6pm on Wednesday, November 8, to the Pack Party in the fellowship hall. Bring items to put in the shoe boxes to go to children around the world in poverty and distress and open the door for the gospel and Christ’s love to be shared. The Shoebox Ingathering will be Sunday, November 12 in Morning Worship.

**BackPack Ministry November 8:** Canton First Backpack Ministry serves alongside the Canton Missional Network to assist displaced families through backpacks of food and needed items distributed through the schools. Our day of service is November 9 for us to pick up, pack, and return filled packs. To receive email Backpack updates, email Susan Shumolis at [sshumolis@gmail.com](mailto:sshumolis@gmail.com).

**G.U.M. (God Use Me) Drop Ministry Saturday, November 11 8am to Noon:** Volunteer for this day of service to our church family and community who need help with fall cleanup. Every age can help. Bring rakes, gloves, tarps, blowers, etc. Meet at the church at 8am to go out to the work sites together. For more information call the church office at 828.648.2367, or see Carroll & Barbara Wright or Skip & Jan Holland.

**Sunday School Council:** All teachers, outreach leaders and workers are asked to meet at 9am on the 2nd Sunday (Nov 12) of each month in the Mann Classroom as we share updates and make plans for the future with Sunday School Director Jeff Conard.

**Kids Fun Lunch & Fellowship Sunday, November 12 at Noon:** Kids will have lunch after morning worship and enjoy fun fellowship here at the church.

**Budget Discussion Church Conference:** The Annual Budget Discussion Church Conference will be November 12 at 4pm. Everyone is asked to participate. We will vote without discussion on the budget in morning worship Sunday, November 19.

**Thanksgiving Church-wide Covered Dish Banquet:** Invite friends and family to a feast 6pm Wednesday, November 15. We provide turkey, dressing, bread and drinks. Please bring other meats, casseroles, vegetables, salads, and desserts to share.

**Youth Events:** See Kevin for details about Fall Festival, Bonfire, Shopping Trips, Lock-In, Service Projects, Mission Opportunities and more youth events coming up.

**Thanksgiving Covered Dish Banquet:** Invite everyone to a feast at 6pm Wednesday November 15. The church will provide turkey, dressing, bread, and drinks. Please bring other meats, casseroles, vegetables, salads, and desserts to share.

**Christmas in the Smokies:** Pray for the group going to Christmas in the Smokies in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee Nov 30-Dec 2. Plan to go with them for this inspiring week-end next year. For details see Lowell & Sandra Grogan.

**Canton Christmas Parade Outreach Ministry:** Plan to participate Thursday Dec 7 in the Canton Christmas Parade and our outreach ministry that day. Ride, hand out invitation cards, place flyers on cars and celebrate the reason for the season!

## November & December Stewardship Emphasis:

Operation Christmas Child - Pack Party November 8, Shoe box Ingathering November 12  
Poinsettia Memorial Ministry - begin placing memorials in November.

Community Children’s Christmas Ministry Party December 3 Sponsor in November  
Lottie Moon Ingathering for International Missions December 17  
Room at the Inn Christmas Eve Offering 8pm December 24

## Weekly & Regular Events & Activities - Everyone Welcome!

**Sunday School:** All ages meet at 9:45am each Sunday for Bible Study

**Sunday Morning Worship:** Everyone begins together, then children go to kids worship.

**Kids Missions & Music:** Kids grades K3 to 5th grade rehearse at 5pm each Sunday.

**Youth Sunday Funday:** Students in grades 6-12 meet for fellowship and study at 5pm.

**Men’s Breakfast:** 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.

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

**Small Group Studies:** Tuesday group meets at 6pm at CFBC facilitated by Kevin McDaniel. Wednesday group meets at 6pm at the Simmons home facilitated by Joshua Simmons. Childcare is available on Wednesdays. Call 648-2367 for childcare.

**Bible Study Wednesday at 6pm:** Study and prayer led by Pastor Court Greene at CFBC.

**Youth Study & Fellowship Wednesday at 6pm:** All 6-12 grade students are invited.

**Sanctuary Choir:** Rehearses each Wednesday at 7:00 pm. All voices welcome.

## Upcoming Events & Activities Calendar

Oct 29	5th Sunday Food Drive, Memorial Remembrance Day
	4:00 Fall Festival @ Canton Armory
Oct 31	9:00 Candy Walk Workers Pack Treat Bags & Prepare 10am Preschoolers & Outreach
	10:00 Mission Ladies Group Project - Preparing Food for Alternative School
Nov 2	4:00 Community Kitchen Ministry
Nov 5	7:00 Quarterly Deacons Meeting - Mann Classroom
Nov 7	7:00 Men's Breakfast Bible Study & Prayer @ Clyde's Rest.
	10:00 Jean Teague Ladies Missions Group
Nov 8	11:00 JOY Adults to Maggie's Galley
	6:00 Operation Christmas Child Packing Party
Nov 9	10:00 Backpack Ministry Day of Service
Nov 10	Veteran's Day - HCS Closed
Nov 11	8:00 Operation G.U.M. Drop (God Use Me) Ministry
Nov 12	9:00 Sunday School Teachers & Leaders Council Meeting
	11:00 OCC Shoebox Ingather in Morning Worship
	12:00 Kids Fun Lunch & Fellowship
	4:00 Budget Discussion Church Conference
Nov 13	5:30 Finance Meeting
	7:00 Irene Berry Smith Ladies Mission Group
Nov 15	6:00 Church-wide Covered Dish Thanksgiving Feast
Nov 19	11:00 Budget Affirmation Vote in Morning Worship - No Discussion
	7:00 Community Thanksgiving Service at St Andrews, Rev. Court Greene - preaching
Nov 21	7:00 Men's Breakfast Bible Study & Prayer at Bojangles
Nov 22-24	Thanksgiving Holiday - Office Closed
Nov 25	10:00 Decorations and Preparation Day
Nov 26	11:00 Hanging of Green
Nov 28	10:00 Deacon Poinsettia Ministry begins
Nov 29	6:00 Community Children Christmas Ministry Prep Party
Nov 30	Christmas in the Smokies group travels to TN returning Dec 2
Dec 3	9:00 Church-wide Covered Dish Breakfast
	9:45 Combined Adult Sunday School in Fellowship Hall
	4:00 Community Children’s Christmas Ministry Party
	5:00 CFBC Children’s Christmas Pageant “Jingle Bell Beach”
	6:00 Supper and Special Guest Appearance
Dec 6	11:00 Adult Christmas Covered Dish Luncheon
Dec 8	4:00 “Best Little Christmas Pageant Ever” At Smokey Mtn Performing Arts

## Deacons of the Week

Nov 5:	Charles Bowlin, Larry Paxton, Mike Pressley
Nov 12:	Ray Shepard, Jack Shuler, Joshua Simmons
Nov 19:	Zeb Smathers, Jerry Smith, Carole Edwards
Nov 26:	Kevin Lowery, Billie Conard, Lowell Grogan

## Save The Dates:

Dec 10	Sanctuary Choir Christmas Cantata “Peace Has Come” and Reception
Dec 13	Christmas Covered Dish Feast
Dec 17	Children’s Happy Birthday Jesus Party after morning worship
Dec 20	Open house 9:30 am to 1pm
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Lords Supper Service