

Ladies Bible Study
Tuesdays 6:15 pm

Just Open the Door
How One Invitation Can Change a Generation

9:45 am Feb 17, 24 & March 3
membership CLASS

let's take the journey together

MEN, WOMEN & STUDENTS "SHARING GOD'S LOVE THROUGH WORD & DEED"

BAPTISTS ON MISSION

NC Missions Rally - REGION 9

Tuesday February 19 5:50 pm Newbridge Baptist

presented by NCBM/Baptists on Mission

You are invited to a night of missions inspiration as we see, hear, and learn what God is doing through North Carolina Baptist volunteers in our state, our nation, and around the world. Included will be times of worship, mission testimony, videos, and updates on mission opportunities. Mark your calendars now for this exciting missions event for men, women, and youth.

Supper 5:50 pm Program 6:50-8:30 pm

BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM

March 15 CFBC Day of Service
BackPack Ministry
See Susan Shumolis

THE BIBLE: WHAT IS IT & WHY DOES IT MATTER?

WED NIGHT YOUTH STUDY @6

rightnow MEDIA

Phil Vischer presents **WHAT is a Christian?**

15 FUN & EASY FAMILY DEVOTIONALS

CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY With Crafts, and Games

SUNDAY NIGHTS @6

ACTIVATION

Missions Banquet

6pm February 17

Catered Meal. Call office to RSVP!



We are praying for and extend Christian love and sympathy to the families of: Andrew Beauregard, Eris Bowers Kay Corzine, Mary Louise Cannon Cowart, Brenda Dies, Wayno Harkins, Frankie Johnson, Pern Messer, Woody Riddle, Furman & Vivian Sanders, Billie Scruggs, Dr. Bernie Sharpton, Ruth Ann Trantham, David West, & Bonnie Woodruff.

children's ministry

Kids Ages 3yrs to 5th Grade
Are invited 5 pm Each Sunday
For Missions & Music!

FIRST KIDZ CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES WITH KEVIN & LISA!

STAY AFTER WORSHIP FOR LUNCH & ACTIVITIES ONE SUNDAY EACH MONTH.

January 13 Fun Depot
February 18 Movie
March 17 Trampoline Park
April 28 Scavenger Hunt
May 19 Cataloochee
Summer: Vacation Bible School & More

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Dear Canton First Baptist Church Family,

I hope this newsletter finds you doing well. February is upon us, and as we endure the cold we look ahead to warmer and brighter days just around the corner. With a little faith, that is not only a weather report, but a statement about our family of faith. To actualize that concept though, our church like all churches must engage the community around us in ministry. So, February is the perfect time to focus on that.

February 3rd, before the fire alarm episode, we interviewed several people about the ministries they've engaged on behalf of our church. All are ministries in which you can be involved as well. On February 17th, at 6pm, we will host community organizations from outside of our church to speak about how they are ministering to our community, and you can be involved there as well. For this church to grow, not only numerically, but spiritually and as a force in this world, we must engage our community. We must meet our neighbors and show them that we want them to be a part of our family. We must do things we may not have tried before. We must be the church outside the walls of our building, so that people will want to walk into it.

Here are some ways to connect to the ministry of our church this month:

February 17: Activation Banquet - Fellowship Hall - 6pm
Sundays 11am: "Love is in the Air" sermon series
Sundays 6pm: "re-Generation" Bible study 6pm (not meeting Feb. 17)
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm: "Just Open The Door" Ladies Study starting February 19 with Donna Deaver

Thank you for reading, let's minister together.

Rev. Court Greene



re-GENERATION
PSALM 145:4

Sunday Nights @ 6PM
In the Fellowship Hall

MISSION & STUDY GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Kids Missions & Music: Kids K3 to 5th grade are invited at 6pm Sundays for Music, missions, fun and snack.

Just Open The Door Tuesday Study Group: All ladies are invited to meet Tuesdays at 6:15pm in the parlor for this study facilitated by Donna Deaver beginning February 19-April 2.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study: Wednesdays at 6pm adults meet in the fellowship hall for a study led by Court Greene. Bring a friend. Childcare is available.

Youth Fellowship & Study: Youth meet each Wednesday at 6pm for supper and study. See Kevin for the details about Youth Events, Winter Retreat & Summer Missions.

reGENERATION Study Group: Join this bible study group which meets on Sunday at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall facilitated by Joshua Simmons. Childcare is available at the church. This group resumes February 24.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study & Prayer Group: 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. A Men's Activity is scheduled for every 5th Tuesday.

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.

New Life Groups: New small study groups are forming. If you would be willing to host, facilitate, lead a group or if you would like to request a study topic contact Ray Shepard, Kevin McDaniel, Court Greene or call the church office.

PLEASE NOTE

Phone Chargers & Cell Phones needed: If you have unused cell phones or chargers lying around we have a ministry that could use them.

Vision & Hearing Missions: Old Glasses and Hearing Aids can be dropped in the box in the hallway for recycling for ministry needs.

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.

Budget Gifts: Your gifts to 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.

Keep Informed: Send an email to cantonfirst@gmail.com to request weekly email updates. Call 648-2367 to request to be added to the Email Prayer Updates. Find us on Facebook or check out our website at www.canton-fbc.org.

CANTON FIRST MINISTRY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Exploring Membership Class Feb 17, 24 and March 3 at 9:45 am: If you are a new member or interested in learning more join Rev. Court Green Sunday at 9:45 to learn about membership and service at Canton First Baptist Church.

ACTIVATION Catered Missions Banquet 6pm February 18: Sunday, February 17 at 5pm we encourage everyone to come for dinner, hear guest speakers, and enjoy fun fellowship as we celebrate the life and work of CFBC Missions & Ministry Partnerships. This is a catered event, please let us know a number in your party so we can prepare. Guests are welcome! RSVP soon by phone call to 648-2367 or email.

Region 9 Spring Missions Dinner & Rally February 19: Everyone is invited to a fellowship dinner and informational and inspiring missions program at 5:50pm at Newbridge Baptist Church. Anyone who participates in missions or is interested in missions or mission trips is encouraged to attend. Please call the church office to make your reservation.

Community Kitchen Ministry Team 1st Thursday of each Month: Pray for our volunteers who prepare and serve the meal the first Thursday of each month. To volunteer, see Cathy Walsh. Days of Service: March 7, April 4, May 2.

Lenten Services each Thursday of Lent: The community is invited to the Lenten Services held each Thursday of Lent beginning March 7 at noon with a \$5 lunch served at 12:30pm at Canton First United Methodist Church. Rev. Court Greene will preach April 2.

BackPack Ministry March 14: 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 March 14 for us to pick up, pack, and return filled packs. To receive email Backpack updates, email Susan Shumolis at sshumolis@gmail.com.

WANT TO LEARN MORE

Invitation to Partner with Canton First Baptist Church: We invite you to membership with Canton First Baptist Church.

A person who desires to join Canton First Baptist Church would commit to join in God's Kingdom work through this local congregation. Can you commit your time, talent, treasure, and prayer to help make that mission and vision a reality in your life? Membership is another step for one who supports the missions and ministries of the church through their participation, prayer, time, and financial resources.

Contact Court to learn more, or during the invitation step forward to tell him that you would like to learn more about membership, its benefits and responsibilities. Complete a decision card. If one is already a member of another Baptist or similar believing church and have experienced believer's immersion baptism, then we would simply request a transfer of membership from that church. If one has not experienced believer's baptism or does not have an understanding of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as their Savior, then we would help them understand the meaning of believer's baptism and would schedule a time for baptism and joining based on that decision, as the Spirit leads.

Baptism: If you are interested in baptism see Rev. Court Greene.

Stewardship Emphasis:

February: Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions

March: Global Missions Offering

April: Operation InAsMuch & Youth On Missions

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.

Sunday Night: 6:00 reGENERATION led by Joshua Simmons in Fellowship Hall

Kids Missions & Music: Kids grades K3 to 5th grade rehearse at 6pm each Sunday.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study 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.

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: Various Times. Call 648-2367 for childcare.

Upcoming Events & Activities Calendar (Tentative - Schedule may change)

Feb 17	9:45	Exploring Membership Class
	6:00	ACTIVATION Catered Mission Banquet @ CFBC
Feb 19	7:00	Men's Breakfast Bible Study & Prayer at Bojangles
	5:50	Baptists on Missions Region 9 Rally at Newbridge Baptist Church
	6:15	Ladies Study Group "Just Open The Door" in Parlor
Feb 21	4:00	Finance Meeting
Feb 24	9:45	Exploring Membership
	11:00	Guest Speaker Rev. Natricia Bailey
Feb 26	6:15	Ladies Study Group "Just Open The Door" in Parlor
Mar 3	9:45	Exploring Membership
Mar 5	6:15	Ladies Study Group "Just Open The Door" in Parlor
Mar 7	12:00	Lenten Service & Lunch @ FUMC Canton
	4:00	Community Kitchen Ministry
Mar 9		Spring Forward - Move clocks forward one hour
Mar 12	6:15	Ladies Study Group "Just Open The Door" in Parlor
Mar 14	12:00	Lenten Service & Lunch @ FUMC Canton
		Backpack Ministry - Day of Service
Mar 17	12:00	Kids Lunch & Activity
Mar 19	6:15	Ladies Study Group "Just Open The Door" in Parlor
Mar 21	12:00	Lenten Service & Lunch @ FUMC Canton
Mar 26	6:15	Ladies Study Group "Just Open The Door" in Parlor
Mar 28	12:00	Lenten Service & Lunch @ FUMC Canton
Mar 31		5th Sunday Food Drive
Apr 2	6:15	Ladies Study Group "Just Open The Door" in Parlor
Apr 4	12:00	Lenten Service & Lunch @ FUMC Canton - Court Preach CFBC Host
	4:00	Community Kitchen Ministry
Apr 11	12:00	Lenten Service & Lunch @ FUMC Canton
Apr 14		PALM SUNDAY
Apr 17		No Wednesday Services
Apr 18	6:00	Maundy Thursday Services
Apr 21	11:00	Easter Worship Celebration with Lord's Supper
Apr 28	12:00	Kids Lunch & Activity
Apr 30	10:00	Alternative School Lunch Ministry
	6:00	Men's Night Out 5th Tuesday Dinner
May 2	12:00	National Day of Prayer at Canton Town Hall
	4:00	Canton Community Kitchen Ministry
May 4	TBD	Youth On Mission Golf Tournament
May 5	2:00	Coach Leave for FBC Tryon - 4pm WNCBF Guest Speaker Bill Leonard
May 19	12:00	Scholarship Lunch, Kids Lunch & Activity

Deacon of the Week

Feb 17:	Jack Shuler	Feb 24:	Joshua Simmons	Mar 3:	Zeb Smathers
Mar 10:	Jerry Smith	Mar 17:	Carole Edwards	Mar 24:	Kevin Lowery
Mar 31:	Billie Conard	Apr 7:	Gail Bradburn	Apr 14:	Tony Reid
Apr 21:	Danny McDowell	Apr 28:	Pat Stewart	May 5:	Carroll Wright
May 12:	Bill Terrell	May 19:	Charles Bowlin	May 26:	Larry Paxton