

9am Wednesday
Meet at the
Community
Garden!
Come
grow
together!

February 27, 2020
CFBC Day of Service
BackPack Ministry
Volunteer with
Susan Shumolis

Covered Dish Breakfast
9 am February 23
Bring Casseroles, Fruit,
Danishes, & Breakfast
Items to Share

II CORINTHIANS
God's strength in our weakness
Wednesday 6pm
Dr. Court Greene

February 27, 2020
Dr. Court Greene
Speaker
Canton First Baptist
Hosting Lunch
Volunteer with Barbara Wright

Noon Every Thursday Of Lent
(40 Days before Easter)
Lunch (\$5)
Canton First United Methodist Church

ASH
WEDNESDAY
Wednesday
Noon, February 26

Remember that
You are dust, and to
dust You shall return.
Ecclesiastes 3:20

With
Dr. Court Greene

VOLUNTEER TODAY!
ARE YOU WILLING TO SERVE?

Community Kitchen Ministry Team
Volunteers rotate every 3 or 4 months
on the 1st Thursday from 4-6:30 pm:
Team prepares, serves & cleans up.
See Cathy Walsh or Lorene West

9:45 am
Feb 23
Combined
Adult
Sunday
School
Classes

5th Sunday Food Drive
Please place non-perishable food in the
grocery carts throughout the church.

Everyone is invited
Thursday, April 18, 2019
6pm Covered Dish Fellowship
7pm Maundy Thursday Service
APRIL 9, 2020
MAUNDY THURSDAY

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU HAD YOUR VISION CHECKED?

Ladies Study with Donna Deaver on Tuesdays at 6:15pm

20/20 by Christine Caine
Join us for this 7-session Bible study!
Starting March 10. Signup to reserve a book.

FIRST KIDZ
KIDZ GRADES K4 TO 5TH
STAY AFTER WORSHIP FOR
LUNCH & ACTIVITIES
WITH KEVIN & LISA!

Mar 15 Nature Center
Apr 19 Fun Depot \$10
May 17 Putt Putt \$5
Weekly: Sunday at 9:45 am and 6pm
Vacation Bible School: June 11-14 (tentative)

PUBLISHING INFORMATION & DEADLINES: 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 cfbcwitness@gmail.com.

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Deacons Nominations
March 31 in Morning Worship
Prayer Lists Available Today

1 Timothy 3:8-13
SERVANT
Faithful
Worthy of Respect
Holds fast to the Faith
Faithful
Let them serve
Hold them Love
Sincere
Tested

Guidance for successfully navigating the storms along life's pilgrimage.
PASTORAL COUNSELLING

Dr. Allen Mullinax, Pastoral Counselor
404-697-1012 Accepting New Clients
Meet discreetly at Canton First Baptist Church
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The Witness

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Donations of Pies
Requested
for Pi Day 3.14...
BBQ Fundraiser



- Sign up to Donate Pies!
- Deliver Advance Tickets
- Volunteer 3.14 to load plates
- Deliver BBQ plates and Pie!
- See Court Greene for details

Greetings Canton-First Families,

While it seems that Christmas has just come to an end, Lent is already upon us. As I write this, I smell like burning leaves because I spent the morning burning palm branches to prepare for our upcoming Ash Wednesday service (2-26-20 @ 12pm). In the process, I had a realization. When we gather to celebrate our savior and what God is doing, we are preparing the way for God to do even more. When children were walking down the aisle in the sanctuary carrying palm leaves last year, they had no idea that I would be burning them today. They had no idea their branches would be transformed into a crucial part of a worship service. They could not know that, because at that point none of us did. The same thing is true with all of us. Every day, we are presented numerous opportunities to worship the Lord. We have a new chance with every person we meet. Every second that passes is an opportunity to encounter God all over again, and none of us have any idea what God will do a year, a decade, or a lifetime down the metaphorical road with any of those opportunities. Be open to what God is doing with you today, and be willing to let God create something new with your life.

EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT: March 14 (3-14) is "Pi day," and the church is hosting a barbecue to contribute to needed sanctuary updates. You can help in several ways. We need church members to invite others and to sell tickets so that we can get the word out for this event. Also, church members who are willing and able to serve food the day of the event will be able to represent our church to all who choose to dine-in or pickup plates to take with them. Every plate comes with a piece of pie for desert (get it?!), and those of you who love to bake are encouraged to contribute pies to the cause. This event gives us a chance to come together and work hard for the benefit of our collective worship experience. Please prayerfully consider how you will contribute.

Dr. Court Greene



MISSION & STUDY GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Bus Ministry: The CFBC bus is picking up in Bethel, off 215, and in Canton each Sunday. Please call 648-2367 if you need a ride to Sunday School and Church. The driver will call you back and confirm time and location then pick you up, have you complete a short form and bring you to church. To volunteer for this ministry or get your CDL license please contact the office.

First Kidz: Kids K3 to 5th grade are invited at 5pm Sundays for Discipleship. During the school year we have a monthly lunch and activity day at noon. On those days we do not meet at noon instead of 5pm. See Kristi Greene or Lisa Ledford for permission forms and detailed information.

Ladies Tuesday Study Group: All ladies are invited to meet Tuesdays at 6:15pm in the Mann Classroom for a new study facilitated by Donna Deaver beginning March 10 through April 28 entitled *20/20*.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study of 2nd Corinthians: Wednesdays at 6pm adults meet in the fellowship hall for a study led by Court Greene. Bring a friend.

Youth Fellowship & Study: Youth meet each Wednesday at 6pm for supper and study. See Ray for the details about youth events & summer missions.

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.

Ladies Mission Groups: All ladies are invited to join the mission group that best fits their schedule. Jean Teague Circle meets the first Tuesday morning of each month at 10 am. Irene Berry Smith Circle 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, Court Greene or call the church office.

Lenten Services each Thursday of Lent: The community is invited to the Lenten Services held each Thursday of Lent beginning February 27 at noon with a \$5 lunch served at 12:30pm at Canton First United Methodist Church. Dr. Court Greene will preach and CFBC will host the meal on February 27.

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, WPITL, 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 Top News email updates. Call 648-2367 to request to be added to the Email Prayer Request list, the newsletter, or other communications. Find us on Facebook or check out our website at www.canton-fbc.org.

Reservations: If your class or group is planning a gathering, please be sure to call the church office at 648-2367 to place reservations on the church calendar.

Ministries & Activities at CFBC for you

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 5, April 2, May 7.

Cold Grace: The first week of each of the cold months, when the temperature is below 32 degrees and Pathways needs overflow, our fellowship hall will be used for overnight housing. A representative from Pathways and from the Canton Missional Network will be here awake working each time they use our facilities. Please be mindful of this and put away your items after each ministry and event.

Fifth Sunday Food Drive Sunday, Every 5th Sunday March 29, May 31, August 30, November 29. Please place non-perishable food and hygiene items in the baskets on the landing. See Cathy Walsh for more information.

BackPack Ministry: 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 February 27 and April 16 for us to pick up, pack, and return filled packs. To receive email Backpack updates, email Susan Shumolis at sshumolis@gmail.com.

Men's Night Out Activities March 31, June 30, Sept 29, December 29: Every 5th Tuesday the men meet for a night out of fellowship. March 31 meet at 5:40pm at CFBC to ride together or at 6pm at Maggie's Galley for dinner.

Maundy Thursday Covered Dish Dinner & Service: Everyone is invited to a feast at 6pm, Thursday, April 9 The church will provide bread, and drinks. Please bring other meats, casseroles, vegetables, salads, and desserts to share. Invite friends, family, neighbors, co-workers and everyone for fellowship and fun.

JOY Club Senior Adult Fellowship: Each month activities and outings are planned for Senior Adults. See Lowell & Sandra Grogan for details.

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.

Deacon of the Week: March: 1 Jimmy Burke, 8 Lynn Pressley, 15 Ernie Stines, 22 Barbara Wright, 29 Carole Edwards, April: 5 Billie Conard, 12 Gail Bradburn, 19 Barbara Wright, 26 Danny McDowell, May: 3 Pat Stewart, 10 Carroll Wright, 17 Jimmy Burke, 24 Lynn Pressley, 31 Ernie Stines.



We are praying for and extend Christian love and sympathy to the families of: Bill Edwards, James Byron Ferguson, Eric Holcombe, Patricia Barnes Hyatt, Louise Miller, Charles Nanney, Bill Owen, Melissa Rickman*, Sandy Smith, James Stines, Carolyn Trantham*, Jim

Stewardship & Mission Emphasis:

February: Annie Armstrong North American Missions

March: CBF Global Missions, & Sanctuary Upgrades BBQ & Pi Day March 14

April: Youth On Missions & Operation InAsMuch Local Missions

Your gifts support ministry and missions in our local community and around the world, our ministry and missions near and far through our partnerships. Thank you for your generous and faithful support. - Stewardship Committee

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 Children's Church

First Kidz: Sundays at 5pm Fellowship & Study - Monthly lunch & activity.

Tuesday 3pm Bible Club at NCES - Ray and Ministry Team

Wednesday Bible Study: 6pm in Fellowship Hall - Second Corinthians

Community Garden: Meet at 9am every Wednesday.

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

Sanctuary Choir: Rehearses Wednesdays 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: New Groups starting first of the year. Call to volunteer or request topics.

Ministry Team Leaders: Please get reservations & event details to office as soon as possible.

Additional Events & Activities (Tentative - Schedule may change)

Feb 23	9:00	Churchwide Covered Dish Breakfast-- Fellowship Hall
	9:45	Sunday School for All Ages - Adults in Fellowship Hall
	5:00	Quarterly Deacons Meeting
Feb 26	12:00	ASH WEDNESDAY Noon 30 Minute Service - Beginning of Season of LENT
Feb 27	10:00	BackPack Ministry Day of Service - See Susan Shumolis
	12:00	Lenten Service at FUMC - CFBC Hosting, Dr. Court Greene Speaking
Mar 1-7		Cold Grace Pathways Housing Week if Temps below 32.
Mar 1	12:00	Quarterly Church Conference
Mar 3	7:00	Men's Breakfast Bible Study at Clyde's Restaurant
	10:00	Jean Teague Ladies Mission Circle
Mar 5	4:00	Community Kitchen Ministry - Volunteer with Cathy Walsh
March 7		Day Light Savings Time Begins - Spring Forward
Mar 9	6:00	Irene Berry Smith Ladies WMU Circle
Mar 10	6:15	20/20 Ladies Study Group with Donna Deaver in Mann Classroom
Mar 12	12:00	Lenten Service at FUMC
Mar 13		Setup for PI Day
Mar 14		Pi Day: BBQ & Pies Fundraiser for Sanctuary Upgrades
Mar 15	12:00	Kidz Lunch & Nature Center Trip
Mar 16	5:30	Finance Meeting
Mar 17	7:00	Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Bojangles
	6:15	20/20 Ladies Study Group with Donna Deaver in Mann Classroom
Mar 19	12:00	Lenten Service at FUMC
Mar 19-21		NC CBF Conference in Raleigh, NC
Mar 24	6:15	20/20 Ladies Study Group with Donna Deaver in Mann Classroom
Mar 26	12:00	Lenten Service at FUMC
Mar 29		Fifth Sunday Food Drive
	11:00	Deacon Nominations in Worship
Mar 31	6:15	20/20 Ladies Study Group with Donna Deaver in Mann Classroom
	6:00	5th Tuesday Men's Night Out - TBA
Apr 2	12:00	Lenten Service at FUMC
	4:00	Community Kitchen Ministry - Volunteer with Cathy Walsh
Apr 5		PALM SUNDAY - Special Music & Palms
Apr 7	7:00	Men's Breakfast Bible Study at Clydes Restaurant
	10:00	Jean Teague Ladies Mission Circle
		Ladies Bible Study Postponed
Apr 8		Wednesday Services Postponed to Thursday
Apr 9	6:00	Maundy Thursday Churchwide Covered Dish Dinner - Fellowship Hall
	7:00	Maundy Thursday Service in Sanctuary
Apr 10		Good Friday Holiday
Apr 12		EASTER RESURRECTION SUNDAY
	9:00	Churchwide Covered Dish Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
Apr 13		Easter Monday Holiday
	7:00	Irene Berry Smith Ladies WMU Circle
Apr 14	6:15	20/20 Ladies Study Group with Donna Deaver in Mann Classroom
Apr 19	12:00	Kidz Lunch & Fun Depot Activity
Apr 21	6:15	20/20 Ladies Study Group with Donna Deaver in Mann Classroom
Apr 25	10:00	Free Kids Spectacular @ Davis Center Fairgrounds in Fletcher
Apr 28	6:15	20/20 Ladies Study Group with Donna Deaver in Mann Classroom
May 3	4:30	WNCBF Spring Gathering at CFBC, Dinner on the Grounds, Ministry Fair, etc.