

Fill Your Hearts with *Christmas Wonder* this Year
 at Canton First Baptist Church
 Christmas Eve Services
 8 pm December 24

Merry Christmas

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY
 6:00PM WITH DR. COURT GREENE

Join online at
www.zoom.us/j/455573873
 Meeting ID: 455 573 873

Join by phone at:
 1.301.713.8592
 #: 455 573 873

All proceeds to assist Canton families with temporary housing emergencies.

Room At The Inn Christmas Eve Offering

We invite you to our 2020 Christmas Services

Christmas Musical Service: Worship Celebration
Music and Story telling of the Season
 11am December 13

Christmas Eve Candlelight Family Worship
Carols & Candlelight Communion
 8 pm December 24

Merry Christmas
 May the presence of Christ fill you with Joy & Peace

For unto us a child is given, for unto us a Savior is born For unto us a child is given, for unto us a Savior is born For unto us a child is given, for unto us a Savior is born For unto us a child is given, for unto us a Savior is born For unto us a child is given, for unto us a Savior is born

The Witness

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WINTER COAT DRIVE Give A Gift Of Warmth!

New or Gently Used Items Needed for Kids, Women & Men

Coats
 Hats
 Scarves
 Gloves/Mittens
 Sleeping Bags, Socks, Winter Wear

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DONATION SITE

Christmas Food Box Distribution
 11 am Thursday, December 17
 Canton First Baptist Church
 74 Academy Street, Canton, NC
 Upper Parking lot only, no parking or lining up in lower lot.

FREE GROCERY GIVEAWAY Food Distribution

Upper Parking Lot!

Pathways Holy Cow Food Truck at Canton First
 Thursdays from 11 am to 2pm

8pm every other Thursday PRAYER & PRAISE
 THE PRAYER OF THE RIGHTEOUS IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE ~ JAMES 5:16 ~
 Canton First Baptist Church on Facebook
 Canton FBC Streaming on YouTube

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Distribution Day Info!
 Thursday, December 17
 Beginning at 9:00

Haywood Share the **Warmth** COAT DRIVE
 New or Like New & Laundered!

A ministry of Canton First Baptist Church in partnership with the area churches, Town of Canton, B.E.A.R Closet, Drugs In Our Midst, Canton Missional Network.

Missions, Ministries, Partnerships to Join in!

Volunteer, Give, Go, Send, Pray, Support

Community Children's Christmas Ministry: Dec. 13

Coat Distribution Dec 17 9am-3pm or by appointment

Food Distribution Christmas boxes - 11 am Dec 17

Food Deliveries - Various Thursdays

Community Kitchen - Every First Thursday 4pm

PLEASE NOTE

Weather & Health Schedule Changes: 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 or health related program or time changes. Please travel only if it is safe to drive and walk.

End of Year Gifts: As you plan your year end giving for 2020 please note that there are enhanced tax deductions for charitable giving and benefits for gifts of all sizes this year as part of the CARES ACT. Please consider giving to Canton First Baptist to take advantage of those. If you need help with a stock or property transfer or special giving situation before the end of the year, please call the financial secretary as soon as possible. Your gifts are important to us. For gifts to count for this year, they must be received, postmarked or donated online by December 31. Thank you for your generosity throughout this Ministry Season!

Holiday Schedule: As the office closes and our ministers and staff celebrate the holidays, when you call the church office please leave a message and it will be forwarded to the proper person to return your call. If you have a ministry need, feel free to call any of the staff or ministers, your family deacon or Deacon Chairman Jeff Conard at 400-4762.

Keep Informed: Send an email to cantonfirst@gmail.com to request Canton First Top News email updates usually sent weekly. **Call 648-2367** to request to be added to the Prayer Requests emails sent to subscribers only, the newsletter by mail or email, phone or other communications. Find us on Facebook, YouTube, and check out our website at www.canton-fbc.org. **Prayer Request? Call 648-2367 or www.canton-fbc.org**

Message from Ministry Leaders

It is a blessing to us at Canton First Baptist to be able to reach out in Christian love to our fellow members in need, as well as to minister to those in the community who need assistance.

Member volunteers serve in our church's Extension Ministry. Those members and church friends who are no longer able to attend services are very appreciative when someone from Canton First will visit, call, or send a card letting them know that they are thought of and missed by our congregation.

The mission of the Bereavement Food Committee is to minister to the family of members or close family of members have passed away. We do that by preparing and delivering a meal to the family on the day of the funeral service or when needed. All who have been on the receiving end of this service know how meaningful it is to our bereaved families.

One of Canton First's outreach to our community is with our ministry to the Canton Community Kitchen. Working at the Kitchen is a wonderful opportunity for servants of our church to demonstrate the love of Christ to our friends and neighbors who are struggling most in these rough economic times. On the first Thursday of each month this ministry team prepares and serves a meal to up to ninety community members.

Our God is so great that he would allow us - his children - to participate in furthering his kingdom by reaching out in love to those around us, in our church, in our town, in our nation, and in our world. His kingdom knows no boundaries and we are blessed to be able to serve Him in this way.

We appreciate all of you who have volunteered in these and other ministries of Canton First Baptist this year. Please pray for our volunteers and these ministries and prayerfully consider becoming a volunteer with us. For more details please call Cathy Walsh. Merry Christmas, Cathy Walsh

LEARN MORE ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

Invitation to Partner with Canton First Baptist Church: We invite you to membership with Canton First Baptist Church. Contact Dr. Court Greene to learn more. Baptism: If you are interested in baptism see Dr. Court Greene or call the church office at 828.648.2367.

We extend Christian love, sympathy, and prayers for the families of: Mike Shope, Doris Trull, Lucy May Trull, and Sky Ruff.

December & January Stewardship & Mission Emphasis:

Your budget 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

- ◆ **Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions** - Ingathering Dec 13
- ◆ **Room at the Inn** - Ingathering Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- ◆ **January - Budget Stewardship for 2021**

Weekly Events & Activities

COVID changes: Sunday School, Small Groups, WMU groups, Children's Ministries, and Senior activities are at this time postponed awaiting the lifting of the gathering and group restrictions from the State & local officials. We would be glad to assist a class, group, or committee that would like to meet or a leader that would be willing to teach on Facebook live or Zoom.

Sunday 11:00 Worship in Sanctuary, Facebook, YouTube, or WPTL

Monday 2:00 Bulletin, Screens, Event & Reservation Requests needed
3:30 Staff Meeting

Wednesday 6:00 Bible Study with Dr. Court Greene on Zoom or In-Person
6:00 Youth Study & Fellowship - See Ray

Thursday 8:00 Praise & Prayer Service streaming Facebook & YouTube

Upcoming Events & Activities

Subject to change— Always check www.canton-fbc.org, FB, and bulletin

Dec 13	11:00	Christmas Musical Worship
	2:00	Prep for Community Children's Christmas Ministry
	4:00	Delivery of Community Children's Christmas Min
Dec 17	8:30	Volunteers Pickup at Farmers Market
	8:30	Volunteers for Share the Warmth arrive
	9:00	Share the Warmth Coat Distribution begins
	9:00	Volunteers for Food Distribution arrive
	11:00	Community Food Distribution
	11:00	Pathways Holy Cow Food Truck at CFBC
Dec 24	8:00	Christmas Eve In Person and Live Streaming Online
Dec 25		Merry Christmas! Happy Birthday, Jesus!
Jan 1		Happy New Year!
Jan 3	11:00	Start 2021 with the Lord's Supper in Worship

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.

Reservation & Event Information is needed at least 6 weeks in advance to allow us to accurately and fully resource and promote on website, FB, bulletin, announcements, and screens. If your class or group is planning an event or gathering this season, please be sure to call the church to place reservations on the church calendar as soon as possible.