



**BLOCK PARTY**  
JULY 31

**FISH FRY**

**FREE FOOD FOOD TRUCKS**

**FREE!**  
For All Ages

**WORSHIP INSIDE starts @ 11:00 am @ Canton First**  
**FOOD & FUN from 12:00 to 3:00 OUTSIDE** in the  
Parking Lots of Canton 1st & St. Andrews Episcopal  
**Bring friends, children, & chairs to sit in!**  
**Your Neighborhood churches invite YOU!**



**JOY Club**

Join us Tuesday, August 30th for a Picnic in Cherokee.  
Bring only a chair to sit in. Everything else is taken care of.  
Leave Crestview Baptist parking lot at 3:00 pm  
Call the church office for reservations and bring a friend!



**The Sanctuary**  
**Invites You to**  
**Choir Practice**  
**Wednesdays,**  
**@ 7:00 pm**

**Canton First Baptist**

**WANT TO 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.



**FIRST KIDZ**

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**  
**WITH LISA & FRIENDS!**  
**STAY AFTER WORSHIP FOR**  
**LUNCH & ACTIVITIES ONE**  
**SUNDAY EACH MONTH.**

**Weekly: Sunday at 9:45 am & 11 am**

**August 14—Pizza, Games, & Water Fun (FREE)**  
**September 18—Nature Center \$10**  
**October 9—Gem Mine \$10**  
**November 20—Sunshine Bags \$10**  
**December 11—Happy Birthday Jesus Party**



**WOMEN**  
on a *Mission*

Jean Teague Ladies WMU Circle

**AUGUST 2nd @ 10:00 am**

Susan Shumolis 828.400.1593  
Or  
Church Office 828.648.2367



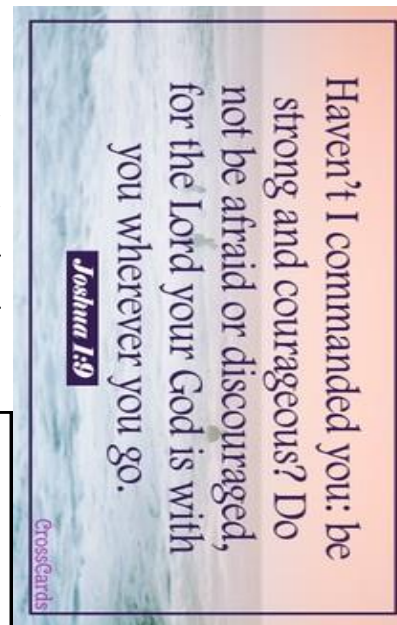
**The Community Kitchen**

On the first Thursdays of each month we prepare and serve the meals at the Community Kitchen. If you're interested in volunteering let Lorene West know or come ready to work at 4:00 p.m. @ the Community Kitchen.

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Haven't I commanded you: be strong and courageous? Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

**Joshua 1:9**

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# The Witness

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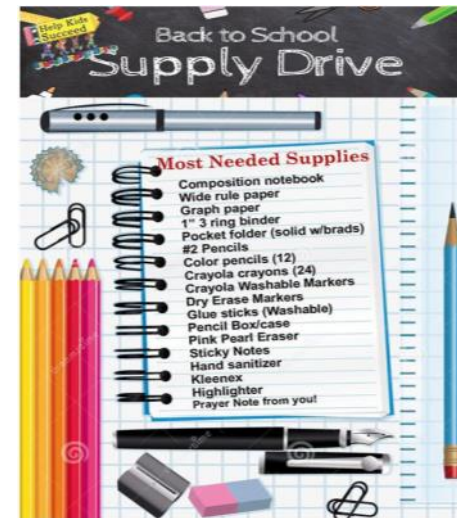
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WE ARE HERE FOR *you*

Believe it or not, school is starting soon. This year we hope to be able to equip teachers and students alike, so that they are prepared to hit the ground running and excel. Please keep bringing in school supplies, and thank you to those who have already.

Heading into the new church year, we want to focus on growth. Who do you know that needs a church home? Who have you met recently who is new to our town? How can we reach them? I am currently working with local pastors, as well as state and even national denominational leaders to try to get a handle on "church growth in a changing world," and hope your minds are open to the changes that might come as we try to stay relevant in that world.

Thanks for being a part of a church that matters to the community around it, and thanks for the part you play in making it matter.



**Back to School Supply Drive**

**Most Needed Supplies**

- Composition notebook
- Wide rule paper
- Graph paper
- 1" 3 ring binder
- Pocket folder (solid wbrads)
- #2 Pencils
- Color pencils (12)
- Crayola crayons (24)
- Crayola Washable Markers
- Dry Erase Markers
- Glue sticks (Washable)
- Pencil Box/case
- Pink Pearl Eraser
- Sticky Notes
- Hand sanitizer
- Kleenex
- Highlighter
- Prayer Note from you!



**Your Pastor,**  
**Rev. Dr. Court Greene**

I have been teaching for nearly 20 years now. Looking at that sentence, it doesn't seem real. Several times a year, with the aid of my fingers to help count, I have to remind myself of exactly how many years I've been doing this. ("Ok, so 2003 to 2004 makes one, then 2014 was ten, so 15, 16, 17... good golly!") I'm not proud of my rudimentary math skills, but I'm for whatever works!

Early in my career, I can remember veteran teachers giving me a hard time about my inexperience, in subtle, and often not-so-subtle ways Me: "I was born in 1979" Them: "ohhhh...in 1979, let's see, I was at my third school, teaching in West Virginia and I already had 6 kids..." At some point along the way, the remarks from colleagues on my lack of years in the business was replaced by my own subtle commentary. Me: "Listen kids, I've got birkenstocks older than you..." and that one day I realized to my horror that at some point, without realizing it, I had stopped listening to music on the radio, and was nearly exclusively listening to news and talk radio. That was a tough reality to digest, especially as a music teacher. On the plus side, it does speak positively to the durability of my birks!

Of course, I'm making light of the inevitable. Those of us fortunate enough to make it in the teaching profession are rewarded with life experiences that are unmatched in most other vocations. We are endowed with the responsibility of helping students grow; to realize and become the people who will shape the world of tomorrow. It is a scary undertaking, especially at first, but as many of my fellow teachers who might be reading this can attest, it is incredibly fulfilling.

A career in education is not without its challenges. There seems to be a cycle of swings in our society where education can be at once portrayed as our most important investment or as an archaic failed system of indoctrination. I'm sure there are certain truths to be found in the middle of such extremes, but I think in many ways teachers are unfairly centered in a debate that most often is "about" them and rarely "with" us. We are not saviors, nor are we policy makers. We are cultivators, collaborators. We are at our best when we can share an open dialogue with our community, colleagues, families, and students. While there are bad actors as is the case in all aspects of life, the majority of people I've taught alongside over the years are amazing, empathetic dynamic people who are in it for the right reasons.

As our community prepares for another school year, we're doing so on the "other side" (hopefully!) of a once-in-a-century pandemic. There are a lot of uncertain and unpredictable experiences that lie ahead for our students, teachers, and stakeholders. Please pray that the teachers, administrators, support staff will remain steadfast as ever as we work together to make the world better for tomorrow through the important work being done today. Whatever the challenges that lie ahead, we are up to the task with God's provisions.

"16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:16-20

Blessings!

*Rev. James Markey*

## Experience God with Canton First

### Sunday: July 31, 2022:

	9:45	Sunday School Adults-FH, Children - 3rd Floor
	11:00	<b>ALL-COMMUNITY Worship @ Canton First Baptist in the Sanctuary AND Facebook, YouTube &amp; WPTL</b>
	12:00	<b>BLOCK PARTY: Food, Fun &amp; Fellowship until 3:00 pm</b>
Tuesday	10:00	Jean Teague WMU in the Fellowship Hall
	3:30	Staff Meeting
Wednesday	7:00	Choir Practice
Thursday	4:00	Community Kitchen
Saturday	3 to 5	School Supply Giveaway

### Sunday: August 7, 2022:

	9:45	Sunday School Adults-FH, Children - 3rd Floor
	11:00	Worship in-person, Facebook, YouTube & WPTL
	12:00	Nominating Committee Vote
Tuesday	3:30	Staff Meeting
Wednesday	7:00	Choir Practice

### Sunday: August 14, 2022:

	9:45	Sunday School Adults-FH, Children - 3rd Floor
	11:00	Worship in-person, Facebook, YouTube & WPTL
	12:00	Kidz Activity: Pizza, Games, & Water Fun (FREE)
Tuesday	3:30	Staff Meeting
Wednesday	6:00	Dessert & Old Fashioned Game Night—Fellowship Hall

### Sunday: August 21, 2022: Teacher Appreciation Day—Current & Retired

	9:45	Sunday School Adults-FH, Children - 3rd Floor
	11:00	Worship in-person, Facebook, YouTube & WPTL
	12:00	<b>Teacher Appreciation Reception</b>
Monday	8:00	<b>Haywood County Schools—Students First Day Back</b>
	10 to 3	<b>Blood Mobile</b> in the Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	3:30	Staff Meeting
Wednesday	7:00	Choir Practice

### Sunday: August 28, 2022:

	9:45	Sunday School Adults-FH, Children - 3rd Floor
	11:00	Worship in-person, Facebook, YouTube & WPTL
Tuesday	3:00	JOY Club to Cherokee (Leave Crestview Parking Lot)
	3:30	Staff Meeting
Wednesday	7:00	Choir Practice
Thursday	4:00	Community Kitchen



<b>August 7</b> Sunday School: Bethany Markey Worship: Gail Cannon
<b>August 14</b> Sunday School: Sabrina Brock Worship: Brittany Inman
<b>August 21</b> Sunday School: Sandra Grogan Worship: Sabrina Brock
<b>August 28</b> Sunday School: Cathy Walsh Worship: Katie Reeves



<b>August 7</b> Kristi Greene
<b>August 14</b> Sabrina Brock
<b>August 21</b> Donna Wood
<b>August 28</b> Kathy Willetts



### Sunday, August 21st

**11:00 Worship & Pray over Teachers**

**12:15 Teacher Reception following worship in the Fellowship Hall**

