



Saturday, August 5th

Waterslide, Eats, & Treats

School Supply Drive

Upper Parking Lot, Canton First Baptist

On Academy St, Canton, NC

Bring friends, children, & chairs to sit in!

Your neighborhood churches invite you!

FREE!

Sponsored by Canton FBC, Central Methodist, First Methodist, First Presbyterian, Harris Chapel, St. Andrews, and Pleasant Grove

CANTON MILL HEALTH & RESOURCE FAIR

Thursday, August 17, 2023 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Healthy Blue is hosting a Canton Mill Health and Resource Fair on August 17th from 4 - 7pm at Canton First Baptist Church. This will be a one-stop shop for not only individuals effected by the mill closure, but everyone from Haywood Co. and surrounding areas to receive services and care. A few organizations that will be on-site assisting: Blue Ridge Health will be offering dental services to participants through their two dental vans, Holy Cow will be providing a hot meal for attendees with hamburgers and hot dogs, Catholic Charities will have hygiene products and diapers, and MANNA and YMCA of WNC will be on-site offering information on food benefits/distributions for the area. Learn more about legal services, housing needs, insurance help, and so much more from the many partners that will be there! Mix 96.5 will be there until 6pm providing music so come stop by!



July 30 & August Sermon Series:

Ready to Rumble

- July 30: Matthew 28:16-20 "Never Alone" (finishing "The Gospel According to Bluey")
- August 6: Isaiah 41:11-16 "Maggots, Worms, and Promises"
- August 13: Genesis 32:22-31 "Restoration"
- August 20: 1 Kings 19:9-18 "Marathon"
- August 27: Matthew 15:21-28 "The March of the Unqualified"

5th Sunday Food Drive

Sunday, July 30th is designated for:



- Gallon sized Zip-Lock Bags
- Mixed Fruit Cups
- Beanie Weenies
- Pudding Cups
- Snack-Sized Goldfish Crackers or Cheez-its
- Granola Bars
- Slim Jims or Beef Jerky
- Snack Bags of Cookies
- Oatmeal Packets
- Canned Pasta, Chef Boyardee, Mac n Cheese

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Colossians 3:12

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SUMMER SURPRISES

This summer did not start off quite like I expected. That is a bit of an understatement. I actually had no idea what to expect. This spring set the tone for a summer of surprises. That was the one thing we all knew. This summer would be different.

With news of the mill's closure guiding us into the summer that would begin with its final whistle, I do not think I am the only one who had questions about what the summer would hold. Most of us did, and most of us still do. What most of us *did* know was that we wanted to help. What many of us wondered was, how?

In the time since, we have been able to help in numerous ways. Our church has offered food, clothing, baby-care needs, and other resources to mill workers, as we do for others. Our Vacation Bible School brought hope and stress relief to several affected by the mill, many of whom we had not met before. Our block party this year will offer a sense of community and hope. It will be a way for our churches to bring love in their souls and tangible items in the form of school supplies to those who may find themselves in need. While it is always a great event, I believe that this year it might serve a bigger purpose than it has in the past. If you know of someone affected by the closing that might need a little hope and a bit of distraction, please bring them.

Later in August, our church will host an event that is shaping up to be a one-stop shop for any needs that unemployed former mill workers may have. Working with several partners, those in need will be able to get questions answered, bypass some red tape, and find ways to access the help their families may need. As more news comes out about the event, I hope you will consider volunteering, even if it is something as simple as getting the word out or setting up chairs. Small gestures are immeasurably potent, even if they do not seem to be at the time.

There have been more surprises this summer. For instance, have you noticed the uptick in visitors over the summer? Our church has been host to new faces, often many of them, almost every week since school released. This is wonderful news! I hope that the welcoming and loving nature that I felt from you when I first met you is alive and well. From what I can see from the stage, it is, but I will remind you anyway. Welcome newcomers as our loving God and our savior welcomes us. We may not be used to seeing new faces over the summer, when most of the world's population is at the lake, but, by the grace of God, it is happening. Let us give thanks in the form of love to strangers, and let us imitate our savior by welcoming the outsiders to become insiders. Let us strengthen the family of faith, and let love and acceptance lead the way.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, no matter what surprises it may have in store.

Your Pastor, Rev. Dr. Court Greene



I've always loved choir. Ever since I was very young, I've enjoyed singing, and the safety one feels from singing as a group. I sang all the way through school, but it was in high school when I really began to fully understand that choir was about more than just the music; it was community. Through my time singing, traveling, and spending time in choir I developed some of the deepest, most meaningful memories and relationships that I continue to cherish to this day.

Music can be found throughout scripture. It's often described as a form of praise and worship. The Psalms, for instance, repeatedly encourage us to shout and sing to express our joys, sorrows, and ultimately our devotion to our Almighty God. We're encouraged to sing when we're alone and together as we seek to elevate our worship experiences.

Singing in choir as a collection of individuals is in many ways a reflection of the spiritual mandate of Christians in general. Paul describes the church as "...a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many." [1 Cor. 12:12-14] In this way, our choir exists as a collection of folks committed to one another in making a joyful noise to proudly express our faith, and supporting one another's spiritual journey.

On August 2 at 6pm, the choir will resume its weekly schedule. We're meeting an hour earlier that week than our usual 7pm rehearsal time so we can share a meal and catch up. Following supper, we will head to the choir room to preview this year's Christmas cantata. As you consider the direction that God is leading you in the coming seasons, remember that we're always holding a place for you in the choir room. Every voice matters, and each note we sing with intention and devotion has the power to proclaim the Glory of God and the potential to touch hearts and stir the spirit of a world that needs to hear a message of Good News. Remember: there's safety in numbers, and you couldn't ask for a sweeter, more loving group of folks to hang out with.

See you in the choir room!

Welcome [Back] to Choir 2023!
Wednesday, August 2
6PM Supper
Cantata Preview Immediately Following

Blessings!

Rev. James Markey



Experience God with Canton First

Sunday: July 30, 2023: 5th Sunday Food Drive

- 9:45 Sunday School Adults-FH, Children - 3rd Floor
- 11:00 Worship in-person, Facebook, YouTube & WPTL
- 12:00 Business Meeting: Deacon Status/Nominating Committee approval 2023/24
- 7:00 Deacons Meeting

- Tuesday 10:00 Jean Teague Ladies WMU Circle Meeting
- 3:30 Staff Meeting

- Wednesday No Wednesday Night Bible Study
- 6:00 Choir Welcome Back Supper & Cantata Review

- Thursday 10:00 Blue Ridge Quilters in Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 Community Kitchen Ministry

- Saturday 1 to 5 BLOCK PARTY: School Supply Collection

Sunday: August 6, 2023

- 9:45 Sunday School Adults-FH, Children - 3rd Floor
- 11:00 Worship in-person, Facebook, YouTube & WPTL

- Tuesday 11:30 JOY Club Luncheon @ Crestview Baptist
- 3:30 Staff Meeting

- Wednesday No Wednesday Night Bible Study: Summer Schedule
- 7:00 Choir Practice (Choir Room-2nd Floor)

- Saturday 1 to 3 School Supply Giveaway—2nd Floor Hallway

Sunday: August 13, 2023

- 9:45 Sunday School Adults-FH, Children - 3rd Floor
- 11:00 Worship in-person, Facebook, YouTube & WPTL

- Tuesday 3:30 Staff Meeting

- Wednesday No Wednesday Night Bible Study: Summer Schedule
- 7:00 Choir Practice (Choir Room-2nd Floor)

- Thursday 10:00 Blue Ridge Quilters in Fellowship Hall

Sunday: August 20, 2023: First Kidz bring your backpack to church

- 9:45 Sunday School Adults-FH, Children - 3rd Floor
- 11:00 Worship in-person, Facebook, YouTube & WPTL

- Monday First day of school for Haywood Co. Public Schools

- Tuesday 3:30 Staff Meeting

- Wednesday No Wednesday Night Bible Study: Summer Schedule
- 7:00 Choir Practice (Choir Room-2nd Floor)

Sunday: August 27, 2023

- 9:45 Sunday School Adults-FH, Children - 3rd Floor
- 11:00 Worship in-person, Facebook, YouTube & WPTL

- Tuesday 3:30 Staff Meeting

- Wednesday No Wednesday Night Bible Study: Summer Schedule
- 7:00 Choir Practice (Choir Room-2nd Floor)



5th Sunday—July 30
 Sunday School: Cathy Allen
 Worship: Donna Wood

August 6
 Sunday School: Bethany Markey
 Worship: Gail Cannon

August 13
 Sunday School: Kathy Willetts
 Worship: Brittany Inman

August 20
 Sunday School: Sandra Grogan
 Worship: Kristi Greene

August 27
 Sunday School: Cathy Walsh
 Worship: Katie Reeves



5th Sunday—July 30
 Robbie McLeod

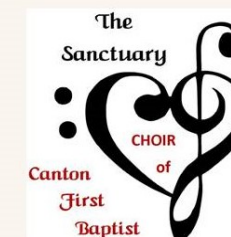
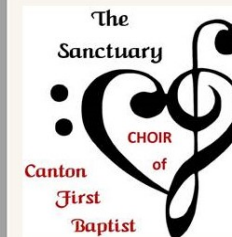
August 6
 Stefanie Effler

August 13
 Kristi Greene

August 20
 Donna Wood

August 27
 Kathy Willetts

WELCOME [BACK] to CHOIR 2023!



Wednesday Night

Fellowship Dinner
Christmas Cantata Review

Wednesday - August 2, 2023 @ 6:00 pm

BACK TO SCHOOL

SUPPLY GIVEAWAY



Saturday, Aug. 12th
@ Canton First Bapt.
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm