



Children's Activities with Lisa & Friends!

Stay after Worship for Lunch & Activities one Sunday each month.

Weekly: Sunday at 9:45 am & 11 am

- October 22—Corn Maze \$10
- November 19—Craft Day \$10
- December 10—Happy Birthday Jesus Party



When I asked for folks to submit an article for this newsletter, I asked for either history of the church for homecoming and/or in "Remembrance Of" stories. I received an email about this "block" on the church. Do you know where it is located? What do you know about it? Email me at Susan@canton-fbc.org. Come and join us for Homecoming on Sunday, October 8th. Hopefully we will have an answer to the mystery. Susan Davis



Time to Feed the Bears Ministry!

3:30 pm October 20

Want to help?

See Susan



THE Joy CLUB MOVES to the First MONDAYS Of each month

Joyful Hearts at Crestview Baptist has invited us:

What: Luncheon
When: MONDAY, October 2nd
Time: 11:30 am
Where: Crestview Baptist Ch.
RSVP: Lowell/Sandra 734-6310

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WE ARE HERE FOR *you*
Yesterday, Today, and Forever

With Labor Day behind us, and leaves starting to turn, my natural inclination is to talk about change. That is what I usually do this time of year. That is what I planned to do today as I started typing. Well, in the spirit of change, I am calling an audible. Instead of looking ahead to what might be coming, I want to spend some time in this wonderful period that we have come to know as now.

Now is eternal. It is always now. It always will be now. "Back then" is behind us and "later on" is down the road, but now is with us and always will be. Somehow, it is always different and yet ever-present. This realization makes me very glad to be a servant of the God of now. The problem we often find among churches is that we seem to want to serve a God who was. I do not have a problem with the reverence we show for the past. I also appreciate Christians' desire to learn the character of God by taking note of what God has done. I find beauty, peace, and hope in that as well. The danger, though, is that our respect for who God has been lures us into the deception that an infinitely creative God has stopped creating new ways of interacting with us, and is still doing what has always been done. In some ways, we make idols out of the past, missing what God is doing in the present and eventually refusing to consider what God might do tomorrow. As excited as I am about who God was yesterday, I certainly hope that I do not miss what God is doing today.

So, instead of just focusing on change for the sake of change, I hope to remind you of the power of the God of now. This is a God who is consistent, but consistently relevant, and not limited to what God has done in the past. I hope you will join me in celebrating what God is doing, and hoping with excitement that we are present and involved in what God will do tomorrow.

Speaking of celebrating what God is doing, do not forget your role. We can celebrate that God is using us to minister to our community. We have been able to help lots of people. We have been able to add quite a few too. We have been able to make an impact in our community throughout this summer, and we rejoice as we head into fall prepared to do even more along side the God who will be working hard to save the world when tomorrow becomes now. Rejoice, give thanks, the time is now, and it always has been.

PS: That means NOW is the time to buy candy and plan the decorations for your trunks.

PPS: Now is also the time to consider saying "yes" when I ask you to read or Markey asks you to sing or someone asks you to decorate in the Hanging of the Green service.

PPPS: Now is always a great time to invite someone to participate in our worship services with you.

Your Pastor, Rev. Dr. Court Greene



I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live. Psalm 116:1-2

Each year on All Saint's Sunday, Canton First, along with believers around the world gather to honor and remember the saints who have gone before us. Each year on this solemn day, we reflect on the lives of our friends, family, and loved ones who have lived their faith with dedication and devotion, leaving behind a legacy of love and service to God and humanity, emphasizing love, gratitude, and an enduring relationship with the Lord.

As is often the case in Psalms, the Psalmist cries out to the Lord, and God responds with mercy (if indirectly or not how we might always want). In this way, the scriptures resonate with the stories of the saints who faced trials, tribulations, and challenges in their lives but found solace and strength in their faith. Likewise we remember the dedication of the saints who have gone before us, striving to live lives that honor God and reflect the teachings of those who have paved the way. As a result, we find ourselves "standing on the shoulders of giants," living lives forever shaped and guided by these Godly examples.

In many ways, All Saint's Sunday is a bittersweet reminder of the price of deep, loving relationships in this world. It is so difficult, losing members of our family of faith. We can take solace in the deep and enduring legacies of faith of such stalwart reflections of God's Love for humanity. And we can take comfort and rejoice together in remembering these stalwart mentors of our faith. This year, I hope you will join us in memory of people in your life who have made an indelible mark on your life by sharing Christ's Love, and in turn recommitting your life to paying that love forward. See you in the choir room!



Blessings! *Rev. James Markey*

WOW! September has been an incredible month for me and my job here at CFBC! I am excited to introduce myself in 2 roles; Children & Youth Director alongside of my already amazing position of Communication/Publications. Being a full-time member of our church staff is incredible! I am blessed to have been considered and hired to be the director of our growing middle school aged kiddos and future growth of children and youth. The success of this position is greatly dependent upon you and I and God's blessings. First and foremost I ask for prayer. Pray for me as I venture out into our community to be in and around youth. Pray for our church family as they too will be in and around our community ministering to all. Growth doesn't happen with people in a seat. It happens when we are active and seen in our community.

Growth happens when people feel safe and loved by US. Growth happens when people take interest in growing our congregation. I trust that you and I will walk together out and about sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, and helping people see and feel that Canton First Baptist is a friendly/welcoming church and a helping church. One of my favorite quotes by Pres. Theodore Roosevelt; "No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care." I look forward to worshipping with you AND seeing you out and about in our community!

Susan Davis

Experience God with Canton First

Sunday: September 24, 2023
 9:45 Sunday School Adults-FH, Children - 3rd Floor
 11:00 Worship in-person, Facebook, YouTube & WPTL
 Tuesday 3:05 Staff Meeting
 Wednesday 6:00 Adult Bible Study-Exodus
 7:00 Adult Choir Practice 🎵
 Friday **5:30-7 S.O.S. Sisters of Strength Returns/Mann Classroom**

Sunday: October 1, 2023-Communion
 9:45 Sunday School Adults-FH, Children - 3rd Floor
 11:00 Worship in-person, Facebook, YouTube & WPTL
 Monday **11:30 JOY Club Luncheon—Crestview Baptist**
 Tuesday 10:00 Jean Teague Ladies WMU Circle Meeting
 3:05 Staff Meeting
 Wednesday 6:00 Adult Bible Study-Exodus
 7:00 Adult Choir Practice 🎵
 Thursday **10-3 Blue Ridge Quilters in Fellowship Hall**
 4:00 Community Kitchen Ministry

Sunday: October 8, 2023-HOMECOMING
 9:45 Sunday School Adults-FH, Children - 3rd Floor
 11:00 Worship in-person, Facebook, YouTube & WPTL
12:00 Covered Dish Lunch in Fellowship Hall
 Tuesday 3:05 Staff Meeting
 Wednesday 6:00 Adult Bible Study-Exodus
 7:00 Adult Choir Practice 🎵

Sunday: October 15, 2023
 9:45 Sunday School Adults-FH, Children - 3rd Floor
 11:00 Worship in-person, Facebook, YouTube & WPTL
6:00 Finance Committee Meeting in Mann Classroom
 Tuesday 3:30 Staff Meeting
 Wednesday 6:00 Adult Bible Study-Exodus
 7:00 Choir Practice
 Thursday **10-3 Blue Ridge Quilters in Fellowship Hall**

Sunday: October 22, 2023
 9:45 Sunday School Adults-FH, Children - 3rd Floor
 11:00 Worship in-person, Facebook, YouTube & WPTL
 Tuesday 3:05 Staff Meeting
 Wednesday 6:00 Adult Bible Study-Exodus
 7:00 Choir Practice
 Friday **5:30-7 S.O.S. Sisters of Strength Returns/Mann Classroom**

Sunday: October 29, 2023-All Saints Day/Day of Remembrance
 9:45 Sunday School Adults-FH, Children - 3rd Floor
 11:00 Worship in-person, Facebook, YouTube & WPTL
4-6 TRUNK OR TREAT
 Tuesday 3:05 Staff Meeting
 Wednesday 6:00 Adult Bible Study-Exodus
 7:00 Adult Choir Practice 🎵
 Thursday **10-3 Blue Ridge Quilters in Fellowship Hall**
 4:00 Community Kitchen Ministry



September 24
Sunday School: Sandra Grogan
Worship: Katie Reeves

October 1
Sunday School: Bethany Markey
Worship: Khloie Robertson

October 8-Homecoming
Sunday School: Kathy Willetts
Worship: Brittany Inman

October 15
Sunday School: Sandra Grogan
Worship: Kristi Greene

October 22
Sunday School: Cathy Walsh
Worship: Katie Reeves



September 24
Kathy Willetts

October 1
Stefanie Effler

October 8-Homecoming
Kristi Greene

October 15
Donna Wood

October 22
Kathy Willetts





HOMECOMING

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Covered Dish Lunch after worship

Sunday, October 29
4:00 pm—6:00 pm

TRUNK OR TREAT

FREE FOOD




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