



Nursery

January 21, 2024 Sunday School: Cathy Walsh Worship: Brittany & John Inman
January 28, 2024 Sunday School: Sandra Grogan Worship: Judy Hyatt & Rene Knight
February 4, 2024 Sunday School: Bethany Markey Worship: Billy & Jeff Conard
February 11, 2024 Sunday School: Kathy Willetts Worship: Toni Siverling & Rene' Knight
February 18, 2024 Sunday School: Sandra Grogan Worship: Donna & Mike Wood
February 25, 2024 Sunday School: Cathy Walsh Worship: Khloie Robertson & Bryson Davis



Children's Church

January 21, 2024 Donna Wood
January 28, 2024 Kathy Willetts
February 4, 2024 Stefanie Effler
February 11, 2024 Kristi Greene
February 18, 2024 Donna Wood
February 25, 2024 Kathy Willetts



Play, Learn, and Grow... Together!

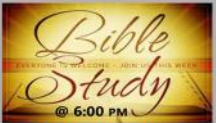


Sisters of Strength S.O.S.

Wednesday, January 17th
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Mann Sunday School

Child Care Provided

4 Comforting Bible Lessons on Love

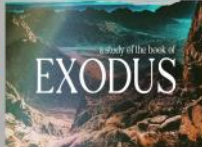


Bible Study

@ 6:00 PM

"Let My People Go!"
Study by Dr. Court Greene

Join In-Person in the Fellowship Hall or
virtually online at:
www.zoom.us/j/455573673
Meeting ID: 455 573 673



EXODUS

A study of the book of

BIBLE STUDY & CHOIR RESUMES
on **WEDNESDAY**
January 17, 2024
6:00 pm & 7:00 pm




WOMEN on a Mission

Jean Teague Ladies WMU Circle
Meets the first Tuesday at 10am



The Sanctuary Choir of Canton First Baptist

Invites You to
Choir Practice;
Wednesdays
@ 7:00 pm



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 Cathy Walsh know or come ready to work at 4:00 p.m. @ the Community Kitchen.



Save the Date VALENTINE SUPPER

Wednesday,
February 14th @ 5:30 pm

Dinner, Photo Booth, Jeopardy, Family Feud
For **ALL** Ages—married, single, engaged
Hosted by Youth & Children



A Valentine From God

For God so loved the world,
That He gave
his only
Begotten
Son
That whosoever
Believeth
in Him
Should not perish,
But have everlasting life.

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2 Timothy 1:7. "For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." This verse is a great reminder for the New Year that God gifted His children with courage, power, love, and self-control.

The Witness

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New Year, Renewed Vigor



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It is no secret that I love missions. I love it because I love people. I love it because I love God. I love it because I love the church, and I believe the church cannot exist apart from being a collection of those who love God by loving people. So, with my logic clearly defined, let me explain why I love you. It is hard for a missions-minded pastor to be involved in a church that does not value missions. It is frustrating. It is like starving while staring at a buffet to which you are not allowed access. There is so much hurt in the world, so many problems, and so many people who need the love of God in their lives either knowingly or unknowingly, and we see it all around us. Mission-minded people take notice of all of the darkness that surrounds us, and we desperately long to help. To be more accurate, we desperately long for God to intervene through us. That is why I am so thankful to be in a mission-minded church. In other words, that is why I am so thankful for you. I have not always been in churches that cared for those from whom the world turns its metaphorical head. I have served churches that care more for themselves than those God sends their way. I have served churches that care more for tradition or their glorious pasts than for what God could do with them in their present. In a way, I am thankful for those churches as well. I learned a lot when I served them. They helped make me who I am, flaws and all. But as I think about the year that just ended, with so much opportunity to help so many, I am once again thankful for you, because you helped. You gave so that even if you could not help, others could. You supported the missions of Canton-FBC in some way, and it changed lives. It still does.

As I talk with my friends, colleagues, classmates and others who have learned to serve God by serving people alongside me through the years, most of these people who are just as mission-minded as I am tend to smile but also roll their eyes. When I ask why, they usually offer a reply similar to the following: "On one hand, I'm so sorry that your community has gone through so much, but on the other, I'm so glad for you that you have a church around you that genuinely cares and wants to help." All I usually say is, "me too."

As we look ahead to the following year, there is still plenty to be done. We are still helping mill families. Without meaning to we have become the model warmth item provider that other organizations are now copying. We are meeting the needs of neighbors and all of this is possible because you give your time, your efforts, your ideas, your money, and perhaps most importantly, your permission. I have never asked to start any program that reaches out to our community and been told no. This is the first church I have ever served that allowed me to make that statement truthfully. The question, though, is simple. What is next? All of the things we have done are important, but God is not done here. So, as the new year marches forward, we want to hear from you. If you have ideas about how to continue to serve our community, we want to hear them. If you want to learn more about something, in Bible studies or worship settings, we want to hear that. We want to hear from you, because you are no less guided by God than anyone that stands behind a microphone on Sunday mornings. You matter, as do your ideas.

Sunday, January 21
@ 6:00 pm
Mann Sunday School Classroom



CFBC FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING



Deacons Meeting

Sunday, January 28
@ 12:00 noon
in the Sanctuary

I should offer a disclaimer. We want to hear them, but that does not mean that we are capable of pulling them off at any given time. Please do not let that stop you from sharing. We want to hear what God puts on your mind, and I promise that we will take all ideas under careful consideration. This church cares for its community. It loves God by loving its members and neighbors. It serves well because it serves together, because we are one. We are different, but we are one, and that is what the family of God was created to be in the first place.

Be blessed,

Court Greene



Upcoming Events & Activities

Sunday: January 14, 2024		
	10:00	Sunday School Adults-FH, Youth & Children - 3rd Floor
	11:00	Worship in-person, Facebook, YouTube & WPTL
	12:00	Youth & First Kidz Lunch & Movie @ the church
Monday	3:30	Staff Meeting
Wednesday	6:00	Adult Bible Study-Exodus RESUMES
		S.O.S. (Sisters of Strength) Resumes in Mann Classroom
	7:00	Adult Choir Practice 🎵 RESUMES
Thursday	10:00	Blue Ridge Mtn. Quilters—Fellowship Hall

Sunday: January 21, 2024		
	10:00	Sunday School Adults-FH, Youth & Children - 3rd Floor
	11:00	Worship in-person, Facebook, YouTube & WPTL
	6:00	Finance Meeting—Mann Classroom
Monday	3:30	Staff Meeting
Wednesday	6:00	Adult Bible Study-Exodus
	7:00	Adult Choir Practice 🎵

Sunday: January 28, 2024		
	10:00	Sunday School Adults-FH, Youth & Children - 3rd Floor
	11:00	Worship in-person, Facebook, YouTube & WPTL
	12:00	Deacon Meeting—Mann Classroom
Monday	3:30	Staff Meeting
Wednesday	6:00	Adult Bible Study-Exodus
	7:00	Adult Choir Practice 🎵
Thursday	10:00	Blue Ridge Mtn. Quilters
	4 to 6	Community Kitchen—see Cathy Walsh

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 time changes. Please travel only if it is safe to drive and walk.

Keep Informed: Send an email to Susan@canton-fbc.org to request Canton First Top News email updates. Call 828-648-2367 to request to be added to the Prayer Requests emails (sent to subscribers only), 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

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.

Dear Canton First Baptist Church Family,

The End of Year Giving Statements will be mailed by the end of January. After you receive yours, if you have questions, you can reach me at Canton First Tuesdays & Thursdays. Or email me at Faith@canton-fbc.org.

THANK YOU to those of you that have emailed me, called me, prayed for me, and/or mailed me a “get well” card. That means a whole lot and warms my heart to be loved by you. I will be in my sling for another month to 1.5 months. So I appreciate your continued prayers.

Thank you,

Faith Woods

Canton First Baptist Ministry Team

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Monday—Thursday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, other times by appointment

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- Susan Davis: *Youth & Children Dir./Communications* susan@canton-fbc.org
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It has been a whirlwind of pure pleasure during the month of December for the Youth & Children of our church. From the Samaritan Purse Shoebox ministry, CCCM ministry feeding over 85 and gifts for 53 students, Happy Birthday Jesus party, AND the amazing Christmas program. The youth, kids, and adults did a stupendous job! Thank you to those that helped pull this off “without a hitch.” We have some very talented kids in our church! Stay tuned for an Easter program.

Joyful,

Susan Davis,
Youth & Children Director

