



# January 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9:45 Sunday School 10:55 Worship Service  <b>NO EVENING ACTIVITIES</b>	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	10:00 Jean Teague Staff Meeting	<b>"Wednesday Night Alive"</b> 4:30 Youth Praise Team 6:00 Kids Praise 6:30 Faith Matters The Gathering CIA, CIM 7:30 Sanctuary Choir	5:00 Canton Community Kitchen Ministry 7:00 Praise Team		
9:00 FirstPray - (Parlor) Sunday School Teacher's Meeting 9:45 Sunday School 10:55 Worship Service 4:30 Praise Team 6:00 Reception for Ed and Marsha Oakley	7:00 Irene B. Smith	10:00 Staff Meeting 5:00 PRAE	<b>"Wednesday Night Alive"</b> 4:30 Youth Praise Team 6:00 Kids Praise 6:30 Faith Matters The Gathering CIA, CIM 7:30 Sanctuary Choir	7:00 Praise Team	5:00 Youth Crossroads Winter	Retreat in Gatlinburg, TN
9:00 FirstPray - (Parlor) 9:45 Sunday School 10:55 Worship Service 5:45 Fellowship 6:00 Awana Synergy608		10:00 Staff Meeting	<b>"Wednesday Night Alive"</b> 4:30 Youth Praise Team 6:00 Kids Praise 6:30 Faith Matters The Gathering CIA, CIM 7:30 Sanctuary Choir	7:00 Praise Team		
9:00 FirstPray - (Parlor) 9:45 Sunday School 10:55 Worship Service 4:00 - 7:00 Winter Bible Study with a light meal at 5:15		10:00 Staff Meeting	<b>"Wednesday Night Alive"</b> 4:30 Youth Praise Team 5:30 Covered-dish Dinner 	7:00 Praise Team CFBC Book Club		
9:00 FirstPray - (Parlor) 9:45 Sunday School 10:55 Worship Service 5:45 Fellowship 6:00 Awana Synergy608		10:00 Staff Meeting				

## OUR STEWARDSHIP DECEMBER 18, 2011

### IN GIVING:

Weekly Needs	11,139.41
Budget Gifts	9,615.00
Designated Gifts	1,662.00
YTD Budget Needs	568,109.91
YTD Budget Gifts	508,979.94
YTD	(59,129.97)



## Thank You

I would like to thank each and every one of you for allowing me to serve you as receptionist and publications in the church office for the last two years. As of November 30, I accepted a full-time position working in the church office of Long's Chapel and began my service there on December 15th. It has been my pleasure to work for and with you. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers as Canton First has always held a special place in my heart.

*Brenda*

## RECEPTION FOR ED OAKLEY

Please join us on Sunday, January 8th at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall as we honor Ed and Marsha Oakley for their many years of service and commitment at Canton First.

## WEATHER POLICY

Winter weather changes announcements will be made as soon as decisions are made. Deacons will be notified first so that they are able to answer your questions and calls and help notify you. Cancellations and changes will be listed with WLOS, WPTL, and on the website at [www.canton-fbc.org](http://www.canton-fbc.org). Please call your deacon if you have any questions. If you have concerns about the driving or walking conditions in your area, please use all precaution and do not attempt to drive or walk in icy areas.

## END OF YEAR GIVING

The end of 2011 is fast approaching. Please make a note that CFBC office will be closed from December 23rd and reopen January 3rd. Any monies you would like recorded on your giving record for 2011 must be received in the office or post-marked no later than December 31st to count for 2011. All gifts received January 1 will be recorded for 2012. If you have any questions, please call the office at 648-2368.

Submit information in writing or by email to [brenda@cfbc5@gmail.com](mailto:brenda@cfbc5@gmail.com). Call 648-2367 for more info. To receive by email write "subscribe" to [cfcwitness@gmail.com](mailto:cfcwitness@gmail.com). PUBLISHING INFORMATION & DEADLINES: \*WITNESS Deadline: Friday \*Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday

### Canton First Baptist Church

74 Academy Street  
Canton NC 28716  
Phone: 828-648-2367  
Fax: 828-648-2368  
[www.canton-fbc.org](http://www.canton-fbc.org)  
[cantonfirst@gmail.com](mailto:cantonfirst@gmail.com)

USPS 906-880  
Periodical Postage Paid at  
Canton, NC 28716

We thank God for:

«Endorsement»

«BulkSort»

«Label NAME»

«Address»

«City», «State» «Zip»



Canton First Baptist

# The Witness

VOLUME 54, NUMBER 36, DECEMBER 23, 2011

Time ... we are all given an equal amount; each week "time" comes to us as seven 24 hour days. We can't make more "time," borrow more "time," buy more "time." Someone once said the most precious commodity of all is "time;" money and wealth you can always acquire more, but not "time." As we turn the corner on the coming year 2012, what will become of your "time?" The writer of Ecclesiastes writes,



*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.*

*Ecclesiastics 3*

As we enter into another year as God's people, we all are given the precious gift of time. Let us all choose wisely how we occupy and use the days and hours of our life. Let us birth new acts of love and devotion for God, and put to death those things which hurt our witness. Let us plant new seeds of kindness and uproot the weeds of disharmony and strife. Let us cut away those unneeded tasks of life and give ourselves to healing the brokenness in our world. Let us tear down bad habits and construct new habits of helpfulness and goodness; let us cry with those who cry, laugh every day, mourn at the sadness in the world and dance with joy as often as we can. Let us make memories that bring hope, and embrace a hurting world with the love and grace of Jesus Christ. Let our time be a gift for God in 2012, and may God be pleased with the days and hours He has so richly given us!

Pastor Jay

## Our Ministry Team

Jay Meadows, *Pastor:* [jaycfbc@gmail.com](mailto:jaycfbc@gmail.com)  
Jason Mills, *Minister of Students:* [lifelightup@gmail.com](mailto:lifelightup@gmail.com)  
Myra Steadman, *Church Administrator:* [mlsteadman@gmail.com](mailto:mlsteadman@gmail.com)