

January Winter Bible Study: "What Does It Really Mean to Follow Jesus in the 21st Century: Discipleship in the Gospel of Mark." Our winter Bible Study will be held January 22. There will be three sessions: 10:55 am, 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm. A light supper will be served at 5:15 pm for all attendees. Each session will be led by Rev. Ricky Letson, Adult Discipleship Minister of John's Creek Baptist Church in Alpharetta, GA. Study Books, "Sessions with Mark: Following Jesus at Full Speed" can be picked up in the office for a \$10 donation.

Women's Bible Study at the Cove: Ladies, come and enjoy a free women's Bible study at The Cove on Tuesday Mornings for a study through the book of Acts, January 10 through March 20. Lunch is available each week for \$10 by reservation only. Reservations for lunch must be made by noon on the Friday prior to the Bible Study and are not refundable. To register for lunch, call (800) 950-2092 or visit www.canton-fbc.org and click on the picture. We will meet in the church parking lot at 8:15 am each Tuesday to go over together. Go when you can and attend as many or as few as you wish. It is truly a wonderful spirit filled experience. Call Jean Parris at 648-1358.

Kids Praise

The Kids Praise begins again on Wednesday Evenings February 2, at 6 pm.

Ed Oakley Reception: A reception will be held January 29, 2012 at 6 pm to honor Rev. Ed Oakley for 24 years of service and to extend our love and appreciation to Ed & Marsha and their family. Please plan to bring a card or gift as we shower them with our love.

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JOIN US SUNDAY AT 10:55 AM FOR WORSHIP

1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Live as a Servant for God's Sake

The Witness

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wednesday night alive

What Jesus Said about Successful Living, David Willet, meeting in Mann classroom. Come join the journey as we travel through the times of Jesus hearing the lessons he taught at the Sermon on the Mount. This eleven week Bible study will deepen your spiritual roots and prepare you for a more fruitful Christian life.

Parenting Teens with Love and Logic, Pastor Jay, meeting room in parlor "Teens you can't live with them and you can't live without them." Have you ever wanted help in being a parent or caregiver to a teen? If so then Canton First would like to offer you insight into the changing minds, bodies and hearts of your teen. Gather with other parents of teens as we share and encourage one another along the parental journey of parenting teens and finding biblical truths to strengthen our daily lives.

Young Adults: The young adults meet every Wednesday on the third floor and explore relevant topics and applicable life issues with discussion and study guides. A new group & study begins January 18, 2012.

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Routines. That is a word that we all understand. We all understand because each of us shares similar routines that that get us from one day to the next. Do these sound familiar...?

Wake up and take a shower, make sure the kids are up, taxi the kids to school, start your workday, go to lunch, pick kids up after school and take to afternoon practice, cook dinner, handle some household chores, pick up kids and take home, watch tv, go to bed.

Even reading this list may cause you to breathe a heavy sigh. Would it make you perk up if I said that while we all have routines, how we view these routines could change our common ordinary day to a day that is surprisingly amazing. But in order for this to be carried out, our thoughts must be *higher* than on our piled up to-do list of _____ (fill in the blank).

This week in our Wednesday night youth service from 6-7:30pm, I am starting our new theme called *A Higher Ambition*. The title itself is full of enormous risk and adventure. And good news for your teen, who could be tired of living an ordinary life, is that God knew they were meant for so much more! With God's help, your teen will begin living out a life that will truly satisfy -

"things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely."

Galatians 5:22-25 The Message

Jason

Church Council

Ministry & Program Leaders and Committee chairpersons meet this Sunday, January 15th, at 4:30 pm. Please bring important calendar dates and ideas for 2012. This year holds many possibilities. Let's join together to share the gospel of Jesus Christ in Canton & abroad in 2012!

Joy Club January Gathering: The JOY Club will gather for lunch on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 11:30 am to travel by coach to Sagebrush. Each person is responsible for the cost of lunch and tip and remember the \$1 for the treasury. Call the church office at 648-2367 for reservations.

We extend Christian sympathy to the families of:
Patrick Greeley, Kelly Pace,
Doris Hemphill, Jimmy West,
Ted Sawyer, Sr.



January 18 Join us at 5:30 pm for a Covered Dish Dinner. Every 3rd Wednesday Evening of each month we share a covered dish meal together in the fellowship hall.

Quarterly Church Conference

Join us Sunday January 29 at 5 pm for the Quarterly Church conference. Come learn about ministry plans for this year and reports from last year.

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

for International Missions Ingathering
 Our goal for this year was \$4,000.
 Total Collected \$ 3732.00



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Steeple Memorabilia pieces available for free and 21 Oak Chairs are available for \$10 each. Call the Church office at 648-2367.



Thank you notes have been received and are posted on the Community Board.

Ministry Opportunities

Week of January 15

Sunday: January 15

9:00 First Pray (Parlor)
 9:45 Sunday School
 10:55 Worship Service
 10:55 Children's Church
 4:30 Church Council
 5:30 Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
 6:00 AWANA (3rd floor)
 6:08 SYNERGY (Fellowship Hall)

Monday:

4:00 Youth Return to Church from Winter Retreat

Tuesday:

8:15 Women's Bible Study Group to the Cove
 10:00 Staff Meeting

Wednesday:

Wednesday Night ALIVE
 4:30 Youth Praise Team
 5:30 Covered Dish Supper
 6:00 The Gathering
 6:30 Faith Matters - Parenting Teens (Parlor), Successful Living (Mann)
 Children's Mission Activities CIA (K5-5th grade),
 Children in Motion CIM (preschool)
 7:30 Sanctuary Choir
 7:30 Deacons Meeting

Thursday:

7:00 Praise Team

Sunday: January 22 Winter Bible Study

Disciples in Action January 15

Usher of the Month January: Alan Burnette

Deacons: Joshua Simmons, John Francouer

Nursery: Nancy Sprinkle, Marsha Meadows

Children's Church: Debbie & Van Allen, Terry & Tim Lowe

Evening: Barbara Wright

Disciples in Action January 22

Usher of the Month January: Alan Burnette

Deacons: Barbara Flynn, John Francouer

Nursery: Janet Burke, Robbie McLeod

Children's Church: Carole Edwards, Rebecca McDowell, Deanna & David Willett,

Evening: Terry & Tim Lowe

Our Stewardship January 8

In Giving:

Weekly Needs	11,098.41
Tithes & Offerings	7,049.00
Designated Gifts	675.00

In Attendance:

Sunday School	160
Morning Worship	194

YTD Budget Needs	22,196.82
YTD Tithes & Offerings	13,648.00
YTD +/-	(8,848.82)

