



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



We extend Christian sympathy to the families of: Heather Mathews, Sharon Rathbone, Niles Roberts, Geraldine Hyde, Elva Wells

Wednesday Night LifeGroup Opportunities for Adults:

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.

Balancing Life's Demands by Chip Ingram, Jen Cody, meeting in Room 307. Teaching young adults how to put "first things first" and find peace in the midst of pressure and adversity. No clichés or quick fixes, just practical biblical insights to help you order your personal world.

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Family Bowling at Sky Lanes: Saturday February 25, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. All families are welcome to join us for a night of fun and fellowship at Sky Lanes Bowling Center in Asheville. Sign up in the youth room or at the church office for an evening of fun and fellowship.



THANK YOU from the Nursery/Pre-School Committee: A big 'Thank you!' to Building and Grounds, the 30-Something Sunday School class, financial donors, Dick Rogers, Larry Paxton, and Robert Deaver for all the wonderful things you have done to make the nursery a great place for our children to experience the love and teachings of Jesus Christ.

The Witness

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40 Days in the Word Challenge

What: 40 Days in the Word Challenge - a Lenten Bible study written by author/pastor Rick Warren to equip believers with Bible study skills that we can use in our everyday lives.

When: Starting February 22, through Easter

Why: Love the Word. Learn the Word.
Live the Word.

How: There are three small groups led by Pastor Jay (co-ed), Jeremy Pressley (co-ed) and Kristin Pressley (ladies only). Sign up with Jeremy Pressley or in the church office (828 648 2367 / cantonfirst@gmail.com). Books are \$12 each.

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STUDENT MINISTRY

Our attitude has everything to do with our actions. Pause and think about that statement. Now, let me ask a question, what is your attitude in giving to God? I want you to think about giving your talents and abilities, giving financially, giving your time, yes giving your very life. What is your attitude given to God in these different areas?

To answer that question takes some thought and evaluation. On the other hand, our attitude toward receiving is quite the opposite. We all love to receive – a crayon scribbled picture given by a child, a word of encouragement, or an afternoon off to support your teenager at school. We respond to these with celebration, which encourages the giver to even give more. What if we could have that same attitude when we give – Celebration! To do so begins by placing giving in its rightful place. We can either believe that everything that we have is ours – we paid our dues; we went to college and earned this and that; or we can believe that everything we have is God's. The letter of James explains it this way, "every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights" (1:17 NIV). Simply put, we do not own anything that God has not given to us. For us to experience celebration in our giving, we must begin celebrating what's already been given.

Not about money, rather our motive. Not about the amount, rather the attitude. A better question is how much do we keep of God's to live on, rather than about how much we give.

In looking ahead with our youth, there are plenty of opportunities for you to give in the spiritual growth of our teens. If you have a teen in our student ministry we need your involvement. Our ministry and the lives of our students depend on your giving.

Jason Mills, Minister to Students

NC Baptist Men presents: Missions Rally for Region 9 Men, Women and Youth: Tuesday February 21, at Pole Creek Baptist Church. The van will leave Canton First at 5:15 p.m. There will be a free supper at 6:00 p.m. and Program at 7:00 p.m. A night of mission inspiration with worship, testimony, video and information on mission opportunities. Contact the church office (648-2367) before February 16 to sign up or for more information.

Community Lenten Services: every Thursday starting February 23 through April 1 at First United Methodist Church of Canton. Worship at 12:00 p.m. and lunch at 12:30 p.m. Pastor Jay will be preaching on March 1.

Dear friends in Christ,

I am very excited to be joining the ministry team at Canton First Baptist, and am thankful to be a part of such a strong committed body. The warm welcome shown to my family and me in the past few weeks has been just wonderful. During my time as interim, I, along with my wife Nathalie and son Tanner look forward to getting to know many of you through worship and church events. I will be working very hard alongside my fellow ministry team members to seek God's guidance as we strive to promote a relevant, meaningful worship experience that is both pleasing to God, and a blessing to his people.

Again, thank you for being so welcoming and helpful. I hope in turn you will feel welcome to take a leap of faith and get involved in one of the many ways God is blessing His church, through music and otherwise. Please feel free to email me or get in touch with me through the church office if there is anything that I can do to help.

James Markey, Interim Minister of Music
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Children In Action Mission Project: Wednesday February 22. Grades K-5 leave Canton FBC at 6:30 p.m. to purchase school supplies for Lauren Wood's Honduras ministry. The school supplies will be delivered in person by Lauren's family when they visit her in April. Each child should bring \$5. A card will be sent to CIA members' home address.

Book Club: Lion of Babylon by Davis Bunn, February 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Lion of Babylon is an international drama about Marc Royce, on special assignments in Iraq. All members and friends of Canton First are welcome to join the book club.

Morris and Marjorie Jordan Retirement Reception: February 26 at Kings Mountain First Baptist Church. Please call the church office (648 2367) to sign up to ride the van.

Our Stewardship February 12

<i>In Giving:</i>		<i>In Attendance:</i>	
Weekly Needs	\$11,226.71	Sunday School	Snow
Tithes & Offerings	\$10,371.00	Morning Worship	124
Designated Gifts	\$391.00		
YTD Budget Needs	\$78,586.97		
YTD Tithes & Offerings	\$60,211.64		
YTD +/-	(\$18,375.33)		

Ministry Opportunities

Week of February 19

Sunday: February 19

9:00 First Pray (Parlor)
9:45 Sunday School
10:55 Worship Service
10:55 Children's Church
5:30 Fellowship
6:00 AWANA
6:00 SYNERGY - 40 Days in the Word Challenge Kickoff
7:00 Deacon's Meeting

Monday:

3:30 Staff Meeting

Tuesday:

8:15 Women's Bible Study Group to the Cove
10:00 Deadline for Bulletin & Witness Entries
6:00 Region 9 Missions Rally in Candler
8:00 Youth Guys Underground Small Group

Wednesday Night ALIVE:

BEGIN 40 DAYS IN THE WORD

4:30 Youth Praise Team
5:30 Covered Dish Supper
6:00 Kids Praise
6:00 The Gathering
6:30 Children in Action Mission Project
6:30 Children in Motion
6:30 "Parenting Teens with Love and Logic", Pastor Jay, parlor
"What Jesus Said ...", David Willett, Mann classroom
"Balancing Life's Demands", Jen Cody, Room 307
7:30 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday:

7:00 Book Club
7:30 Youth Girls Underground Small Group

Saturday:

6:30 Family Bowling at Sky Lanes

Disciples in Action February 19

Usher of the Month February: Vernon Russell
Deacons: Alan Burnette, Jeff Conard
Nursery: Nancy Sprinkle, Marsha Meadows
Children's Church: Debbie & Van Allen, Tim & Terry Lowe
Evening: Barbara Wright

Disciples in Action February 26

Usher of the Month February: Vernon Russell
Deacons: Buddy Flynn, Stephen Parris
Nursery: Janet Burke, Robbie McLeod
Children's Church: Carole Edwards, Rebecca McDowell, Deanna & David Willett
Evening: Tim & Terry Lowe