



We extend Christian sympathy to the families of: Gracie Jane Tilley, Cory Holland, Eula Haynes

Singing Men of Ohio, March 19: CFBC will host the Singing Men of Ohio, from Ohio University's Music Department. We will welcome them with a Covered Dish Dinner at 6:00 pm. The Church will provide the meat, drinks, and bread. Please bring side dishes, casseroles, vegetables, fruits, salads, and desserts. Please bring plenty to share with our 51 guests. We have 8 host homes so far to host them and still need 7 more. Please call the office if you would consider hosting 2 or more of these young men. Hosts will pick the students up after the concert, provide them with a place to sleep and shower, and a light breakfast returning them to the church between 8 am and 8:30 am Tuesday morning. Contact the church office (828 648 2367) for more information.

Our Global Missions Offering Ingathering for the Co-operative Baptist Fellowship Global Missions that supports missionaries in North America and around the world will be March 25 in morning worship.

Book Club: Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. The book for this month is The Cross and The Switchblade by David Wilkerson. Contact the church office (828 648 2367) for more information.

Easter Egg Hunt - infants through 5th grade: March 31, at the Shoaf Farm. We will be leaving on the coach from CFBC at 1:45 p.m. Admission is 6 filled eggs per child.

NC Baptist Missions Conference, April 13 and 14, Charlotte, NC: The cost for registration and meals is \$18 per person, excluding accommodation fees (hotel prices depend on the size of the group). Please let the church office (828 648 2367) know by Monday, March 19, if you would like to attend so that we can make accommodation arrangements.

Operation InAsMuch April 28: Contact Pastor Jay or Jason if you are interested in being a team leader or working in this ministry.

Ramp It Up: Do you know of anyone in our church or community who needs a ramp built to assist them getting in and out of their home? Please call the church office (828 648 2367) or give their name, address and phone number to our staff.



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Golf Tournament May 12, at Waynesville Inn

Golf Resort: The youth at CFBC are heavily involved in missions in our community and beyond. To support our students, we hold an annual golf tournament to help fund their initiatives. For more information on how to get involved by playing in the tournament, becoming a sponsor or volunteering see Jason Mills (828 734 9765) or contact the church office (828 648 2367).



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OIAM - 2012 ... you, me, us ... a Compassion Revolution!

Several years ago the leadership of Canton First heard God's voice say, "get outside the walls of the church building, and minister to the least of these." The voice was without question the voice of Jesus Christ. In days surrounding that first OIAM Canton First mobilized with an unprecedented outpouring of volunteer labor and acts of compassion. In the years since, our community and the surrounding Haywood County has come to know that Canton First Baptist puts "Canton first."

Did you know that Operation Inasmuch is also a movement of churches across America, a Compassion Revolution. Over 1600 churches in 21 states have joined the Revolution. And as more Christians from more churches start to serve their neighbors in need, more lives change in the community and in the church.

This year we are again hearing and responding to the voice of God. We are walking in the steps of Jesus. On Saturday, April 26th from 8 a.m. - 12 noon, Canton First Baptist will go forth in response to Jesus' affirmation, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Call the church office now to commit yourself to the compassion revolution that is reshaping our world.

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Peace,
Pastor Jay



MUSIC MINISTRY

I have been asked how I have been getting along in my short time at Canton First Baptist Church. So, I want to share my honest feelings, and am curious if you have ever felt this way about church stuff.

Many of you might remember that first time you had to meet your (then future) in-laws. Perhaps you had to travel a long distance for the traditional Thanksgiving feast, or just across town for an introduction to your new beau’s family. We look back and realize the awkwardness of meeting new people in new situations is never really as bad as it seemed at the time, but we can all certainly relate to the trepidation we feel when faced with newness and change. I think when we’re truly honest, we all can admit to feelings of insecurity when faced with the unknown.

Ah, but just like that first thanksgiving, when all the plates were cleared away, and people were snoozing about the house, you might have gotten that sense of wondering what all of the fuss was about. In spite of that unintentionally insensitive comment you made about Uncle Larry’s bad toupee, or the gravy you spilled on the white tablecloth you remember that you are not in this place by some random chance; that you were chosen, asked, called, however you come to describe it. And so it goes, in time you become part of a larger family.

That’s how it is in church. Choirs, bible studies, small groups, bowling teams, praise teams, mission teams, youth groups, adult groups, ministry teams, or whatever! God gave us the GIFT of the church body so that we could be family. He created us to be creatures of relationship, and gave us gifts to express our love for Him through our gifts, or lack of, and with one another! And I don’t think I’m stretching things to suggest that even Jesus didn’t spend all of his time healing blindness or pulling people out of the ground; sometimes, hanging out with 12 of your buddies fishing was okay too.

So for me, I am grateful for the things I have gotten to experience as a result of my getting to come to Canton FBC; an amazingly dedicated and talented choir, a diverse and gifted praise and worship team, as well as the staff and people here who are such a great extended family. As for you: if you’ve been afflicted with that hedging sense of "I’d like to, but..." about getting involved, take it from someone who has not nearly enough time on the books to speak with such authority: it’s OKAY, get involved!

James Markey, Interim Minister of Music

STUDENT MINISTRY



Defend the cause of the weak and the fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

Psalm 82:3-4

In an age where a child dies simply because there is a lack of water and/or food, the students at CFBC have decided to raise awareness and funds to fight against world hunger. On March 23 - 24, our students will go without food for 24 hours and participate in several activities throughout the event to raise money to sponsor children in Guatemala. They will build a relationship with an orphaned and impoverished child through letters and photos as well as have times of worship, play games, and split up into small groups. If you would like to join with our youth to reach out to those in poverty see myself or one of the youth.

Jason Mills, Minister to Students

Grief Share 13 Week Study: Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Mann classroom. Griefshare is a grief recovery support group on learning how to turn mourning into joy. Anyone is welcome to join. For more information contact Carole Edwards or the church office (828 648 2367).

Drugs in Our Midst, March 22: 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Canton First Baptist Church. Join us for a drug awareness rally featuring testimonies from Peggy Phillips, Jason Phillips, Thomas Brown and Jack Chapman. Also featuring guest speakers Rev. Tim Owen, Mike Sharon (NCSBI), Bill Hollingsed and Jamie Johnson from Crossfire Ministries.

Joy Club: A Day in the Country, March 23: Join the Senior Adult Joy Club for a day of shopping and lunch. Leaving from CFBC at 10:30 a.m. and returning at 2:00 p.m. Please call the church office (828 648 2367) to reserve a place on the coach.

Deacon Nomination: There will be a Deacon Nomination Sunday, March 25. The list is available from the ushers.

Ministry Opportunities

Week of March 18

- Sunday: March 18
 - 9:00 First Pray (Parlor)
 - 9:45 Sunday School
 - 10:55 Worship Service
 - 10:55 Children’s Church
 - 2:00 Baby Shower for Devon Allen Williams
 - 4:30 Praise Team
 - 5:30 Fellowship
 - 6:00 AWANA
 - 6:00 SYNERGY608
 - 7:00 Deacons Meeting
- Monday:
 - 3:30 Staff Meeting
 - 6:00 Covered Dish Supper
 - 7:30 The Singing Men of Ohio
- Tuesday:
 - 8:15 Women’s Bible Study Group to the Cove
 - 7:30 Youth Girls and Guys Underground Small Group
- Wednesday:
 - Wednesday Night ALIVE
 - 4:30 Youth Praise Team
 - 6:00 Kids Praise
 - 6:00 The Gathering
 - 6:30 Children in Motion/Children in Action
 - 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 Rehearsal
- Thursday:
 - 12:00 Community Lenten Services at FUMC
 - 6:00 Drugs in our Midst
 - 7:00 GriefShare
- Friday
 - 10:30 Joy Club Day in the Country
 - Youth Hunger Strike at CFBC

Disciples in Action, March 18

- Usher of the Month March:** David Savage
- Deacons:** Chip Cody, Jimmy Rochester
- Nursery:** Nancy Sprinkle, Marsha Meadows
- Children’s Church:** Debbie & Van Allen, Terry & Tim Lowe
- Evening:** Barbara Wright

Disciples in Action, March 25

- Usher of the Month March:** David Savage
- Deacons:** Jack Shuler, Ernie Stines
- Nursery:** Janet Burke, Robbie McLeod
- Children’s Church:** Carole Edwards, Rebecca McDowell, Deanna & David Willett
- Evening:** Tim & Terry Lowe