

February 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
February Sermon Series: “What’s Love Got To Do With It?”				“Wednesday Night Alive” 1 4:30 Youth Praise Team 6:00 Kids Praise 6:30 Parenting Teens What Jesus Said Young Adult Bible Study The Gathering CIA, CIM 7:30 Sanctuary Choir	7:00 Haywood Men’s Breakfast 2 5:00 Canton Community Kitchen Ministry 	3	4
9:00 FirstPray - (Parlor) 5 Sunday School Teacher’s Meeting 9:45 Sunday School 10:55 Worship Service 5:00 Super SYNERGY Celebration, Sid’s On Main. Call church office for reservations	3:30 Staff Meeting 6	10:00 Jean Teague 7 7:00 Community Watch 8:00 Guys Underground Small Group	“Wednesday Night Alive” 8 4:30 Youth Praise Team 6:00 Kids Praise 6:30 Parenting Teens What Jesus Said Young Adult Bible Study The Gathering CIA, CIM 7:30 Sanctuary Choir	8:00 Girls Underground 9 Small Group	10	11	
9:00 FirstPray - (Parlor) 12 9:45 Sunday School 10:55 Worship Service 12:00 Children’s Valentine’s Project/Lunch 5:30 Fellowship 6:00 Awana SYNERGY608	3:30 Staff Meeting 13 7:00 Irene Berry Smith Ladies Group	11:30 Joy Club Covered 14 Dish Lunch 7:00 PRAE 8:00 Guys Underground Small Group 	“Wednesday Night Alive” 15 4:30 Youth Praise Team 5:30 Covered Dish Supper 6:00 Kids Praise 6:30 Parenting Teens What Jesus Said Young Adult Bible Study The Gathering CIA, CIM 7:30 Sanctuary Choir 	8:00 Girls Underground 16 Small Group	17	18	
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9:00 FirstPray - (Parlor) 26 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Lord’s Supper Ministry at SilverBluff 10:55 Worship Service 5:30 Fellowship 6:00 Awana SYNERGY608	3:00 Canton Middle School Small Group 27 3:30 Staff Meeting	28	29				

OUR STEWARDSHIP January 22, 2012

In Giving:

Weekly Needs	11,226.71
Tithes & Offerings	6,549.00
Designated Gifts	545.00
YTD Budget Needs	44,906.84
YTD Tithes & Offerings	30,318.00
Year to Date +/-	(14,588.84)



RECEPTION FOR ED OAKLEY

Canton First Baptist will honor Rev. Ed Oakley for 24 years of service and his retirement, Sunday January 29, 2012, at 4-6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and express your appreciation and shower the Oakleys with your kind words, cards, gifts, and shared memories.

YOUTH NEWS

As I grew up, a small country church became my second home. I could rattle off all the famous Bible stories (Adam and Eve, Noah and the ark, Daniel and the lion's den, and etc.) like I could say the alphabet. Though I did not have a youth group in my teenage years, I did have many adults who taught me about the Lord. Having both a mother and father who were Christians, we as a family would always pray before meals. And yet still, I found myself captured by fear, unsettled in my faith, and left with no long standing relationships with my high school friends as I began college.

You might be thinking, how can this be? Both psychologist and sociologist alike describe adolescents as a time where "belongingness" and connectedness drive who they are. I witnessed this firsthand when a certain student came up to me after our Winter Retreat in Gatlinburg, TN. and excitedly said, "I wish every week could be like our retreat. I got to meet and have fun with people all weekend!" With that in mind, I ask this question: Why can't every week be like a retreat? Can you picture your teenager going away every weekend and spending all the money you gave them and then calling to ask for more? This might be our first thought, but what if your teenager had a one day retreat each week where they came together with others who share both in their good times and struggles. James, who writes a New Testament letter, explains that this is not only a good thing, but a necessary one. "Keep watch lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ (James 6:1 NCV).

Starting the first week of February, we are beginning small groups that we call Underground Small Groups. We use the word Underground because we want to paint a clear picture of the various conditions that Christians around the world have to undergo in their desire to grow in relationship with God and who express their need for others who also struggle. We are now asking our youth to sign up in our youth room as we have posted a selection of several days during the week to meet. The times for that each small group will meet will be the same, 8-9pm in the prayer room at Canton FBC.

Jason Mills

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The Witness

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How are you growing and maturing your faith? Are you praying regularly? Are you reading scripture daily? Are you meeting with others to strengthen your ministry and mission efforts? Are you confessing sin, seeking God's guidance, and living with a keen sense of God's Spirit day by day? If we are not growing and maturing our faith then we are declining in our spiritual health and well-being?



Let me invite you to attend an upcoming growth opportunity with our upcoming sermon series: "What's Love Got to Do with It: Making Marriage and Love Last a Lifetime." During the four Sunday's of February we will explore the journey of love and marriage, the differences between men and women, and what God hopes for us as we live out what it means to be in relationship to one another. Whether single or married, old or young, God's word will have exciting insights and truth for us to claim for ourselves and to strive for as a faith community. Come join us in worship.

Another growth opportunity will be our Lenten devotion of deepening our spiritual roots. We invite you together along with others in the church fellowship to read Rick Warren's book "40 Days in the Word: Love the Word. Learn the Word. Live the Word." Jeremy Pressley (421-4804) will be our passionate lay leader and informational contact. Reserve your copy of the book. Plan on immersing yourself in God's word beginning Wednesday February 22nd. Commit yourself to 40 days of walking closer with God. We look forward to your participation and growth.

Growing together,

Pastor Jay



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