






March 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>March Sermon Series: "The Way Of The Cross"</p>				12:00 Community Lenten Service at FUMC ¹ 5:00 Canton Community Kitchen Ministry 	²	³
9:00 FirstPray - (Parlor) ⁴ 9:45 Sunday School 10:55 Worship Service - Lord's Supper 4:30 Youth/Parents Meeting 4:30 Praise Team 5:30 Fellowship 6:00 AWANA SYNERGY608 7:00 NiteLight	3:30 Staff Meeting ⁵	8:15 Women's Bible Study ⁶ 10:00 Jean Teague 8:00 Guys Underground Small Group	"Wednesday Night Alive" ⁷ 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 7:30 Finance Meeting	11:30 Community Lenten Service at FUMC ⁸ 6:00 Pizza with the Pastor  7:00 Griefshare 7:30 Girls Underground Small Group	⁹	¹⁰
9:00 FirstPray - (Parlor) ¹¹ Sunday School Teacher's Meeting 9:45 Sunday School 10:55 Worship Service 4:30 Praise Team 5:30 Fellowship 6:00 Awana SYNERGY608	3:30 Staff Meeting ¹² 7:00 Irene Berry Smith Ladies Group	8:15 Women's Bible Study ¹³ 7:00 PRAE 8:00 Guys Underground Small Group	"Wednesday Night Alive" ¹⁴ 4:30 Youth Praise Team 6:00 Kids Praise 6:00 The Gathering 6:30 Parenting Teens What Jesus Said Young Adult Bible Study CIA, CIM 7:30 Sanctuary Choir	11:30 Community Lenten Service at FUMC ¹⁵ 7:00 Griefshare 7:30 Girls Underground Small Group	¹⁶	¹⁷
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YOUTH Hunger Strike

OUR STEWARDSHIP February 26, 2012

In Giving:

Weekly Needs	11,226.71
Tithes & Offerings	8,267.00
Designated Gifts	515.00
YTD Budget Needs	101,040.39
YTD Tithes & Offerings	78,5525.64



Grief Share 13 Week Study: Starting March 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mann classroom. 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).



Paid Nursery Worker needed for Sunday Morning & Evening, Wednesday Evenings and special events for Birth to 3 year olds . 5-6 hours per week. Background check required. Will be working with a volunteer. Please call the church office at 648-2367 or e-mail resume to cantonfirst@gmail.com.

YOUTH NEWS

But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!"
Amos 5:24 NIV

Picture this scenario with your teenager. You and your family pull into a restaurant parking lot after Sunday morning service and you walk past a person begging for something to eat. Besides ignoring him/her, you have a few choices: You could give that person some money to buy food, or you could invite that person into the restaurant with you to get some food. By choosing either of the two, you are creating a special moment modeling servanthood and ultimately teaching your young person about generously providing for others! Notice, you did not have to go into a long talk about why we should provide for the poor, or highlight the times where Jesus provided for the poor to get the point across. You modeled being a person who walked right toward the need instead of walking around. One who stopped and changed that person's very day and maybe life. Your teenage will see this moment and never forget.

Poverty. Justice. We know that both are found in the Bible. But it might surprise you to what degree. The Bible is divided up into 66 books, contains 1,189 chapters, and the Bible that I hold has 1083 pages. Again that is...

66 Books, 1,189 Chapters, and 1,083 pages. Out of that there are 21,000 verses that talk about poverty. Not something that the Biblical writes just wanted us to skim over huh? Now back to your teenager who lives in culture chasing after the American Dream. Always pushing prosperity and success. Always focused on self.

You give them God to believe in and see modeled everyday. The God who believes that they can change this generation at this very moment for His namesake; and you have just tapped into something called passion that God has fueled into their very nature at this age. When this happens, focusing on self becomes overcome by being led by the very Spirit of God who desires them to live for so much more.

Stay tuned for our upcoming event called The Hunger Strike - An event that pushes our teens to get outside their walls to bring awareness and support to the children in Guatemala who have nothing.

Jason Mills, Minister to Students

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Hebrews 10:24-25

²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵***not neglecting to meet together***, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Did you know that Canton First hosts 52 different small groups each week and each month? From GriefShare to Sunday morning Bible study, prayer groups to care groups, we have a plethora of opportunities for folks of all ages, men, women and co-ed. God's word teaches that for those called to Jesus Christ in a personal relationship of devotion and discipleship that we are to commit ourselves to "gathering and meeting together as the body of Christ." As your pastor I am proud to say, "Canton First Baptist provides numerous opportunities each week and each month for spiritual growth through our many small groups and their committed leaders."

Church-goers will often say some of the following statements:

I believe God wants His children in weekly Bible group study.

I believe that God strengthens believers who are in a small group.

I believe it's important for folks to be in a small group encouraging one another.

I believe I'm closer to God when I'm reading my Bible with others.

Yet, true belief is not what we say, but the actions that flow out of our lives. If we believe that small group studies and care groups are important, then we order our lives to participate and reflect such a conviction. Scripture is clear: "...let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ***not neglecting to meet together***, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Let me encourage you to get connected to a small group and then prepare yourself for new awakening of your faith and God's activity in your life.

Peace,

Pastor Jay

