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208 Academy St
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KIDZ GRADES K4 TO 5TH
 STAY AFTER WORSHIP FOR
LUNCH & FUN
 WITH LISA
 & FRIENDS!

Weekly: Sunday at 9:45 am & 11 am

- January 23: Movie & Pizza (at the church) \$10**
- February 13: Movie & Games \$10**
- March 13: Pottery \$10**
- April 24: Mini Golf \$10**
- May 15: Lunch, Activity, & Games \$10**
- June 13: 9am - 8pm Splash Country \$35—bring**



5th Sunday Food Drive

Please place non-perishable food in the grocery carts throughout the church.

Guidance for successfully navigating the storms along life's pilgrimage.
PASTORAL COUNSELLING



Dr. Allen Mullinax, Pastoral Counselor
 404-697-1012 Accepting New Clients
 Meet discreetly at Canton First Baptist Church
 Sliding Scale Fee



On the first Thursdays of each month we prepare and serve the meals at the Community Kitchen. If you're interested in volunteering let Lorene West know or come ready to work at 4:00 p.m. @ the Community Kitchen.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY
 Join online at www.zoom.us/j/455573873
 Meeting ID: 455 573 873
6:00PM
 WITH DR. COURT GREENE
 Join by phone at: 1.301.715.8592
 #: 455 573 873



Jean Teague Ladies WMU Circle
 Meets the first Tuesday at 10am

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Men's Bible Study
 Tuesdays in the
Mann Classroom
At 6:00pm
 Led by Ray Shepard
 (Books provided by CFBC)

A Look at Life from a Deer Stand
 Steve Chapman

CHOIR PRACTICE
 Wednesdays
 @ 7:00 pm Come & Join US



You Are Invited ...to our next Young Women's Ministry Activity
 Women who are in their 20s, 30s, and 40s
January's Activity will be on Thursday, Jan. 20th @ 6:00 pm

Contact Sabrina Brock @ 386-466-8625 or Kristi Greene @ 704-472-2138

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6

The Witness

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WE ARE HERE FOR *you*

Canton-FBC Family,

I hope you are doing well. As we head into the new year, I hope that the celebration of all God is doing and has done in our church and families has not diminished with the passing of Christmas. We may put away our decorations, or festive clothing, but hopefully the spirit of joy and hope will not fade with time. To help make that goal a reality, I offer some hope for the days ahead. First, remember that ministry, discipleship and faith are not dates to watch come and go as the seasons change. As persons created in the image of God, the world around on us depends on our role as a conduit for the light, hope, and love of God to pass through if they are going to be impacted by our creator. Your existence matters. You were created to be on this planet now. May God's presence shine through you. Second, with a young women's group and WMU meeting monthly, a new men's ministry starting, and the Judges Bible study now available, you have numerous opportunities to learn to better reflect the image of God to the world in which you live. Take advantage of these opportunities, and don't forget, you can always start another!

Third, while it is tempting to take some time off during the cold of winter, every one of us has a role to play in growing the church. Think of all of the people you encounter on a daily basis. You may work with them, see them in stores, meet them in social settings, or "friend" them on social media. However you encounter them, each encounter is a chance to offer them the experiences you have here. Our doors are open to all, and perhaps all they need to walk through them is a gentle nudge from you.

Be blessed,

Court Greene
 Pastor



I Remember the Men That Came to My town...

I remember the men that came to our town
They came to cut the trees that the storm had blown down
The first thing I noticed as they started their work day
Was that they all gathered around and began to pray
They prayed for their safety, they prayed for God's grace
They prayed for the families that had suffered in this place

I remember how steady they worked, like ants on a hill
How they all worked together with precision and skill
Not a harsh word was spoken through out the whole day
They seem to enjoy the hard work, I could honestly say
They cut and sawed, they carried and stacked
They worked till the sweat soaked the shirts on their backs

I remember their faces, so kind and so meek
Yet these were strong men, not timid, nor weak
My mom had told me to stay out of their way
But I hung around and watched them for most of the day
These men seemed so different from the men I had known
And although I didn't know them, a closeness I'd grown

I remember when they finished and packed up to go
These men I had never seen nor previously had known
They gave me a gift, a little pocket knife
Then shared with me a story that would forever change my life
They told me a great story, one I had never even heard
About a little baby boy and His amazing Virgin birth
How He came to save the world and people like me
And how I could live with Him in heaven, for all eternity

I remember how I felt as I listened to them that day
The change I felt inside, made me think a whole different way
I knew there was more to the life than I had known
It was in all the things, these men had freely shown

By Ray Shepard

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MEMBERSHIP?

Invitation to Partner with Canton First Baptist Church: We invite you to membership with Canton First Baptist Church. Contact Dr. Court Greene to learn more. Baptism: If you are interested in baptism see Dr. Court Greene or call the church office at 828.648.2367.

PLEASE NOTE

Weather & Health Schedule Changes: During the week, when Haywood County Schools are dismissed or closed due to inclement weather, activities at Canton First are postponed and CFBC is closed. During a weather event, decisions are made as soon as possible and sent first to the Deacons. Please check WLOS, WPTL, Facebook, and our website for weather or health related program or time changes. Please travel only if it is safe to drive and walk.

Keep Informed: Send an email to [cfbc202@gmail.com](mailto:cfb202@gmail.com) to request Canton First Top News email updates. Call 648-2367 to request to be added to the Prayer Requests emails sent to subscribers only, the newsletter by mail or email, phone or other communications. Find us on Facebook, YouTube, and check out our website at www.canton-fbc.org. **Prayer Request? Call 648-2367 or www.canton-fbc.org**

FLOOD UPDATE:

By: Dr. Court Greene

While in some ways it seems that the flood of 2021 is ancient history, in many ways the effects of it are still present daily. As the weather turns colder, that fact is making itself more vividly obvious. Many are still suffering, and so I believe an update is in order. Hopefully a reminder of what we have been able to do will rekindle your generous spirits, as we pray for and continue to serve those most directly harmed by the disaster.

1. Immediately after the flood, the church was able to provide food for victims and relief workers as well as hosting Baptist On Mission teams.
2. We are hosting the temporary police station, storing items from the Colonial Theater, and offering meeting space and other needs to the town when necessary.
3. We host blood drives that used to take place at the town hall.
4. Your generosity helped (and continues to help) flood victims as well as other community members with food and scarce resources which was helpful not only to those harmed by the flood, but also those affected by the ongoing supply chain shortage.
5. The "Keeping Haywood Warm" initiative started three years ago by Jean, and maintained by your wonderful volunteer efforts, has gone from a few big events to an ongoing ministry. As people have had needs (for instance, those who had to strip their houses of insulation to remediate mold, but have not yet been able to replace it) for warmth items, we have been able to meet their needs.
6. We have been able to provide firewood to those who heat their houses with wood, but whose logs washed away in the flood.
7. We have funded individual projects, but also work with the Canton Missional Network's flood response team (of which I am a part) to contribute to the relief effort through funding and volunteerism.
8. In addition to individuals and families, we were able to assist several small businesses that asked for help in rebuilding.

The process of recovering from this event is a long one. I am thankful to serve a church that is connected to its community and committed to serve God by serving that community for the long haul. May you be blessed as you work to bless your neighbors.

Upcoming Events & Activities

Sunday: January 16, 2022

- 9:45 Sunday School Adults-FH, Children - 3rd Floor
- 11:00 Worship in-person, Facebook, YouTube & WPTL
- 12:00 Budget Vote

Monday **Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday—Office Closed**

- Tuesday 3:30 Staff Meeting
- 6:00 Men's Bible Study in the Mann Classroom
- Wednesday 6:00 Adult Bible Study—JUDGES in the Sanctuary
- 7:00 Adult Choir Practice
- Thursday 6:00 Young Women's Ministry Fellowship

Sunday: January 23, 2022

- 9:45 Sunday School Adults-FH, Children - 3rd Floor
- 11:00 Worship in-person, Facebook, YouTube & WPTL
- 12:00 Kidz Movie & Pizza, Popcorn, Ice Cream Sundaes, @ the Church-\$10

- Tuesday 3:30 Staff Meeting
- 6:00 Men's Bible Study in the Mann Classroom
- Wednesday 6:00 Adult Bible Study—JUDGES in the Sanctuary
- 7:00 Adult Choir Practice

Sunday: January 30, 2022 **5th Sunday FOOD DRIVE**

- 9:45 Sunday School Adults-FH, Children - 3rd Floor
- 11:00 Worship in-person, Facebook, YouTube & WPTL

- Tuesday 10:00 Jean Teague Ladies WMU Circle Meeting
- 3:30 Staff Meeting
- 6:00 Men's Bible Study in the Mann Classroom
- Wednesday 6:00 Adult Bible Study—Fellowship Hall: JUDGES
- 7:00 Adult Choir Practice
- Thursday 4:00 Community Kitchen Ministry
- 6:00 Young Women's Ministry Fellowship