

**Young Women Family Fun Night!!!**

**SEPTEMBER 15TH 2022**  
**5:30-7:00 P.M.**

**CANTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**208 ACADEMY ST.**

**HOT DOGS, WATERMELON, POPCORN**  
**FUN GAMES, ACTIVITIES**  
**& MORE**

SAVE THOSE PRINGLES CANS!!  
 ALSO NEEDED ARE  
 CHRISTMAS COOKIE CUTTERS



**Lisa Ledford**  
**needs them.**

**Thank you!!!**

NOT your Pringles Sock.....



**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Keep Informed:** Send an email to [cfbc202@gmail.com](mailto:cfbc202@gmail.com) to request Canton First Top News email updates. Call 828-648-2367 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](http://www.canton-fbc.org). Prayer Request? Call 828-648-2367 or [www.canton-fbc.org](http://www.canton-fbc.org)

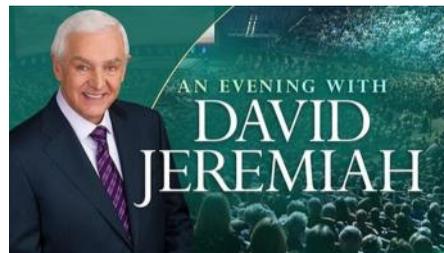
**WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MEMBERSHIP?**

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.

**FIRST KIDZ**  
 Children's Activities  
 with Lisa & Friends!  
 Stay after Worship for  
 Lunch & Activities one  
 Sunday each month.

**Weekly: Sunday at 9:45 am & 11 am**

- September 18—Nature Center \$10
- October 9—Gem Mine \$10
- November 20—Sunshine Bags \$10
- December 11—Happy Birthday Jesus Party
- January 15—Movie @ Church \$10



**GREENVILLE, SC**  
**Thursday, October 20 @ 7:00 pm**  
 JOY Group Activity: Everyone is welcome to go!  
 Call the church office 828-648-2367 if you're  
 interested in going.

- «Endorsement»
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**WOMEN**  
 on a Mission

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



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.

**NOTHING**

can separate us from the  
 love of God, which is in  
 Christ Jesus our Lord

Romans 8:38-39

**The Witness**

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WE ARE HERE FOR *you*

Pride: Good or Bad?

The Bible, and especially the book of Proverbs, has a lot to say about pride. Proverbs 16:18 is one of the most well known, and it offers a general template for many of the rest of the verses we typically associate with the feeling. It instructs us that "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall (NRSVUE)." For the most part, I very much agree. Usually I would offer this and the many verses like it as evidence to a world that loves the sound of its own voice that perhaps it is time to turn down the volume. Perhaps we are praising ourselves into destruction, as our haughtiness signals a looming fall in the near distance. *Usually* I think that, but not today. Well, at least not at this exact moment.

The term pride is nuanced to say the least. It can mean arrogance like described so often in Proverbs. It can describe the toxic feelings of invincibility that lead us to do foolish things. It can describe the love we often have of hearing that we are right that leads us to only associate with people who agree with us so that we will only hear the echoes of our own ideas as we bask in the praise that we know will come when we have eliminated all opposing voices from reaching our ears. These examples certainly offer pride's pitfalls for all to see, but a deeper look at the term "pride" offers another way to understand it, as is often the case.

Paul often speaks of it as boasting. In 2 Corinthians 10, as well as numerous other places, he instructs us to "boast in the Lord." Boasting, as we are taught when we are children, is the language that pride speaks, and if pride is bad, we know we should not boast. So, Paul, what gives?

The difference between arrogance and holy pride is simple, consider the source. Is your pride based solely on yourself? Is it based on what you feel able to accomplish or gain? Or is it based on something God has done? This is the difference Paul seeks to highlight, and it is one we need to see clearly today.

Speaking of today, (written on 8/22) it is the first day of school. It is a day where around ninety students who had no school supplies will walk into school well-equipped because we put aside arrogance and denominationalism to work with other churches and equip them. God made that happen, and I am proud of it. I hope you are too.

It is also a day that our teachers start their school year having been shown that we appreciate them, and having been offered that boost by a group of (to some of them) strangers. They know they are cared for, and that their purpose matters. God did that, and used us to do so, and I am proud of what God did through us. I hope you are too.

We have many reasons to be proud of who we are, not because of our greatness, but because of the God who made us and makes great things happen if we let God work through us. So while I never want us to be arrogant as Proverbs warns against, I certainly hope that this church will stand proud as Paul calls us to be. Proud of the God we serve, and the revolutionary love that God uses us to bring to the world. Be proud, not because of who we have been, but who God is today, and what God will do tomorrow, to bring bright light and hope into the world.

Your Pastor,  
Rev. Dr. Court Greene



## Experience God with Canton First

<b>Sunday: September 11, 2022</b>	
9:45	Sunday School Adults-FH, Children - 3rd Floor
11:00	Worship in-person, Facebook, YouTube & WPTL
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3:30</b> Staff Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00</b> RETURN of Wednesday Night Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall. Study will be the book of Revelation.
	<b>7:00</b> Choir Practice-Never sang in the choir? Come see for your-self how fun it is! All hands on deck for Christmas Music!
<b>Sunday: September 18, 2022</b>	
9:45	Sunday School Adults-FH, Children - 3rd Floor
11:00	Worship in-person, Facebook, YouTube & WPTL Special Worship Music by Renee Woods
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3:30</b> Staff Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00</b> Revelation Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall. <b>7:00</b> Choir Practice in the Choir Room.
<b>Sunday: September 25, 2022</b>	
9:45	Sunday School Adults-FH, Children - 3rd Floor
11:00	Worship in-person, Facebook, YouTube & WPTL
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3:30</b> Staff Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00</b> Revelation Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall. <b>7:00</b> Choir Practice in the Choir Room.
<b>Sunday: October 2, 2022—HOMECOMING</b>	
9:45	Sunday School Adults-FH, Children - 3rd Floor
11:00	Worship in-person, Facebook, YouTube & WPTL
12:00	Lunch in the Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3:30</b> Staff Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00</b> Revelation Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall. <b>7:00</b> Choir Practice in the Choir Room.



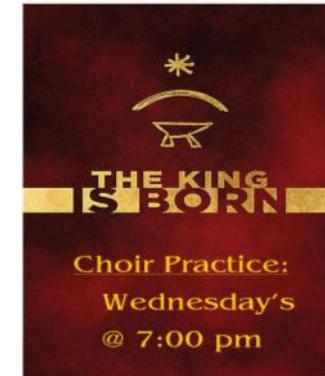
<b>September 11</b> Sunday School: Sabrina Brock Worship: Brittany Inman
<b>September 18</b> Sunday School: Sandra Grogan Worship: Sabrina Brock
<b>September 25</b> Sunday School: Cathy Walsh Worship: Katie Reeves

**Homecoming: October 2**  
Sunday School: Bethany Markey  
Worship: Gail Cannon

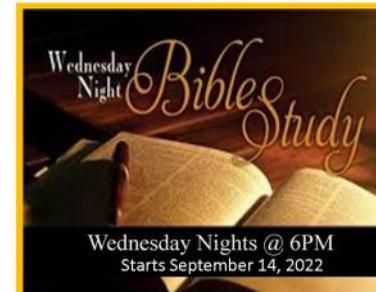


<b>September 11</b> Kristi Greene
<b>September 18</b> Donna Wood
<b>September 25</b> Kathy Willetts

**Homecoming: October 2**  
Sabrina Brock



The Sanctuary  
Canton First Baptist  
Invites You to  
Choir Practice  
Wednesdays,  
@ 7:00 pm



Study Revelation with  
Dr. Court Greene

Join In-Person in the  
Fellowship Hall or  
virtually online at:  
[www.zoom.us/j/455573873](http://www.zoom.us/j/455573873)  
Meeting ID: 455 573 873

