

**Community Children's
Christmas Ministry**
Party Date: 12/4/22
Financial Assistance
 \$30 per child will cover their gift,
 food, crafts, & treat bag.
Designate CCCM on your check.
Donation deadline 12/1/22.

Presented by:
 The Sanctuary
 Choir,  Special Guests,
 & First Kidz 

**THE KING
S BORN**
 Sunday Morning
 December 18th
 at 11:00 am

<p>Nursery</p> <p>November 13 Sunday School: Sabrina Brock Worship: Brittany Inman</p> <p>November 20 Sunday School: Sandra Grogan Worship: Sabrina Brock</p> <p>November 27 Sunday School: Cathy Walsh Worship: Katie Reeves</p> <p>December 4 Sunday School: Bethany Markey Worship: Gail Cannon</p> <p>December 11 Sunday School: Sabrina Brock Worship: Brittany Inman</p> <p>December 18 Sunday School: Sandra Grogan Worship: Sabrina Brock</p>	<p>Children's Church</p> <p>November 13 Kathy Willets</p> <p>November 20 Donna Wood</p> <p>November 27 Kristi Greene</p> <p>December 4 Sabrina Brock</p> <p>December 11 Kristi Greene</p> <p>December 18 Donna Wood</p>
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PLEASE NOTE:

Keep Informed: Send an email to 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. Prayer Request? Call 828-648-2367 or 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE
Candlelight
 SERVICE
8:00 PM

Christmas
 Come Celebrate with us!

Christmas morning service
 at 11:00 am

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AND THE ANGEL SAID UNTO THEM,
FEAR NOT;
 FOR, BEHOLD, I BRING YOU
good tidings of great joy.
 WHICH SHALL BE TO ALL PEOPLE.
 -LUKE 2:10

The Witness

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WE ARE HERE FOR *you*

Happy Holidays!

Recently (in the last few decades) people have come unglued because people were wishing them happy holidays instead of simply saying "Merry Christmas." I get that we do not need to be overly politically correct to the point of watering down traditions that matter to many (myself included), but I am using the phrase "Happy Holidays" for a reason. I was in Walmart yesterday, and noticed that Christmas stuff is everywhere. I noticed, also, that Black Friday started in September this year. I noticed these things because they forced me to the realization that my favorite holiday, Thanksgiving, is being erased. To be more accurate, it is being swallowed by the commercialism of Christmas, which makes this a double threat. Thanksgiving seems to be getting crowded out of the collective mind, but in that process, the true meaning of Christmas has been devoured by the commercialism that the holiday's gift exchanges fuel. So I say to you, in an effort to slow the process and preserve what Christmas really is, happy holidays. Slow down. Celebrate both holidays. Enjoy time with people you love. Contemplate the reasons you have to be thankful, including the birth of a savior, and then keep the focus on that as you head into the Christmas season.

Speaking of the holidays, we will offer numerous ways to celebrate both as a church family. In this newsletter, and on our website, pay close attention to the opportunities you have to be thankful, to be family, and to be awed by the gift of Christmas as the season continues.

Your Pastor,
Rev. Dr. Court Greene





Gotta Have Faith

George Michael made the phrase famous, Fred Durst made it metal, and we actualized it by acquiring our own Faith. Faith Woods is an experienced financial secretary who has served First Baptist in Waynesville... wait for it... FAITHfully... for years. She has come aboard as our part time financial secretary as well, and will be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays of most weeks. While everyone takes time to settle in and I certainly do not want her inundated with phone calls and visits, if you happen to think of it on a Tuesday or Thursday, consider introducing yourself. I have enjoyed getting to know her, and I believe you will as well.

“My name is Faith Woods, and I am so excited to be able to serve Canton First Baptist Church as your financial secretary. To tell you a little bit about myself, I am a Haywood County native. I grew up in Waynesville, but I got to Canton as soon as I could!! ☺ My husband, Brian, and I have lived in Canton since 1998. Brian and I met in college at UNC-Greensboro, and we have been married for 29 years. He is a developer for Buncombe County, writing software for all aspects of the county operations. We have two children, Gracelynn (Gracie) and Jonathan. Gracie is 21 and a senior at NCSU studying chemical engineering and paper science engineering, and Jonathan is 17 and a senior at Haywood Early College. My degree is in math, and I have taught high school math at Tuscola and Haywood Christian Academy. I am a long-time member of First Baptist Waynesville, where I also serve as financial secretary, as Pastor Court mentioned. At First Baptist Waynesville, I am a hand bell player, I teach Children in Action and adult Sunday School, and I serve on the Missions Council. I am a VBS co-director, and I serve as the shoebox drop off coordinator for Operation Christmas Child. As the pastor mentioned, I plan on having regular office hours at CFBC on Tuesdays (9-5) and Thursdays (9-2), and I look forward to meeting you and serving my LORD alongside you! My email is CantonFBCFinance@gmail.com. Feel free to email me if you have any questions or need any information. Thank you for this opportunity to use my mathematical talents to be a steward of CFBC's financial resources.”



Faith, Gracie, Jonathan, and Brian



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 13	Sunday	11:00	Baby Dedication of Ezra Greene Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
November 14	Monday	10:00	Shopping begins for warm items/coats Weekdays until 4:00 pm
November 16	Wed.	7:00	Choir Practice (No Bible Study)
November 17	Thurs.	6:00	S.O.S. Women's Ministry
November 20	Sunday	12:00 1:00 7:00	1 st Kidz lunch & Sunshine bags Sanctuary Decorating Team Community Thanksgiving Service @ Central UMC
November 22	Tuesday	6:00	Warm items shopping ends @ Noon Lifeworks Thanksgiving Meal in FH
November 23	Wed.		Office Closed for Thanksgiving (No Choir)
November 24	Thursday		HAPPY THANKSGIVING
November 27	Sunday	11:00	Hanging of the Green
November 30	Wed.	6:00 7:00	Bible Study Choir Practice
December 4	Sunday	4:00	Community Children's Christmas Ministry
December 7	Wed.	6:00	Church-wide Christmas Dinner in FH (no Bible Study or Choir)
December 14	Wed.	6:00 7:00	Bible Study Choir Practice
December 15	Thurs.	6:00	S.O.S. Women's Ministry Christmas Meal
December 18	Sunday	11:00	Christmas Cantata & Children's Music
December 21	Wed.		No Bible Study or Choir Practice 'til Jan 4
December 24	Saturday	8:00	Christmas Eve Service
December 25	Sunday	11:00	Christmas Morning Worship Merry Christmas!!!
December 26 – December 31			Office closed until 1/2/2023 (phone messages & email will be checked)

Keeping Haywood Warm

Sleeping Bags, Socks, Coats, Gloves/Mittens

Shopping begins Monday, November 14th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm each weekday through Tuesday, November 22nd closing @ 12:00 pm for Thanksgiving. Then reopening Monday, November 28th regular schedule.

CANTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 208 ACADEMY STREET, CANTON, NC

Hanging of the Green

Worship Celebration

Sunday Morning @ 11:00

November 27th

SUNSHINE BAGS

First KIDZ are collecting ALL THINGS YELLOW

i.e. yellow washcloths, yellow bars of soaps or yellow liquid soap, yellow toothbrushes, yellow mugs, yellow silk flower bunches, cans or bottles of yellow lemonade (no powder), lotion in yellow containers, etc.

Bring 6, 12, 18, 24 each of your choice item(s)

(Desired total is 24 of each item)

Look for yellow boxes in the vestibule or hallway behind the sanctuary. Thank you for your donations! Lisa Ledford & the First Kidz

Church-Wide CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

Wednesday

December 7th @ 6:00 pm

FIRST KIDZ

Weekly: Sunday at 9:45 am & 11 am

November 28—Sunshine Bags \$10

December 11—Happy Birthday Jesus Party

January 15—Movie @ Church \$10

February 5—Pottery \$10

Community Thanksgiving Service

7:00 pm Sunday, November 20

Located at **Central United Methodist Church**

Everyone is invited

SISTERS OF STRENGTH S.O.S.

Thursday, November 17th

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

LOTTIE MOON

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Providing financial support to missionaries as they share the gospel overseas.

Ingathering Dec 11

SISTERS OF STRENGTH S.O.S.

Thursday, December 15th

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Children's Activities with Lisa & Friends!

Stay after Worship for Lunch & Activities one Sunday each month.