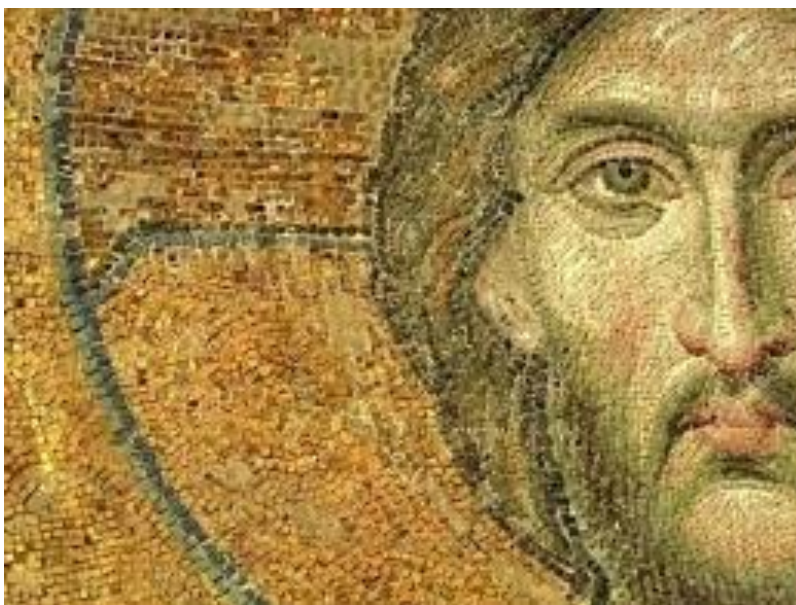




February 18, 2024 | 1st Sunday in Lent



# (UN)EXPECTED

Walking with Jesus through the Gospel of Matthew

"The Most Surprising (and Scandalous)  
Thing About Heaven"  
Matthew 4:12-25



GETTING CLOSER to God

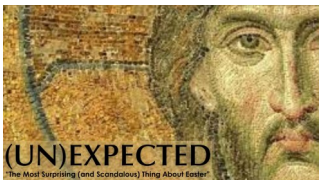
GROWING DEEPER in Love

REACHING WIDER with the Gospel



# Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements		Rick Adams
Opening Praise	"Fairest Lord Jesus" #189	Mike Gaul & Joseph Brewer Director of Music Ministry
Children's Message		Rev. Tim Emmett Senior Pastor
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 9:1-7	Frank Jones
Message	<b>"The Most Surprising (and Scandalous) Thing About Heaven"</b> Matthew 4:12-25	Rev. Tim Emmett Senior Pastor
Anthem	"Heavenly Light" by A. Kopylow	Worship Choir
Mission Moment		UMCOR Cleaning Buckets
Prayer		Jan Dwyer Director of Discipleship
The Lord's Prayer		
<b>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.</b>		
Offering		
Offertory Music	"Stories on Stories"	Rebecca Rhodes & Joseph Brewer
Doxology	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #95	
Closing Hymn	"Jesus Calls Us" #398	
Reception of New Members		
Call to Service		
Benediction		
Song of Response	"Just a Closer Walk with Thee" (Chorus Only)	



## UN(EXPECTED)

### A few possible next steps

We're getting ready for Easter by walking with Jesus through the Gospel of Matthew. We would love to share that journey with you as we spend time each week reading, reflecting, practicing, and praying.

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#### Read

We are walking with Jesus through the Gospel of Matthew by reading the Gospel during Lent, the six-week long season that leads us to Easter. Below are the readings for this week!

- Monday: Matthew 4:1-11
- Tuesday: Matthew 4:12-25
- Wednesday: Matthew 5:1-16
- Thursday: Matthew 5:17-48
- Friday: Matthew 6:1-8, 16-18
- Saturday: Matthew 6:9-15
- Sunday: Catch up on your reading!

Before reading Matthew, consider viewing this video from *The Bible Project*:  
<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/matthew/>

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#### Reflect

Following each day's reading, take a few minutes to reflect on these questions:

- What does this passage reveal about Jesus? More specifically, what does it show us or tell us about who he is, what he said, what he did, and why it matters?
- How do people respond to Jesus in this passage? Are they faithful, curious, suspicious, or hostile? If the passage includes a teaching from Jesus, how does that teaching help us love God, other people, and ourselves?
- What word or phrase is most striking to you? Does it encourage or challenge you?
- How might the Spirit be inviting you to respond to this passage? Is there something here you might want to share with someone?

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#### Practice

If you don't do so already, use the season of Lent as a great opportunity to develop the habit of beginning your day with God through prayer. Pick a place and a time and then put it in your calendar. If helpful, use the following suggestions from Pete Greig to help you get started.

How to have a 10 minute quiet time (using P.R.A.Y.)

- (1 min.) **Pause** – Sit quietly for a minute, stilling your soul.
- (2 min.) **Rejoice** - read a short Psalm or listen to a worship song.
- (3 min.) **Ask** - Tell God what's on your heart. Pray through your day. If you have a prayer list or use the 24-7 Prayer Inner Room app, quietly name each person before God.
- (3 min.) **Yield** - Read a few verses from the New Testament, until a phrase pops out at you and then talk to God about it. Are there any sins you need to confess? Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you afresh.
- (1 min.) - **Amen** - Pray the Lord's Prayer.  
Source: <https://prayercourse.org/toolshed/>

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#### Pray

Each morning, before you engage with other people, pray this prayer from Mother Teresa of Calcutta:

Dear Jesus, help me to spread Your fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with Your spirit and love. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of Yours. Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Your presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus. Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others. Amen.

# THIS WEEK<sup>AT</sup> GLANCE



## Sunday, February 18

- 9:30am Sunday School Classes
- 9:30am Lent Bible Study - Successful Failures
- 9:30am Youth Sunday School
- 9:30am Cannon Kids
- 11am Worship Service: Joining Sunday
- 12:30pm Church Council

## Monday, February 19

### Presidents' Day

- 6:30pm Sarah Circle Meeting
- 8pm Alcoholics Anonymous

## Tuesday, February 20

- 8am Tuesday Men's Bible Study
- 10am Gwinnett Quilters Guild
- 4pm Head Elementary School Talent Show Dress Rehearsal
- 6:30pm SPRC Meeting

## Wednesday, February 21

- 10am Gwinnett Quilters Guild
- 6pm Lent Bible Study - Successful Failures
- 6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 7pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, February 22

- 5:30pm Head Elementary School Talent Show
- 6:30pm Cub Scouts
- 6:30pm Orchestra Rehearsal
- 7:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal
- 8pm Alcoholics Anonymous

## Saturday, February 24

- 7:30am Men's Bible Study
- 8:30am Kairos Team Formation Meetings
- 8:30am Diamonds in the Rough
- 7:45pm Narcotics Anonymous

## Sunday, February 25

- 9:30am Sunday School Classes
- 9:30am Lent Bible Study - Successful Failures
- 9:30am Youth Sunday School
- 9:30am Cannon Kids
- 11am Worship Service
- 5pm Youth Group



## HAVE A HEART FOR THE HUNGRY FOOD DRIVE FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 3 OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!



Here are some ways you can help:

- Pick some streets - supplies are ready
- Show up at the Co-op and help in the pantry Saturday, March 2 or Monday, March 4, 10am-Noon  
The Co-op is at 55 Grayson Industrial Parkway, Grayson
- Bring donations to the barrels this week at Cannon Education, Children, or Main entrances.

To sign up or ask questions - call, text, or email Doug Schendel (770-687-1710 or doudschendel@icloud.com).

## Cannon is helping to feed hungry kids at some of our local schools



Thank you so much for continuing to support this wonderful ministry! Our numbers have increased to **28** students each week and we are in need of many items.

**Please help us restock the pantry.**

Here's how to help:

- Donate food items from the list below. Place the items in the bin located at the Main Entrance. Please purchase single-serve and pop-tab cans.
- Contact: Beth Will (willisbetho@gmail.com).

### Most needed items:

- Individual cereal boxes or plastic tubs (Walmart, and some Krogers, usually has them in-store or online)
- Peanut butter (small jar or individual)
- Canned ravioli or similar
- Vienna sausages
- Individual shelf milk
- Individual fruit snacks (i.e. raisin boxes)
- Individual mac 'n cheese cups
- Canned hearty soups
- Canned tuna or chicken or individual servings

### Other items used:

- Individual packs of Oatmeal
- Granola/Oatmeal bars
- Peanut butter crackers
- Ramen noodles
- Juice boxes
- Pudding cups, fruit cups, or applesauce
- Small tortillas



**UMCOR**

# MISSION

OF THE MONTH

# MISSION

## UMCOR

Our focus for February is United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the global disaster response arm of the United Methodist Church and a first responder on the scene of both natural and human disasters.

*We will be collecting items for 6 cleaning buckets.*

*\*Scan the QR Code for the list of items*

Please visit the Community Engagement page on our website to find opportunities to:

## PRAY • SERVE • GIVE

**MORE INFORMATION:**  
CANNONCHURCH.ORG, SERVE,  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT





## SE GWINNETT CO-OP DONATIONS

### Most Needed Item for February: Pasta Sauce



Each month, each church will be focused on one item for donation to the SEGC. For February, Cannon's item continues to be **Pasta Sauce**. While all items are still welcome, pasta sauce will be the item that they most need from us.

Please place your donations in the bins at the lower level entrances. Thank you for your generous support of SE Gwinnett Co-op!



# 2024 LENT, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER

These are the opportunities available during Lent, Holy Week, leading up to Easter Sunday. You are invited to participate in this journey.

## **Lenten 40-Day Bible Reading Plan**

Get your bookmarks at the Welcome Center

## **Bible Study for Lent with Pastor Tim “Successful Failures”**

Meeting Sundays (9:30am) & Wednesdays (6pm)

## **Pre-recorded Reflections for Holy Week**

beginning March 25  
available on Cannon's YouTube channel

## **Holy Week Self-Guided Prayer Stations in the Sanctuary**

Monday-Friday, March 25-29  
12-3pm  
Monday, March 25 &  
Wednesday, March 27  
5-8pm

## **Palm Sunday**

March 24 @ 11am (Sanctuary)  
“The Fight Jesus Chose”

## **Spring Fling**

March 24 - 3-5pm  
Family Event – All Ages Welcome!  
Egg Hunt, Games, Cake Walk,  
and more! (See page 11)

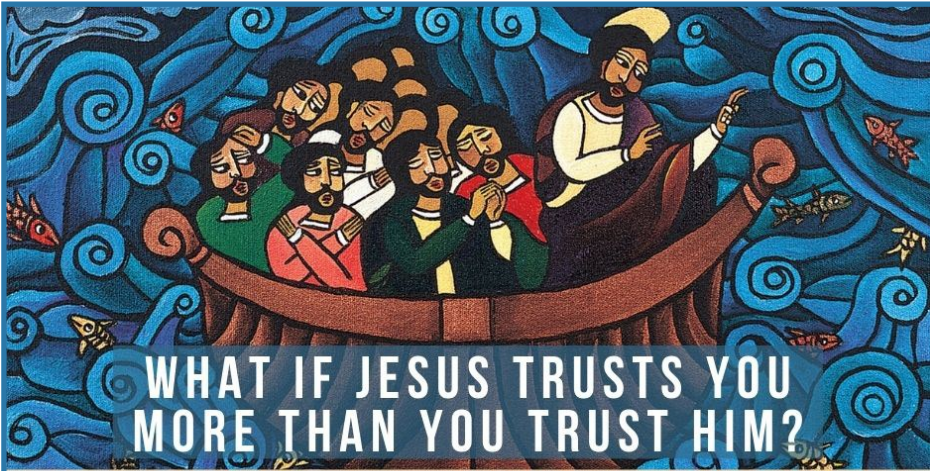
## **Holy Thursday Service**

March 28 @ 7pm (Sanctuary)  
A service of Celebration and Sorrow with Holy Communion.

## **Celebrate Easter with Us**

March 31  
“The Most Surprising (and Scandalous) Thing About Easter”  
9:30am - Contemporary Service  
11am - Traditional Service





## WHAT IF JESUS TRUSTS YOU MORE THAN YOU TRUST HIM?

### SUCCESSFUL FAILURES

The Disciples in the Gospel of Matthew

The first followers of Jesus were not people of great faith. They had doubts and made mistakes. But Jesus still called them, taught them, and sent them.

What can we learn from these "successful failures"? How can their stories help us today? This Lent, join Pastor Tim for Successful Failures, an encouraging study of Jesus' disciples in the Gospel of Matthew.

The same session will be offered twice each week: one on Sunday at 9:30am; the other on Wednesday at 6pm as listed in the schedule. Sign up today through [cannonchurch.org](http://cannonchurch.org), Registrations.

There's no book to buy. Just bring yourself, a Bible, and a friend!

For more information, please contact Pastor Tim ([TimE@cannonchurch.org](mailto:TimE@cannonchurch.org)).

#### SUNDAY EDITION

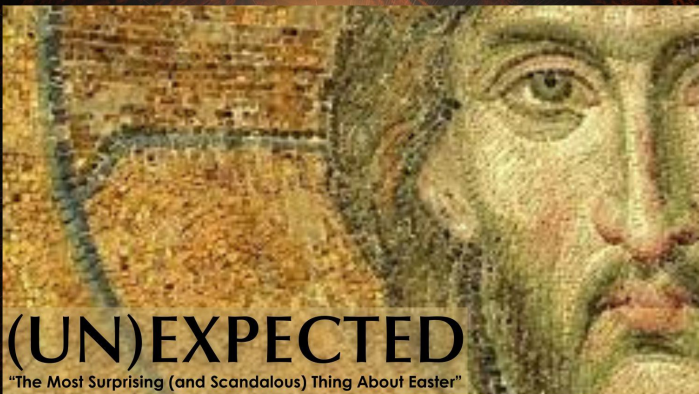
February 18 | 25  
March 3 | 10 | 17 | 24  
9:30-10:30am  
Staff Conference Room

#### WEDNESDAY EDITION

February 21 | 28  
March 6 | 13 | 20 | 27  
6-7pm  
Second Floor Conf. Room

CANNON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## EASTER



### (UN)EXPECTED

"The Most Surprising (and Scandalous) Thing About Easter"

MARCH 31, 2024

9:30am Contemporary

11am Traditional



LAITY GATHERINGS

## *Re-Weaving the Connection*



## **You're Invited: Laity Gatherings Planned for March 2024**

Laity, you're invited to one of four gatherings in March 2024.

Hosted by the Conference Board of

Laity, these regional sessions are a time for members of North Georgia Conference United Methodist churches to come together for fellowship, relationship building, and strengthening our United Methodist identity and our identity as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Laity may attend any gathering in any region - and attend as many as you would like. Bishop Robin Dease will attend all four gatherings.

Please register at [www.ngumc.org](http://www.ngumc.org). Registration cost is \$20.

The gatherings are:

- North East and Central East Districts  
Sunday, March 3 | 2 to 5 p.m. | Korean Church of Atlanta UMC in Duluth
- Central North and South West Districts  
Saturday, March 16 | 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. | Impact UMC in East Point
- North West and Central West Districts  
Saturday, March 23 | 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. | Trinity UMC in Cartersville
- South East and Central South Districts  
Sunday, March 24 | 2 to 5 p.m. | Madison First UMC

## **Would you like to go to Conference in Athens this June?**

Each summer, lay and clergy delegates from every United Methodist church in the North Georgia Conference gather on the campus of UGA for a three-day long conference called Annual Conference. Our district, the Central East District, is looking for lay people willing to serve as delegates from our district to this year's Annual Conference, June 13-15. Interested? For more information, contact Pastor Tim at [TimE@cannonchurch.org](mailto:TimE@cannonchurch.org).

# Preschool



**REGISTRATION  
NOW OPEN**

**Age 1 - Pre-K**

*Please contact us to schedule a tour:*

Heather Gallagher - 678.501.6442 | preschool@cannonchurch.org  
Caren McErlain - 678.501.6442 | carenm@cannonchurch.org





## AfterSchool / Summer Day Camp

**AFTERSCHOOL / SUMMER DAY CAMP  
REGISTRATION**

**Cannon AfterSchool 2024/25  
Registration Opens:**

Current Students: Monday, February 5  
Church Members: Wednesday, February 7  
Community: Friday, February 9

**Cannon Summer Day Camp 2024  
Registration Opens:**

Returning 2023: Monday, April 8  
Church Members: Wednesday, April 10  
Community: Friday, April 12

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**SUMMER DAY CAMP  
IS HIRING!**

**Job Description:**  
Summer Day Camp counselors provide supervision and interaction with school - aged children in a fun, Christian environment. Counselors lead and work with a group of 15 - 25 elementary or middle school aged children. Counselors ensure the safety of the children as they take them through a structured day of fun, crafts, games, physical activity, and quiet time for reading. Counselors should come with a positive attitude and a growth mindset.

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS**

- Has a passion for working with elementary and middle school aged children
- Has previous classroom or camp experience
- Works well as part of a team
- Has a desire to make a difference in the life of a child

**Hours:**  
Morning: 8:00 am - 1:30 pm  
Afternoon: 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
All Day: 8:30 am - 5:30 pm

**Requirements**  
Must be 18 or older  
Must have a clean background check  
Pay Range: \$13-15 hourly

Send resumes to Natalie Taddei  
nataliet@cannonchurch.org  
2424 Webb Gin House Road  
Snellville, GA 30078  
678-501-6436

**Camp Dates**  
May 29-July 26  
**NO WEEKENDS!!!**



## PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

Calling all those who enjoy crocheting and knitting! The Prayer Shawl Ministry invites you to bring your needles and yarn and join us on the second Monday of each month at 7pm in the Conference Room (2nd floor-B213). For information or to request a shawl for someone, call Carol Upreti (404.731.0835).

## SARAH CIRCLE MEETING

All ladies of the church are invited to join the Sarah Circle on Monday, February 19 for our meeting. Rev. Stacey Rushing will share with us about the work of the North Georgia UMC Conference's Housing and Homelessness Council and what we can do as people of faith. We'll gather in the Youth Center at 6:30pm for fellowship and food and the program will start at 7pm. Enter the church at the Education entrance (aka Grand Lobby). If you have questions or arrive after the doors are locked, contact Nancy Hammer (404.314.1425).



# **SPRING FLING**

**GAMES • CAKE WALK • ACTIVITIES •  
EGG HUNT • AND MORE!**

**MARCH 24 • 3-5PM**

**FAMILY EVENT – ALL AGES WELCOME!**

## **Donations Needed for Spring Fling**

A lot of guests are expected for Spring Fling!

To prepare, many items are needed.

Can you help by making a donation of any of the following?

- Empty Plastic Eggs
- Individually wrapped candy
- Small toys/tattoos/sticky hands, etc.
- ALL BEEF Hotdogs and Buns
- 12 oz. Solo Cups
- Kool-Aid (different flavors - large containers)
- Clear Tape (to tape eggs together)
- More ideas? See the Cannon Church Facebook page to locate the Amazon Wish List.

**Coming Soon! A list of Volunteer positions!**



For further information on Children's Ministry, visit [cannonchurch.org](http://cannonchurch.org), Connect, Cannon Kids  
Contact: Sasha LaBonte (678.501.6417 or [sashal@cannonchurch.org](mailto:sashal@cannonchurch.org))

Join our Cannon Kids Facebook page to stay up to date on events and Sunday morning activities!

A colorful poster for Sunday Mornings with a green and orange border. It features the text "JOIN US SUNDAY MORNINGS" in green, "9:30AM" in orange, and "11AM SUNDAY MORNING KIDS' SERVICE" in orange. Below the service title is a list of activities and locations.

**JOIN US SUNDAY MORNINGS**

**9:30AM**

- Combined 4-year-old through 5th Grade Sunday School Hour

**11AM SUNDAY MORNING KIDS' SERVICE**

- Nursery (0-3 years)
- **NEW** Pre K-K (ages 4,5,6) – Class in the Nursery hallway, Room 123. An age-appropriate Bible Lesson will be provided with Worship, games, crafts, and other activities! We are excited for you to join us!
- 1st-5th Grade will begin in the Sanctuary and then be dismissed downstairs to resume a morning of Bible, games, and activities.



**JUNE 3-7**  
**M-Th: 5:30-8:30pm**  
**Fri: Celebration for the Whole Family**

Excitement is building for Vacation Bible School (VBS)! Camp Firelight is a Summer Camp adventure with God!

**VBS Children's Registration:** \$30/child (Ages 4 thru Rising 6th Grade)

**VBS Volunteers Registration:** Check out the registration to see all available serving areas! We can't wait for you to join us this year!

**Register at: [cannonchurch.org](http://cannonchurch.org), Registrations**



Visit [cannonchurch.org](https://cannonchurch.org), Connect, Students  
Contact: Jackson Mobley ([jacksonm@cannonchurch.org](mailto:jacksonm@cannonchurch.org))



Facebook: [facebook.com/cannyouth](https://facebook.com/cannyouth)



Instagram: [@CannonYouth](https://www.instagram.com/CannonYouth)



Email:  
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Phone Number:  
478-731-4263



Remind 101 for middle school:  
Text [@cannon-ms](https://www.cannonchurch.org) to 81010



Remind 101 for high school:  
Text [@cannon-hs](https://www.cannonchurch.org) to 81010

## SUNDAYS FOR YOUTH

### Sunday Morning

- 9:30am Sunday School

### Sunday Evening

- 5-7pm Youth Group

### 2024 Upcoming Events

Date	Event
15-17 MAR	Spiritual Life Retreat
24 MAR	Movie Night
1-5 APR	Spring Break



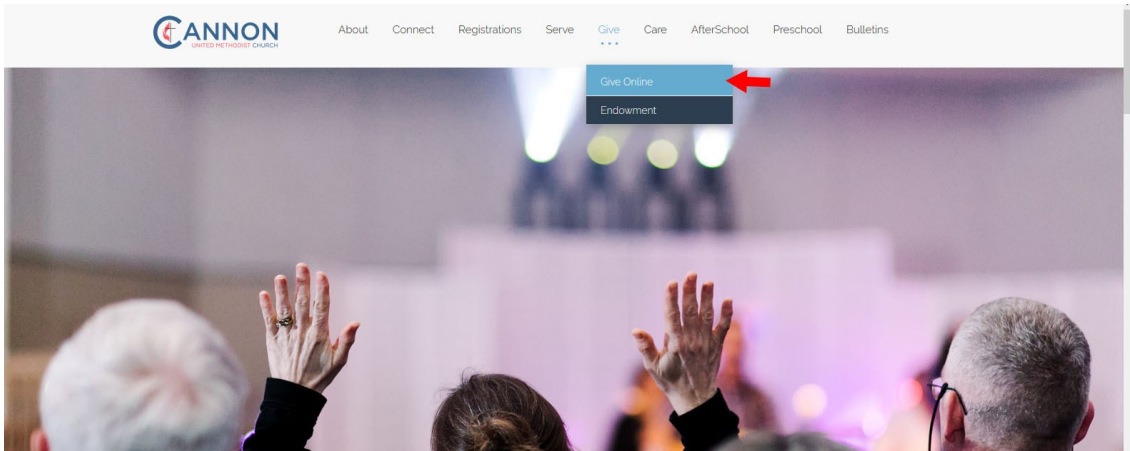
## College-Age Care Packages

Do you know a College student? We're sending out Care Packages and if you know of someone who should get a little joy in the middle of their semester, register them now at [cannonchurch.org](https://cannonchurch.org), Registrations.

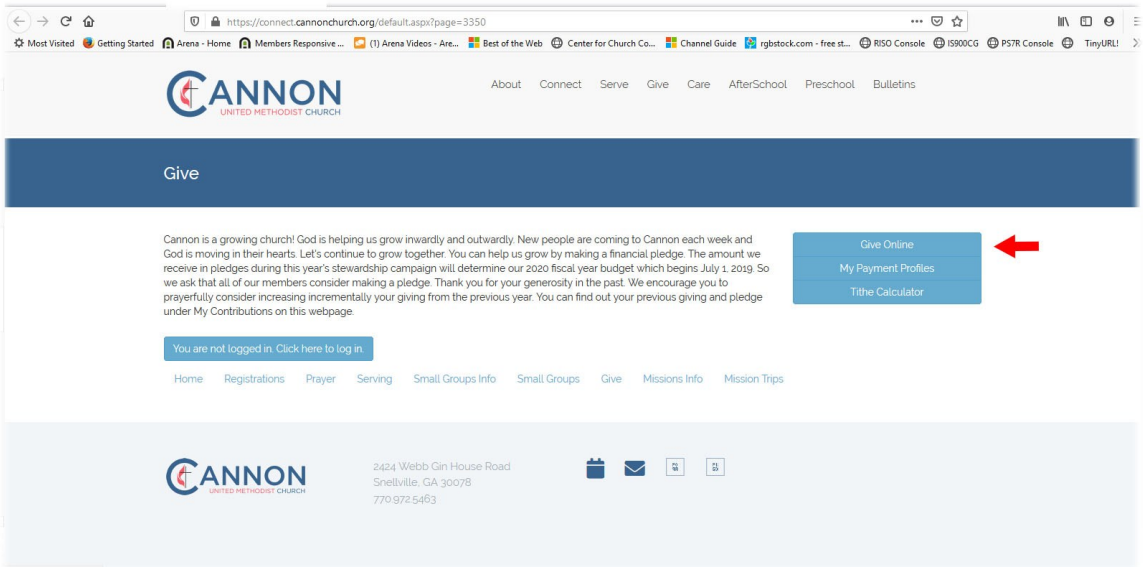


# Online Giving Instructions

Go to [cannonchurch.org](https://cannonchurch.org) and hover over the “Give” but then click on the “Give Online” that pops up as indicated by the red arrow below.



It will take you to the following page. Click on the “Give Online” option as indicated by the red arrow below. Then you can Login or set up a profile.



If you would prefer a password be assigned to you, send Angie an email at [angieb@cannonchurch.org](mailto:angieb@cannonchurch.org) and she will establish a password for you and send it to you.

# Prayer List

February Prayer Focus: Walking with Jesus through the Gospel of Matthew

February Mission Prayer Focus: Run the Reagan / UMCOR (Mission of the Month)

## New Concerns (Listed for 3 weeks)

- For God to provide His strength, endurance, since I am being crushed by what I have been facing the past few years
- Earl Lambert – cancer spread to mouth and sinuses
- Walker – a toddler recovering from an injury
- For a mother who has undergone surgery on Monday
- For a dear friend who fell and required stitches on her head – further tests not showing more serious injuries
- Amos and his wife – spiritual growth and prayerful life; for God's protection and guidance in their lives
- Health concerns for aging parents
- Lillie – for complete healing of leukemia cancer, diagnosed in January 2023. Still undergoing treatment
- Jesus, I come to You and to Your Kingdom. Show me the way of Your Kingdom every day. Help me to follow it. Amen.

## Praises

- For Cannon Choir and Praise Band. They bring much joy.

## Our Sympathy to

- Beverly McCallum, family, and friends on the death of her mom, Helen Nelson, on Jan. 29
- Robert & Lisa Speers and family on the death of aunt, Frances Greene, on February 3

## Ongoing Concerns (Listed for 3 months)

- Eric Schott – health concerns
- Carol – prayers for healing – ongoing treatments

## Armed Forces

- Lt. Colonel Lane Daigle (Marines) – Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii
- Major Jon Brown (Air Force) – Eglin AFB, FL
- Parker Travis (Navy) – ABF1 (EAWS and ESWS) – USS Kearsarge LHD3, Norfolk, VA
- Major Ty Bowen (Air Force) – Mountain Home AFB, ID
- Col. Chris Steele (Marines) Commanding Officer, 5<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment – deployed to Australia
- Christian Peterson (Navy)
- Staff Sgt. Jeff Wells (Army) – Syria
- Drew Moseley (Navy) – Whidbey Island Naval Air Station
- Levi Reulecke (Navy) – Chief Master at Arms – stationed in Guam
- Nate Smith LCpL (Marines) –stationed at Camp Hansen, Okinawa Japan
- Captain Grant Capps, MD – Tinker AFB, Oklahoma
- Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Clay Bagwell – Aviation Task Force Commander

## Missionaries

- Our missionaries in Egypt
- Daniel and Katie Simmons (UGA)
- Donald and Cristy Stretch and family (Dominical, Costa Rica)

In an effort to keep the Prayer List up-to-date, please submit updates to any requests currently posted, including the Armed Forces section. **New Concerns** will run for three weeks unless an update is submitted. **Ongoing Concerns** will run for three months unless an update is submitted.

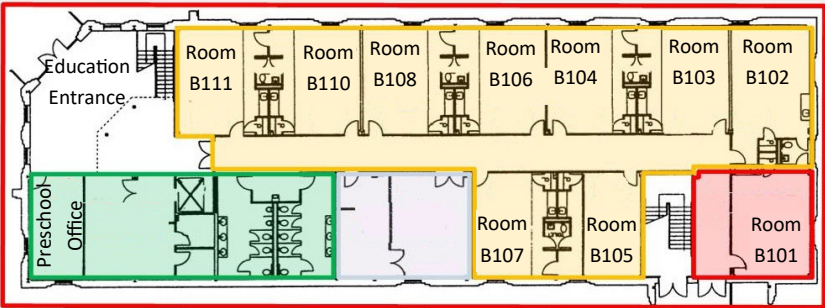
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Direct Line: 678.501.xxxx (insert 4-digit extension)

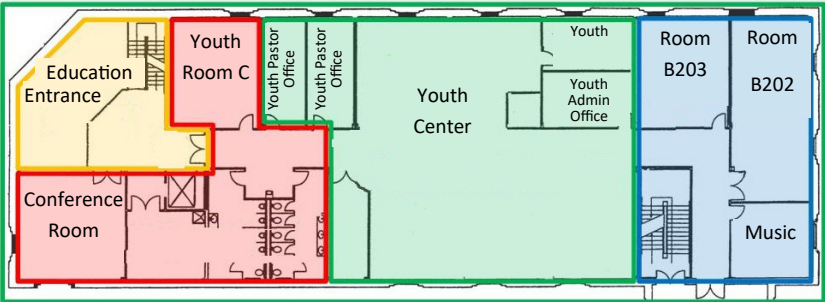
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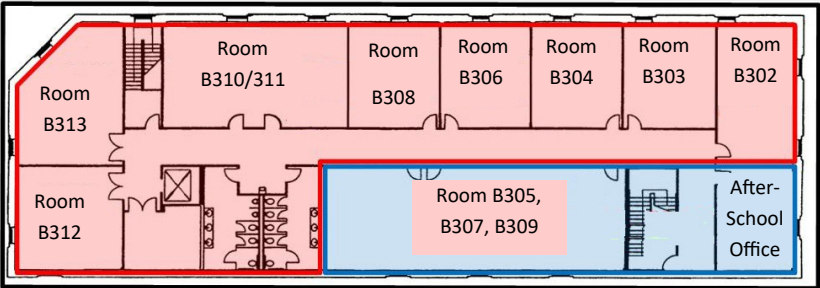
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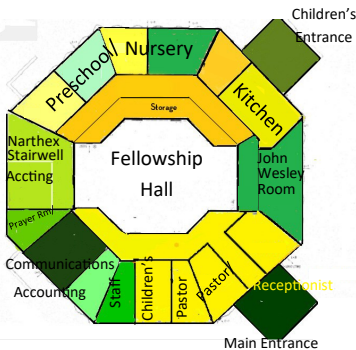
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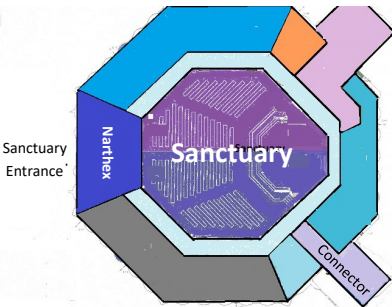
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Church Offices



Sanctuary



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