

The Bridge

New Happenings in 2012

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The Bridge group includes college age and career young adults who gather together to explore faith and experience community. Our mission is to build a culture of young disciples during their transitional season of life. Contact us about our new schedule and events. On Facebook? Let Sarah know so you can be added to the group's contact list and have access to the group's updates.

Jayani's Army Benefit Lunch

Jayani's Army, a non-profit group that supports Stark area families who are raising kids who are fighting cancer, is hosting a rigatoni dinner and dessert at GlenOak High School on February 26 between 11:30am and 3pm. There will also be gift baskets for raffle. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids (ages 2 to 12). One hundred percent of the proceeds go to these families. Come and support an amazing cause and enjoy a great meal after church. For more information, contact Kate Medina at 330-495-7856.

I Care Ministry

Would you like to help us care for those who are shut-in and physically unable to attend services; those who have recently been released from the hospital; those who have lost a spouse or loved one? If so, please e-mail Jeff Bullock at jbullock@firstchristian.info or call him at 330-456-2600 ext. 2100 to set up an interview.

Spring Flowers

Order a spring flower in memory or in honor of someone special to you. Orders are being accepted at the Sign-up Window through March 18 for \$10. Plants ordered can be taken home after the Sunday morning (11am) Easter service.

Last Weekend

February 11 and 12, 2012

Attendance

February 11-12 1,099

New Member Numbers

Added in 2012 3

Baptisms in 2012. 14

Financial Stewardship

	Actual	Budget	Variance
General	23,398	37,096	-13,698
Missions/Benevolence	1,910	2,379	-469
Building Fund	1,603	3,910	-2,307
Vision Initiatives	341		341
Total	27,252	43,385	-16,133

The Canton Christian

Bringing Hope to Hurting People



Current Message Series

February 18 and 19, 2012

New Here?

Welcome to First Christian Church

For more information about FCC, visit www.firstchristian.info

First of all, hello. We're glad you're here. There's a good chance you'll want to know more about First Christian and we want to help with that. There are a couple of ways you can connect and get the information you're looking for.

- » **Visit a Red Sofa** | If you have questions about FCC, if you are wondering about one of our events or ministries or if you'd just like to talk about something that's important to you, find a Red Sofa in the main lobby area to start the conversation with a real person. If you want to know more about the Red Sofas, you can get more information on the inside of this Canton Christian.
- » **Visit us online** | Our website has a lot about what's happening around here. Browse through www.firstchristian.info for more.

Share Your Story

Stories are incredibly important. Besides helping us get to know someone, stories bring us understanding, they can encourage us, challenge us, and help us remember that we're not alone as we journey through a messy life. That's why we want to hear your story. We want to know about you and what life has been like for you so far. There are a few ways that you can share your story with us:

- » **Online** | Tell your story at firstchristian.info/share-your-story
- » **Email** | Send your story to mystory@firstchristian.info
- » **Red Sofa** | Stop by a Red Sofa in the main lobby to share your story with the listening person you'll find there.

Read some stories that have already been shared by visiting: firstchristian.info/stories

Join us every weekend | Saturdays at 5pm and Sundays at 9am and 11am

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Kids Against Hunger

Mission Field: Haiti

For more information, visit: www.firstchristian.info/kah

This year we're again supporting the Kids Against Hunger campaign. There are numerous needs in Haiti, especially amongst children. We want to be a part of the efforts of bringing aid and relief. Kids Against Hunger is our chance to give generously to Haitians by packing meals and shipping them to hungry people. In one day, we are attempting to pack over 285,000 meals. That's a staggering number, but we've done it before and we can do it again. Please join us on March 17, here at First Christian Church. Sign-up information is available at the table that can be found in the main lobby area or at the Sign-up Window.

Know Hope Live

Featuring Members of Audio Adrenaline

March 17, 7pm at First Christian Church | Free Admission
Visit firstchristian.info/know-hope for more information

Join us for an inspirational night of worship and storytelling benefiting orphans of the world through the efforts of the Hands and Feet Project. This worship event will be presented with music from Mark Stuart and Will McGinniss of Audio Adrenaline and other artists in support of the efforts. A freewill offering will be collected, but admission to this important event is free. Space is very limited, so be sure to arrive early to reserve your seat and be a part of the event. By the way, this event will replace our Saturday service at FCC, but services will be at the normal 9am and 11am on Sunday.



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- » Be sure to visit our website for the latest news, events and information.
- » Are you receiving the church enews? Sign up online!

Hooray for Hollywood

Supporting Stark County's DD Community

Saturday, March 3, 7:00pm | First Christian Church
Purchase tickets by visiting www.kmsohio.com

KMS Entertainment and the Fred Astaire North Canton Ballroom are pleased to be supporting Stark County DD through the proceeds raised by ticket sales for *Hooray for Hollywood*. *Hooray for Hollywood* comprises ballroom and Latin dance renditions of classic Hollywood moments. Each selection captures the memorable moments in Hollywood, from the golden years to the modern-day classics. *Hooray for Hollywood* is an entertaining performance for audiences of all ages. The Handprints Choir will be joining the show as they perform some special selections, and American Sign Language members of the Stark County DD community will also be performing dance numbers on stage during *Hooray for Hollywood*.

Please Note: This event was planned before we made the big transition to three services at First Christian. On this Saturday night, we'll be moving our service to Heritage Hall. We'll be back in the Worship Center for both Sunday morning services.

Building A Baseball Field

And Bringing Hope to the DD Community

Contact Ryan Wolfe for more information at 330-456-2600



Many from First Christian Church are involved in Challenger Baseball and in Special Olympics. These great organizations benefit people with developmental disabilities in many ways including physical health, self-esteem, social skills, and independence. The Canton Challenger Baseball League has over 180 children participating on nine different teams with families traveling from all over Ohio to participate. That's why, with the generous support of the Deuble Foundation, Aultman Foundation, Cleveland Indians Charities, The Workshops Inc., Stark Community Foundation, and many others, the dream of building a top-notch baseball field for our community is becoming a reality at FCC. Stay connected for news and updates on the progress of this tremendous blessing to our community.

Starting Point

Each Sunday at 9am Until May 20

In Room 1011 | Register online or by contacting
Jeralyn Seger at ext. 2550 or jseger@firstchristian.info.

Starting Point is a Sunday morning conversational environment in which people can explore faith and experience community. Starting Point groups are a safe place for people with questions about faith, as well as those who want to learn about the Bible and Christianity. Groups meet for about ten weeks and they help participants find their place in God's story. Starting Point is for seekers (those who are curious about God, Jesus, the Bible, or Christianity), starters (those who have just begun a relationship with Jesus Christ), and returners (those who have some church experience, but have been away for a while). Start your journey today at Starting Point.

Additional Financial Peace Class

New Class Beginning February 26

February 26, 9am at Edgewood Community Center

If you've been considering joining a Financial Peace University (FPU) class, but have missed the first few weeks of the current classes, we've got good news. We're adding an additional FPU class beginning February 26. We're serious about helping people overcome their financial stresses. To find out more and to register for this class, visit our website at firstchristian.info/fpu.

Bonus Previews: Want to explore FPU before joining a class? Attend one of our twenty-minute FPU previews next weekend:

- » Saturday, February 18, 6:30pm to 7pm in the Café. Coffee and light refreshments will be available.
- » Sunday, February 19, 10:30am to 11am in the Café. The Café is open and family-friendly meals are available for purchase.
- » Feel free to bring your children to the preview. We will provide coloring sheets and crayons.

Café News

Volunteer in the Café

Please call Diane Clements at 330-456-2600 ext. 2250

The Café is in need of a volunteer to help open up for the day. This person would need to be here at 8am to help get things up and running. We also need someone to operate the register and dishwashers as well. Contact Diane Clements if you're interested.

Discover First Christian Church

Learn More About FCC

Beginning February 29 | Register at firstchristian.info/renewu

Are you considering membership at First Christian Church? We invite you to engage in a new, six-week membership that delves into the story, future, mission, values, vision, initiatives and foundational beliefs. This class will be taught by Senior Pastor Scott Rosen. For information and registration, contact Dan Stoffer at dstoffer@firstchristian.info.

Men

Men's Retreat in Louisville

February 24-25, 2012 at Louisville Church of Christ

Louisville Church of Christ will be hosting their 10th Annual Men's Retreat on February 24-25. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for teenagers. The retreat will begin with dinner on Friday evening at 6:15pm and will end on Saturday morning around 11:30am. Sign up at the Sign-up Window during weekend services or at the Welcome Center during the week. Deadline to register is Sunday, February 19. For more information, please call 330-875-1673.

Keep DiscoverU Organized

We'd Love Your Help

Contact Reena Riley at ext. 2050 or rriley@firstchristian.info

We are looking for a volunteer who would be willing to work with the volunteer leaders of DiscoverU Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings, to collect needed supplies from various resource areas in the building, based on the needs for the next week. Unused supplies from the previous week would need to be restocked in tidy ways. We'd also need this person to communicate with staff when supplies are low and need replenished. We're asking for two days a week, about one hour per day.

Recovery Group

If you have recurring behavior such as addiction, overeating, control issues, or just want to draw closer to God, join us as we share and work through the Twelve Steps for Christians. This is an open group. This group meets on Tuesdays at 7pm in room 1060.

Visit a Red Sofa

The Red Sofas are spaces that are all about conversation and real human interaction. We'd rather talk with you than hand you a brochure. If you have questions about FCC, if you are wondering about one of our events or ministries, if you're looking for a place to connect or if you're looking to have a conversation about something that's important to you, these Red Sofas are the place to go. Each Red Sofa is staffed with a trained volunteer who can connect you with the information or interaction that you need. To learn more, visit a Red Sofa and start asking some questions... start the journey from where you are to where God wants you to be.

Weekends at FCC

Saturdays and Sundays at First Christian

For more information and for various class registrations, visit our website at www.firstchristian.info.

With so much happening during a weekend at FCC, we know that there's a lot of potential for confusion about what exactly is going on around the building. What's available for your children? What's available for you? Where do you go when you get here? We want to help. That's why we've updated our website with all of the options available to you and your family. There you'll find a list of the various options and building locations.

For a full list of what's available during a weekend at FCC, visit: www.firstchristian.info/weekends-at-fcc

Wednesdays at FCC

Winter Classes Happening Now

For more information, visit www.firstchristian.info/renewu or contact Dan Stoffer at dstoffer@firstchristian.info

First Christian is absolutely alive and buzzing with activity on Wednesday evenings. We've got classes about nutrition and a class about the book of Revelation. We have exciting children's programming, and classes to help you gain financial peace. There is a lot going on and we'd love for you to join us and go deeper in your personal and spiritual life. It's also worth mentioning that the Café is open from 5pm to 6:30pm. If you're running through a busy day, you can still enjoy a great meal at a family-friendly price.

For in-depth information and online registrations, visit our website: www.firstchristian.info/renewu