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You live this life long enough and eventually, you will experience a season of hopelessness. A time in which it appears as though everything in life is going wrong, and the prospects for the immediate future are looking rather bleak. It is easy in those moments to feel as though all is lost. Hopelessness is a deep pit of despair.

I dated a young lady during my adolescence, if you had asked me, I would have told you I thought she would be the one that I would one day marry. A lot of my hopes and dreams at that time were built around her and the future we thought about moving forward. At one point I bought her a promise ring, it was not anything fancy, but it was all a 14-year-old boy could afford. Thoughts of 2.5 children and living the American dream inspired so much of what I was doing.

One day, she looked me in the eyes and told me, "I don't love you anymore." I was devastated. Every moment of my foreseeable future had been thought of from the perspective of her being a part of each new day. I have always been a hopeless romantic. For the next couple of weeks, I did not know what to do with myself. Thoughts of her, and the idealistic future I had thought possible would creep in and I would have to dismiss them. In those moments I felt hopeless. How does one go about reimagining the future? Who do you include? Would there one day be somebody for me? There would be (Angie Pantelis, 32 years of marriage bliss), but at that moment all I could see was the immediate future and the prospects did not look good.

It is not easy being a Cleveland BROWNS fan. We have seen our team fumble the ball, throw an interception, or some other mishap to end up losing an important game. Then of course there are times when it seems as though the referees are playing for the other team (AFC Championship game 2021). As painful as it was to hear that girl tell me, "I don't love you anymore," it did not even compare to the end of the 1996 season when Art Modell announced he would be moving our team to Baltimore. I bleed brown and orange! What is a loyal member of the Dawgpound supposed to do without an NFL team? I tried to root for the expansion Jacksonville Jaguars, but it just was not the same. The fan base did not have the same level of passion for their team. Our only hope as BROWNS fans was the new expansion team in 1999; however, we have been through 38 quarterbacks to date. Until recently things seemed hopeless for my

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A VERY HAPPY

Mother's Day

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO.

Join us Sunday, May 12th for a special service to honor the women in our lives!
9:30 AM Sunday School | 10:30 AM Worship
In person and on Facebook Live!



Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Friday
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Website: cantonchog.org
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Weekly Schedule

Tuesday

Men's Group Meeting
Tuesday, May 14th
Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm
Because We Care
Card Ministry May 21st
from 10-11:30 am

Elders Meeting
Tuesday, 21st at 6:30 PM

Wednesday

In-Person Prayer Meeting
10:30 am
Jesus Farewell Message
Bible Study 6:00 pm

Sunday

Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship service 10:30 am.
Sunday Nights (Grades K-12)
Starting Summer Break

hometown BROWNS – never, ever, give up hope.

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ~ Hebrews 10:23

With all that has transpired over the course of the last several years far too many Christ followers are running about with boo-boo lips acting as though we are hopeless. There should be no such thing as a hopeless Christian. If we have sought God's will, put our faith in God, and we are trusting God to work powerfully in our lives we should always be a people of hope—ALWAYS!! When the writer of the Book of Hebrews was writing, things in the Christian world were chaotic. We read in the book of Acts that Paul was chased out of town after town for preaching the Gospel. Believers were being persecuted and martyred for their Christian faith. It appears everything and everyone in the world was against them (the Roman government, the Jews who rejected their Messiah, and of course the pagans in Gentile lands); however, we never hear of them living as though their plight in life was hopeless.

These believers were never hopeless because they knew the One in whom they put their faith and trust was faithful. When the world seems to be chewing you up and spitting you out – Jesus is faithful to His promises. As you read the newspaper and politicians put policies in place that are an offense to your Christian faith, the hope you have in Jesus has not been undermined. When the prospects of living in this world of mayhem seem to get you down, never forget this is not your home. As a believer in Jesus Christ, you know that He has gone to prepare a place for you, where you will be with Him for all eternity. In this world you will have trouble (John 16:33). Do not be surprised by the challenges, heartbreaks, and disappointments – continue to live your life as one whose hopes and dreams are found in Almighty God who is faithful!!!

Serving Our Lord Daily,
Pastor Louie Pantelis



Bible Study "Jesus' Final Farewell"
Wednesdays at 6:00 PM

Join Pastor Louie on Wednesdays in our church fellowship hall at 6:00 PM. This is a study by Frances Chan based upon John 14-17. Hope to see you there!



Sunday, May 26th | Memorial Day Sunday
9:30 AM Sunday School | 10:30 AM Worship
Special service remembering those in our congregation and Military who have passed away in the last year. Please contact the church office if you have someone you would like recognized during this service.



All Women's Breakfast
Saturday, May 11th 2024 9:30 AM

Join us for a special breakfast for our women in our church fellowship Hall starting at 9:30 Am. Breakfast will be served by the men. Following the breakfast Pastor Louie will be doing a devotional. **Please RSVP to the office at 330-453-8568 or chogoffice@gmail.com RSVP by May 6th.**

Sunday, June 9th at 4:00 PM
Pastor Louie Pantelis Installation Service



Join us at the Eleventh Street Church of God for the Installation service for our new Lead Pastor Louie Pantelis. Following the service there will be a meal in our church fellowship hall. **Please RSVP to our church office. Phone: 330-453-8568 Email: chogoffice@gmail.com**



Kids Club meets during Worship Sunday mornings for Grades K-6 Grade. (They will stay upstairs for Worship for the first Sunday of the month). There will be no Sunday morning kids club on May 12st for Mother's Day Sunday.

Our **Sunday Nights program** (Grades K-12) will be starting the summer break starting in May.

If you would like to receive texts about our Sunday Nights Program join by texting SUNDAYNIGHTS to 84576

If you would like to receive texts about our Church join by texting JOINCOG to 84576



Kids/ Youth Dairy Queen Fundraiser
Monday, May 6th from 5-8 PM

Kids/ Youth Dairy Queen Fundraiser from 5-8 PM at 4110 Hills & Dales Rd NW, Canton, OH. 20% of all sales go to our kids/youth program.



Toilet paper, Cleaning supplies, Laundry detergent, Dish soap, snacks and lunch foods for kids over the summer..



May Birthdays

- 5-2 Sullivan Larson
- 5-3 Deloris Schuman
- 5-5 Rick Schmidt
- 5-7 Susan Brabon
- 5-8 Leann Sick
- 5-9 Haydn Hunt
- 5-10 Jessica Hunt
- 5-12 Janet Gasser
- 5-12 Donna Knutty
- 5-12 Jennifer Dalrymple
- 5-12 Carlina Snellenberger
- 5-14 Deanne Bridenstine
- 5-15 Roger Sowick
- 5-15 Dorothy Hampton
- 5-16 Becky Lynn Covell
- 5-16 David Stansbery
- 5-19 Lisa Osborne
- 5-20 Dave Bridenstine
- 5-23 Nancy Bower
- 5-25 Caleb Hunt
- 5-25 Christina Roush
- 5-26 Jeremy J. Howell
- 5-27 Eileen Altimore
- 5-27 Susie Wingert
- 5-28 Tarrah Kessler
- 5-28 Elana Gilbride
- 5-30 Alexandria Sick
- 5-31 Phyllis Dye

May Anniversaries

- 5-1 Richard & Victoria Sick
- 5-6 Curt & Cathy Brenneman
- 5-15 John & Joetta Talafous
- 5-16 Bill & Phyllis Dye
- 5-26 Gary & Nancy Davidson
- 5-31 Mark & Cindy Guyer