

LITTLETON BAPTIST NEWS

A Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Congregation

"Our mission is to make Christ known, by providing spiritual nourishment, ministering to physical needs, and sharing the Gospel."

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PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

Normally here on the front cover of the newsletter I write some words of encouragement. I give some type of charge. I give words to think about this month. I talk a little about what is going to be happening during the month as we worship together. Well, I am not going to do that this month.

Instead this month I am going to offer a prayer. This past March I was lucky enough to attend the CBF NC Annual Gathering. There they offered a prayer that I used as my benediction the last Sunday of March. Many of you commented that you would like a copy of that prayer. Well, here is that prayer. Keep an ear out because I will be using it as my benediction one Sunday this month as well.

May God bless you with discomfort, at easy answers, half-truths,
and superficial relationships
so that you may live
deep within your heart.

May God bless you with seasons of wilderness, wanderings, and feeling lost
so that you may know deep within you
what it is like to be welcomed back home to God.

May God bless you with companions for the journey. Companions to walk the mile and bear the load. Friends to share laughter with. Comforters to weep with. May you be a beacon of peace and light to those around you as well. May you learn from one another how good and pleasant it is to dwell together.

May you know that God is not dragging you behind or rushing ahead but is right beside you.
As you go from this place walk humbly with your God. Amen.

Grace and Peace,

David



May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 5:30 Taco Night	<i>8</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 	<i>15</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 8:30 Exercise No Adult Choir or Prayer & Bible Study	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> 8:30 Exercise 9:00 Set up for Kid's Carnival	<i>20</i> 8:30 Breakfast 11:00 Spring Kid's Carnival
<i>21</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Play-ground Dedication 5:00 Youth	<i>22</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> 8:30 1000 Trails (Outdoor Wld) 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	<i>29</i> 8:30 Exercise 	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>			



I would like to thank the Adult Choir for all of their hard work preparing and presenting “*I Know Our Redeemer Lives*” on Easter morning! I hope it meant as much to you as it did to me!

Our children will be presenting the special music on May 21st. They will be singing “*There is No Rock/Rock of Ages*”. It talks about how God and Jesus are our rocks and how they are always there for us!

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in our church! It is a day to celebrate the mothers that we have and remember the ones we have lost.

Laura



The playground committee would like to invite you to the Playground Dedication following Morning Worship on Sunday, **May 21st**. We will gather at the playground to remember Karen Sineath and how much she loved our church and our children. Jim and Debbie Sineath will be here to join in the celebration! Please plan on attending and remembering!



I hope everyone has noticed that a lot of work has been accomplished at our church this year. Many major maintenance jobs were done with our members doing all the work. New sidewalks were poured & steps built at the Annex, the Annex porch was repaired and painted, our church entrance was spruced up and the radiators were removed in our sanctuary, foyer & upstairs. These were just some of the many jobs that were completed. So many of our members were involved with the work that I cannot name them because I might leave someone out!

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!!!!

Sid Shearin, Maintenance Chairman



THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

Join us for our Sunday Morning Worship Services.

If you can't be with us at church then join us online for our Virtual Worship Service on Facebook Live at 11:00 A.M.

May 7

Find Your Rest

Genesis 2:2-3

Communion

May 14

The Mother Who Is Seen

Genesis 16:7-16

Mother's Day

May 21

What is a Cooperative Fellowship?

Hebrews 10:23-25

May 28

Rev. Beth Brittain

Guest Preacher

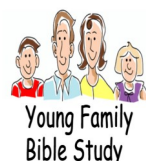
Do Things Like That Happen Anymore?

Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost



1000 Trails (Outdoor World) Sunday worship leadership begins on Sunday, **May 28th**, at 8:30 A.M. and continues through Labor Day weekend. If you are willing to participate, either speaking or assisting with special music, please see Mike Crawley.



We will have our Young Family Bible Study at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, **May 3rd**, for families with young children.



Our Christian sympathy is extended to

Jim & Lynne Skilton in the death of his mother, Joan Skilton



The Flower Committee just wants to praise the congregation for keeping the sanctuary gorgeous with the flowers you have donated. The Easter Lilies and all the other flowers have been absolutely beautiful! You are such a precious church family!

If you would like to place flowers in church this month, May 14th, 21st and 28th are available.

The flower sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway at church. If you would like to place flowers in church, please contact a member of the Flower Committee by phone or email:

Sandra Lynch, (252) 578-3495 or sandralynch337@gmail.com, Kay Beaver, (252) 586-2014 or dbeaver10@gmail.com.

When you place flowers in the sanctuary please contact our church office by email, office@littletonbaptistchurch.org, or written note to show how you want it to be placed in the bulletin.

God always spoils us! We are so blessed to have such wonderful people in our church. We get to worship together.



Happy Mother's Day to all our special mothers. There is nothing like Mama!!

Carnival Time - it is almost here. After so many years when it was canceled, this year should be a really special time. As our church celebrates 150 years of service to our Lord and Savior, we are making "new" history. On Saturday, May 20th we will be having a day of fun, love and sharing. We need YOU to help make this a special day for the children in our area. Volunteer to help, donate 2 or 3 liter soft drinks (fruit flavors are a hit with the children) to the church and bring new and/or gently used books - chapter books for 2nd through 6th grade are needed as well as books for young children. Pray for a beautiful day as we share love, joy and Christ .



**SPRING MISSIONS INITIATIVE
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
May 19 & 20, 2023**

On Friday, **May 19th**, at 9:00 A.M. we will begin set up for the Carnival. All volunteers should meet at the church.

On Saturday, **May 20th**, Littleton Baptist Church will host this Spring Missions Initiative Children's Free Carnival. The event begins at 8:30 A.M. with breakfast in our fellowship hall.

Please be in prayer for this "**BIG EVENT**".

Goodie Bags will be provided for each child.

Volunteers are essential to the success of this mission. If you have not signed up yet we will still be able to use your help! Please come help us!



FREE KIDS CARNIVAL

John 3:16 Center

407 East End Avenue

Littleton, North Carolina

Saturday, May 20, 2023

11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.



Preschool Games, Crafts, Bounce House, Face Painting,
Free Hot Dogs, Drinks, Cotton Candy,
Snow Cones, Popcorn & Goodie Bags



*Congratulations,
Graduate!*

We want to congratulate our 2023 graduate. Hannah has worked extremely hard and deserves to be recognized for all that she has accomplished. On **June 4th** we will honor her during our regular 11:00 A.M. worship service. Please lift her up in prayer as she seeks God's guidance as she begins the next phase of her life.

HIGH SCHOOL

Hannah Skinner - Roanoke Rapids High School



The only youth meeting this month will be **May 21st** for our regular dinner and Bible Study. However, we will also have a fun outing so please keep an eye out for text messages.



Vacation Bible School will be **June 19th - 23rd** at Lakeside Lutheran. If you would like to help or need more information please see Pastor David or Melinda Harris.



On Mother's Day, Sunday, **May 14th**, we will take time to honor our mothers, past and present. Be with us as we take time to especially honor Christian Mothers who lift high the banner of Christ.



On Sunday, **May 7th**, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. At the conclusion of worship, you will be given the opportunity to contribute to our church's Fellowship Fund for local benevolent needs.



Join our church family for a relaxing evening of food & fellowship on Sunday, **May 7th**. We will start the meal at 5:30 P.M. with a Taco Buffet Table and end with desserts. Best of all will be the time to fellowship and share with each other. Come, bring friends, neighbors and family with you. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>
2 Dale Meyer 4 Bennett Pulliam (3 yrs) 6 Sandra Lynch 7 Davidson Crawley (3 yrs) 8 Robbie King 8 Indie Parks 18 Josephine Myrick 21 Memphis Crews (13 yrs) 21 Bella Pitchford (3 yrs) 23 Lynne Skilton 26 Margaret Neville 27 Greg Fussell 28 Gerleen Pitchford 29 Billy Blanton	17 Mike & Betty Blanton (32 yrs) 17 Robbie & Beth King (15 yrs) 19 Al & Carol Spraker (51 yrs) 21 Nicholas & Emily Pulliam (7 yrs) 23 David & Kay Tripp (36 yrs) 24 Daniel & Stephanie Iles (15 yrs)	7 Sara Council/Jan Myrick 14 Melinda Harris/Sandra Lynch 21 Amanda Coffman/Bob Thompson 28 Amanda Coffman/Bob Thompson <u>TRASH DETAIL</u> Kent West