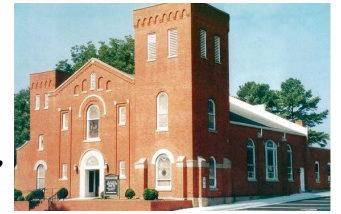


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PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

HAPPY JULY EVERYONE! I hope everyone is going to have a wonderful July. For those like me that love the heat, I hope you are able to enjoy the beautiful weather we are about to have. Enjoy being on the lake, or if you are like me getting to an amusement park. If you are not a fan of the heat, I hope you are able to find a nice cool place to relax.

As we enter into July, we have been very busy with Vacation Bible School, we have had Father's Day, we have honored our graduate and as you are reading this Sara and I are attending the Global CBF Annual Gathering. I will talk more in detail about that later. But sometimes with how busy June is, July can seem like a little bit of a letdown. We are not as busy in the church.

But maybe that lull can be a good thing. August and September, we are kicking into high gear with nominating committee and deacon nominations. October begins the new church year. November is our 150th anniversary and Thanksgiving. And then before you know it, it's December and Christmas. Time sure does fly by fast.

So as we are in the "lull" of July, I pray that you take this time to rest. Rest mentally, physically and spiritually. We in the church are about to be very busy. Exciting things are coming for Littleton Baptist Church as we look to celebrating our past as well as looking to the future. We need everyone energized and ready to celebrate. Come out in July and enjoy our fellowship time with our second ice cream social. Enjoy worshipping together as one body. But find your own ways to rest this month. It's about to get very exciting around here.

As far as worship in July, we will be continuing our Summer Music Series looking at songs inspired by the book of Psalms. We kick it off by asking the question, "Why?" Why is a popular question, and as we ponder that we will also come to the table of Holy Communion.

The second Sunday of July we will look at where we go to be satisfied. We follow that up by looking at how much God loves us, thinks about us, and knows us. The fourth Sunday of July is our annual Mental Health Awareness Sunday.

Then finally, the fifth Sunday. I am excited to announce that Christmas in July is returning to Littleton Baptist Church. Not only that, but Children of the Son from Four Oaks Baptist Church will be re-joining us this year for Christmas in July. It is going to be an exciting time of worship that you will not want to miss.

So enjoy your July! Whether you enjoy the heat or not. Find ways to rest. I look forward to seeing how God will work in each and every one as the year rolls on.

Grace and Peace,

David



July 2023

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I wanted to let you know that you will not see me on the organ bench on July 2nd! I am heading to the beach for a whole week! Marvin Newsome will be filling in for me! I know you will make him feel welcome....just like you always do! Our church family is fantastic at making people feel at home!

My mother was a huge fan of patriotic music! It is a part of the culture and history of the United States. This type of music has served to encourage feelings of honor for the country's forefathers and for national unity. When I hear these songs I get emotional and pray that everyone gets emotional when singing about our country!! I hope you have a wonderful July 4th holiday!

The choir is taking a well deserved break during the month of July. We will be starting back in August! Plan to join us!

Laura



LORD'S SUPPER

On Sunday, July 2nd, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper during the Morning Worship. It is a special privilege God gives to us as believers to faithfully remember the sacrifice our Lord Jesus Christ made for each of us. Additionally, you will be given the opportunity to contribute to our church Fellowship Fund for local benevolence.

SPECIAL CALLED Business Meeting

On Sunday, July 16th, after worship the church will be called into a special Business Meeting to hear and vote on a report from the Nominating Committee. Per the constitution the Missions Chairperson and Sunday School Director shall be elected in July and then join the Nominating Committee to help fill in the rest of the officers and committees. They will also present to the church a new committee to be formed.



FROM THE
Pulpit

THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

Join us for our Sunday Morning Worship.

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.

JULY 2

Why God?

Psalm 13

Communion

JULY 9

Satisfied

Psalm 63

JULY 16

Count The Stars

Psalm 8:1-9

JULY 23

Promise To Live

Psalm 55:1-8

Mental Health Awareness Sunday

JULY 30

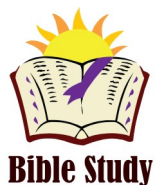
Rejoice!

Psalm 98

Christmas in July



There will be no Adult Choir or Prayer & Bible Study during the month of July. We will resume our regular schedule in August.





CHILDREN OF THE SON

We are so excited to welcome Children of the Son again this year! They will be bringing our special during our Christmas in July worship service on **July 30th**. Children of the Son is the youth praise band from First Baptist Church of Four Oaks where Pastor David previously served as youth pastor. We are blessed to have them as they bring their talents in worshipping God.



We had a great time at our first Ice Cream Social this year. We had awesome fellowship, delicious ice cream and snacks. If you were not able to be there we hope you can join us for our second one. It is scheduled for Sunday, **July 16th**, at 6:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend with a hungry appetite, and if you can, please bring a freezer of homemade ice cream or snacks to complement the ice cream. Bring a friend to join the Christian fellowship we will enjoy together!



Our Thousand Trails services continue each Sunday through Labor Day weekend at 8:30 A.M. Please pray for this ministry and find a way in which you can be involved. Speak, sing, promote, pray! All are important. For more information contact Mike Crawley.



PRAYERS FOR LEADERSHIP SELECTION

Though decisions are still more than a month away, it's not too early for each of us to begin to pray. During the month of August our Nominating Committee will be working together to nominate officers and teachers for the new church year. Please be in prayer about these decisions as we seek to discern God's way in these matters.



Have you considered how much God loves us? He gives us beautiful flowers, sunshiny days, fireworks to enjoy, and friends and family. He listens to us anytime we want to talk. He can live anywhere, but he chooses to live in our hearts! We are so blessed!!

If you would like to place flowers in church this month, July 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th are available

Don't forget about the flower sign up sheet 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 let us know how you would like to have it shown in the bulletin.

We want to thank YOU for all you do! May you be blessed with a wonderful July!



Joseph Ritner Wollett Funeral 1890-1946

Many times we hear stories about certain events that with a little research the facts can shed light on the outcome. With the help of my daughter, Beth King, who found a number of old newspaper articles, I was able to get a few more facts surrounding the events of Mr. Wollett's funeral and the collapse of the floor of the church that caused the renovation of the church.

The story goes as I heard it, that the crowd at the service was so large that the floor collapsed and this was instrumental in the eventual turning around of the sanctuary. J.R. Wollett was a very active member in his church, community, and town. He was a businessman, owning Wollett Lumber Company. It was a prosperous business; providing materials for new construction and jobs for the area. But also he was civic minded in that he served as mayor of Littleton from 1929 to 1931. Two different terms as a town commissioner. First from 1923 to 1929 and a second term that lasted from 1933 to 1946. Littleton Baptist Church benefited from his service as well. He was a member of a building committee, a deacon, and as church treasurer from 1920 until 1946. As important as town and church were, the state of North Carolina would benefit too. He was a member of the State Board of Conservation and Development until his death, where he earned the respect of many. Governor Robert Cherry after hearing of his death would wire condolences to Mrs. Wollett that included this statement, "His interest in public affairs attracted to him a host of people who relied on him for guidance." In November of 1947 a Hammond organ and Maas chimes would be given to the church by his wife, mother, and sister in a dedication service. The Hammond organ was used until December of 1986.

It's not hard to believe that there would be a large crowd attending the funeral on that June day. But it was discovered at some point that termites had caused structural damage weakening the floor. Then there's still one more piece of information that adds to the story. On January 16, 1946 an article appeared in The News and Observer announcing the Littleton Baptist Church's formal beginning of a building campaign starting on January 20, 1946. A goal of \$20,000 was set over the next three years. Two projects would be the object of this campaign. The first was the construction of a home for the pastor, and secondly to make improvements on the church building. The house for the pastor would be dedicated on July 02, 1948 at an approximate cost of \$15,000. M. Fred Scott, Jr. would become pastor on January 01, 1951. By May 29, 1951 a building committee was appointed to make improvements to the building and to make plans for construction of a new educational annex.

It appears the church was already looking ahead. When you consider that this was right after the ending of WWII, the raising of \$20,000 was a rather large task. Seventy-five percent of the goal had been used on one part of the project. It seems a new pastor with fresh energy was needed to get things rolling again. In December of 1954 the first service was held in the new turned around sanctuary and new educational building.



PLEASE HELP WITH OUR 150TH ANNIVERSARY

We are still looking for old photographs and other memorabilia to be on display during our Homecoming on Sunday, **November 12th**. Please identify the people in your photo and record the date. Please invite your family to our event and if you know of anyone who needs a special invitation send their names and address to Kay or Pastor David at our church office. Thank you.

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>
6 Jim Phillis 7 Eric Hockaday 10 Dorothy Morgan 13 Matthew Council 13 Clyde Johnston 14 Nichole Pitchford 17 David Little 20 Josh Hall 21 Collin Merritt (13 yrs) 22 Lee Myrick 24 Carol Spraker 25 Ethel Hale 25 Emily Conner (7 yrs) 28 Jimmy Kearney 29 JoAnn Barnard	10 Don & Kay Beaver (29 yrs) 14 Earl & Mary Spivey (16 yrs) 19 Sid & Betty Anne Shearin (43 yrs)	2 Sara Council/Jan Myrick 9 Melinda Harris/Sandra Lynch 16 Lynn Skilton/Jim Skilton 23 Paula Burton/Kay Tripp 30 Amanda Coffman/Bob Thompson <u>GARBAGE DETAIL</u> Mike Crawley