

# 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

Americans love to celebrate Independence Day! Thomas Jefferson boldly asserted that each individual has an "inalienable right" to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" and it still sounds sweet to our freedom-loving ears. Despite the imperfections of our political system, we still enjoy tremendous economic freedom, political freedom, religious freedom, personal freedom and communal freedom.

This July with fireworks and picnics and much celebration we will rejoice again on our nation's 237th birthday. We are free people in a free nation. We are so blessed. But it has not come without much sweat and blood. It's time to pause and celebrate our many freedoms. As Christians we are blessed because we can unashamedly proclaim we are followers of Jesus Christ without reprisal. The question is, with such a blessed freedom, do we willingly share this most wonderful news with our friends and neighbors?

*"The earliest Christian writing said to be by a woman is the diary of Perpetua, a citizen of Carthage. With others who refused to worship the Roman emperor, she was imprisoned during the persecutions of 202-203 A.D. She refused to heed*

*the pleas of her father, who visited her in prison and urged her to compromise her stand. She gave up to her father her newborn son, whom she had been nursing in prison, choosing to surrender her role as mother rather than submit. In her diary she describes her appearances before the governor: "[He] said, 'Have pity on your father's grey head; have pity on your infant son; offer sacrifice for the emperor's welfare.' But I answered, 'I will not.' Hilarion asked, 'Are you a Christian?' And I answered, 'I am a Christian.'"—John C. Prudy, Returning God's Call, (Louisville, Ky: Westminster/ John Knox, 1989), 77.*

*Freedom is ultimately found not in independence of the self, but in relationship with one another.*

When is the last time you willingly shared with others, I am a Christian. That's why I choose to live the lifestyle I live, worship my God on Sunday, serve him 7 days a week, and seek to love all people with the kind of love and grace in which Christ demonstrated when he gave His life on Golgotha hill.

In Galatians 5:1, the apostle Paul writes to the church at Galatia about their (our) freedom as Christians. *"It is for freedom*

*that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."* Interestingly enough, after such a bold statement he goes on to say that they are to voluntarily "serve one another."

Freedom is ultimately found not in independence of the self, but in relationship with one another. Freedom, according to Holy Scripture is not so much just freedom from this or that but rather gives us the right, privilege and calling from God to voluntarily serve each other in the name of Christ. This is what makes being Christian worth standing up for in the year 203 in Rome or the year 2013 in the USA. Because of our freedom in Christ we are called to love one another. May we willingly and freely with all our hearts live in such a way that others will see our life and be led to follow us down the Christian path to salvation and His joy.

We are free, may God help us use our freedom to serve Christ alongside all our world's brothers and sisters!

*Mike*



# July 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4  Independence Day	5 8:30 Exercise 9:00 Yard Sale set up  10:00 Library Summer Reading Program	6 7:00 Yard Sale
7 Food Box 8:30 Outdr Wrld 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	8 8:30 Exercise	9	10 8:30 Exercise	11	12 8:30 Exercise  10:00 Library Summer Reading Program	13
14 8:30 Outdr Wrld 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship  6:00 Ice Cream Social	15 8:30 Exercise  Youth Beach Retreat	16  Youth Beach Retreat	17 8:30 Exercise  Youth Beach Retreat	18	19 8:30 Exercise  10:00 Library Summer Reading Program	20
21 8:30 Outdr Wrld 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	22 8:30 Exercise	23	24 8:30 Exercise	25 11:00 Directory Committee Mtg	26 8:30 Exercise  10:00 Library Summer Reading Program	27
28 8:30 Outdr Wrld 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship  5:30 Youth	29 8:30 Exercise	30	31 8:30 Exercise			



**Our Christian sympathy is extended to:**  
**Neva Martinez in the death of her brother: Robert R. Sealey, Jr.**  
**Margo Rawlings in the death of her brother: Stephen Craig Tippens**



It is still hard to imagine being retired! It feels like its just a summer vacation! I guess things will seem real when everybody else has to go to school in August and I get to watch them go!

The choir is taking a much needed vacation from rehearsals this month.

We will be starting our "new" choir year in August! That will be the time to come join us if you have ever wanted to "give it a try!" We would love to have you!

Have a great summer!

*Laura*

*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 Nomination Committee will be working to nominate officers and teachers for the new church year. In addition, the process will begin to elect two persons to serve as Deacon for a four year term to fill the terms being expired by Sidney Gibson and Sid Shearin. Please be in prayer about these decisions as we seek to discern God's way in these matters.



A yard sale to benefit our El Salvador mission efforts will be held **Saturday, July 6** beginning at 7:00 A.M. in the church annex lot. Set up will be **Friday, July 5** beginning at

9:00 A.M. We welcome your "stuff". Volunteers on either day will be most appreciated!



Our youth will travel to Kill Devil's Hill for a beach retreat **Monday July 15 - Wednesday July 17**. They will stay at the beach home of Thad and Melinda Harris and the retreat will focus upon their personal prayer life. They will create a beach "labyrinth" and focus on their personal relationship with God. They will enjoy time on the beach, putt putt, arcades, and tons of fun. Pray for them. Currently eight youth will be attending along with chaperones Mike and Ann Currin.



**Littleton Presbyterian Church Lawn  
 Fridays  
 July 12 - August 23**

Games on the lawn start at 6:00 P.M.  
 Cornhole, Ladder Golf, Bocce Ball  
 Bring a picnic dinner!  
 Movie starts at dusk  
 Family friendly films  
 Smoke-free & Alcohol-free Environment

Weekly Listing on Church Phone - 252-586-7758



Bring your lawn chairs and blankets!



**Change of  
Address**

Opal Brown  
192 State Rd. 3308  
South Shore, KY 41175



The following is the flower schedule for the month of July 2013.

July 7	Lord's Supper
July 14	Susan Conger
July 21	
July 28	

Flowers are needed on the 21 and 28. If you would like to place flowers on either of these dates, please contact Priscilla Parks, Josie Myrick or Sandra Lynch. Thank you to all that have helped with flowers this year!

The Flower Committee



### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Our second Summer Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Sunday, **July 14** at 6:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend with a hungry appetite, and if you can, please bring freezers of homemade ice cream or snacks to complement the ice cream. Bring a friend to join the Christian fellowship we will enjoy together!



### Deacons Meeting

The Deacons will not meet in July. The next meeting will be in August.



### LORD'S SUPPER

On Sunday, **July 7** 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, we will be given opportunity to contribute to our church Fellowship Fund for local benevolence.



### QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

We will not have a Quarterly Business Meeting in July. Our next meeting will be in October unless business necessitates a special called session.



### LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Littleton Library Summer Reading Program has overflowed the Library space again this year, and they have asked to use our Fellowship Hall each Friday this summer through **July 27** from 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 noon. We are thankful we can show them our LBC hospitality.



### Outdoor Worship

Our Outdoor World 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 Brenda Hudson or Mike Crawley.



# **El Salvador Mission Team**

**August 16 - August 23**

**Ahuachapán, El Salvador**

## **Team Members**

**Mike and Ann Currin, Brenda Hudson,  
Clyde Johnston and Jan Miller.**

## **Mission Projects**

**Building Homes, Medical Missions,  
Food Distribution  
in extreme poverty areas.**

## **Ways To Support This Ministry**

**Pray for our team members and the others participating as we provide financial support for the projects to help with food for the poor, home construction, and Prescription and OTC medication.**

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
6 Justin Kidd 6 Jim Phillis 7 Eric Hockaday (15 yrs) 13 Clyde Johnston 13 Matthew Council 17 Bonnie Currin Stallings 22 Lee Myrick 25 Ethel Hale 28 Jimmy Kearney 30 Mary West (Tommy)	1 James & Virginia Kearney (63 yrs) 10 Don & Kay Beaver (19 yrs) 19 Sid & Betty Anne Shearin (33 yrs) 20 Jimmie & Elizabeth Hockaday (55 yrs)	7 Carol West/Carly West 14 Sarah Iles/Mary Beth Labrecque 21 Brenda Hudson/Sandra Lynch 28 Elizabeth Hockaday/Ryan Hockaday
	<u>YOUTH MEALS</u>	<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
	7 No Youth 14 Ice Cream Social 21 No Youth 28 Carol West	Sid Shearin