

LITTLETON BAPTIST NEWS

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PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

As we enter into what seems like month 20 billion being under COVID restrictions, we have finally entered into the holiday season. As we look back over this past year, it is sometimes hard to find reasons to be thankful. But I encourage each person, in the midst of everything going on to just take a minute. Stop what you are doing. Think back on these past several months. Find a reason that you can be thankful. Maybe it is something that God has taught you. Maybe it's finding time to do something you have been putting off. Or it could just be as simple as being healthy. Whatever it may be, I encourage you to be intentional on finding reasons to be thankful.

Also during the month of November, we move very quickly from Thanksgiving to Advent. It is a very quick turn around again because of how late Thanksgiving is. We understand how important different aspects of Christmas are to so many people. I feel the same way about Christmas. We are working very hard so that even with everything else going on, Christmas can be a joyful time for everyone. Our sanctuary will look beautiful whether you are attending in-person or watching virtually. We are going to try to incorporate more music during our services so we can hear more of our favorite carols. And of course what is more important about Christmas than the stories of Jesus' birth. We will work very hard so that Advent will be special, and we look forward to you worshipping with us as we begin that season this year.

As the calendar turns to November, there will be many special worship services. We kick off November with a special sermon on how we treat people with different views. How do we treat those people and what does Jesus' ministry say about how we should respond? The second Sunday of November will be Homecoming as we celebrate our 147th anniversary. Rev. Mari Wiles will be our guest speaker. We look forward to the message she will deliver that day. Homecoming will also be a very special day as we celebrate the baptism of Connor Pitchford. This will truly make Homecoming even more special.

We then move to the third Sunday where we will honor our veterans and look at the spiritual wars that we are facing every day. The fourth Sunday is Christ the King Sunday as we look at Jesus' reign over the Earth and the kingdom of God. The fifth Sunday of course begins the wonderful season of Advent. We look forward to you joining us for worship whether it is in-person or virtually.

I want to end this month by reminding you that in everything you do this month, find the reason to be thankful. Sometimes it just means being intentional in looking for it. But as long as we have Jesus in our lives, there is a reason to be thankful.

Grace and Peace,

David



NOVEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 7:00 Deacon's Mtg	2	3	4 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	5	6 8:30 Exercise	7
8 9:45 S. School 11:00 Home-coming Worship 5:00 Youth	9 8:30 Exercise	10	11 8:30 Exercise  7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	12	13 8:30 Exercise	14
15 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	16 8:30 Exercise	17	18 8:30 Exercise 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	19	20 8:30 Exercise	21
22 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Youth	23 8:30 Exercise	24	25 8:30 Exercise No Prayer & Bible Study	26  <i>Thanksgiving</i>	27 8:30 Exercise	28 10:00 Chrismon Tree & Sanctuary Decorating
29 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	30 8:30 Exercise					



Congratulations to Perry & Casey Myrick upon the birth of their baby boy Perry Lee Myrick, IV. He was born on Monday, October 5. He weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz. and was 20 inches long. Congrats also to his grandparents, Lee & Jan Myrick, great grandma Josie Myrick, Aunt Megan, Uncle Mike, Eleanor, Elin, Emily and Aunt Sara, Uncle Matthew, Claire, Anna & Jack.



It's hard to believe Thanksgiving is just around the corner! 2020 has been a year where I have had to remind myself of all the blessings I do have in my life.

The newest blessing this year is the birth of my grandson, Bennett. It's hard to believe he will be 6 months old on Nov. 4 and has yet to make an appearance at the Littleton Baptist Church! He is a beautiful and happy little baby who will hopefully soon make his debut at church!

Of course, I have my sweet Addie. She is an energetic ball of fire who keeps me busy nonstop! She does love to come to church but keeps wanting to know when the nursery will be "open" again! She told me that she loves to hear Pastor David, especially when he talks about Frozen, but she loves her nursery friends better! If you do hear any wrong notes on the Sundays that Addie is sitting at the organ with Jimmy and I ...I will just blame them on Addie!

I have my children as well, even though you don't hear about them as much as you do my grandchildren! Mama's health has been better which is a true blessing! Oh, and yes, I have Jimmy, family, and so many dear friends!

So, yes, I am thankful and blessed! The craziness of 2020 can't change that after all!

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Laura



THIS MONTH

Join us for our Sunday Morning Worship Services

November 1

United We Stand

Ephesians 4:29-5:2

November 8

Homecoming

Mari Wiles

November 15

The Battle Within

Ephesians 6:10-17

November 22

Once a King, Always a King

Zechariah 14:1-11

Christ the King Sunday

November 29

Hope Of All The Earth

Titus 2:11-14

First Week of Advent – Hope



It is time to get into the Christmas Spirit! We will be decorating the Chrismon Tree and the Sanctuary on Saturday, **November 28**, at 10:00 A.M. Join us if you would like to help!

Deacons Meeting



Our Deacons will meet virtually on Sunday, **November 1**, at 7:00 P.M.



Daylight Savings Time ends **November 1**. Be sure to set your clocks back on Saturday night so you'll arrive for Sunday services at the correct time!



We welcome to our church membership, Connor Pitchford, who came by profession of faith on Sunday, October 4. His baptism will be on Homecoming Sunday, November 8. This will be a very special day as we celebrate the baptism of Connor Pitchford. We look forward to celebrating this joyous occasion with his family and our LBC family.



JOHN 3:16 CENTER TOY DRIVE & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



The John 3:16 Center is hoping to serve 200 local children in this year's Christmas program. You can help them by sponsoring a child with a donation of \$100 or by participating in their Annual Toy Collection Drive. The toy drive starts **November 2** and runs through **December 7**.

Donations of a new toy valued less than \$20 can be dropped off at several Lake Gaston locations including Lake Gaston Chamber, Lake Gaston Outfitters, ReMAX, Dollar General, BB&T and Rosy's Nail Salon.

Here are some things we are looking to collect for our Christmas program where we will be assisting families with children (newborn to age 16).

- Puzzles (Varying ages. Please do NOT go over 500 pieces)
- Books (for every age group)
- Games (board games, card games, electronic hand held games)
- Batteries (as we like to provide them if they are needed with toys and games)
- Toys but please NO toy weapons

Some of the hardest items that we tend to receive less of is for our younger children and teenagers.

Items/learning toys for babies and toddlers.

Some ideas for teenagers are watches, wallets, purses, costume jewelry, accessories, make up, hats, sporting goods.



As the clocks fall back, we will continue having youth group. We will be meeting on **November 8** and **22**. On the 22nd we will be having our own little youth Thanksgiving time together. We look forward to being able to share our thanks as a youth group.

It is also during November that we begin to look forward to the John 3:16 Christmas Party. While the party will not be held this year due to COVID, they are still doing their part in helping families out. So the youth will still be going shopping on December 6. We will be collecting money following worship on **November 22, 29**, and **December 6**. The youth look forward to this every year, and this year particularly the children in our community need our help.



HOMEcoming INVITATION

CELEBRATING 147 YEARS

All Members, Former Members, Friends and Family

Are cordially invited to Littleton Baptist Church

On Sunday, November 8, 2020 at 11:00 A.M.

For our Annual Homecoming Service

Rev. Mari Wiles, Campus Minister and

Associate Dean of Students at Chowan University, will be the speaker.

There will be no Sunday School on this day.

We also will not be serving a meal this year.



A big THANK YOU to all that helped with our **Pack A Backpack** for children in West Virginia. As I write this article for our newsletter, I am reminded of what a wonderful church family we have. There are at least 25 backpacks that will go to children to help make their Christmas a little more special. That means at least 25 prayers lifted up to God, 25 Bibles shared, 25 families will read the Christmas story, lots of toys, school supplies, toothbrushes, soap, flashlights, gloves, books, socks and many other fun items will be enjoyed. Again, **THANK YOU** for being a part of this project.

During the month of November take time to count your many blessings. Share with others. Enjoy family and friends. Thank God for all he does for us. Look for ways to show your love to others. Stay safe and healthy.

God Bless You!



Our church will once again be sending Christmas Cards to our military personnel who will be away from home during the Christmas Holidays. These cards from our church family will give cheer to them in their distant service. We are also asking you to provide names, addresses, rank, relationship to you (i.e family, friend, neighbor etc.). (Note: If you have family or friends serving in missions somewhere, we will also extend this request for names to include them as well.) Please give the information to Sid Shearin or the church office.

The cards will be in the vestibule for you to sign on **November 29, December 6 & 13**. Sid wants to remind everyone you are not allowed to sign for your spouse or children. Everyone needs to sign individually.

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
1 Ann West 2 Priscilla Parks 5 Betty Neville 10 Jim Sineath 11 Mary Virginia Kearney 18 Mary Beth Kearney 20 Harrison West (18 yrs) 20 Arlene Merritt 21 Chris Skinner 22 Bentley Iles (9 yrs) 24 Larry West 25 Thad Harris 28 Brenda Hudson 29 Mary Lois Spivey 30 Andrew Crawley	6 Matthew & Sara Council (10 yrs) 7 Sidney & Louise Gibson (55 yrs)	Jimmy Kearney