

LITTLETON BAPTIST NEWS

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



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IN MEMORY

Mrs. Nora Elizabeth Hockaday

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16*

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

Well 2020 is finally over. Let's just take a deep breath. It is finally over. But let us also understand that everything that was happening in 2020 does not magically disappear just because it is a new year. Let us celebrate that we have made it to a new year. Let us celebrate that we have achieved this major accomplishment.

As we look to 2021, let us take the lessons that we have learned in 2020 and use them to make our lives better. Let us take the lessons that we are still learning. And most importantly, even sometimes when we do not understand, allow God to pick us up and carry us. He is there guiding us and directing us even through the darkest valleys. So although 2021 is here, we are still walking through some of the lessons.

As we enter 2021 in worship, I am doing the same thing. I am looking at 2020 and asking myself what have I learned? What lessons can I take? One thing that I have learned is that sometimes life seems strange, and I have to ask myself what was the purpose for that? And as I read the Bible there are a lot of stories that are the exact same way. They are very strange and make me scratch my head and wonder what lesson am I supposed to learn from this?

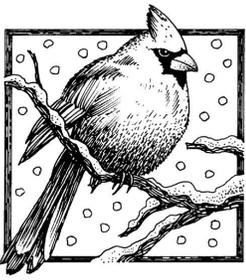
So in 2021, we are going to be looking at some of those strange stories. We will be looking at some strange encounters between God and Moses and how Moses was not allowed to enter the promised land because he hit a rock. We will be looking at one of the stranger stories found in the book of Judges. And how could we not look at King Solomon and the strange ways he used his wisdom. We will also look at the story of Job and all of his suffering. Then we will look at one particular strange instance of Paul putting a teenage boy to sleep through a sermon.

All these stories on the surface are strange, but each one has a lesson for us. As does all of God's Word. We look forward to you joining us, whether that is in-person or virtually as we dig into the strange to find the meaning.

As we do that with the Word of God, examine your own lives. Even in the strange and unusual, what are the lessons that maybe God is teaching you? Welcome to 2021 everyone.

Grace and Peace,

David



January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 11:00 Worship 7:00 Deacon's Meeting	4 8:30 Exercise	5	6 8:30 Exercise 7:00 Virtual Prayer & Bible Study	7	8 8:30 Exercise	9
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31 11:00 Worship						



Our Christian sympathy is extended to

Jan Miller in the death of her brother-in-law, Walt Misiolek



Happy New Year! I don't think I am alone in saying...Goodbye 2020!

I was reading an article several months ago and it has been on my mind. The article was about whether or not you should applaud after a music special or not. The article stated that music in church is not a performance; it's an act of worship. The object of our music is to glorify God, not ourselves. It went on to say that music specials are not a recital or a concert, but an act of the performers love for God.

You might think that the musicians will feel unappreciated if there is no applause. They don't. Our choir sings to the congregation because we are praising God. We can look at your smiling faces and know that we touched you with our music.

Yes, there will be times for applause....after the children perform, or after a guest musician, or after a Cantata. But, you can show your love of a performance by saying an Amen to God for the music that hopefully touched you, or personally thanking the performer or performers after the service. Every once in a while a musical offering might make you want to applaud which is fine, but silence can be louder than all the applause in the heavens!

After all, we don't applaud after Pastor David's uplifting wonderful sermons! We don't want him to feel left out.



FROM THE
Pulpit

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 Sunday Worship Service on Facebook Live at 11:00 A.M.

January 3

Look Who's NOT Talking

Numbers 20:1-12

Communion

January 10

Ehud Strikes Back

Judges 3:12-30

January 17

Two Moms and a Baby

1 Kings 3:16-28

January 24

Ordeal by Suffering

Job 10:1-9

January 31

The Neverending Sermon

Acts 20:7-12



HAPPY NEW YEAR!



The flower committee just wants to say **THANK YOU** to everyone who put poinsettias in Littleton Baptist Church to celebrate the Christmas Holidays or helped in any way! The church was absolutely gorgeous due to the wonderful generosity and beautiful hearts of our congregation! It added so much to our worship services. The services were even more precious during this difficult time.

It's time to turn the calendar and begin a wonderful new year, 2021! Just remember God is in control! If you decide you would like to put flowers in the sanctuary during the 2021 year, just let us know.

Contact: Sandra Lynch at 252-578-3495 or sandralynch337@gmail.com,
Kay Beaver at 252-586-2014 or dbeaver10@gmail.com.

Here is the flower schedule for January:

January 3 - Lord's Supper
January 10 - Available
January 17 - Available
January 24 - Available
January 31 - Available

Our congregation is exceptional. We cannot thank you enough for you being you! Thanks again for all your help during these trying times!



As we begin a new year, our wish for all is a year filled with joy, peace and love. New beginnings can be scary with many unknowns. They can also be filled with excitement, fun and discovery. May your new year be one of exploration and contentment as we move forward. Keep your family and church family in your prayers. Keep your friends in your prayers. Keep our many government positions in your prayers. Keep our community in your prayers. Keep praying.

Mission opportunities are close and far. Pray for God's grace and guidance in seeing the needs around us. We are God's hands and feet. Live your faith during 2021. Show your Christian beliefs in all that you do.

As we all look forward to coming days, take care of yourself. Enjoy life and all that it brings. Be God's light for all you meet!

HAPPY 2021



Dear LBC Family,

Thank you so much for the generous Christmas gift. Both Sara and myself are so blessed to have such a wonderful congregation. Each one of you mean so much to the both of us. This past year has been a challenging time, and you have embraced it with a loving heart. We look forward to serving alongside of you in the coming year and seeing what adventures await in 2021.

Grace & Peace,

David & Sara



We have such an awesome, thoughtful & loving church family and we feel so blessed to be part of it. Thank you so much for the financial gifts presented to us for Christmas. Thank you also for offering such wonderful support with the many words of encouragement you share with us all through the year.

Many thanks!

Kay, Laura & Mike



Our youth will not be meeting during the month of January.



On Sunday, **January 3**, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. At the conclusion of worship, you will be given opportunity to contribute to our church's Fellowship Fund for local benevolent needs.



Quarterly Business Meeting

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



Women's Sunday

Due to COVID - 19, Women's Day will be postponed until late summer/early fall. We look forward to having Rev. Amy McClure speak at that time.



We are so excited to announce that this year's Baptist Men's Day will be Sunday, **February 7**. The speaker will be Mr. Chris Cannady, cousin of Rev. David Little. Chris is a Center College Resident at Center Church in Charlottesville, VA. He is also one of their worship leaders. Chris is a graduate of UNC Chapel Hill where he participated in many overseas mission experiences. He will be sharing about those experiences with us. If you would like to participate in the service, please contact Pastor David.



On Sundays in which inclement weather renders it unsafe to conduct Worship Services, our deacons will contact you if our services go full virtual.



The Deacons will meet virtually on Sunday, **January 3**, at 7:00 P.M. Please continue to pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>GARBAGE DETAIL</u>
16 Bryant Pitchford 17 Barbara Topping 17 Daniel West 20 Brenda Holloman 24 Mike Conner 25 Jack Mathieson 26 Betty Ann Shearin 28 Sandra Felts	22 Tony & Pam Morris (33 yrs)	Bryant Pitchford