

# 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

**Mr. Nat Justice "Pitt" West**

*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

He is risen, he is risen indeed. I am so glad that Easter is finally here and we are able to celebrate the resurrection. Lent is always one of my favorite times of the church year and that is because it ends with Easter. Nothing against Christmas and celebrating the birth of Jesus, but Easter and the celebration of the resurrection is extremely powerful. What was dead is now alive. God in all of his glory offers us grace and eternal life through that moment and it proved that Jesus is who he said he was. The empty tomb is the most powerful image in all of scripture. I pray that as we celebrate Easter, you will truly be able to rejoice and celebrate this miraculous moment.

We begin the month with that celebration of Easter. The first Sunday of April is Easter Sunday. We will gather early that morning at 7:00 AM for our sunrise service and then again at 11:00 AM for our morning worship. The following Sunday we will look at a post resurrection story between Jesus and Peter.

After that we take a shift in our worship. We will then look at how we respond to what God is doing inside of us. God is always doing something in our lives whether it is in worship or outside, and we must look at how to respond to him.

Then on the fourth Sunday of worship we will look at an issue that is taking over our world: mental health. We will look at the Bible and see how God tells us to take care of not just our physical health but our mental health, and all the lies that surround us concerning it. I encourage everyone from our children, our youth, our parents, and our grandparents to join us that Sunday. You may join us virtually or in person. I just invite you to be part of this day.


So as we gather together in April, as we celebrate and as we look inside of ourselves, I encourage you to truly worship. Allow God to speak into your heart, but then also that you give yourself that time to really respond to what God is doing in your life. Meditate, journal, or do whatever you feel most comfortable. But give yourself those times during this month to truly respond to what God is teaching you this month.

Grace and Peace,

*David*



# April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	2 9:00 Exercise	3
4 7:00 Sunrise Service 8:30 Outdoor World 11:00 Worship  	5 9:00 Exercise	6	7 9:00 Exercise  7:00 Virtual Prayer & Bible Study	8	9 9:00 Exercise	10
11 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship  5:00 Youth 7:00 Deacons Meeting	12 9:00 Exercise	13	14 9:00 Exercise  7:00 Quarterly Business Meeting	15	16 9:00 Exercise	17
18 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	19 9:00 Exercise	20	21 9:00 Exercise  7:00 Virtual Prayer & Bible Study	22	23 9:00 Exercise	24
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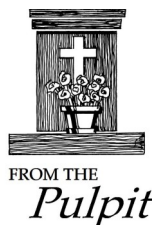
Easter has always been a special time for me! I loved it when Mama took me shopping for that white Easter dress, white Easter shoes, white gloves and a little white hat to wear to church. Daddy would always give me a corsage! The Easter bunny would leave that wonderful basket and then I'd go to my grandparents in Macon where we were presented another big Easter basket, of course, that one was FULL of candy! I love Easter so much that Jimmy and I were married 39 years ago on the Saturday before Easter (which my parents weren't too crazy about because the cost of flowers tripled at Easter!)

This Easter is going to be extra special! Our Adult Choir will be presenting an Easter anthem during our worship service. Of course, we will be following social distancing. This means that we will be spread out in the choir loft as well as on the pulpit. We will hopefully be able to present an anthem on the 4th Sunday of every month and then in the near future be able to get back to our "normal" schedule! I have waited for this for over a year! What better time to bring music back into our service than on Easter Sunday!

We will also be bringing back the singing of hymns, masked of course, on Easter Sunday. We will be singing the first verse of 2 hymns during our service. There will be printed inserts in the bulletins if you need a little reminder of the words!

What more could you ask for on Easter Sunday??? A Choir special, hymn singing, and the resurrection of Christ all add up to a joyous Sunday for the Littleton Baptist Church!!!! Not to mention the children dressed up in their Easter finery!

*Laura*



## **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.**

**April 4 (Sunrise)**

**The Dawn Has Come**

**Matthew 28:1**

**April 4 (11:00 AM)**

**Sunday - He Has Risen!**

**Matthew 28:1-10**

**April 11**

**Aftermath**

**John 21:15-17**

**April 18**

**Empty Me**

**Philippians 2:1-11**

**April 25**

**I'm Fine...**

**1 Peter 5:6-7**



Our next Quarterly Business Meeting is Wednesday, **April 14**, at 7:00 P.M. These quarterly meetings are vital to the church and her ministry as we report, discuss, plan and consider the ongoing needs that will strengthen us as the people of God. You are encouraged to be present and to always be prayerful about our church's ministries.



Our Christian sympathy is extended to

Rev. Mike Currin in the death of his brother, Dave Currin



I can't believe April is already here! What a special time of the year it is. It is hard reflecting on what a sacrifice Jesus made for us!

The church is always decorated so pretty with the beautiful lilies given in honor and memory of our loved ones. We can not thank everyone enough for their thoughtfulness.

The following is the flower schedule for April:

April 4 - Easter Lilies  
April 11 - Available  
April 18 - Available  
April 25 - 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.

You can also contact the church office by email: [office@littletonbaptistchurch.org](mailto:office@littletonbaptistchurch.org)

Our church is awesome! Thank you for your continued support in helping the sanctuary look even more beautiful!



## HAPPY EASTER!! HE IS RISEN!!

What wonderful news this is for our world today as it was over 2000 years ago. Then his followers wondered what all of the events that had just happened meant. Today we wonder what all the events that are happening mean for us. GOD is in control. His plan is for all to believe in HIM and follow Him. Our trust should be in him as we are his hands and feet. The saying that it is not about God's ability but our availability is very true

today. We need to be ready to do God's calling, no matter how big or small the task for us may be. Let your faith shine through!

As the weather turns warmer, more shots are given and 'things' start to return to normal, look for ways to share God's love with others. Easter should be every day. Let others see that Christ lives in you by what you do and say. Be available.



On **April 1** at 7:00 P.M. we will be holding our Maundy Thursday service. Please join us as we gather to remember the death of Jesus through communion and a Tenebrae service. Our normal Sunday morning guidelines will still be in place.



We will have our Easter Sunrise Service this year. It will be held at 7:00 A.M. at the rear of our church near the three crosses. We hope to make this a witness to the community and invite others to join us. We just ask that everyone still social distance and wear masks even with being outdoors. We will not be having a Fellowship Breakfast following the service.



The Deacons will meet virtually on Sunday, **April 11**, at 7:00 P.M. Please continue to pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.



Youth have finally begun meeting again in person. We will be meeting **April 11** and **25** this month for dinner and Bible study. It has been a hard year for even our youth, so we encourage our congregation to pray for them. I know they are looking forward to finally gathering again just as everyone else is looking forward to it too.



Lord we lift our hearts to you. As the dawn breaks, may we carry the unity we share into every moment knowing that we are one with the risen Christ.

Lord, we lift our eyes to you. As the sun rises, may this moment stay with us, reminding us to look for the beautiful colors of promise in your word.

Lord, we lift our prayers to you. As the dew air falls, may we breathe this morning in and know that like the earth, you sustain us, keep us and work within us always.

And so, we lift our voices to you. We celebrate the greatest day in history, when Jesus rose from death, defeated darkness and bathed the world in stunning resurrection light.

May we ever live to praise you!

Amen.

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>GARBAGE DETAIL</u>
8 Jan Miller 9 Wyatt Pegram 12 Claude Lynch 20 Casey Myrick 21 Sara Little 25 Nicholas Coffman (16 yrs) 27 Caitlyn Phillis (8 yrs.) 27 Suzanne Pearce 27 Til Tremper 28 Laura Kearney	8 Lee & Jan Myrick (42 yrs) 10 Jimmy & Laura Kearney (39 yrs) 10 Jack & Virginia Tant (73 yrs) 22 Bryant & Nichole Pitchford (15 yrs) 23 Larry & Sheryl West (30 yrs)	Clyde Johnston