

LITTLETON BAPTIST NEWS

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IN MEMORY

Mrs. Mary Lois 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

The year 2014 is here! This turn of the calendar marks an excellent time for each of us to pause and not just make our New Year Resolutions, but carefully consider our personal pattern of Spiritual meditation with God. Since we are all different; the times, locations, and methods we use may vary. And that's good. We each need to discover what best enables us to come into his presence with prayer and private worship.

We also can do that in many ways using many resources. Of course, the central text is the Bible. A good Bible reading plan is most helpful. A number of good ones are available, whether it's read the Bible through or use a devotional text from a resource. I have personally always found it better not to use too large a section, which enables me to really focus on what is being said in the text - and what God might be saying to me. At LBC for many years we have provided a variety of devotional readings for those who enjoy the pattern of readings and prayers. I hope you find them helpful. Your feedback is always welcomed on those resources.

Additionally a number of other resources are available, including many online resources easily accessible at our disposal. Each morning while having morning coffee, I meditate on four different devotional readings delivered by my email. One of them is a devotional quote of the day from Heartlight. (HOW DO I SUBSCRIBE? Send a blank email to: quotemeal-subscribe@maillists.heartlight.org) These quotes from many sources allow me to read, reflect, and apply. I take it with me and often revisit and I save my favorites for ongoing reflection.

As a New Year's reflection, I list a few of the many quotes that have been especially meaningful to me. Take time to just read them, slow down and ask what God may be saying personally to you and your life in those words. Where does it touch you, shape you, and does it call you to respond in any way?

"You are valuable because you exist. Not because of what you do or what you have done, but simply because you are." — Max Lucado

"What if you woke up today with only what you thanked God for yesterday!"

"Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible, and receives the impossible." — Corrie ten Boom

God is always trying to give good things to us, but our hands are too full to receive them." — St. Augustine of Hippo


The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it." — William James

May 2014 be a joy filled year in Christ's presence!

Mike



January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i>  NEW YEAR'S <i>Day</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i> Food Box 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 5:30 Youth 7:00 Deacons Mtg.	<i>6</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>11</i> 7:00 Christian Men at Work
<i>12</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 5:30 Youth	<i>13</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Quarterly Business Mtg.	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>18</i> 5:15 Youth - 4 Points North Concert
<i>19</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	<i>20</i> 8:30 Exercise 7:30 Cullom Baptist Associa- tional Mtg.	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>25</i>
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Our Christian sympathy is extended to:
Carol Clark in the death of her husband, Carl Clark



I want to thank the Junior Singers and the Adult Choir for their hard work preparing for the Christmas music! It was beautiful and I really appreciate all of the talent we have in our church!

Ring out the old....ring in the new! Now is a wonderful time to come join us on Wednesday nights! As you know....Easter is right around the corner and we will begin working on Easter music very soon!!!!

I hope 2014 brings you love, good health, and you are able to keep all of those New Year resolutions that you have made!!!

Happy New Year!

Laura



LORD'S SUPPER

On Sunday, **January 5**, 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.



CHRISTIAN MEN AT WORK

The Christian Men at Work will meet on **January 11** at 7:00 A.M. at Littleton United Methodist Church. We will be co-hosting. All men and boys are invited to participate.



ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING

Our church will be hosting the Cullom Baptist Associational General Board meeting at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, January 20 preceded by small group meeting at 7:00 P.M. of the Executive Committee.



On Sundays in which inclement weather renders it unsafe to conduct Sunday School and Worship Services, our deacons will contact you if our services are postponed in any way.

DEACONS MEETING



Our Deacon's will meet on Sunday evening, **January 5** at 7:00 P.M. in the church annex.



QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Our next Quarterly Business Meeting is Wednesday, **January 15** at 7:30 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!

Happy New Year & Happy New Year & Happy New Year



Congratulations to Matthew & Sara Council upon the birth their baby girl, Claire Elizabeth Council. She was born on December 16. Congrats also to the grandparents Lee and Jan Myrick, great grandma Josie Myrick, Aunt Megan, Uncle Mike, Eleanor & Elin Conner and Uncle Perry Myrick.

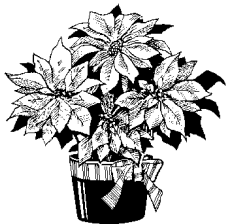


Thank you so much for the financial gifts presented to us for Christmas. Thank you also for the many words of encouragement you share with us throughout the year. We feel so blessed to be part of such a thoughtful, loving church family.

Many thanks!
Laura, Kay, Ashby and Bill



Thanks to everyone who has contributed to our church ministry this past year! Your contributions enable us to minister in numerous ways throughout our community and world. The 2014 offering envelopes are in the vestibule to be picked up and have been prepared for all who contributed in 2013. If you need envelopes for children or if you cannot locate yours, please contact the church office or Gladys Pegram, and we will happily provide them for you.



THANK YOU!

The Flower Committee would like to thank everyone who put poinsettias in our church during the Christmas Holidays. They were beautiful and added so much to our worship services.

Josie Myrick, Sandra Lynch & Priscilla Parks



HAPPY NEW YEAR to each of you! Thank you for your many expressions of love, support, prayers and gifts! You are each special to our family, and you have proved this in so many wonderful ways to us , among our church family, and in the community. Thank you for the financial love gift from the church for Christmas. We thank you for your many remembrances this Christmas and always. We wish each of you a Christ-filled 2014!

Love,
Mike and Ann



Lake Gaston Baptist Church
Youth Ministry

will be hosting

"4 Points North"

A Contemporary Christian Band

Saturday, January 18

7:00 P.M.

Our youth will leave LBC at 5:15 P.M.
to attend the Youth Group Fellowship
at 5:30 P.M. Students can get to
know each other and meet the band.

Everyone is invited to join them for
the concert.

A love offering will be taken for the band.



Room At The Inn

A SHELTER FOR HOMELESS WOMEN

Special thanks to all who helped with "Room at the Inn" as we hosted the program during December in our church parsonage.

Churches have cooperated together and LBC volunteers have been wonderful hosts serving meals, helping with transportation, serving as overnight hosts and in many other ways.

Thus far at some time during the program a total of six women and three children have been served.

During the month of January "Room at the Inn" moves back to Roanoke Rapids. Our church with the assistance of other local churches will serve as host during February.

Please continue to pray for this ministry and those to whom this program serves in the name of Christ!

CARDS FOR MILITARY & OTHERS AWAY FROM HOME

A big thanks to all the folks who sent their warm wishes for a Merry Christmas to five people who were away from their families for Christmas. The following are the people that received our "Christmas Cheer":

Emma Wahab who was serving in Afghanistan while you were signing the card but was in Germany for Christmas. She is the daughter of a former colleague of Sid Shearin.

Michael Atkins who is stationed in Okinawa and is friend of Beverly and Greg Fussell.

Matthew Austin is a contractor in Afghanistan working on drones. His parents live in the Littleton area.

Bryan Fuller is serving in Afghanistan and is a cousin of Billy Pearce.

Anthony Bowe is stationed in Kansas but is on call to fly to Afghanistan at any moment. He is the grandson of Pauline & Will Tabron. Mr. Tabron is the former pastor of St. Lukes Baptist Church and often speaks at our Lenten lunches. Mr. Tabron had a career with the U.S. Air Force and he remarked how much he enjoyed getting mail while overseas.

A special thanks to Brenda Hudson for supplying the cards and Betty Blanton for the photographs of church scenes that were sent with the cards.

Sid Shearin

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
9 Deborah Walker 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 (25 yrs)	5 Melinda Harris/Eric Hockaday 12 Sarah Iles/Louise Gibson 19 Carol West/Carly West 26 Elizabeth Hockaday/Ryan Hockaday
	<u>YOUTH MEALS</u>	<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
	5 Paula Burton 12 Betty Anne Shearin 19 No Youth 26 Lisa Adkins	Billy Pearce