

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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PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

As we approach the month of November, I want us all to take a deep breath. Just allow yourself to relax. As you relax, think of all the ways that God has blessed you over this past year. Where has God been working in your life? What are you thankful for? Who are you thankful for?

November is always a time when we gather together and give thanks because of the Thanksgiving holiday. But in reality, everyday should be a day of thanksgiving. Every day we should be able to thank God for what he has done for us and is continuing to do in us. So as we take a collective breath this month, find ways to show your thanks. Find ways to love the people who have been a blessing in your life. The words thank you are great. But remember Jesus' words, "They will know you are my disciples by your love." Then as the days, weeks, and months go by after Thanksgiving, continue to remember the blessings. Continue to be thankful. Let us never tire of being thankful for what God is doing and the blessings that he gives us.

As we worship this month, we will continue that thankful trend. We begin the month with All Saints Sunday. This Sunday we will remember the Christians who have come before us and given their lives. Their lives were testimony to Christ and should be remembered.

The second Sunday is Homecoming. We are so thankful for all those who have come before us as we celebrate 148 wonderful years of service to the Littleton Community. Rev. Charles Wilson will be our guest speaker. We look forward to the fellowship and memories that we will share.

The third Sunday of November is Christ the King Sunday, as well as the Sunday before Thanksgiving. We will take time to give our thanks, but also remember to be thankful that we serve the king of kings. We end the month with a beginning. The fourth Sunday in November is also the first Sunday of Advent. This year we will be looking at all four gospels and how they portray the Christmas story. I hope you enjoy this series.

I want to close this month with this reminder: God loves you! God loves you just the way that you are. He created you special and wonderful. And for that, what more could we ask for? What more could we be thankful for? Let us rejoice in that love this month.

Grace and Peace,

David



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



Recently, I struck up a conversation in a restaurant with a nice young lady. It turns out she is the music director in her church. We were talking about the music that we sing in each of our churches. She made the statement that they do not sing anything more than ten years old! I couldn't believe it! I couldn't imagine not raising a generation of Christians who do not know "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "Amazing Grace" and so many other oldies but definitely goodies!

We might not have a lot of Thanksgiving oldies but can you imagine not singing Come Ye Thankful People Come or We Gather Together the Sunday before Thanksgiving? There are not a lot of Thanksgiving hymns but it wouldn't seem like Thanksgiving without singing these...even if it's only the first and last verse!

I did ask her about Christmas carols...she told me that there are always exceptions to the rules!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Laura



DEACONS MEETING

Our Deacons will meet on Sunday, **November 7** following Morning Worship.



It is time to get into the Christmas Spirit! We will be decorating the Chrismon Tree and the Sanctuary on **Saturday, November 27**, at 10:00 A.M. Join us if you would like to help!



Daylight Savings Time ends **November 7**. Be sure to set your clocks back on Saturday night so you'll arrive for Sunday services at the correct time!



FROM THE
Pulpit

THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

Join us for our Sunday Morning Worship.
If you can't be with us at church then join us
online for our Virtual Worship Service on
Facebook Live at 11:00 A.M.

NOVEMBER 7

What Will People Think?

Acts 7:54-8:3

All Saints Sunday

NOVEMBER 14

Homecoming

Rev. Charles Wilson

NOVEMBER 21

Thankful For A King

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Christ the King/Thanksgiving Sunday

NOVEMBER 28

Christmas According to Mark

Mark 1:1-11

First Sunday of Advent

HOMECOMING INVITATION CELEBRATING 148 YEARS

Homecoming this year will mark 148 years of ministry and service to the community of Littleton. This will be celebrated on Sunday, November 14, at 11:00 A.M. We will welcome Rev. Charles Wilson as our guest speaker. Rev. Wilson is the son of Mrs. Mabel Wilson and a recently retired Baptist pastor. Rev. Wilson was also ordained here. We will not be serving a meal. We will have Sunday School on this day. Plan now to join us for this special day in our church.



If you would like to place a poinsettia in church "in memory or honor of" a family member or loved one, please contact Sandra Lynch, (252) 578-3495, sandralynch337@gmail.com or Kay Beaver (252) 586-2014, dbeaver10@gmail.com by **November 7**. You can purchase red or white poinsettias in two different sizes. The 6 inch pot with a cover is \$10.50. The 8 inch pot with a cover is \$20.00. Also, please let us know who they are in memory or honor of.



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 28, December 5 & 12**. Sid wants to remind everyone you are not allowed to sign for your spouse or children. Everyone needs to sign individually.



JOHN 3:16 CENTER TOY DRIVE & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The John 3:16 Center Annual Toy Drive begins Nov. 1 – Dec. 6, 2021. They are hoping to serve 175 local children at the Littleton location through their Christmas Outreach Program. This year the John 3:16 Center opened a new location in Roanoke Rapids, and are hoping to reach even more children. You can help them by sponsoring a child (ages newborn – 16) with a donation of \$100 or by participating in their Annual Toy Collection Drive at the following drop box locations: Lake Gaston Gazette-Observer, Lake Gaston ACE Hardware Store, Lake Gaston Coffee Company, Lake Gaston Regional Chamber of Commerce, ABC Store-Lake Gaston, RE/MAX on Lake Gaston, W.C. "Billy" Jones Memorial Library and BB&T-Littleton Office, John 3:16 Center in Littleton, John 3:16 Community Resource Center in Roanoke Rapids or our church foyer.

Suggested items to donate for children up 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 and sporting goods.



The youth will meet on **November 28** this month. We will not meet on November 14 due to Homecoming. We will again plan a fellowship event during the month in place of that meeting. Keep an eye out for details to come later. Beginning **November 21** youth will be collecting money for our annual shopping trip to assist the John 3:16 Center in their mission to help serve our community. We will go shopping on **December 5** right after church.



If you haven't been around the back of the church and seen the new picnic shelter you definitely need to check it out! Bobby Johnson DONATED so many hours to build this shelter for us. The money from the playground fund paid for the materials and Bobby supplied the muscles and time! He worked many days in the intense heat but always was happy to be building this for our church. If you see

Bobby, please let him know how much his hard work is appreciated! We also want to thank volunteers from our church: Jimmy Kearney, Sid Shearin, Clyde Johnston, Lee Myrick, Bob Thompson, and Nick Coffman.

We have purchased a teeter totter and another set of swings for the playground. We will be adding rubber mulch and fencing in this area. All of this continues to cost money...and as we found out building the shelter...everything continues to go up in price! Donations will be gladly accepted for helping the playground committee to continue on with the construction of the playground that is in memory of Karen Sineath...a beautiful person who touched all of our hearts in so many ways.

Playground Committee



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

Our Community Thanksgiving Service will be Sunday, **November 21**, at Littleton Baptist Church at 7:00 P.M. The ecumenical service will feature special music and Rev. Little will deliver the message giving thanks to God for his goodness. You will also have the opportunity to donate a food and/or money offering to support the John 3:16 Center Food Pantry.



Do you love children? They need YOU! They are seeking volunteers to help at the John 3:16 Center Littleton location for the Wired for Success Afterschool Program specifically on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:45 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. Also, needed are van drivers for pick up only of children from Vaughan Elementary School on Monday - Thursday from 2:45 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. If you are interested in helping one day or more, please call the John 3:16 Center at 252-586-1800 or talk to Sara Little.

MISSION COMMITTEE

- T - Thankfulness-conscious of ALL our blessings**
- H - Helping others in need, sharing happiness**
- A - Always praying for others and ourselves**
- N - Natural beauty all around us**
- K - Kindness**
- S - Singing praises for God's bounty**
- G - Giving of our abundance**
- I - Infinite love of God we can give to others**
- V - Visiting, calling, writing a note**
- I - Intimate relationship with Jesus Christ**
- N - Nighttime for rest and rejuvenation**
- G - God is always loving, caring, forgiving and giving of mercy and grace**



November is a month where we take time to be thankful. It is a time to thank God for all that we have. It is a time for sharing and caring. It is a time to be positive. Thanksgiving - looking forward and praising God for our many blessings.

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NOVEMBER

<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY SCHEDULE</u>
1 Ann West 2 Priscilla Parks 5 Betty Neville 10 Jim Sineath 11 Mary Virginia Kearney 18 Mary Beth Kearney 20 Harrison West 20 Arlene Merritt 21 Chris Skinner 22 Bentley Iles (10 yrs) 24 Larry West 25 Thad Harris 28 Brenda Hudson 29 Mary Lois Spivey 30 Andrew Crawley	6 Matthew & Sara Council (11 yrs) 7 Sidney & Louise Gibson (56 yrs)	7 Jim Skilton/Lynne Skilton 14 Melinda Harris/Nichole Pitchford 21 Jan Myrick/Sara Council 28 Carol West/Carly West <u>TRASH DETAIL</u> Clyde Johnston