

LITTLETON BAPTIST NEWS

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PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

As we come into March, we think of spring. And after the winter we have had, spring will be very welcome. Two Sundays missed because of snow. Bitter cold. I don't know about the rest of you, but I was a little tired of it. I am ready for warmer weather.

But spring is beautiful not just because of the warm weather. Spring means renewal. Spring means new life. Spring signifies that there is hope that this life while it is fleeting, it will go on. Winter isn't the end. Through the death, new life will rise again.

Unfortunately for us, to get to that new life we must go through death. Sound like anything familiar? "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." Jesus taught us that we must die so that we can live eternally. We have to suffer and pick up our crosses daily.

Christ himself died on the cross so that death could die for good. There is purpose to death. As tragic as the crucifixion was, there was purpose. And it led to something far greater than we could have imagined.

Which leads us into March of this year. For March begins the Lenten Season. For the theme of this year we are going to look at the theme of final words. Specifically, we are going to look at the final words of Jesus from the cross. We are going to spend time studying each of his seven sayings from the cross and their importance.

For to die is gain. And through death, we can have something so much greater. So as we journey with Jesus during his final hours, let us consider what he has to teach us from the cross. What does he have to teach us through his own death experience?

In March, we will be looking at the first four of those final words. "Father forgive them." "Today you will be with me in paradise." "Behold your son...behold your mother." "My God, My God. Why have you forsaken me?"

All such powerful words. As we go through this series, I hope you will see what death truly means. And that even through the tragedy of the cross something greater came: the empty tomb. So let us prepare our hearts during this season. Use Lent as a time of preparation so when we get to Easter, it will mean that much more. We will be able to celebrate, because we went through the winter. We will rejoice because we experienced the death, and we have new life. So let us rejoice. We may be in winter...but spring is coming.

Grace and Peace,

David



March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Our Christian sympathy is extended to

Arlene Merritt in the death of her brother, Thomas Earl Scott



There was definitely some music going on in my house a couple of weekends ago! Bennett has discovered how much fun it is to play the piano and other musical instruments! I made a quick trip to the grocery store and left Jimmy in charge. I came back home and Addie was so excited. She said, "Lolly, while you were gone I put an app on your iPad that will help teach me how to play the piano. I don't know if it cost anything but you don't care, do you?" Of course, I don't care if my grandchildren want to learn about music!

We have several promising young musicians in our church! I want to be sure to let them share these talents in the upcoming months! Nicholas showed us how talented he is with his "Amazing Grace" on Men's Sunday! Thank you, Nicholas! Spring is coming soon and with it the blooming of flowers and of our children and youth!

Laura



The Church is planning a playground work day on **April 9** from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon. We are asking that ALL young strong men and boys please try and be in attendance! We have a tee-totter and a swing set that will need to be put together! As soon as we get these in place we can have mulch delivered and the fence installed. We are also planning on painting the little shed and landscaping around it. We need all hands on deck!



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.

MARCH 6

Father Forgive Them

Luke 23:32-34

First Sunday of Lent/Communion

MARCH 13

Today You Will Be With Me In Paradise

Luke 23:39-43

Second Sunday of Lent

MARCH 20

Behold Your Son...Behold Your Mother

John 19:25-27

Third Sunday of Lent

MARCH 27

My God, My God Why Have You Forsaken Me?

Matthew 27:45-49

Fourth Sunday of Lent



MISSION MOMENTS

Great news!! The Children's Carnival is being planned for Saturday, **May 14**. Please put this important date in your prayers and on your calendar. We need everyone to help. Almost feels like we are starting from scratch. It has been soooooo long since we have enjoyed the smiles and laughter of children at the carnival. All ideas and suggestions are welcomed. Start your collection of new or gently used children's books. This has always been a big hit with the children.

Also put the week of **June 20** on your calendar. Vacation Bible School will be held at our church this year. Pastor David has already picked out the literature. It should be a God filled week sharing His love with the children of our community.

It has been a long time since we have been able to participate in these activities. Please continue to pray for these two important events.



**THE JOHN 3:16 CENTERS
CLEAN-UP DAY
MARCH 26, 2022
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**



All hands on deck to help! It's time for Spring Cleaning at both of our John 3:16 Centers! Join us on Saturday, **March 26** from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM (lunch will be provided). We are in need of assistance in Littleton helping with clean-up/yard work and some maintenance projects. In Roanoke Rapids we need assistance with painting and re-organizing storage space. If you are able to help please call 252-586-1800 or see Sara Little to sign up for a location.



**CHURCH
WORKDAYS**

SAVE THE DATES!

There is always work to be done at our church and we need your help for 'Spring Cleaning' this year. There is a long list of things that need doing but if there is another job that you want done, this could be the time to do it. We will be working Friday, **April 8** and Saturday, **April 9** from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon so please come when you can.

MISSION TRIP TO ROSE HILL



Our church will be helping rebuild homes devastated from Hurricane Florence in Duplin County **March 15 - 19**. Meals and Lodging are provided at the Charity Center, a newly renovated school not far from Rose Hill. Please come, even if you can only help a day or two. Let Sid or Betty Anne Shearin know by **March 6** when you can help so the Charity Center can plan for your meals and lodging.



THE LORD'S SUPPER

On Sunday, **March 6**, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper during worship. Be present for this special time as we remember once again the sacrifice of our Lord made for you and me. Remember as you depart you will be given opportunity to contribute to the Fellowship Fund for local benevolence.



Don't forget to set your clock forward one hour on Sunday, **March 13**, so you will not be late for Worship!



Youth will meet for dinner and Bible study on **March 13** and **27**. We look forward to a great time of fellowship and looking at God's word. We hope our youth can make it.



The Deacons will meet on Sunday, **March 6**, following Morning Worship. Please continue to pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.



Can you believe how fast time flies? March is already here! Daylight Savings Time is March 13. Spring begins on March 20. The weather will get warmer. New growth will be sprouting out soon. Aren't we excited about this?

It is time to start thinking Easter and Easter Lilies for our sanctuary as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. This year Easter is April 17.

If you would like to place an Easter Lily in our sanctuary please let us know. The price is \$15.00 for a single stem wrapped with bow, \$25.00 for double stem wrapped with bow and \$55.00 for triple stem wrapped with bow. Make your check payable to Littleton Baptist Church and label it - Easter Lily. Let us know if your flower is in honor or memory of a loved one. You can give your check or cash to a member of the flower committee, church office or mail it to P.O. Box 216, Littleton, N.C. 27850.

The following is the flower schedule for March:

March 6 - The Lord's Supper
March 13 - Available
March 20 - Available
March 27 - 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.

Our church family is such a blessing! It is so nice to have such wonderful friends and family! Thank you for you! We appreciate the beauty of our sanctuary with all the efforts and donations from our congregation!

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March

<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>GARBAGE DETAIL</u>
2 Carol West 5 Lowell Lee 9 Connor Pitchford (10 yrs) 15 Sara Council 19 Emily Pulliam 20 Ray Holloman 22 Paula Burton 25 John Skinner 25 Brandon Stansbury 27 Destiny Hilton (9 yrs) 28 Beth King 31 Stephanie Iles	26 Kent & Carol West (28 yrs)	Sid Shearin