

LITTLETON BAPTIST NEWS

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IN MEMORY

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*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

November. The time for Thanksgiving. The time for remembering the blessings of the past year. I pray that as this time of the year comes again, we can all find ways to be thankful, even if it is for the extremely small things. God calls us to come to him with grateful hearts, let us be more intentional about coming to God with that grateful heart.

November is also a special time as we prepare for homecoming and 149 years of service here in Littleton. It is hard to think that next year we will be celebrating our 150th anniversary and what a special time that will be.

But this year is a year that God has given to us and is worthy of celebrating. Homecoming this year will be November 13th and our guest preacher will be my old youth minister and good friend Rev. Andy Hale. I know he will bring us a wonderful message.

As we look to the rest of the month in worship, we kick off the month with All Saints Sunday as we remember those who came before us in our journey. Whether it is the famous people from the Bible or the ones who made an impact on us personally. We remember those who walked this road and paved the way for us.

November 20th we will celebrate Christ the King Sunday as we look at what the Kingdom of God looks like and what Jesus taught us about that kingdom. And finally November 27th begins the most wonderful time of the year. That's right the first Sunday of Advent will be November 27th! Through Advent this year we will be looking at lessons we can learn from the stable.

It truly is going to be a wonderful month and I cannot wait to see the blessings that God will bring to us. I also cannot wait to hear how God is blessing each of you in your own lives. So let us come together and celebrate!

Grace and Peace,

David



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 8:30 Exercise 6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	3	4 8:30 Exercise	5
6 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Deacons Mtg 5:00 Carolina Hurricanes Game	7 8:30 Exercise	8	9 8:30 Exercise 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	10	11 8:30 Exercise 	12
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20 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 7:00 Community Thanksgiving Service	21 8:30 Exercise	22	23 No Adult Choir or Prayer & Bible Study	24 	25	26 10:00 Chrismon Tree & Sanctuary Decorating
27 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Youth	28 8:30 Exercise	29	30 8:30 Exercise 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study			



What is one of the first things you think about when you think of Thanksgiving? Well, for me, it's good food! There are a lot of songs with foods in their titles...here are a few:

"Groovy Gravy", "Mashed Potatoes", "All That Meat and No Potatoes", "My Sweet Potato", "Turkey Chase", "Jive Turkey", "Biscuits and Gravy" and of course the never ending song, "American Pie."

Honestly, food might be the second thing I think of when I think of Thanksgiving. The first is remembering all of the blessings in my life. This is the time of year to reflect and say extra thanks to God for all that he has given me.

I have to admit that I also think of something else....time to officially begin listening to Christmas music!!! Bring on the holidays!

Have a blessed Thanksgiving holiday!

Laura



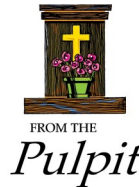
Our Deacons will meet following Morning Worship on Sunday, **November 6th**. Please pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.



It is time to get into the Christmas Spirit! We will be decorating the Chrismon Tree and the Sanctuary on Saturday, **November 26th**, at 10:00 A.M. Join us if you would like to help!



Daylight Savings Time ends **November 6th**. Be sure to set your clocks back on Saturday night so you'll arrive for Sunday services at the correct time!



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 6

They Live In You

Hebrews 12:1-2

All Saints Sunday

NOVEMBER 13

Rev. Andy Hale - Guest Preacher

Homecoming

NOVEMBER 20

The Kingdom Has Come

Mark 1:14-15

Christ the King Sunday

NOVEMBER 27

Lessons From The Stable - A Purpose

Isaiah 53:1-9

First Sunday of Advent

HOMEcoming INVITATION CELEBRATING 149 YEARS

Homecoming this year will mark 149 years of ministry and service to the community of Littleton. This will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 13th**, at 11:00 A.M. We will welcome Rev. Andy Hale as our speaker. Rev. Hale is Pastor David's former youth pastor and has recently returned to North Carolina after serving as senior pastor at University Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He currently serves as the Associate Executive Director of CBFNC. We invite everyone to join us after worship for our Homecoming Meal. There will be no Sunday School on this day.



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 **November 27th, December 4th & 11th**. Sid wants to remind everyone you are not 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 is November 1st – December 6th. They are hoping to serve over 400 children at the Littleton & Roanoke Rapids locations through their Christmas Outreach Program. There are 3 ways you can help this year. First, 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 by dropping off new unwrapped toys at the John 3:16 Center in Littleton.

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 toddler age and teenagers. Some ideas for teenagers are watches, wallets, purses, necklaces, accessories, make up, hats and sporting goods. For babies and toddlers: Learning toys.

Lastly, if you are interested in volunteering, we are in need of help with set-up of the Christmas Shop at Littleton United Methodist Church (LUMC) on **December 8th**. Also, at the LUMC, we are in need of personal shoppers/wrappers on **December 8th and 9th & December 12th thru 14th** to assist parents in picking out gifts for their children. Saturday, **December 17th**, there is a need for Santa's Helpers to assist with their Christmas Party at the Littleton location. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the John 3:16 Center at (252) 586-1800 or talk to Sara Little.



We want to thank everyone for all you do to keep our sanctuary so lovely! If you would like to volunteer to place flowers in church in November, please let us know. All dates for November are available.

Please feel free to contact a member of the Flower Committee by phone or email:

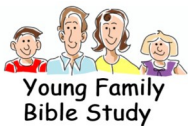
Sandra Lynch - (252) 578-3495, sandralynch337@gmail.com, Kay Beaver - (252) 586-2014, dbeaver10@gmail.com or the church office - office@littletonbaptistchurch.org.

We also want to thank you again for the Christmas Poinsettia Orders. God has blessed our lives by giving us friends like you! Our sanctuary will be beautiful!!



Each year, North Carolina Baptists show their love and support for children by participating in the annual Thanksgiving Offering for Baptist Children's Homes. Without you, and North Carolina Baptists throughout the state, it would be impossible for Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) to offer compassionate homes and ministries where children can come and find a place of hope and peace. Our caring cottage parents and caregivers introduce boys and girls to Jesus who says to them, *"Come to me...I will give you rest."*

Giving to BCH's Annual Offering is not only important in helping to meet the tremendous needs of boys and girls. It's essential! You will find envelopes and more information in the **November 6th** bulletin.



Our young families with small children will meet on **November 2nd** and **16th** this month for Bible study, music and crafts. It's going to be a wonderful month for our children as well!



Youth will be gathering on **November 27th** for dinner and Bible study. We will not be gathering on the **13th** due to Homecoming.

We will be collecting money for the John 3:16 Christmas Toy Drive on Sunday, **November 20th**, **27th** and **December 4th**. We will then go to lunch and shopping on **December 5th**.



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

Our Community Thanksgiving Service will be Sunday, **November 20th**, at Littleton Baptist Church at 7:00 P.M. The ecumenical service will feature special music and Rev. Stan Lewis, Pastor, LUMC, will deliver the message giving thanks to God for his goodness. You will also have the opportunity to donate food and/or a money offering to support the John 3:16 Center Food Pantry.



MISSION MOMENTS THANKFUL

I am so thankful for our Lord and Savior! What a wonderful gift we have each and every day as we rely on God's love, peace and faithfulness. I am thankful for our wonderful church family. You always step up to the plate to provide support, guidance, love and friendship. I am thankful for our children with their shining smiles, happy voices and their joy of living. I am thankful for our pastor as he leads us in our Christian journey. I am thankful for our church leaders that offer support and guidance. I am thankful for all the great cooks we have in our church family. I am **THANKFUL!!**

Another thankful I want to offer, was your outstanding help in the Baptist On Mission backpack project. As I write this for the newsletter, we have filled at least **12** backpacks and counting. Thank you for your support, love and caring.

As we look forward to Thanksgiving Day, find something to be thankful for each day and share it with someone you love.

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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 20 Harrison West 20 Arlene Merritt 21 Chris Skinner 22 Bentley Iles (11 yrs) 24 Larry West 25 Thad Harris 28 Brenda Hudson 29 Mary Lois Spivey 30 Andrew Crawley	6 Matthew & Sara Council (12 yrs)	6 Sara Council/Jan Myrick 13 Sandra Lynch/Melinda Harris 20 Paula Burton/Kay Tripp 27 Lynne Skilton/Jim Skilton
		<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
		Sid Shearin