

LITTLETON BAPTIST NEWS

A Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Congregation

"Our mission is to make Christ known, by providing spiritual nourishment, ministering to physical needs, and sharing the Gospel."

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Welcome everyone to 2023. I can hardly believe that we have already said goodbye to 2022 and hello to 2023. 2022 was a very active year as many of our ministries began to return to normal. Let's start praying now that there will be no rain for our Kids Carnival.

I personally am very excited about 2023 and what our church will be doing. Yes, we will be celebrating our 150th anniversary throughout the year, culminating with Homecoming on November 12th. But there is another reason that I am excited. Back in September I went on a visioning trip so that I could do a lot of praying on my sermon topics for this upcoming year. And throughout that trip God laid on my heart the entire year's worth of sermon topics. I can promise you this year is going to be awesome. There will be lots of special Sundays looking at our church history, plus our Men's Day and this year we will be having a Women's Day too.

From Lent to Advent and everything in between, 2023 is going to be a powerful year for our church and I cannot wait to see what God is going to do and what he will accomplish through Littleton Baptist Church. Let us start praying for that now.

As we look at January and our sermon topics, we will be kicking off the year on January 1st with communion and looking at how we can prepare ourselves for the year. We will follow that by looking at Jesus' baptism.

The third Sunday will be our Men's Day with Paul Langston from NC Baptist Disaster team. He will be bringing a message about the great work his team has and continues to do.

The fourth Sunday we will be looking at Luke's version of the beatitudes and what it means to truly be blessed. We then end the month by asking the question, "Who do we say Jesus is?"

It's going to be a great month and a wonderful year. Here is to 2023 and I pray that you join us on this wonderful ride that God has in store for our church.

Grace and Peace,

David



January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	2 8:30 Exercise	3	4 8:30 Exercise 6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	5	6 8:30 Exercise	7 10:00 Remove Christmas Decorations
8 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Deacons Mtg 5:00 Youth	9 8:30 Exercise	10	11 8:30 Exercise 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Quarterly Business Mtg	12	13 8:30 Exercise	14
15 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Church Council Mtg 6:00 Chili Supper	16 8:30 Exercise	17	18 8:30 Exercise 6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	19	20 8:30 Exercise	21
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It's that time of year to make those New Year resolutions. You know...lose weight, get more sleep, exercise more, and so on! I have never been one to make resolutions. What exactly is a New Year's resolution? I think it's mainly making a "to do" list for the first week of January! If I had to make one resolution mine would simply be to remember to write 2023 instead of 2022! What about you?

I want to thank the Adult Choir for all of their hard work preparing for the Christmas cantata and doing such a remarkable job! I also want to thank the Junior Singers for sharing their beautiful voices with us during the cantata.

There is one resolution that you can make....to join our choir! Believe it or not it will be time to begin rehearsals for the Easter Cantata when we begin practice on January 4th!

I hope that 2023 brings you joy in all that you do!

Happy New Year!

Laura



On Sunday, **January 1st**, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. At the conclusion of worship, you will be given the opportunity to contribute to our church's Fellowship Fund for local benevolent needs.

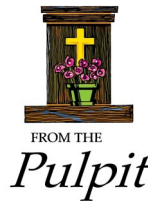


Deacon Meeting

Deacons will meet on Sunday, **January 8th**, following Morning Worship. Please continue to pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.



Church Council will meet following Morning Worship on Sunday, **January 15th**. Members of the committee are: Clyde Johnston, Jimmy Kearney, Laura Kearney, Betty Anne Shearin, Melinda Harris, Sid Shearin & Mike Crawley.



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.**

JANUARY 1

Day 1

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Communion

JANUARY 8

Washed By The Water

Matthew 3:13-17

JANUARY 15

Men's Day

Paul Langston

JANUARY 22

#blessed

Luke 6:17-26

JANUARY 29

Who Do You Say He Is?

Mark 8:27-30



Youth will be meeting on Sunday, **January 8th** and **January 22nd** at 5:00 P.M. for Bible study and dinner. It's going to be a great 2023 for our youth group. I encourage all of our church family to pray for our young people.



I personally am very excited about 2023 and what our church will be doing. Yes, we will be celebrating.

The Flower Committee wants to thank you for the beautiful poinsettias, helping to decorate the church, and you making our worship services even more special! God has been so generous to us. He gave us his most precious gift, his son! He also spoiled us with fantastic pastors, family, and friends! He has given us a glorious new year, 2023 for us to enjoy! We get to be together to worship!

The flower list has been placed on the bulletin board. If there is a certain Sunday you want to place flowers in the sanctuary, feel free to select that Sunday while it is available. You also can contact a member of the Flower Committee by phone or email:

Sandra Lynch, Chairperson - (252) 578-3495 or sandralynch337@gmail.com,
Kay Beaver - (252) 586-2014 or dbeaver10@gmail.com.

You can contact the church office by email: office@littletonbaptistchurch.org.

The following is the flower schedule for January:

January 1 - The Lord's Supper
January 8 - Available
January 15 - Available
January 22 - Available
January 29 - Available

Thank you again for being so faithful in helping the sanctuary beautiful with your presence and wonderful flower arrangements! May God bless us all with a wonderful New Year!



Dear LBC Family,

Thank you so much for our generous Christmas gifts. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful congregation. Each one of you mean so much to the both of us. We appreciate every single one of you and the hearts that you have to share Christ's love. We look forward to serving alongside of you in the coming year and seeing what adventures await in 2023.

Grace & Peace,
David & Sara



We have such a thoughtful and loving church family and we feel so blessed to be part of it. Thank you so much for the financial gifts presented to us for Christmas. Thank you also for offering such wonderful support with the many words of encouragement you share with us all through the year.

Many thanks!

Kay, Laura, Mike & Nick



Our Young Family Bible Study will be meeting on Wednesday, January 4th and Wednesday, January 18th at 6:00 P.M. for those families with young children.



On Sundays in which inclement weather renders it unsafe to conduct Worship Services, our deacons will contact you if our services will go full virtual.



On Saturday, January 7th, at 10:00 AM we will be meeting to put away the Christmas decorations. But as we put them away let us hold onto the spirit of Christmas. Christmas may be over, but Jesus' light remains with us. The meaning of Christmas, God with us reigns true. So as we go back to the "ordinary beautiful" let us worship our King Jesus.



To warm our hearts and insides during the cold weeks of January we will be having our Annual Chili Supper on Sunday, January 15th, at 6:00 P.M. We are requesting that the Great LBC Chili Chefs contact Betty Anne Shearin if you are available to make chili. Others may bring sides, bread, condiments, or desserts.



HOMECOMING

Littleton Baptist Church celebrates its 150th Anniversary in 2023. There are events scheduled all year climaxing at our Homecoming, November 12, 2023. There will be a tree planting, church display in the town library, and history articles in the newsletter.

YOU CAN HELP TOO! Look for your old church photos and other church memorabilia that can be displayed. Also, if you know of any past members that would like to come be sure to invite them. You can also give their addresses to our church secretary and special invitations will be sent to them. Former pastor Mike Currin will be our homecoming speaker as we reminisce the past but look toward the future.



HISTORY OF DISASTER RECOVERY AT LBC

North Carolina Baptist started organizing disaster recovery ministry in the 1970s by what was once called the Baptist Brotherhood Department which later became the NC Baptist Men (recently changed to "Baptists on Mission"). After a disaster like a tornado or hurricane strikes an area, recovery personnel would go and assist people who needed Christ's love by cooking meals, putting tarps on houses, cleaning flooded homes... There is also a rebuild program to help victims rebuild their homes.

Littleton Baptist Church started participating in disaster recovery after Hurricane Floyd struck NC. A group from our church worked with Bear Swamp Baptist Church clearing downed trees at Princeville. Since then some of our members have been trained for disaster recovery and go help individually or with other groups. Our youth travelled to Rodanthe, NC for a few days to help with rebuilding projects after Hurricane Irene. Our church has sent groups several times to Lumberton, NC in response to Hurricanes Mathew and Florence. The farthest trip was when two members travelled to Texas in response to Hurricane Harvey.

Our church has also responded locally with home repairs, access ramp construction and workdays at the John 3:16 Center.

Special offerings have been given to support specific disaster responses and presently Littleton Baptist Church annually takes up an offering that supports NC Baptists on Mission. Many times on our Baptist Men's Day the guest speakers have people that have played a prominent role in NC Baptist on Mission. This year our guest speaker is Paul Langston who coordinates NC Baptists on Mission's rebuild program.

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>
16 Bryant Pitchford 17 Daniel West 20 Brenda Holloman 24 Mike Conner 25 Jack Mathieson 26 Betty Ann Shearin 28 Sandra Felts	No Anniversaries	1 Jan Myrick/Sara Council 8 Melinda Harris/Sandra Lynch 15 Paula Burton/Kay Tripp 22 Lynne Skilton/Jim Skilton 29 Amanda Coffman/Bob Thompson <u>GARBAGE DETAIL</u> Lee Myrick