

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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PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

February is going to be a very exciting month in the life of Littleton Baptist Church. I know that it seems like I say that a lot, and sometimes it loses its meaning. But as we enter into the second month of 2023, God is really doing some powerful things and I am excited to see what he is going to do.

February is known as the month of love. And I hope that each member knows how much Sara and I love each and every one of you here at this church. You have impacted our lives more than you could imagine, and we are incredibly thankful that God has called us here to walk alongside your ministry. I felt that was important to say during this month of love, and I pray that you acknowledge and let the people in your life know how much you love them.

February is also special in the Baptist world. February is Baptist Women in Ministry Month of Preaching. It is where churches are encouraged to have women preach. It is wonderful that we as Littleton Baptist Church stand alongside women in ministry and celebrate that God is using them in his great ministry. On February 5th we will be blessed to have our Women's Sunday in coordination with BWIM Month of Preaching where Dr. Jennifer Bashaw from Campbell University will be our guest preacher. We look forward to the message that she will bring.

February 12th will be our annual Share His Love Sunday. This month we will be looking at what love really means and how there is no greater love than the love of God. After the service we will have our annual soup and sandwich lunch. Join us for this wonderful time of worship and fellowship.

February 19th we will look at the transfiguration of Jesus and what that meant for his ministry and what it meant in terms of his glory and upcoming suffering. February 26th is the first Sunday of Lent. This Lent we will be doing a series looking at how we sometimes wander. We kick off the series by looking at the Israelites time of wandering in the desert.

In addition to these wonderful times of Sunday worship, on the 22nd, instead of normal Bible Study at 7:00 PM, we will be having an Ash Wednesday service. Ash Wednesday is the official start of Lent, and we invite anyone who wishes to join us for this special service.

I cannot wait to see what God will do this month. I look forward to continuing to serve alongside this wonderful church as we continue to serve our great and loving God.

Grace and Peace,

David



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>2</i> 7:00 Mission Committee Mtg	<i>3</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>4</i>
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Women have always loved to sing! In the Old Testament, Miriam, Moses's sister, sang to celebrate God's deliverance from the Israelites. Deborah, sang after God gave the Israelites victory over the Canaanites. In the New Testament, Mary sang at the time the angel spoke to her of Christ's upcoming birth.

Music continues to play an important part in our worship service. On February 5th the women in our church will be leading our service! I would like to invite you to sing in the "All Women's Choir!" We will be singing a familiar hymn. This will give you the opportunity not only to sing but to see who is in church from the wonderful choir seats! We will meet at 10:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Let's show the men that the ladies of the church can sing, too!

Laura



Our Young Family Bible Study will be held on **February 1st** and **15th** at 6:00 PM. This is a wonderful time for children

and young families to gather together to study God's word.



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. Remember Pastor Little will give his sermon over Facebook Live that morning!



Deacons will meet on Sunday, **February 19th**, following Morning Worship. Please continue to pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.



FROM THE
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.

FEBRUARY 5

Dr. Jennifer Bashaw

Women's Sunday

FEBRUARY 12

No Greater Love

1 Corinthians 13

Share His Love Sunday

FEBRUARY 19

Glory and Suffering

Mark 9:2 - 10

Transfiguration Sunday

FEBRUARY 26

Wondering in the Desert Wilderness

Numbers 14:26 - 35

First Sunday of Lent



Ash Wednesday

Join us Wednesday, **February 22nd** at 7:00 PM for our special Ash Wednesday Service. This will take the place of our normal Prayer & Bible Study. Join us as we begin Lent and have a time of reflection of what this season really

means. At the conclusion of the service we will have a time of placing ashes on our foreheads. This is a great way to remind ourselves of why we celebrate Lent and what this season means for us personally.



For many years now, more than I can recall, Littleton Baptist Church has designated the Sunday closest to Valentine's Day as "Share His Love Sunday." The day's focus is a worship theme centered around love: love for God, love for family, love for church, and a Christ like love for all people. The service is followed with wonderful soup, sandwiches, desserts, and a special time to fellowship around the table with our beloved church family.

While many churches do banquets for married couples which is a good thing, LBC has chosen the "Share His Love" theme as a churchwide event. Everyone included. This time encourages all to look for opportunities to demonstrate just how great is our Lord and His love in specific tangible ways. Each year on this Sunday and the days which follow, everyone is encouraged to consider those who might need special expressions of love. Then prayerfully find ways to reach out with cards, calls, visits, and other creative ways to demonstrate God's love. Amid all that happens in this season of love for others when flowers and candy and cards are so prevalent, Christ's love being shared is and should be first and foremost to those who need it most. The recipients are the beneficiary, but so are those who obediently Share His Love. Everyone is blessed.

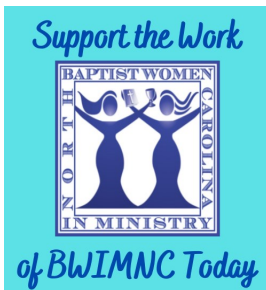
I am thankful for all these many years, and not just on this special Sunday, Littleton Baptist Church has focused on sharing the love of Christ and loving others in His name. I am certain this will continue to be her hallmark into the future. Consider once again how you can share Christ's love to those around you.

My Love to all,

Mike Curvin



At our January Quarterly Business Meeting, there was some great discussion about the draft of the new Constitution and Bylaws. We are continuing to seek church input with your questions and comments. As you review the Constitution, we encourage you to contact any member of the committee with your questions or concerns. We will be officially voting on it at our April Quarterly Business Meeting.



February is Baptist Women in Ministry Month of Preaching. Churches are encouraged to have women preach. We will have our Women's Sunday on **February 5th**. We will be blessed to have Dr. Jennifer Bashaw from Campbell University bring our message and have our women leading worship. Women are a vital part of our ministry here at LBC and we look forward to celebrating God's use of women in his ministry. We will also be taking an offering this month for Baptist Women In Ministry .



Baptist Women in Ministry of North Carolina is an organization that began in 1983 when a group of women and men met at College Park Baptist Church in Greensboro to consider forming a support system for North Carolina women who felt a call to ministry. The 25 women and men present voted unanimously to establish a task force to work toward a formal organization and, one year later, a statement of purpose was adopted, and Baptist Women in Ministry of North Carolina was born. We were then and are now committed to working for the day when both women and men have the opportunity to follow God's call to ministry.

The purpose of BWIM NC is to provide a network of support, fellowship, worship, advocacy, and education for Baptist women and men who are seeking to honor God's call in Christ to women in all areas of mission and ministry, lay or ordained; and to dialogue and share information with North Carolina Baptists concerning women in missions and ministry for the purpose of increasing understanding and awareness of our calling as women and men in Christ. We seek to achieve this purpose by: Connecting, Affirming, Discerning, Supporting, Networking, and Empowering.



On Sunday, **February 12th**, the youth will meet at 6:00 PM for the annual Super Bowl Bash as we enjoy good food, good fellowship, some Super Bowl related games (with prizes), and of course (hopefully) a good football game. We hope you can join us for this fun time. On Sunday, **February 26th**, youth will meet at 5:00 P.M. for dinner and Bible Study.



MISSION MOMENTS

Happy Valentine's Day! Share your love with someone special and someone that needs a smile, hug or pat on the back. As Christians, we need to let the world see our love for others in action. Keep positive and keep sharing His love.

The Children's Carnival is set for **May 20th**. Please pray for your committee as we begin planning for a fun filled day for the children in our community. It has been a loooooong time since we have been able to have the carnival due to weather and Covid-19. As our church celebrates 150 years of being a light in this community, we need to bring laughter and fun to all that come. We have had many awesome carnivals since 2008. The John 3:16 Center has always supported and provided a special place for us to hold the carnival. The people of our church have more than supported this event. Your time, talents, ideas and strength have produced year after year of fun and fellowship as we share the love of God. Thank you for your support, prayers and caring. Again this year we need children's books, soft drinks and willing hands. Pray for beautiful weather and overflowing love.

Happy Valentine's Day!



On Sunday, **February 12th**, "Share His Love Sunday" will focus on demonstrating our Christian love. The worship will be followed by a "Soup and Sandwich Luncheon" served with love by our Hospitality Committee. If you would like to help with the luncheon please contact Betty Anne Shearin. This annual event is always an enjoyable time for all. Consider ways you can share your love with someone - a visit, a card, a gift, or time spent with someone you'd not ordinarily spend time with in the course of your week. We hope you enjoy this love offering from Littleton Baptist Church, and then you go and spread God's love. "Let all that you do be done in love." - 1 Corinthians 16:14



The Flower Committee wants to thank you for being so generous. We have a wonderful congregation! The flowers add to the beauty.

The new flower list has been placed on the bulletin board. All Sundays are available for February. 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.

When you place flowers in the sanctuary please contact the church office by written note or email, office@littletonbaptistchurch.org to let us know how you want it placed in the bulletin.

Thank you again for all your hard work and contributions! We are so blessed!

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>
<p>1 Larry Clifton 1 Bob Thompson 10 Al Spraker 11 Don Beaver 20 Jaxon Iles (3 yrs) 24 Sydney Merritt (10 yrs) 27 Roman Martinez</p>	<p>14 Charles & Priscilla Parks (63 yrs) 17 Julian & Indie Parks (72 yrs)</p>	<p>5 Jan Myrick/Sara Council 12 Melinda Harris/Sandra Lynch 19 Amanda Coffman/Bob Thompson 26 Lynn Skilton/Jim Skilton</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>GARBAGE DETAIL</u></p> <p>Roman Martinez</p>