

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."

Rev. Michael O. Currin, Pastor



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IN MEMORY

Mrs. Mary Jane Jenkins

Mrs. Carol Clark

*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

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him. Psalm 34:8

Recent months have proven to be both busy and meaningful days for Littleton Baptist Church. As we "taste and see" God's call becomes clear as we keep our eyes attentive to His ongoing purposes.

March 7 - 13, Clyde Johnston, Ann and I will travel and provide guidance to the Chowan University International Mission Trip in Ahuachapán, El Salvador. A total of 23 people (14 students), will be making the trip and will do construction, food distribution, and assist a local church with after-school care for community children. We covet your prayers as these students, many of which have never flown or left the U.S., will be making the trip and watching to see the hand of God

at work.

Beginning Wednesday March 5, our church kicks off the annual Community Lenten Services at Noon. This series of "Lunch and Devotions" continues to grow in favor with our community. It serves as a good vehicle for people of many congregations to worship together and model what Christ intends His church to be about. If you've never been, bring a bag lunch and join us. Beverage and desserts are provided. (See full schedule in this newsletter)

The final two Sundays of our Winter Bible Study on First Corinthians that began in February will be March 23 and 30. The first two have been well attended and the discussions have been fruitful. If you've not joined in the study, it's not too late.

Add to all this: 1) food distribution on March 28, 2)

youth gatherings, 3) a leadership dinner, 4) planning for our May 3 Kids Carnival, 5) and planning Summer Vacation Bible School in June. We will remain a busy people. God is good and is blessing us with plentiful opportunities to serve. I encourage you to engage in those things you are led as we seek to fulfill our mission for Christ in Littleton and beyond.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness in these important callings from our Lord and for your continued prayers for our church and her ministries! As we serve Him, we are spiritually fed by Him. Again I say: *Taste and See that the Lord is good!*

Blessings,

Mike



March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Food Box 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 5:30 Youth 7:00 Deacons Mtg.	3 8:30 Exercise	4	5 8:30 Exercise 12:00 Lenten Lunch 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	6	7 8:30 Exercise Disaster Relief Training	8 7:00 Christian Men at Work Disaster Relief Training
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Our Christian sympathy is extended to:

Jan Miller in the death of her brother-in-law, Jim Rankin
Louise Gibson in the death of her brother-in-law, James Twisdale



I am sitting here writing this waiting for another round of winter weather! I am going to have to talk to Greg Fishel about bad weather on Wednesdays....does he not know that Wednesday is choir practice night?

The choir is busy at work learning the Easter Cantata! It is hard to believe it is right around the corner....but I am definitely ready for the spring weather!

The Junior Singers will be bringing the music message during our Sunday morning service on March 30th!

Laura

DEACONS MEETING



Our Deacons will meet at 7:00 P.M. on Sunday evening, **March 2**, in the Annex.



Time to
Spring Ahead

March 9

Don't forget to set your clock forward one hour on this Sunday so as not to be late for Sunday School!



THE LORD'S SUPPER

On Sunday, **March 2**, 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 for you and me. Remember as you depart you will be given opportunity to contribute to the Fellowship Fund for local benevolence.



Winter
Bible Study

Join us Sunday, **March 23 and 30**, as we continue our study of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. This study will be held from 3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. Refreshments and good Christian Fellowship and discussion are very much a part of this



BAPTIST MEN'S DAY MARCH 9

Our men & boys will provide leadership in our 11:00 A.M. worship service as they share their faith, stories and direct this special service of worship.



The 2014 Cooperative Baptist Fellowship North Carolina will be gathering at the First Baptist Church of Greensboro, **March 28 - 29**. This Friday/Saturday format is open to all. If you are interested in attending contact the pastor.

LITTLETON AREA CHRISTIANS TOGETHER SERVING (LACTS)

Thank you so much for your help feeding the hungry in our community. Your help makes a big difference. The next distribution will be Friday, **March 28**. Any and all are welcome to come help us from 9:30 A.M. - 12:00 Noon.



DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING

If you would like to share Christ's love with others during times of disasters, the NC Baptist Men will be having a training session **March 7 & 8** in Franklin County. There are many needs during a disaster that your help is needed for no matter what your talent may be. Go to the website (www.baptistmission.org) or see Sid and Betty Anne Shearin. They are planning to attend the training and would love to have you join them.



The following is the flower schedule for the month of March 2014.

March 2	Lord's Supper
March 9	Mary & Earl Spivey
March 16	Jan Miller
March 23	Melanie Hilliard
March 30	Frances Walker

Flowers are needed on **March 30**. If you would like to place flowers on this date, please contact Priscilla Parks, Josie Myrick or Sandra Lynch. If you will not be able to place flowers in church on the date you signed up for please contact Priscilla at priscillaparks@embarqmail.com.



Christian Men at Work

Christian Men at Work will meet for a fellowship breakfast and worship on Saturday, **March 8** at 7:00 A.M. at Lake Gaston Baptist Church. All men and boys are invited to attend.

MISSION COMMITTEE

Mission Committee will meet on Thursday, **March 20** at 7:00 P.M. in the church annex.



SPRING MISSIONS INITIATIVE

May 3 is the big day for our annual Mission Initiative. Please be in prayer for this "**BIG EVENT**" and volunteers who will assist us with a Children's Free Carnival and Health Screenings at the John 3:16 Center! We need books for this event! Again this year we are collecting new and/or gently used books for Kindergarten through 5th grade reading levels for use with our goodie bags given to each child in attendance. If you have extra books you'd like to donate or know of a source for such books please let them or us know as we need many books to supply this important need.

2014 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The dates for this year's VBS will be **June 16 - 20** from 9:00 A.M. - 12:15 P.M. It will be held at Littleton UMC and Littleton Baptist. It will be hosted by our church. The next planning meeting is Wednesday, **March 19** at 1:15 P.M. LUMC fellowship hall. Volunteers are needed to teach, assist, crafts, recreation and many other assorted roles. See the pastor to volunteer. Be sure to put these dates on your summer calendar!



Deacon Fellowship Dinner

Our deacons are hosting an evening of fellowship for all current and past deacons, church staff and Sunday School teachers along with their spouses on Saturday, **March 22** at the church. This "dutch treat" catered dinner is at 6:00 PM. Contact Greg Fussell to make a reservation.

Community Lenten Lunch and Devotion Series

Each Wednesday
March 5 – April 9
12:00 - 1:00 P.M.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location*</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
March 5	Littleton Baptist Church	Rev. Beverly Huck St. Alban's Episcopal Church
March 12	Weaver's Chapel United Methodist Church	Rev. Kevin Brunk Littleton Presbyterian Church
March 19	Littleton United Methodist Church Littleton Presbyterian Church (host)	Rev. Timothy Edwards Roanoke Chapel Baptist Church
March 26	St Alban's Episcopal Church	Rev. Rusty Campbell Lakeside Lutheran Church
April 2	Littleton United Methodist Church	Rev. Mike Currin Littleton Baptist Church
April 9	South Street Baptist Church	Rev. Arthur Warren Littleton United Methodist Church

** Host church will provide music for each luncheon!*

These community lunches are for everyone. They begin on each date at Noon and conclude at 1:00 P.M. Arrive when you can, leave when you must. Each person should bring a bag type lunch. Dessert and beverage will be provided by the host church. The devotion will begin by 12:30 P.M.

*Come as you are and invite someone to join you for
a time of community fellowship and devotion!*

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
2 Carol West 8 Frances Harris 15 Sara Council 19 Emily Kearney 20 Ray Holloman 22 Paula Burton 25 John Skinner 25 Brandon Stansbury 28 Beth King 31 Stephanie Iles	19 Jack & Ann Mathieson (55 yrs) 26 Kent & Carol West (20 yrs)	2 Brenda Hudson/Eric Hockaday 9 Carol West/Carly West 16 Sandra Lynch/Jan Miller 23 Brenda Hudson/Louise Gibson 30 Sarah Iles/Betty Blanton
	<u>YOUTH MEALS</u>	<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
	2 Sheryl West 9 Betty Anne Shearin 16 No Meeting 23 Nora Labrecque 30 Ryan Hockaday	Sid Shearin