

# 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

August is a special month in the church year. Our kids are starting school. We are beginning to look at the new leadership of the church. Our Prayer & Bible Study time returns after taking July off. There is so much going on.

I want to take this time to encourage you to pray where you can serve this year. This year we will be allowing non-members to serve on select committees. So even if you are not an official member, pray on how you can serve this community of believers.

I also want to encourage everyone to attend our Wednesday night Prayer & Bible Study. This is a wonderful time where we gather to discuss God's word. We typically spend our time going a little deeper into the topic that was preached on Sunday mornings. However, there are other times where we talk about questions that people have. So if you haven't joined us in awhile or even have never joined us, this is the perfect time to do so. It truly is a great time of spiritual growth for all people.

Worship will be a special time this month. We kick off the month by looking at the dangers our words can have on others. Sometimes we speak without thinking, and there are many scriptures that warn us against this. So we will be looking at how words can actually hurt.

The second Sunday we will be looking at Jesus at age 12 and how he grew in stature and wisdom. We will follow this up the following Sunday with Children and Youth Sunday where our youth and children will lead the service and we will hear from members who grew up in the church.

We end August with a leadership sermon from an unlikely source. Many people are unaware there is a 13<sup>th</sup> disciple. Who is he? What can he teach us about leadership? Join us as we look at what it means to be a leader.

Allow this month to be a new time. Try out something new. Join us for Prayer & Bible Study. Pray about what committee God is leading you to be a part of. This could truly be the start of something new. You don't want to miss it!

Grace and peace,

*David*



# AUGUST 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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I have been retired for 10 years! The summers still fly by as fast as they did when I was teaching!

August is the time of a new year! It used to be the time for a new school year....now it is the time for a new Choir year! The company I have bought our choir music from for the past 18 years went out of business in 2020 because of choirs not being able to sing. Thankfully, they have reopened and I am looking forward to purchasing new music! Now would be the perfect time to come join us! We will be starting rehearsals back up on **August 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 6:15 P.M! There is always a seat for YOU!



*Laura*



Our Thousand Trails Services continue each Sunday through Labor Day weekend at 8:30 A.M. Please pray for this ministry and find a way in which you can be involved. Speak, sing, promote, pray! All are important. For more information contact Mike Crawley.

**Deacons Meeting**



Our Deacons will meet on Sunday, **August 20<sup>th</sup>**, following Morning Worship. Please 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. 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.

**AUGUST 6**

Words Hurt

Ephesians 4:29-32

**AUGUST 13**

Lessons From An Almost Teenager

Luke 2:41-52

**AUGUST 20**

Children & Youth Sunday

Matthew 19:13-14

**AUGUST 27**

The Forgotten Disciple

Acts 1:12-26



Youth will meet on **August 20<sup>th</sup>** at 5:00 P.M. for dinner out as we kick off the new school year. We also invite our youth to join the church for the ice cream social on **August 13<sup>th</sup>**!



Ice Cream Social

Our third Summer Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Sunday, **August 13<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend with a hungry appetite, and if you can, please bring a freezer of homemade ice cream or snacks to complement the ice cream. Hope you will join us and bring a friend to share the wonderful Christian fellowship we will enjoy together!



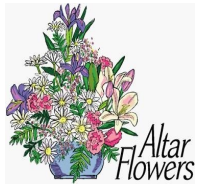
## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee begins their work on the 2023 - 2024 Officers and Teachers this month. They will be meeting on Sunday, **August 13<sup>th</sup>**, following Morning Worship. You are asked to prayerfully consider your places of service and seek to discern God's way as you are contacted. If you have a particular interest or area of giftedness, contact a member of the committee and make them aware of that interest. Members of the committee include: Paula Burton, Chairperson; Mary Spivey, Mike Blanton, Matthew Council, Earl Spivey & Nichole Pitchford Ex-officio members include Clyde Johnston, Mission Committee Chairperson & Mike Crawley, Sunday School Director.



## DEACON NOMINATIONS

On Sunday, **August 6<sup>th</sup>**, we will be distributing the Resident Membership list so you can begin to prayerfully consider your deacon nominations for the coming year. On Sunday, **August 20<sup>th</sup>**, the church will vote by secret ballot to nominate three (3) individuals. The two (2) qualified individuals, as determined by the deacons, who are willing to serve, will be presented to the church as part of the Nominating Committee's slate of Officers and Committees report.



God has blessed us so much. We have beautiful flowers blooming, gorgeous sunny days, wonderful family and friends! We get to worship together in church. He could live anywhere, but he chooses to live in our hearts!

If you would like to volunteer to place flowers in church in August, please let us know. All dates for August are available.

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.

Thanks for all you do! Enjoy every moment God has given us. Don't ever take life for granted!



Church Council will meet following Morning Worship on Sunday, **August 6<sup>th</sup>**. Members of the committee are: Clyde Johnston, Jimmy Kearney, Laura Kearney, Betty Anne Shearin, Melinda Harris, Sid Shearin & Mike Crawley.

We're  
Having a  
Picnic



**Our church picnic is Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Sid and Betty Anne Shearin's restored farm on Bowers Road. If you have family or friends spending the holiday weekend with you, please bring them to the picnic also. There will be games like corn hole, ping pong, badminton, etc. and the Lego and bubble tables for children. You can fish in the ponds and/or walk the trail. The dinner bell will ring about 5:30 P.M. but come earlier so you can enjoy all the festivities! Master Chef David Tripp will have his grilling machine to cook the hot dogs and**

**hamburgers. Bring your lawn chairs and join us for a great time of Christian Fellowship and food! It is a great way to end the summer season. Hope to see you there!!!**

**\*\*Go south on Mosby Avenue and turn left at the Person's Ordinary Historic Marker. (It is Warren Road but the street sign is gone). Take the second right which is Bowers Road. Go approximately 6 miles. Their home is on the right, across the road from the intersection of Warren's Pond Road. Please call Sid or Betty Anne at 586-4607 if you need more information.**



## Children & Youth Ministry

Children and Youth have always been a vital part of the ministry at Littleton Baptist Church. During Children & Youth Sunday you will be hearing from different people who grew up at Littleton Baptist Church. You will hear about their experiences, things they did, and how this church impacted who they are today.

So instead of spoiling what you will be hearing from them, I thought I would give a recent history on what the Children and Youth have been up to in the past few years.

In the past few years, the children have begun a new ministry on Wednesday nights. The first and third Wednesday nights of the month are for the whole family where we have a Bible story, crafts, and music. It is a wonderful time for the children get to grow in their faith. The children have also been participating in worship through song as well.

You cannot mention Children's ministry without Vacation Bible School. During VBS, LBC partners with Littleton United Methodist Church and Lakeside Lutheran Church. We rotate who hosts the event. But no matter who hosts it, the children have a wonderful time growing in their faith, singing, crafts, games, and so much more!

Our youth group on the other hand has been very busy. They meet on the second and fourth Sunday nights at the parsonage where we have a Bible Study and dinner. They truly do have wonderful fellowship and growing opportunities during this time.

Throughout the rest of the year, they participate in various mission projects from Valentines Day gifts to our shut-ins, helping with the Appalachian Bookbag, and Christmas Shopping for the John 3:16 Center. They also go on various fellowship outings from amusement parks, putt-putt, dinners out, and of course time spent on the lake.

The Children and Youth ministries are thriving here at LBC and I cannot wait to see what the future holds. For they are the future, so let the little ones come! They will not be disappointed.



On **August 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>**, we will be assisting the John 3:16 Community Resource Center in Roanoke Rapids with their Community Partner Saturday Sale. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our church to help the John 3:16 Center as they assist the community. We are asking for volunteers to help set up on Friday afternoon and then to work the sale on Saturday morning. If you are able to help, please see Melinda or Pastor David.



The John 3:16 Center is readying our community's kids for a new school year. They need school supplies. Donation boxes will be set up in area businesses and we will also have a box at church. We will be collecting the supplies beginning on **August 6<sup>th</sup>** and ending on **August 20<sup>th</sup>**. The supplies will be distributed to schools in Warren, Halifax and Northampton Counties.

Suggested items to donate are:

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| 1 inch, 1.5 inch & 2 inch 3 ring binders | Colored Pencils                                | Erasers              |
| 5 tab & 8 tab dividers                   | Crayons  | Pencil Bag           |
| 2 pocket portfolio folders (plastic)     | Pencil sharpeners                              | 2 gallon Ziploc bags |
| 3 prong portfolio folders (plastic)      | Clorox wipes                                   | Tissues              |
| Wide ruled paper                         | Highlighters                                   | Whiteboard erasers   |
| Graphing paper                           | Markers  | Academic Planners    |
| Spiral notebooks                         | Expo/dry erase markers                         | 4 gb USB drives      |
| Composition books                        | Scissors                                       | Hand Sanitizer       |
| Index cards                              | Glue Sticks                                    |                      |
| Post It notes                            | Bookbags (regular & clear/no wheels)           |                      |
| Blue, black, and red ink pens            | Texas Instruments TI 30X Scientific Calculator |                      |
| Pencils                                  | Headphones/ear buds                            |                      |

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<b><u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u></b>	<b><u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u></b>	<b><u>NURSERY</u></b>
4 Eleanor Conner (12 yrs) 6 Jordan Kearney 9 Melinda Harris 9 Elin Conner (10 yrs) 11 Madison (Madi) Crawley 11 Kay Tripp 16 Addison Phillis (8 yrs) 17 Lily Askew (8 yrs) 20 Daniel Iles 20 Tom Tremper 21 Virginia Tant 25 Beverly Fussell	No Anniversaries	6 Sara Council/Jan Myrick 13 Melinda Harris/Sandra Lynch 20 Amanda Coffman/Bob Thompson 27 Lynn Skilton/Jim Skilton  <b><u>TRASH DETAIL</u></b>  Sid Shearin