

# 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

September 30<sup>th</sup> will mark a special day in the life of Littleton Baptist Church. Can you guess what happened on that day? It was September 30, 2018. It was the day that I came to Littleton Baptist Church to preach my trial sermon and you all voted me as your next senior pastor. If you were to ask Kay, she would say, “Boy did ya’ll make a mistake!”

All kidding and joking aside, these past five years have flown by, and all for good reasons. It truly has been a wonderful experience growing as a minister over these past five years. I could not think of a better congregation than this for me to have my first stint as a senior pastor. I love each and every one of you so much, and I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to learn and grow.

I pray that these past five years have been a time of growth for each of you. I pray that you have grown closer in your relationship with God. I pray that you have continued your personal faith journey. So let’s strap in for the future and see where God will lead us. Through continued Bible studies and mission opportunities, I cannot wait to see what God will do with us together in the future. Let us allow him to lead us.

As we look at worship for the coming months, it is going to be an exciting time. The first Sunday of the month we will celebrate Holy Communion as we look at how Jesus knocks on our door. The following Sunday we will look at Jesus being our shepherd and leading us into the future.

On the third Sunday of the month, we will look at a person’s heart. Sometimes the looks of a person determine how we judge them, but instead we should see where their heart truly lies. We will then conclude the month by looking at the tragedy of Cain and Abel and what their story means to us.

Again, I thank you for these past five years. They truly have been wonderful. Let us celebrate what God has done and will continue in the future.

Grace and Peace,

*David*



# September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 8:00 Exercise	2
3 8:30 Outdr Wrld 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship  5:30 Church Picnic	4 8:00 Exercise	5	6 8:00 Exercise  6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	7	8 8:00 Exercise	9
10 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Deacons Mtg  5:00 Youth	11 8:00 Exercise	12	13 8:00 Exercise  6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	14	15 8:00 Exercise	16
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24 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship  5:00 Youth	25 8:00 Exercise	26	27 8:00 Exercise  6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	28	29 8:00 Exercise	30



It always makes me happy when I can start my newsletter article with the words....I want to welcome our newest choir member! Kaye Herman has joined our Adult Choir. I am so glad she is sharing her talent with us!

I do want to share a little "funny." The last Sunday in July we had Christmas in July. Before singing the last hymn Pastor David told the congregation that he had asked me to play Joy to the World with gusto. Sweet Claire was listening very carefully to what he was saying. She leaned over to her Mom, Sara, and asked her, "Who is Gusto?" I guess she thought I had a friend named Gusto helping me out! If there is a Gusto on the organ bench with me on Sunday mornings....he is the one that makes the mistakes!

Enjoy the music in your life!

*Laura*



Young Family Bible Study

Young Family Bible Study will meet Wednesday, **September 6<sup>th</sup>** and **20<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 P.M. It's going to be wonderful to see

the children again as they learn and grow in their faith. I look forward to this ministry coming back and growing!



Our Deacon's will meet on Sunday, **September 10<sup>th</sup>**, following Morning Worship. Please pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.



The final session of our summer mission Sunday School at Outdoor World is Sunday, **September 3<sup>rd</sup>**, at 8:30 A.M.

Special thanks to Mike Crawley for leading these services each week. Thanks for those from the church who have supported this ministry with your prayers and presence.



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.

### SEPTEMBER 3

Knock Knock

Revelation 3:19-22

Communion

### SEPTEMBER 10

The Good Shepherd

John 10:11-18

### SEPTEMBER 17

What's On The Inside

1 Samuel 16:7

### SEPTEMBER 24

The Tale of Two Brothers

Genesis 4:2b-16



On Sunday, **September 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 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 the opportunity to contribute to the Fellowship Fund for local benevolence.



**WE'RE BACK!** After some time off for the summer, our youth will be meeting again regularly. We will be meeting Sunday, **September 10<sup>th</sup>** and **24<sup>th</sup>** at 5:00 P.M. for dinner and Bible study. We look forward to getting our youth group back together and the wonderful year that is in store for them.



We would like to thank our congregation for keeping our sanctuary beautiful! We appreciate all you do.

If you would like to place flowers in church this month **September 17<sup>th</sup>** and **24<sup>th</sup>** are available.

Don't forget about the flower sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway at church. If you would like to place flowers in church, please contact a member of the Flower Committee:

Sandra Lynch, (252) 578-3495  
or sandralynch337@gmail.com,

Kay Beaver, (252) 586-2014  
or dbeaver10@gmail.com.

You can also contact the church office by email: [office@littletonbaptistchurch.org](mailto:office@littletonbaptistchurch.org). Please let us know what you would like to put in the bulletin.

Thanks so much for being you! You are wonderful!



**Lake Gaston  
Community  
Christmas Cantata**



**FIRST MEETING  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27<sup>th</sup>  
2:30 P.M.**

**At Lakeside Lutheran Church  
(and each Sunday at 2:30 P.M. Sept.-Dec.)**

*Sing Joy to All the World* by Lloyd Larson, will be presented by singers and musicians representing 18+ area congregations.

*Plan now* to be part of this wonderful, uplifting musical experience telling of the birth of Jesus, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M. at Lakeside Lutheran; December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 P.M. at Lakeland Cultural Arts Center.

**SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS!**



**Ministry at the Lake  
2003 - 2023**



A number of people over the last twenty years have had the opportunity to take part in the ministry that Littleton Baptist Church has provided first at Outdoor World and now under the name Thousand Trails. In 2002 our pastor at the time, Mike Currin, received a call from Peggy Light, of Outdoor World, and she asked him if he could come to the campground for a thirty minute service for the campers. He accepted the invitation and we went two or three times that year. The next year when camping season approached, Peggy called again and asked if we were interested. In the conversation it was discovered that there had been some lack of communication the year before. She was looking for someone to take over the task for the camping season that runs from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. For us it was not clear that was the intention. So beginning Memorial Day weekend of 2003, members of Littleton Baptist Church have been present beginning at 8:30 A.M. on Sunday mornings until the present. On the years when Easter comes in April, we go out for a Easter Morning Service at the regular time of 8:30 A.M.

Twenty years and counting with one exception. We all remember 2020 and the year of COVID when public events of all sorts were closed and although we were ready, the campground decided not to have us come. As I think back over those years there have been a number of people who have participated as speakers, soloist, those who have played a keyboard, someone helping with sound, and another making a homemade set of hymnals. We have had the opportunity to meet many people from all over, coming from Wyoming, Canada, Texas, Pennsylvania, Florida, but mostly from Virginia and North Carolina. Some of the campers have visited the church for worship before and after the summer schedule when we were not at the campground. Many of the campers have been one timers, but through the years we have made a lot of good friends, in Christ, that worship with us when they are camping. An average attendance is around five, but we have had Sundays when no one came. Several years ago members of a Sunday School class from a church in Virginia Beach were camping and we had thirty two in attendance, and some of the class slept in. There are a few of us who have been a part of this ministry for most of the twenty years. There is always room for you to be a part, if only to come and enjoy one of the most beautiful sanctuaries around, God's great outdoors.



Our Christian sympathy is extended to

Charles & Priscilla Parks in the death of his brother, Perry Parks  
Charles & Priscilla Parks in the death of her sister-in-law, Jean Davis



**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!!!**

**(Contact Sid or Betty Anne for directions to their home.)**



**Appalachian Coalfields Christmas Outreach 2023** is a project run by NC Baptists on Mission. Their goal is to collect 21,000 backpacks of items to be distributed to Appalachian children in areas of need. We at Littleton Baptist would like to participate in this ministry this year.

You can help by purchasing a **NEW school backpack** that you will fill with the following items. Right now is a good time to buy backpacks.

- A) Items of NEW warm clothing.** Please try to provide a winter hat, a pair of gloves, 2-3 pair of winter socks, and maybe a scarf.
- B) Small pop-top canned food items** such as ravioli, tuna, beef stew, vegetables, fruit (3-4 cans - no plastic containers, please)
- C) At least 1 or 2 NEW, age appropriate non-breakable toy(s)** (*no toy weapons, please!*) This can include small cars, balls, dolls, small stuffed animals, puzzles, jump rope, sidewalk chalk, card games, Legos, etc. For oldest age group (15-17) substitute an appropriate item instead of a toy, such as, a flashlight, small thermos, light blanket, earbuds, small tool kits, fishing gear, books, hunting, fishing or sports magazines for the boys - jewelry, books, earbuds, skin care products, hair accessories, small travel-sized hair dryer, etc. for girls.
- D) Hygiene items** including full sized containers of toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, and deodorant, as well as toothbrush, soap, washcloth, brush or comb. (*Please fit these items into a one gallon Ziploc bag so they do not leak out into the rest of the backpack*).
- E) Fresh, wrapped candy** (*no chocolate please, as it may melt; and no peanut products because of potential allergies*)

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please make sure all items fit into the backpack. Please stick carefully to the list above. This backpack is not for school supplies. Our mission committee is getting the Bibles for the backpacks.

**Age Grouping and Labeling.** Each backpack should be labeled boy or girl as well as the appropriate age. Age groupings for this year are **4-7, 8-10, 11-14, 15-17**. Pin or securely tape on a label with sex of child and age of child.

We ask that you prepare your backpack as you would for your own child or grandchild, with new items, not used ones. This quality gift could be the only Christmas present this child receives, and will be a witness of Christ's love! **Please bring your backpacks to church by Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

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<b><u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u></b>	<b><u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u></b>	<b><u>NURSERY</u></b>
<p>4 Dale Council  5 Jimmy Felts  6 Charles Parks  8 Christopher Skinner (14 yrs)  9 Sheryl West  13 Betty Blanton  13 J. C. Skinner (17 yrs.)  15 Anna Council (7 yrs)  15 Earl Spivey  21 Virginia Johnston  26 Brenda Thompson  28 Tracy Council  28 Debbie Sineath  29 Neva Lopez  30 Jim Skilton  30 Kent West</p>	<p>6 Greg &amp; Beverly Fussell (64 yrs)  14 David &amp; Sara Little (4 yrs)</p>	<p>3 Sara Council/Jan Myrick  10 Melinda Harris/Sandra Lynch  17 Lynn Skilton/Jim Skilton  24 Amanda Coffman/Bob Thompson</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>TRASH DETAIL</u></b></p> <p>Lee Myrick</p>