

# 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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## IN MEMORY

**Kenneth Bryan Topping**

*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

November is here again. The month that we remember to be thankful. While stores have been getting ready for Christmas since December 26<sup>th</sup> last year, we try to set aside one day to give thanks. But why one day? Why can't we find reasons to be thankful every day?

This year, Sara and I have a lot more to be thankful for. It will be our second major holiday (after Halloween), that we will have our precious Lucas with us. We are looking forward to celebrating this holiday and many more to come with him. Words cannot express the thanks I have for him every day. And every day I am finding more reasons to be thankful that God allowed us to be his parents.

So during this season that we set aside, find your own reasons to be thankful. Don't just use Thanksgiving as an excuse. Let us truly give God our thanks, not just because it is a holiday, but because he deserves it. Give him thanks every day. For every day there is a reason to be thankful.

One reason that our church has to be thankful is that this month we are celebrating our 150<sup>th</sup> Homecoming. It has been a long time coming. Many hours, days, weeks, and months have been put into making this day a joyous celebration. Let us come together as one church to give thanks for what God has done through this church in the past and what he will continue to do through us in the future.

As far as the rest of the month in worship, we will kick off the month with All Saints Day and remember those who came before us. November 12<sup>th</sup> will be Homecoming with Rev. Mike Currin delivering our message. The Homecoming meal will follow, and there will be history displays placed all over the church.

The third Sunday we will gather to think about what it means to have a grateful heart. Then the fourth Sunday we will have Christ the King Sunday for the final Sunday of the church year.

What a month it is going to be. We will celebrate. We will give thanks. We will remember. But let us not lose focus. Let us continue to look to what is ahead. Our church is not ending at 150 years. There is still much that God has in store for us. And that right there is what I am thankful for.

Grace and Peace,

*David*



# NOVEMBER 2023

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>	<i>3</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>4</i>
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<i>12</i> 11:00 Home-coming 12:00 Home-coming Meal	<i>13</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> 8:30 Exercise  6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship   5:00 Community Thanksgiving Service	<i>20</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>   No Adult Choir or Prayer & Bible Study	<i>23</i>  	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship  3:00 Chrismon Tree & Sanctuary Decorating	<i>27</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> 8:30 Exercise   6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>30</i>		



It's hard to believe that our church will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary this month! So much has changed in those 150 years! One thing that has been constant are the good old hymns that have been written during these past 150 years. Yes, Christian music has changed and we are bringing some of the newer songs into our worship hour on Sunday morning....but, the words to the older hymns are beautiful. They are prayers put into music. They will be here for at least another 150 years!

When I count my blessings there are so many. Jimmy and I have been blessed with a new grandson and our other 2 "grands" continue to be a blessing and fill our hearts with joy.

I want to end by sharing something funny Bennett said. I was explaining to him that Pastor David is our Preacher. He looked at me rather strangely but kept on playing. When we came to church on Sunday morning he was a little hesitant about seeing Pastor David. I asked him why and he wanted to know if Pastor David bites. Then he wanted to know if he lived in the sea. I told no to both questions but he insisted that he did. It took a while to figure out exactly what he was thinking. He thought I said Pastor David was a "creature." Oh, those little minds!

Count your blessings and be thankful for all of them!

Happy Thanksgiving!

*Laura*



Due to Homecoming and Thanksgiving, the youth will not meet this month.

We will be collecting money for the John 3:16 Christmas Toy Drive on Sunday, **November 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>** and **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. We will go to lunch and shopping on **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**.



## **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.

### **NOVEMBER 5**

Those Who Came Before

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

All Saints Sunday

### **NOVEMBER 12**

150<sup>th</sup> Homecoming

Rev. Mike Currin

### **NOVEMBER 19**

Grateful Heart

Psalms 103:1-12

Thanksgiving Sunday

### **NOVEMBER 26**

Here Is Our King

Daniel 7:13-14

Christ the King Sunday

### **CELEBRATING 150 YEARS**

*All Members, Former Members,  
Friends and Family*

*Are cordially invited to join us*

*On Sunday, November 12, 2023  
at 11:00 A.M.*

*For our Homecoming Service and Lunch.*

*Former LBC pastor Rev. Mike Currin  
will be the speaker.*

*We invite everyone to join us after wor-  
ship for our Homecoming Lunch at Little-  
ton United Methodist Church  
Fellowship Hall.*



Our church will once again be sending Christmas Cards to our military personnel who will be away from home during the Christmas Holidays. These cards from our church family will give cheer to them in their distant service. We are also asking you to provide names, addresses, rank, relationship to you (i.e family, friend, neighbor etc.). (Note: If you have family or friends serving in missions somewhere, we will also extend this request for names to include them as well.) Please give the information to Sid Shearin or the church office.

The cards will be in the vestibule for you to sign **November 26<sup>th</sup>, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 10<sup>th</sup>**. Sid wants to remind everyone you are not to sign for your spouse or children. Everyone needs to sign individually.



## JOHN 3:16 CENTER TOY DRIVE & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The John 3:16 Center Annual Toy Drive is November 1<sup>st</sup> – December 5<sup>th</sup>. They are hoping to serve over 400 children at the Littleton & Roanoke Rapids locations through their Christmas Outreach Program. There are 3 ways you can help this year. First, you can help them by sponsoring a child (ages newborn-16) with a donation of \$100 or by participating in their Annual Toy Collection Drive by dropping off new unwrapped toys at the John 3:16 Center in Littleton.

Suggested items to donate for children up to age 16:

*Puzzles (Varying ages. Please do NOT go over 500 pieces)*

*Books (for every age group)*

*Games (board games, card games, electronic hand-held games)*

*Batteries (as we like to provide them if they are needed with toys and games)*

*Toys but please NO toy weapons*

*Some of the hardest items that we tend to receive less of is for toddler age and teenagers. Some ideas for teenagers are watches, wallets, purses, necklaces, accessories, make up, hats and sporting goods. For babies and toddlers: Learning toys.*

Lastly, if you are interested in volunteering, we are in need of help with set-up of the Christmas Shop at Littleton United Methodist Church (LUMC) on **December 6<sup>th</sup>**. Also, at LUMC, we are in need of personal shoppers/wrappers on **December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> & December 11<sup>th</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup>** to assist parents in picking out gifts for their children. They also need help setting up for the party on Friday, **December 15<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 noon. On Saturday, **December 16<sup>th</sup>**, there is a need for Santa's Helpers to assist with their Christmas Party at the Littleton location. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the John 3:16 Center at (252) 586-1800 or talk to Sara Little.



Can you believe it is already November? God has given us so many beautiful days to enjoy! The holidays are approaching!

If you would like to volunteer to place flowers in church in November, please let us know. November 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> are available.

You can order Christmas Poinsettias through November 5<sup>th</sup>. Let us know if you want the \$12.00 or \$21.00 poinsettia. Don't forget to let us know if you want to place it in memory of or in honor of that special person. We want to thank you for all the Christmas Poinsettia Orders given so far.

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, Lydia Lanser (252)586-2133, or the church office - office@littletonbaptistchurch.org

God has blessed our lives by giving us such a caring and friendly congregation. Our sanctuary will continue to be beautiful!!



SHARING HOPE...CHANGING LIVES

## Baptist Children's Homes of NORTH CAROLINA

Each year, North Carolina Baptists show their love and support for children by participating in the annual Thanksgiving Offering for Baptist Children's Homes. Without you, and North Carolina Baptists throughout the state, it would be impossible for Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) to offer compassionate homes and ministries where children can come and find a place of hope and peace. Our caring cottage parents and caregivers introduce boys and girls to Jesus who says to them, "Come to me...I will give you rest."

Giving to BCH's Annual Offering is not only important in helping to meet the tremendous needs of boys and girls. It's essential! You will find envelopes and more information in the **November 5<sup>th</sup>** bulletin.



Our young families with small children will meet on **November 1<sup>st</sup>** and **15<sup>th</sup>** this month for Bible study, music and crafts. It's going to be a wonderful month for our children!



Our Deacons will meet following Morning Worship on Sunday, **November 5<sup>th</sup>**. Please pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.

### COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE



Our Community Thanksgiving Service will be Sunday, **November 19<sup>th</sup>**, at Littleton United Methodist Church at 5:00 P.M. The ecumenical service will feature special music and our pastor, Rev. David Little, will deliver the message giving thanks to God for his goodness. You will also have the opportunity to donate food and/or a money offering to support the John 3:16 Center Food Pantry.

### LISTEN TO THE BELLS

Even though we are celebrating Littleton Baptist Church's Anniversary at our Homecoming **November 12<sup>th</sup>**, our church's actual 150<sup>th</sup> birthday is on **November 9<sup>th</sup>**, so to celebrate our actual birthday at 11:00 A.M., our church bell will ring 15 times - one ring for every 10 years. Then the bells will play the song "O God Our Help in Ages Past".



### PAST PHOTOS & MEMORABILIA

Please visit the church's Fellowship Hall and see the many photos of our church activities for the past 150 years. The memorabilia is in chronological order for your convenience. Notice the hall is lined with pictures of our pastors, the hall bulletin board has pictures of our church through the years, and the Fellowship Hall bulletin board has photos of our members spreading Christ's love through missions.



### DECORATING THE CHURCH

It is time to get into the Christmas Spirit! We will be decorating the Chrismon Tree and the Sanctuary on Sunday, **November 26<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00 P.M. The next week we will be setting out the Nativity scene. The day and time will be determined later.

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NOVEMBER

<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY SCHEDULE</u>
1 Ann West 2 Priscilla Parks 10 Jim Sineath 11 Mary Virginia Kearney 16 Darlene Kocich 19 Morgan Barnes 20 Harrison West 20 Arlene Merritt 21 Bree Barnes 21 Chris Skinner 22 Bentley Iles (12 yrs) 24 Larry West 24 Charles Wilson 25 Thad Harris 28 Brenda Hudson 29 Mary Lois Spivey 30 Andrew Crawley	6 Matthew & Sara Council (13 yrs)	5 Sara Council/Jan Myrick 12 Sandra Lynch/Melinda Harris 19 Nichole Pitchford/Bryant Pitchford 26 Sandra Lynch/Melinda Harris  <div style="text-align: center;"><u>TRASH DETAIL</u></div> Jimmy Kearney