

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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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

It's that time again. A time for new beginnings. A time to reflect on what the past year has brought to us. A time for a new year. This past year was very exciting for Littleton Baptist Church as we celebrated 150 years of ministry. It was a wonderful time and I am incredibly grateful to be a small part of what this church has accomplished.

But as we move into 2024, it is time for us to move into the future. It's not enough to be content with what we have done for the past 150 years. We must ponder what is next for us. How can we continue to thrive in this community? How can we be a better beacon of Christ's light for all people.

We can never be content with who we are and what we have done. We must want to strive for growth. We should strive to draw closer to God and draw others closer to God. It's all about what's next for us. So as we go into this season of the new year, let us be on the lookout on how we can be more. How can Littleton Baptist Church continue to grow?

As we ponder those thoughts, let us look at what worship will look like in January. The first Sunday we will come to the table and celebrate Holy Communion and look at what it means to follow God's plans and not our own.

The second Sunday of January we will look at worshiping with our whole hearts, but not just following along because it's what we have always done. Worship will look a tad different this day to enforce the message.

The third Sunday we will look at what it means that God cherishes the little things in our lives. We then end the month by looking at what is on the inside. It's the heart that truly matters.

It's going to be a wonderful month of worship as we look at what's next. 2024 is going to be an exciting year as we move into the next era of Littleton Baptist Church. Won't you join us in celebrating the future?

Grace and Peace,

David



January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Deacons Mtg	<i>8</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Quarterly Business Mtg	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Church Council Mtg 5:00 Youth	<i>15</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>20</i>
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<i>28</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Youth	<i>29</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>			



I want to start off by thanking the Adult choir for their beautiful performance on December 17th. Things got changed around a little because of the rainy conditions but I think it was for the best! I had several members of the choir who had been fighting colds and sinus issues all week. I am thankful that they were almost 100% that morning! We were also missing Charles Wilson and Celestia Long. I love working with our wonderful Choir!

I also want to thank our soloists and our Junior Singers. Claire Council and Mary Beth Labrecque did a wonderful job sharing their beautiful voices with us! It made the morning's service extra special!

I want to wish you a Happy New Year and hope that 2024 is a year filled with good health and happiness!

Laura



On Sunday, **January 7th**, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. At the conclusion of worship, you will be given the opportunity to contribute to our church's Fellowship Fund for local benevolent needs.



Deacons Meeting

Deacons will meet on Sunday, **January 7th**, following Morning Worship. Please continue to pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.



Church Council will meet following Morning Worship on Sunday, **January 14th**. Members of the committee are: Mike Crawley, Jan Myrick, Laura Kearney, Betty Anne Shearin, Clyde Johnston and Mike Blanton.



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.

JANUARY 7

What Plans?

Proverbs 19:21

Holy Communion

JANUARY 14

Turning It All Around

Isaiah 29:13-14

JANUARY 21

The Little Things

Luke 17:5-6

JANUARY 28

What's On The Inside

1 Samuel 16:7



Youth will be meeting Sunday, **January 14th**, and **January 28th**, at 5:00 P.M. On the **14th** we will have our rescheduled Christmas Party. Who says Christmas has to be celebrated just in December? Then on the **28th** we will gather for our regular dinner and Bible study. We look forward to the wonderful fun, food, fellowship and most importantly drawing closer to God as a youth group.



Our Homecoming Celebration was a great success with a wonderful service, seeing old friends and eating a delicious feast. This event was the climax of a yearlong 150th celebration that actually started three years ago. Planning events, researching history, printing signs and posters and preparing the homecoming meal kept us busy. However, it did not stop our church from participating in mission projects such as Kid's Carnival, Bible School, building a wheelchair ramp, and backpack ministry. A huge event like our 150th Celebration could not have happened with just a few people but everyone doing their part no matter how small.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO EVERYONE!!

Sid Shearin



Soon we will be meeting to put away the Christmas decorations. But as we put them away let us hold onto the spirit of Christmas. Christmas may be over, but Jesus' light remains with us. The meaning of Christmas, God with us reigns true. So as we go back to the "ordinary beautiful" let us worship our King Jesus. We will let everyone know the date and time that we gather to de-decorate.



Dear LBC Family,

Thank you so much for our generous Christmas gifts. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful congregation. Each one of you mean so much to the both of us. We appreciate every single one of you and the hearts that you have to share Christ's love. This year has brought celebration in so many different ways, from the birth of our precious Lucas and celebrating the wonderful ministry of 150 years. We look forward to continue the growth and our ministry together in 2024.

*Grace & Peace,
David, Sara & Lucas*



We have such an awesome, thoughtful & loving church family and we feel so blessed to be part of it. Thank you so much for the financial gifts presented to us for Christmas. Thank you also for offering such wonderful support with the many words of encouragement you share with us all through the year.

*Many thanks!
Kay, Laura, Mike,
Nick & Billy*



On Sundays in which inclement weather renders it unsafe to conduct Worship Services, our deacons will contact you if our services will go full virtual.



Our families with young children are invited to join us for Young Family Bible Study on Wednesday, January 3rd, and 17th at 6:00 P.M. We look forward to having a wonderful time of music, crafts and Bible study with our young children.



**When the carols have been stilled,
When the star-topped tree is taken down,
When family and friends are gone home,
When we are back to our schedules**

The work of Christmas begins:

**To welcome the refugee,
To heal a broken planet,
To feed the hungry,
To build bridges of trust, not walls of fear,
To share our gifts,
To seek justice and peace for all people,
To bring Christ's light to the world.**

- Michael Dougherty



**QUARTERLY
BUSINESS
MEETING**

Our next Quarterly Business Meeting is Wednesday, **January 10th**, at 7:00 P.M. These quarterly meetings are vital to the church and her ministry as we report, discuss, plan and consider the ongoing needs that will strengthen us as the people of God. You are encouraged to be present and to always be prayerful about our church's ministries.



The Flower Committee wants to thank you for the gorgeous poinsettias adorning our sanctuary, the beautiful church decorations, and the fabulous church services! Most of all we want to thank you for always being there! God has blessed us all tremendously!! We look forward to our new year, 2024, which God has generously given us. We all know the most precious gift he gave us was Jesus!

The flower list has been placed on the bulletin board. 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, or
Lydia Lanser - (252) 586 - 2133.

You can contact the church office by email: office@littletonbaptistchurch.org

The following is the flower schedule for January:

January 7 - The Lord's Supper
January 14 - Available
January 21 - Available
January 28 - Available

Thank you again for being so faithful in helping keep the sanctuary beautiful with your presence and wonderful flower arrangements! May God continue to watch over us and bless us in 2024!

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JANUARY

<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>
16 Bryant Pitchford 17 Daniel West 20 Brenda Holloman 24 Mike Conner 25 Jack Mathieson 26 Betty Ann Shearin 28 Sandra Felts	No Anniversaries	7 Jan Myrick/Sara Council 14 Melinda Harris/Sandra Lynch 21 Nichole Pitchford/Bryant Pitchford 28 Lynne Skilton/Jim Skilton <u>GARBAGE DETAIL</u> Lee Myrick