

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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PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

Recently James Kearney brought me a humorous gem from a news article that has long been making the rounds in church news. It is a good one that gives us some food for thought; after all getting up and going to church every Sunday morning is sometimes not that easy even for the truly devout, and it is made more difficult for the rest.

The article is entitled, "No Excuse Sunday," and reads as follows: *"To make it possible for everyone to attend church, we will soon be having a 'No Excuse Sunday.' Cots will be placed in the foyer for those who say, 'Sunday is my only day to sleep late. Murine will be available for those tired eyes from watching TV too late on Saturday night. We will have steel helmets for those who say, 'The roof would cave in if I ever went to church.' Blankets will be furnished for those who say the church is too cold and fans for those who say it is too hot. We will have hearing aids for those who say, 'the pastor speaks too softly', and cotton for those who say 'the pastor speaks too loudly.' Scorecards will be available for those who wish to list all the hypocrites present. There will be 100 TV dinners for those who cannot go to church and cook dinner. One section will be devoted to trees and grass for those who like to seek God in nature. Finally, the church will be decorated with both poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who have never seen the church without them."*

While this may be overstating the case a bit, it does give us something significant to consider. "Just why do I spend my Sunday mornings gathering to assemble with other believers to worship God?" Or perhaps the question may be "why do I not gather on a regular basis?" It is a question we need to ponder! A lot of reasons may come to the surface.

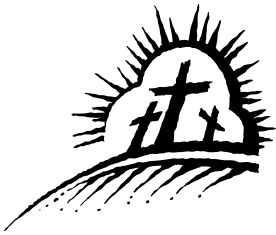
- I gather because God is worthy of my best act of worship and I want to give Him honor and praise.
- I gather because I desire to learn more about His word and how to serve him with my life.
- I gather because I draw strength in the Christians I worship alongside.
- I gather because nothing brings me joy and peace more than the regular assembling together with other Christians.
- I gather because I want my life to be a witness to others by my gathering regularly with other believers.
- You are invited to prayerfully consider other motivations for gathering even when it's difficult to get moving.

To the other question, "why do I not gather on a regular basis?" I can't cover all the reasons, some of which are that my health is poor or my job prevents me at times, and more. I just can't get there. Only you will know why not? Prayerfully consider what hinders you and consider assembling next Sunday! Is there something I can change to make that possible? Either way, know you've been missed and we need you as part of the "body of Christ."



Hebrews 10:25 states: *Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer.* As we continue in the Season of Lent and approach Easter Sunday on April 20, I encourage you to gather regularly for worship prepared to encounter the living Lord! I know God will bless!

Until then be a blessing to someone!

Mike



April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	3	4 8:30 Exercise	5
6 Food Box 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	7 8:30 Exercise 7:00 Deacon's Mtg.	8	9 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Quarterly Business Mtg	10 7:00 Mission Committee	11 8:30 Exercise	12
13 Food Box 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 5:30 Youth	14 8:30 Exercise	15	16 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir No Prayer & Bible Study	17 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	18 8:30 Exercise 12:00 Good Friday Service	19 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt 
20 7:00 Sunrise Service 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship  EASTER	21 8:30 Exercise	22	23 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	24 7:00 Mission Committee	25 8:30 Exercise	26
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Our Christian sympathy is extended to:
Roy Spain and Family in the death of his brother, Dick Pope
Willie Felts and Family in the death of his brother-in-law, Lloyd Young



April is here! Let's hope the spring is kinder to us than the winter has been!

The Adult Choir will be presenting In Christ Alone on Easter Sunday during the worship hour. This is a musical created by Tony Wood and Russell Maudlin. It celebrates that victorious day when God's redemption plan was fulfilled. Our hearts rejoice as hope rises like the Sunday sun over Jerusalem that first Easter morning. Today, we live our earthly days in the light of the dawn that revealed the power, majesty, wisdom and grace of our risen Savior.

Happy Easter!!

Laura

DEACONS MEETING

Our Deacon's will meet on Monday, **April 7** at 7:00 P.M. in the Church Annex Conference Room. Please continue to pray for our deacons as they pray and consider the spiritual welfare of our church and her ministries.



Our Quarterly Business Meeting is Wednesday, **April 9** at 7:30 P.M. All members are encouraged to be with us. Committee and organizational leaders should bring reports of their work to be shared at this time.

SPRING MISSIONS INITIATIVE May 3, 2014

On **May 2** at 9:00 A.M. we will begin set up for the Carnival. All volunteers should meet at the church, then travel to the John 3:16 Center.

On Saturday, **May 3** Littleton Baptist Church will host the Spring Missions Initiative. The event begins at 8:30 A.M. with breakfast in our fellowship hall.

Please be in prayer for this "**BIG EVENT**" and our church family as we host the Children's Free Carnival!

Goodie Bags will be provided for each child.

A Health Screening will also be a part of this event which will include cholesterol, blood pressure, and blood sugar checks.

Volunteers are essential to the success of this mission. If you have not signed up yet we will still be able to use your help! Please come help



2014 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The dates for this year's VBS will be **June 16 - 20**, and it will be held at Littleton UMC and our church. Put these dates on your summer calendar. Please see the pastor to volunteer ASAP!



The Mission Committee will meet on Thursday, **April 10** and Thursday, **April 24** at 7:00 P.M. in the Annex Conference Room.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MAUNDY THURSDAY - Join us on Maundy Thursday, **April 17**, at 7:00 P.M. in the sanctuary as we celebrate the Lord's Supper and meditate upon our Lord's last hours with his disciples.

GOOD FRIDAY - Lakeside Lutheran Church invites our congregation to participate in a special Good Friday Service, **April 18**, from 12:00 - 3:00 P.M. The service will feature special music from local churches as well as seven ministers giving messages on the "Seven Words of Christ from the Cross." Our pastor will speak during the 1:15 P.M. segment.

EASTER EGG HUNT - All children 6th grade and under are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, **April 19**, at 10:00 A.M. Participants will meet in the fellowship hall for donuts and juice. The Egg Hunt will follow on the church grounds around 10:30 A.M. Children may be picked up at the around 11:30 A.M.

SUNRISE SERVICE - This year our Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 7:00 A.M. on **April 20**, at the rear of our church near the three crosses that have been constructed there. We hope to make this a witness to the community and invite others to join us. A fellowship breakfast by our Mission Committee will be served inside the fellowship hall immediately following the service.

EASTER WORSHIP - Join us on Easter, **April 20**, at 11:00 A.M. as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord through worship and our Adult Choir's presentation of the cantata "In Christ Alone".



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

April 6 Jan Miller April 13 Francis Royal April 20 Easter April 27 Open

If you would like to place an Easter lily in the church on Easter Sunday "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" a loved one please let Sandra Lynch, Josephine Myrick, Priscilla Parks or the office know by **April 16** so it can be listed in the bulletin. Lassiter's has to order them so if you would like Priscilla to order a lily for you please let her know as soon as possible. Her number is 586-4790 or you may e-mail her at priscillaparks@embarqmail.com. The prices are:

	Pot Covered	Pot Covered with Bow
Single	\$ 10.00	\$ 11.00
Double	\$ 19.00	\$ 20.00
Triple	\$ 23.00	\$ 24.00

Thank you for your help in making our sanctuary beautiful for the Easter season.



FREE KIDS CARNIVAL
John 3:16 Center
407 East End Avenue
Littleton, North Carolina
Saturday, May 3, 2014
11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.



Preschool Games, Crafts, Bounce House,
100 ft. Obstacle Course, Face Painting,
Health Screenings for Children and Adults,
Free Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar,
and Cholesterol Screenings,
Free Hot Dogs, Drinks,
Cotton Candy, Goodie Bags

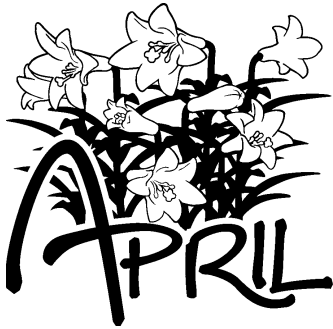
Invite your friends and join us for this free fun day together!

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
1 Billy Pearce 8 Jan Miller 9 Wyatt Pegram 12 Claude Lynch 26 Peggy King 27 Caitlyn Phillis (1 yr.) 27 Suzanne Pearce 27 Til Tremper 28 Laura Kearney	8 Lee & Jan Myrick (35 yrs) 10 Jimmy & Laura Kearney (32 yrs) 10 Jack & Virginia Tant (66 yrs) 15 Billy & Suzanne Pearce (42 yrs) 23 Larry & Sheryl West (23 yrs)	6 Elizabeth Hockaday/Ryan Hockaday 13 Sarah Iles/Brenda Hudson 20 Sandra Lynch/Billy Blanton 27 Josie Myrick/Sara Council
	<u>YOUTH MEALS</u>	<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
	6 No Meeting 13 Youth (Paula Burton) 20 Easter 27 Youth (Lisa Adkins)	Jimmy Kearney