

LITTLETON BAPTIST NEWS

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"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

Harrison Edward West

*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

We have now reached March. It is hard to believe that we are already in March. It seems just like yesterday we were celebrating the new year. I guess that is what happens when Easter is so early. Yes, that is right, Easter is already almost upon us in March.

We are already in the midst of this season of Lent and self-examining what this season means for ourselves. What are the sins that we need to confess? How could God love despite everything that we have done? These are always questions that come to mind as we think about Jesus dying on the cross to pay the debt that we owe.

But we still journey. We keep traveling the road walking alongside Jesus. He will guide us and direct us. If we follow his lead for our lives then we will be able to see what it means to be loved by God. We will see the true meaning behind the death and the resurrection. If only we will walk with him and not try to lead our own lives. So as we conclude Lent and move into Easter this year, let us continue to be guided by God. Let us continue to let him lead us to where we are going. Let us not be led astray by the world. But led by God.

In worship this month we will be continuing our final 24 hour journey with Jesus. We start the month by going backwards to the celebration of the Passover meal when Jesus washed his disciples' feet. We then look at the trial of Jesus and how Jesus responded to all of the accusations made against him.

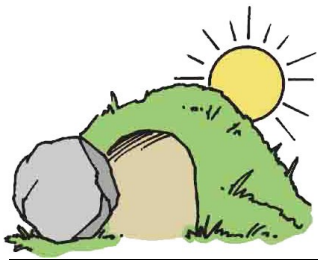
March 17th will be a very special Sunday. That Sunday will be the Sunday we set aside for Baptist Women in Ministry Advocacy Sunday. Our guest preacher will be Rev. Stephanie Parker who is the Children's Minister of First Baptist Church of Clayton. That Sunday our women will also be leading us in worship to help promote women being a vital part of our ministry.

March 24th will be the final Sunday in Lent as we look to the death of Jesus. Then finally on March 31st we have our Easter Celebration. We invite everyone out at 7:00 A.M. for our sunrise service then at 11:00 A.M. for our worship hour. It is going to be a wonderful day as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

Let us never lose sight of what this season means. Let us always take this season and examine how we can move to be faithful every single day and how it truly shows how much God loves.

Grace and Peace,

David



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31 7:00 Sunrise Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship						



Spring is almost here! I love the warmer weather and the beautiful flowers! I love the longer daylight hours and sitting and reading on my back porch....and I love Easter!

One of my Mama's favorite songs was Easter Parade. She just could not understand why the radio stations did not play it. She always thought I should teach it to my Kindergarten students. I can remember parading around the house in our Easter outfits when I was a little girl while listening to that song. Years ago I found a cassette tape with Easter Parade on it... she played it over and over again. What wonderful memories that song has for me!

The Adult Choir will not be presenting an Easter Cantata this year. We will be missing several choir members....but, we will be presenting the anthem Jesus Saves! No, we will not be singing Easter Parade!

Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf and blooming flower in springtime.

Happy Easter!

Laura



Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on Sunday, **March 10th**, so you will not be late for Sunday School or Worship!



Deacon Meeting

Deacons will meet on Sunday, **March 3rd**, following Morning Worship. Please continue to pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.



Youth will meet on Sunday, **March 10th** and **24th** at 5:00 P.M. for dinner and Bible Study. This is a wonderful time for our youth to gather and have fellowship while also growing in their faith.



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.

MARCH 3

Made Clean

John 13:1-17

Third Sunday of Lent/Communion

MARCH 10

The Trial Of Human History

Matthew 27:11-26

Fourth Sunday of Lent

MARCH 17

Guest Preacher - Rev. Stephanie Parker

Women's Sunday &

Fifth Sunday of Lent

MARCH 24

Friday's Good

Mark 15:37-39

Passion Sunday

MARCH 31

Sunrise Service

What Happens Next?

Mark 16:1-8

MARCH 31

11:00 A.M. Worship

History Defining Moment

John 20:10-18



March is almost here. Daylight Savings Time begins March 10. The first day of Spring is March 19. Easter is March 31. It comes early this year.

The following is the flower schedule for March:

March 3 - The Lord's Supper

March 17 - Lydia & Don Lanser

March 10 - Available

March 24 - Available

March 31- Easter Lilies

Don't forget about the flower sign-up sheet posted 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 by phone or email:

Sandra Lynch (252) 578-3495 or sandralynch337@gmail.com, Kay Beaver - (252) 586-2014 or dbeaver10@gmail.com or Lydia Lanser, (252) 586-2133

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

We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family! Thank you for keeping the church sanctuary gorgeous!



The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, **March 24^h**, following Morning Worship. If you would like to donate individually wrapped candy to fill the plastic eggs we would appreciate it! Please get the candy to Amanda Coffman, Sara Council, Nichole Pitchford or leave them in the kitchen by Sunday, **March 17th**. This is such a fun time for the young and old!



EASTER EGG HUNT - All children 6th grade and under are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, **March 24th**, following Morning Worship. The Egg Hunt will be held on the church grounds.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - Join us on Maundy Thursday, **March 28th**, 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.

SUNRISE SERVICE - This year our Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 7:00 A.M. on **March 31st**, 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, **March 31st**, at 11:00 A.M. as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord through worship.



Our Christian sympathy is extended to
 Louise Gibson in the death of her sister, Shirley Taylor



What is Missions? Matthew 28:18-20 tells us to go to all. Jesus tells us to go and He will be with us. We are the hands, feet and loving heart here on earth for our Lord and Savior. He is the authority that sends us. He gives us the authority, strength and power to carry out the mission. Our church is a mission minded church. We have love for each other and show that love in many ways. Prayer should lead us as we build, cook, visit and encourage our neighbors. Thank you for what you do to carry out the Great Commission to share the love of God. We have many needs in our church family and community where we can share His love. We have many needs outside our community where God's love and Jesus's example of how to live are needed. YOU are needed.

Save the date. The Children's Carnival is scheduled for Saturday, **May 18th**. Please put this date on your calendar. We need lots of smiling, helping hands to ensure a fun and happy day for many children and their families.



March is Baptist Women in Ministry Month of Preaching. Churches are encouraged to have women preach. We will have our Women's Sunday on **March 17th**. We will be blessed to have Rev. Stephanie Parker who is the Pastor of Children and Families at First Baptist Church of Clayton to bring our message and have our women leading worship. Women are a vital part of our ministry here at LBC and we look forward to celebrating God's use of women in his ministry. We will also be taking an offering this month for Baptist Women In Ministry .

The purpose of BWIM NC is to provide a network of support, fellowship, worship, advocacy, and education for Baptist women and men who are seeking to honor God's call in Christ to women in all areas of mission and ministry, lay or ordained; and to dialogue and share information with North Carolina Baptists concerning women in missions and ministry for the purpose of increasing understanding and awareness of our calling as women and men in Christ. We seek to achieve this purpose by: Connecting, Affirming,



Our Young Family Bible Study will meet Wednesday, **March 6th**, and **20th**, at 6:00 P.M. This is a wonderful time for our children to come together for music, crafts, and to learn more about the Bible. We invite all those families with young children to join us.



Community Lenten Lunch and Devotion Series
 Each Wednesday
 March 6 – March 20
 12:00 Noon - 1:00 P.M.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location*</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
March 6	Littleton Baptist Church	Rev. Kay Hute, Lakeside Lutheran
March 13	South Street Baptist Church	Rev. Charles Wilson
March 20	LUMC hosted by Littleton Presbyterian	Rev. David Little, Littleton Baptist

** Host church will provide music for each luncheon!*

They begin at Noon and conclude at 1:00 P.M. Each person should bring a bagged lunch. Dessert and beverage will be provided by the host church. The devotion will begin by 12:30 P.M.

Come as you are and invite someone to join you for a time of community fellowship and devotion!

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>
2 Carol West 5 Lowell Lee 9 Connor Pitchford (12 yrs) 15 Sara Council 15 Don Lanser 19 Emily Pulliam 20 Ray Holloman 22 Paula Burton 24 Colvin Iles (2 yrs) 25 John Skinner 25 Brandon Stansbury 27 Destiny Hilton (11 yrs) 28 Beth King 31 Stephanie Iles	26 Kent & Carol West (30 yrs)	3 Jan Myrick/Sara Council 10 Melinda Harris/Sandra Lynch 17 Paula Burton/Kay Tripp 24 Lynne Skilton/Jim Skilton 31 Need 2 Volunteers
		<u>GARBAGE DETAIL</u>
		Roman Martinez