

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

I'll be honest this month. Sometimes it is hard to come up with cute little quips to begin these monthly articles. It's hard to think up something to engage everyone and make them think about something in their spiritual life. As I was thinking about everything we have coming up in May, something hit me. May is usually the beginning of a question. May I have a cookie? May I get some help?

That is going to be a theme for this month. May we find our place. This month is our annual Kids Carnival, and this is our biggest project of the year. It is the type of event where we need all of the help we can get to make it successful, and there are plenty of places where you can serve. We have lots of game stations. We need help making sure everyone gets parked. There's popcorn and cotton candy. We need people who are willing to float and give others a break. We need people who are willing to walk around with smiles on their faces, making sure everyone is having a great time.

So you see, there is plenty of ways you can help. Even if it's just sitting under a tent and being willing to talk to people. There is a place for you. So may you come out and serve our wonderful community? May you be willing to serve? It's a great event that puts smiles on so many children's and their parents' faces. Come and make those smiles bigger this year. So put May 18th on your calendar.

This month in worship we begin by coming to the table with Holy Communion as we examine how God makes all things new. We then celebrate Mother's Day as we continue our series on Biblical Mothers with Sarah, the mother of Isaac.

On May 19th we will be looking at the colors of the church year. Many of you have asked why we change the colors of the table and the pulpit. Well, this Sunday come and find out what it all means.

We then conclude May with Graduate Recognition Sunday by recognizing Nick Coffman. We are so proud of everything he has accomplished and look forward to celebrating alongside of him. We also want to recognize Sara Council for all of her accomplishments as she graduates with her Master's from Western Carolina.

So as we jump into May, may you find your place to serve. May God show you how you can be used by him. It's going to be an exciting month. May you be a part of making it the best month ever.

Grace and Peace,

David



May 2024

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>19</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Church Council Mtg	<i>20</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> 8:30 Thousand Trails 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	<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>	<i>31</i> 8:30 Exercise	



Mother, a single word that brings about a lot of emotions in all of us. Our mothers mean the world to us. A lot of musicians have paid tribute to their mothers through their heartfelt songs.

I was having lunch last week with a dear friend who loves Paul McCartney as much as I do Harry Connick, Jr.! We started to talk about the Beatles' song "Let It Be." I told her that I thought it was unusual that he wrote a song about the Mother Mary, the mother of Jesus, since he was agnostic. She corrected me and told me that he wrote it about his own mother, whose name was Mary, who died from cancer when he was a teenager. Well that information made me rethink the lyrics...

"When I find myself in times of trouble Mother Mary comes to me. Speaking words of wisdom, let it be. And in my hour of darkness she is standing right in front of me. Speaking words of wisdom, let it be."

I went home and read the lyrics to the song. What a beautiful tribute to his mother. Our mothers are there for us in hours of darkness speaking words of wisdom....whether we want to listen to them or not!

If you are a mother and are reading this, I wish you a Happy Mother's Day! You are so important and play such a big role in the lives of your children! If you are blessed to have your mother, let her know how much you love her! If you no longer have your mother, remember all of the good times you shared!

Remember that if you are ever having a bad day...."Mama said there'll be days like this, There'll be days like this, my mama said!"

Happy Mother's Day!

Laura



Young Family Bible Study will meet on **May 1st** and **15th** with music, crafts and Bible stories. This is a great way for our children to grow in their faith. They are never too young to hear about what God does for them.



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 Worship Service on Facebook Live at 11:00 A.M.

MAY 5

All Things New

2 Corinthians 5:17

Communion

MAY 12

The Mother Who Waited

Genesis 21:1-7

Mother's Day

MAY 19

Colors Of The Church

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

MAY 26

Live the Journey

Colossians 2:6-7

Graduate Recognition



Thousand Trails Sunday worship leadership begins on Sunday, **May 26th**, at 8:30 A.M. and continues through Labor Day weekend. If you are willing to participate, either speaking or assisting with special music, please see Mike Crawley.



On **June 15th**, LBC will be doing a churchwide trip to see the Carolina Mudcats. If you are interested in joining us, please let Pastor David know by **June 1st**, so we can order tickets. This is open to all ages of our church. It's going to be a wonderful time, so don't miss out!



VBS will be **June 24th - 28th** at LUMC. If you would like to help or need more information please see Pastor David or Melinda Harris.



Welcome
Our New
Members

We welcome Nelson Neville to our church family. Nelson's address is The Bayberry 111 Wicker Court, Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870 and his phone number is (252) 529-4887.

We welcome Ed & Kristi Atkins to our church family. Their address is 322 Edgewater Drive, Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870. Ed's phone number is (215) 478-7277. Kristi's phone number is (540) 960-0740.



We would like to express our appreciation for the many acts of kindness during the past eight years. We are grateful for your enormous generosity. The things you do might seem like "little things" to you, but those "little things" have a way of making our lives brighter. We praise God every day for the gift of your friendship. Your thoughtfulness is a blessing during our time of loss and grief. Thank you.

Family of Harrison West



Church Council will meet on Sunday, **May 19th**, following Morning Worship. Members of the committee are Mike Crawley, Jan Myrick, Laura Kearney, Betty Anne Shearin, Clyde Johnston & Mike Blanton.



The Flower Committee wants to thank you for all of your contributions! No matter what the situation is, you are always willing to help!

If there is a Sunday you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary, feel free to select a Sunday off the list on the bulletin board. 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 to let Kay know what you want in the bulletin about the altar flowers.

All Sundays but May 5th are available this month.

We can't thank you enough for you being you! We are blessed with such a wonderful congregation! Have a wonderful month of May!



SPRING MISSIONS INITIATIVE
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
May 17th & 18th, 2024

On Friday, **May 17th**, at 9:00 A.M. we will begin set up for the Carnival. All volunteers should meet at the church.

On Saturday, **May 18th**, we will host this Spring Missions Initiative Children's Free Carnival. The event begins at 8:30 A.M. with breakfast in our fellowship hall.

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 us & please be in prayer for the **"BIG EVENT"**.



FREE KIDS CARNIVAL
 Hosted by LBC at
 John 3:16 Center
 407 East End Avenue
 Littleton, North Carolina
 Saturday, May 18, 2024
 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.



**Preschool Games, Crafts, Face Painting,
 Free Hot Dogs, Drinks, Cotton Candy,
 Snow Cones, Popcorn & Goodie Bags**



We want to congratulate our 2024 graduates. These graduates have worked extremely hard and deserve to be recognized for all that they have accomplished. On Sunday, **May 26th**, we will honor them during our regular 11:00 AM worship service. Please lift them up in prayer as they seek God's guidance in beginning the next phase of their lives.

HIGH SCHOOL

Nicholas Coffman - Warren County High School

COLLEGE AND GRADUATE SCHOOL

Sara Council - Western Carolina University - Master of Science in Nursing Leadership



DEACONS MEETING

Our deacons will meet following Morning Worship on Sunday, **May 5th**. Please continue to pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.



Youth will not meet this month due to the busyness of church activities, but we encourage our youth to keep an eye out as we may do a fun outing one week. We also encourage our youth to find a way they can serve in the Kids Carnival. We look forward to continuing to see our youth grow in their faith.



On Mother's Day, Sunday, **May 12th**, we will take time to honor our mothers, past and present. Be with us as we take time to especially honor Christian Mothers who lift high the banner of Christ.



On Sunday, **May 5th**, 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.



Join our church family for a relaxing evening of food & fellowship on Sunday, **May 5th**. We will start the meal at 5:30 P.M. with a taco buffet table and end with desserts. Best of all will be the time to fellowship and share with each other. Come, bring friends, neighbors and family with you. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>
2 Dale Meyer 4 Bennett Pulliam (4 yrs) 6 Sandra Lynch 7 Davidson Crawley (4 yrs) 8 Robbie King 8 Indie Parks 18 Josephine Myrick 21 Memphis Crews (14 yrs) 21 Bella Pitchford (4 yrs) 23 Lynne Skilton 24 Kaye Herman 26 Margaret Neville 27 Greg Fussell 28 Gerleen Pitchford 29 Billy Blanton	17 Mike & Betty Blanton (33 yrs) 17 Robbie & Beth King (16 yrs) 19 Al & Carol Spraker (52 yrs) 21 Nicholas & Emily Pulliam (8 yrs) 23 David & Kay Tripp (37 yrs) 24 Daniel & Stephanie Iles (16 yrs)	5 Sara Little/Carol West 12 Melinda Harris/Sandra Lynch 19 Lynne Skilton/Jim Skilton 26 Nichole Pitchford/Bryant Pitchford <p style="text-align: center;"><u>TRASH DETAIL</u></p> Mike Blanton