

LITTLETON BAPTIST NEWS

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IN MEMORY

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*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 reached August! August to me always symbolizes new beginnings. It has always marked this moment where, even after I have finished school, it has been a reminder that something new is coming. I guess that comes from (let's see here) 3 years of pre-school, kindergarten, 12 years of school, 4 years at Wingate, plus 3 years at Campbell. That is a grand total of 23 years of my life beginning a new school year in August. 23 years of my life that when August rolls around I am walking into a new classroom, meeting a new teacher, and meeting a whole new group of students where I am hoping that I know at least someone in that class.

That is what August means to me. But for Littleton Baptist, it signals a new beginning in a different way. For it is in August that we begin the process of looking at our Nominating Committee. It is the time of year that we elect new deacons and fill in the committees for the upcoming church year.

I want to ask every single one of you, how can you serve? Not every single person is fit for every single committee, but each one of us has different gifts and talents. Each one of us has different interests. I want to ask you, how can you serve this church this year? Maybe it is finding a new committee to serve on? Maybe it is sticking to the same committees that you always have? We have a lot of great committees, and a lot of great places to serve. The nominating committee will be glad to hear from you if there is a special place that you are feeling called. Please let us hear from you.

As we gather for our corporate worship this month, we will be beginning a new series on traditional calling stories found in the Bible. These are all times where people have been called by God to do great things in his name.

We kick the series off by looking at Moses and how God called him from the burning bush to lead his people. We then look at Samuel and how God called him in the dead of night to be a great prophet. We will then look at the disciples and how they were called by God to be fishers of men.

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We will then conclude the series by having Taylor Long, a current student at Campbell Divinity School, preach. She will lead us in looking at our final calling story. You will not want to miss her wonderful message.

So as we look at these calling stories and how God used these people to do great things, how can God use you? Where is God calling you to serve the church? Make this new church year a wonderful year of service. Come find a place to serve, for we cannot do church without the people.

Grace and peace,

David



OK...it's that time of year once more! The time of year that I give you the reasons to join our choir!

1. It's fun! I am one of those choir directors who want you to enjoy singing! I do ask that you sing from the heart!
2. You will learn new songs and will sing oldies. The best part is that you can sing them over and over again at choir practice!
3. It gives you the feeling of doing something good! You will get a boost in confidence! When you rehearse something over and over and perform it flawlessly it makes your heart sing!
4. It improves your singing! Let's be honest...it won't help you become a pop star, but it will help you get better at it!
5. It feels fantastic! When you are harmonizing with others you feel something that you can't put into words. It's a warm toasty feeling that can also give you amazing chills!

Come and join us when we begin rehearsals once again on August 7th at 6:15!

Laura



FROM THE

Pulpit

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.

AUGUST 4

Why Me?

Exodus 3:1-14

AUGUST 11

Here I Am

1 Samuel 3:1-10

AUGUST 18

Fishers of Men

Matthew 4:18-22

AUGUST 25

Guest Preacher

Taylor Long



Ice Cream Social

Our third Summer Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Sunday, **August 18th**, at 6:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend with a hungry appetite, and if you can, please bring a freezer of homemade ice cream or snacks to complement the ice cream. Hope you will join us and bring a friend to share the wonderful Christian fellowship we will enjoy together!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE



The Nominating Committee begins their work on the 2024 - 2025 Officers and Teachers this month. They will be meeting on Sunday, **August 11th**, following Morning Worship. You are asked to prayerfully consider your places of service and seek to discern God's way as you are contacted. If you have a particular interest or area of giftedness, contact a member of the committee and make them aware of that interest. Members of the committee include: Earl Spivey, Chairperson; Nichole Pitchford, Mike Blanton, Matthew Council, Melinda Harris, & Sandra Lynch. Ex-officio members include Clyde Johnston, Mission Committee Chairperson & Mike Crawley, Sunday School Director.

DEACON NOMINATIONS



On Sunday, **August 4th**, we will be distributing the Resident Membership list, so you can begin to prayerfully consider your deacon nominations for the coming year. On Sunday, **August 18th**, the church will vote by secret ballot to nominate three (3) individuals. The two (2) qualified individuals, as determined by the deacons, who are willing to serve, will be presented to the church as part of the Nominating Committee's slate of Officers and Committees report.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION



Each month, on the first Sunday, we will be collecting non-perishable food to be given to the John 3:16 Center Food Pantry. A list of needs will be posted the week before so that we can best serve the needs of the food pantry. We pray that this ministry will be able to help those ministries that are already doing great work.

Pop Top Canned meat (chicken, tuna)
Ramen/Soup (if canned please pop-top)
Mac & Cheese
Spaghetti sauce

Spaghetti noodles
Peanut butter
Jelly



Our church picnic is Sunday, September 1st, at Sid and Betty Anne Shearin's restored farm on Bowers Road. If you have family or friends spending the holiday weekend with you, please bring them to the picnic also. There will be games like corn hole, ping pong, badminton, etc. and the Lego and bubble tables for children. You can fish in the ponds and/or walk the trail. The dinner bell will ring about 5:30 P.M. but come earlier so you can enjoy all the festivi-

ties! David Tripp will have his grilling machine to cook the hot dogs and hamburgers. Bring your lawn chairs and join us for a great time of Christian Fellowship and food! It is a great way to end the summer season. Hope to see you there!!!

****Go south on Mosby Avenue and turn left at the Person's Ordinary Historic Marker. (It is Warren Road but the street sign is gone). Take the second right which is Bowers Road. Go approximately 6 miles. Their home is on the right, across the road from the intersection of Warren's Pond Road. Please call Sid or Betty Anne at 586-4607 if you need more information.**



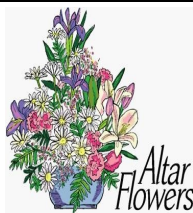
This month we are beginning a new ministry in connection with The Landings at Lake Gaston. On the last Sunday of each month, we will be collecting cards to be distributed to the residents. The church will be providing cards for you to sign and write encouraging notes. This will be a great ministry to those who are at the Landings to hopefully give them a little encouragement and to let them know that there are people who are thinking and praying for them all year round.



Our Thousand Trails Services continue each Sunday through Labor Day weekend at 8:30 A.M. Please pray for this ministry and find a way in which you can be involved. For more information contact Mike Crawley.



Our Deacons will meet on Sunday, **August 18th**, following Morning Worship. Please pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.



God has blessed us all so much! Look all around you. Wonderful friends and family are right there. Beautiful scenery is all around us: beautiful flowers, trees, etc. Thank and praise God for each and every day!

If you would like to volunteer to place flowers in church in August, please let us know. All dates for August are available.

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,

Remember to enjoy every moment God has given us. Don't ever take life for granted! It is too precious! Thank you for being so special!



The John 3:16 Center is readying our community's kids for a new school year. They need school supplies. Donation boxes will be set up in area businesses, and we will also have a box at church. We will be collecting the supplies beginning on **August 4th** and ending on **August 18th**. The supplies will be distributed to schools in Warren, Halifax, and Northampton Counties.

Suggested items to donate are:

1 inch, 1.5 inch & 2 inch 3 ring binders
5 tab & 8 tab dividers
2 pocket portfolio folders (plastic)
3 prong portfolio folders (plastic)
Wide ruled paper
Graphing paper
Spiral notebooks
Composition books
Index cards
Post It notes
Blue, black, and red ink pens
Pencils

Colored Pencils
Crayons
Pencil sharpeners
Clorox wipes
Highlighters
Markers
Expo/dry erase markers
Scissors
Glue Sticks
Bookbags (regular & clear/no wheels)
Texas Instruments TI 30X Scientific Calculator
Headphones/ear buds

Erasers
Pencil Bag
2 gallon Ziploc bags
Tissues
Whiteboard erasers
Academic Planners
4 gb USB drives
Hand Sanitizer

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>
6 Jordan Kearney 8 Kristi Atkins 9 Melinda Harris 11 Kay Tripp 17 Lily Askew (9 yrs) 20 Tom Tremper 21 Virginia Tant 21 Ethan Kearney (1 yr) 22 Carolyn Daniels	6 Ed & Gerleen Pitchford (57 yrs)	4 Sara Council/Matthew Council 11 Melinda Harris/Sandra Lynch 18 Lynn Skilton/Jim Skilton 25 Paula Burton/Kay Tripp
		<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
		Mike Blanton