

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

Miracles. That is the theme for the month of September this year. During this month, we will be looking at different miracles that we see in scripture.

My question for you is where are the miracles in your life? Do you see the miracles in the everyday? Do you see the miracle in just being able to wake up and walk? Do you see the miracle in the sun coming up in the morning?

We like reading about these big miracles in scripture, and they are wonderful. But how do you see God still working today? How do you see God performing miracles in your life? For everyday is an opportunity see a miracle. We just have to be willing to see the miracle. We just have to be willing to allow God to make us the miracle for someone else.

For God still does miracles.

As we kick off this series, we start off with the first miracle of Jesus turning water into wine. We will also celebrate Holy Communion. We come to the table to remember the sacrifice.

The next three miracles we will be studying are healing miracles. We see Jesus heal a paralyzed man, a blind man, and a man with leprosy. These are specific miracles where Jesus teaches a distinct lesson through each of these healings.

We end the series by looking at Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead.

What do these miracles teach us about today? The people weren't expecting a miracle. Today, we just go about life many times not expecting a miracle, but miracles can and do happen. We just have to be willing to open our eyes and see them.

So where will God work to perform a miracle in your life? Let's see the miracles happen.

Grace and Peace,

David



September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 Thousand Trails 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 5:30 Church Picnic	2	3	4 8:00 Exercise 6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	5	6 8:00 Exercise	7
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When most people think of September they think of fall, apples, cooler weather, and football! When I think of September, I think of....Christmas!

Yes, it's time for the choir to begin working on the Christmas Cantata! It takes several months to prepare for this special program. If you would like to participate in the Christmas Cantata, you are welcome to join us! You can come to rehearsals on Wednesday evenings and practice with the choir. Please contact me if you would like to sing with us, and I will give you more information!

While you are enjoying the normal fall things, why not enjoy a little Christmas at the same time?

Laura



Young Family Bible Study

Young Family Bible Study returns! We are excited to be coming back from summer break. We invite all of our families with young children to join us on

Wednesdays, **September 4th & 18th**, at 6:00 P.M. for a great time as we have a Bible Study, music, and maybe even a craft. We look forward to a great year!



Deacons Meeting

Our Deacons will meet on Sunday, **September 8th**, following Morning Worship. Please pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.



Thousand Trails

The final session of our summer mission Sunday School at Thousand Trails is Sunday, **September 1st**, at 8:30 A.M. Special thanks to Mike Crawley for leading these services each week. Thanks to those from the church who have supported this ministry with your prayers and presence.



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.

SEPTEMBER 1

The Wedding Party

John 2:1-11

Holy Communion

SEPTEMBER 8

Stretcher Coming Through

Luke 5:17-26

SEPTEMBER 15

Dirt Don't Hurt Nobody

John 9:1-12

SEPTEMBER 22

Touching the Untouchable

Matthew 8:1-4

SEPTEMBER 29

He Stinketh

John 11:32-44



On Sunday, **September 1st**, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper during worship. Be present for this special time as we remember once again the sacrifice of our Lord for each of us. Remember as you depart you will be given the opportunity to contribute to the Fellowship Fund for local benevolence.



Youth kick-off will be Sunday, **September 8th**, at 5:00 P.M. with dinner out. We will then have normal Bible Study and dinner on Sunday, **September 22nd**, at 5:00 P.M. It's going to be a great year in youth.



We love our church! We have wonderful people here that are friends and family. We work and have fun together. God has blessed us.

If you would like to place flowers in church this month, all Sundays but September 1st, are available. 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) 585-2083.

You can also contact the church office by email: office@littletonbaptistchurch.org. Let us know what you would like in the bulletin.

Thank you again for being so generous and caring!



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

The first Sunday of each month is set aside to bring food items for the John 3:16 Food Pantry. There are many in our area that need help with feeding their family. We can share the abundance of what we have with others!

This month they need the following items: Pop Top Canned meat (chicken, tuna, Vienna Sausages), Ramen Noodle/Canned Soup (if canned please pop-top), 16 oz bags of rice/beans & canned fruit.



September is here. Cooler and shorter days do not mean that there is less activity in our church and community. Mission work, is something we should always be doing, so we can share the love of God and His Son, Jesus.

When you get this newsletter, it will be time for the Littleton/Lake Gaston Festival. If you haven't signed up to help Saturday, **August 31st**, it is not too late. We will be handing out Goodie Bags to children, having a book give-away for children, providing cool bottles of water, painting faces, doing crafts and sharing God's love with smiles. There is a place where you can help. Contact Clyde Johnston or Melinda Harris to sign up.

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

The Union Mission in Roanoke Rapids provides housing for men, women & children, prepares a hot meal at lunch and gives out food boxes four times a week. They need volunteers to lead devotional time, pack food boxes, build/repair the facilities and many other needs where you can use your talents to help others. Call the Mission at (252) 537-3372 and volunteer an hour, a day or however the Lord leads you to help.

Another outreach that is being discussed is having a family movie night for the community. Popcorn anyone?

We need your help!! If you have suggestions or ideas about how we can increase our Missions outreach, please contact Clyde Johnston (252)532-2173 or Melinda Harris (252)203-3075.

Thank you for your prayers, support and help.

We're
Having a
Picnic



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 festivities! 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.**



Appalachian Coalfields Christmas Outreach 2024 is a project run by NC Baptists on Mission. Their goal is to collect 22,000 backpacks of items to be distributed to Appalachian children in areas of need. Littleton Baptist would like to participate in this ministry this year.

You can help by purchasing a **NEW school backpack** that you will fill with the following items. Right now is a good time to buy backpacks.

- A) Items of NEW warm clothing.** Please try to provide a winter hat, a pair of gloves, 2-3 pairs of winter socks, and maybe a scarf.
- B) Small pop-top canned food items** such as ravioli, tuna, beef stew, vegetables, fruit (3-4 cans - no plastic containers, please)
- C) At least 1 or 2 NEW, age appropriate non-breakable toy(s)** (*no toy weapons, please!*) This can include small cars, balls, dolls, small stuffed animals, puzzles, jump rope, sidewalk chalk, card games, Legos, etc. For oldest age group (15-17) substitute an appropriate item instead of a toy, such as, a flashlight, small thermos, light blanket, ear buds, small tool kits, fishing gear, books, hunting, fishing or sports magazines for the boys - jewelry, books, ear buds, skin care products, hair accessories, small travel-sized hair dryer, etc. for the girls.
- D) Hygiene items** including full sized containers of toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, and deodorant, as well as toothbrush, soap, washcloth, brush or comb. (*Please fit these items into a one gallon Ziploc bag so they do not leak out into the rest of the backpack*).
- E) Fresh, wrapped candy** (*no chocolate please, as it may melt; and no peanut products because of potential allergies*)

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please make sure all items fit into the backpack. Nothing should be attached to the outside of the pack. Please stick carefully to the list above. This backpack is not for school supplies. Our mission committee is getting the Bibles for the backpacks.

Age Grouping and Labeling. Each backpack should be labeled boy or girl as well as the appropriate age. Age groupings for this year are **4-7, 8-10, 11-14, 15-17**. Pin or securely tie on a label with sex of child and age of child.

We ask that you prepare your backpack as you would for your own child or grandchild, with new items, not used ones. This quality gift could be the only Christmas present this child receives, and will be a witness of Christ's love!

Please bring your backpacks to church by Sunday, October 20th.

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>
4 Dale Council 5 Jimmy Felts 8 Christopher Skinner (15 yrs) 9 Sheryl West 10 Lucas Little (1 yr) 13 Betty Blanton 13 J. C. Skinner (18 yrs) 15 Anna Council (8 yrs) 15 Earl Spivey 28 Tracy Council 28 Debbie Sineath 29 Neva Lopez 30 Jim Skilton 30 Kent West	14 David & Sara Little (5 yrs)	1 Amanda Coffman/Bob Thompson 8 Melinda Harris/Sandra Lynch 15 Sara Little/Carol West 22 Nichole Pitchford 29 Paula Burton/Kay Tripp <div style="text-align: center;"><u>TRASH DETAIL</u></div> Jimmy Kearney