

# 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

Once again, we have reached my favorite part of the year. While Christmas and Advent hold a very special place in my heart, I believe October is truly the best time of the year. Football is in full swing. Baseball playoffs begin.. Trees start turning colors, and leaves fall (although I extremely dislike having to pick them up). The NC State Fair rolls into town. You've got Halloween, and then it's Hurricanes hockey season. There is nothing quite like October.

As we enter into this new church year season, may you be able to look around and see the joy in this season. There is a lot to look forward to with this church year. May we see how God continues to work in Littleton Baptist to be a light in this community.

Throughout worship, that is exactly what our focus will be. We kick off the month with World Communion Sunday. As we come to the table of Christ, we come seeking joy. There is joy all around us, and the table symbolizes joy in what Christ has done for us. Let us officially kick off the church year with some joy.

Then the rest of the month, we will be entering into a series based on my benediction. "As we go from this place, let us take with us the love of God, the grace of Jesus, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit wherever it is that we may go."

My benediction is based on Paul's benediction in his second letter to the church of Corinth. Those are three key things that Paul tells us to take with us, and we will spend a week looking at each of them. We start the series by looking at the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. We do a lot of fellowship at LBC, but what exactly is real, genuine fellowship?

Next, we move onto the love of God. We talk a great deal about love throughout the year, but we all need a reminder of how we truly are commanded to take love with us wherever we go. Love is an essential part of being a Christian. We should never stop loving, and the world could use more love from us right now.

We end the series by looking at the grace of Jesus. Grace is a word that we throw around a lot, but have you ever stopped to think about what his grace truly means? Have you ever stopped and thought about the Christian aspect of grace? We dive deep into how grace should affect everything that we do.

Enjoy this October. May you find as much joy in it as I do. No matter whether it is sports, the fair, the holidays, or simply because we enter into another year of being able to serve this community that we all love so much. This October is just the beginning of a great church year at Littleton Baptist Church.

Grace and Peace,

*David*



# October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 8:00 Exercise  6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	3	4 8:00 Exercise	5
6 8:30 Deacons Mtg 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	7 8:00 Exercise	8	9 8:00 Exercise   6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Quarterly Business Mtg	10	11 8:00 Exercise	12
13 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship   5:00 Youth	14 8:00 Exercise	15	16 8:00 Exercise  6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	17	18 8:00 Exercise 9:00 Church Work Day	19 9:00 Church Work Day
20 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	21 8:00 Exercise	22	23 8:00 Exercise   6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	24	25 8:00 Exercise	26
27 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship  5:00 Youth	28 8:00 Exercise	29	30 8:00 Exercise   6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	31  6:00 Main Street Trick or Treat		



"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall."

F. Scott Fitzgerald

Fall is here, and I love it! It's funny how my taste in what music I listen to changes with the seasons! I've never really thought about it but realized it today when I began writing my newsletter article!

Spring comes, and I start listening to happy music. Summer comes, and I love to listen to beach music. Of course the winter season brings the Christmas music and instrumental quiet music. Fall, well, I'm not sure! It's a mixture I guess. I am still listening to a little beach music, happy music, and a little bit of instrumental music. But, I am also listening to Christmas music since we are working on the Christmas Cantata and Fall does not end until December 20th.

Whatever the season I love my music! My newest grand baby, Ethan, loves music, too! At one, he has already got the moves!

Enjoy the crispness of the season and the music that goes along with it!

*Laura*



**October 6<sup>th</sup>** is World Communion Sunday. 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 you and me. Remember, as you depart, you will be given the opportunity to contribute to the Fellowship Fund for local benevolence.



Our Deacons will meet at 8:30 A.M. on Sunday, **October 6<sup>th</sup>**. We welcome our two newest deacons, Clyde Johnston and Sid Shearin. Special thanks to Melinda Harris & Earl Spivey who completed their terms of service in September. Please pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.



## 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.

### OCTOBER 6

Find Joy At The Table

Nehemiah 8:10

World Communion Sunday

### OCTOBER 13

Being in Fellowship

1 John 1:3-7

### OCTOBER 20

What The World Needs Now

1 Corinthians 13

### OCTOBER 27

The Scandal of Grace

Matthew 20:1-16



There is always work to be done at our church, and we need your help for "Fall Cleaning" this year. There are several things that need to be done, but if there is another job that you want done, this could be the time to do it. We will be working Friday & Saturday, **October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon, so please come help when you can.



Our next Quarterly Business Meeting is Wednesday, **October 9<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 P.M. These quarterly meetings are vital to the church and her ministry as we report, discuss, plan, and consider the ongoing needs that will strengthen us as the people of God.



Youth will meet Sundays, **October 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**, for dinner and Bible study. We will meet at 5:00 P.M. at the Little residence.



**OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH. BE SURE TO LET PASTOR DAVID KNOW HOW MUCH HE IS APPRECIATED AND LOVED.**



Welcome  
To Our  
Church  
Family

We welcome to our church membership, Anna Council, who came by profession of faith on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. She was baptized on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.



The Town of Littleton will be sponsoring a Halloween trick or treat on Main Street this year at 6:00 P.M. Our church will be sponsoring a table located in front of the Union Mission. We need your help by bringing a bag of individually wrapped candy by **October 27<sup>th</sup>**, so we can make small treat bags for each child. We will also need volunteers to help staff the table as well. If you are interested, please see Pastor David.



**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. We would like to participate in this ministry again this year. It is such a blessing to be able to help children that are in need.



You can help by purchasing a **NEW school backpack** that you will fill with the following items.

1. Hats, gloves, socks, scarves, or similar items
2. Three or four small pop-top canned foods (no plastic containers) - ravioli, beef stew, mac and cheese, fruit, veggies, tuna.
3. Hygiene items - toothpaste, toothbrush, body wash, shampoo, deodorant, soap, washcloth, hairbrush, comb (Please fit these items into one gallon Ziploc bag so they do not leak)
4. Fresh, wrapped candy - No chocolate or peanuts.
5. 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 girls.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Make sure all items fit into the backpack. Please stick carefully to the list above. **This backpack is not for school supplies.** Our mission committee is getting Bibles.

**Age Grouping and Labeling.** Each backpack should be labeled boy or girl as well as the appropriate age. Age groups for this year are **4-7, 8-10, 11-14, 15-17**. Make sure you attach a check off form to your backpack. The forms are on the table in the vestibule.

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 20<sup>th</sup>**.



*Our family would like to thank each of you for your generous financial fundraising gift. Since Harrison's passing you have seen us at our lowest and quickly given us love and support with prayers, notes, calls and many other ways. Each of you have given so much time and effort to reach out to us. This has made a difference every day. God gives us knowledge that His promises will be fulfilled, and you have been a huge blessing to us. We have now satisfied all the Duke medical expenses. We plan to pay it forward with any future donations for children with terminal medical conditions.*

*Thank you again for your support and love.*

*Sincerely,*

*Kent, Carol, and Carly & Owen*

## **HOMEcoming INVITATION CELEBRATING 151 YEARS**

*All Members, Former Members, Friends and Family*

*Are cordially invited to Littleton Baptist Church*

*On Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 A.M.*

*For our Annual Homecoming Service*

*followed by a Covered Dish Dinner in our Fellowship Hall*

*Everyone is encouraged to bring covered dishes/desserts to share*

*Rev. Jordan Tripp will be the speaker. He is the son of David & Kay Tripp*

*and a former LBC member. He is the Decedent Care Supervisor at*

*WakeMed Health and Hospitals.*

*There will be no Sunday School on this day.*



Kay Beaver, Christie Griffin, and Sandra Lynch want to thank you for selecting us to be on the Flower Committee. We want to thank Lydia for all of her help in the past. We will miss Don & Lydia, but we wish them the best! Also, we realize we could not do this without the support of our precious church. God has blessed us with such a wonderful church family!

If you would like to place flowers in church on **October 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, or 27<sup>th</sup>**, please 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 Christie Griffin (919)306-1601 or christiewheatley@yahoo.com. Please contact the church office by email: office@littletonbaptistchurch.org to let us know what you would like in the bulletin about the flowers you are placing in church.

Also, it is time to start thinking about placing Poinsettias in LBC to grace our sanctuary for the month of December in memory of or in honor of your loved one. The prices are \$12.00 and \$21.00. Kay, Christie, or I will be glad to take your orders. We have to have the orders by **November 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

We cannot thank you enough for all you do!

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>
2 Elizabeth Neville 3 Ashby Burton 5 Perry Myrick (Myrick) (4 yrs) 8 Mike Crawley 9 Cecil Griffin 12 Jan Myrick 12 Larry Thomas West 15 Jeff Burton 18 Louise Gibson 25 Jack Tant 26 Mary Beth Labrecque	8 Perry & Casey Myrick (8 yrs) 11 Jim & Debbie Sineath (10 yrs) 15 Josh & Samantha Hall (8 yrs) 27 Jeff & Paula Burton (34 yrs)	6 Sara Council 13 Melinda Harris/Sandra Lynch 20 Paula Burton/Sara Little 27 Nichole Pitchford  <u>TRASH DETAIL</u> Bob Thompson