

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

November is here, and it is the time of Thanksgiving. The question at this time of the year always is: what are you thankful for? We give great responses to this. We are thankful for good friends, family, our church, our job, or good health. All of these responses are wonderful, but what is it in your life that sometimes gets overlooked? What is in your life that sometimes you forget to be thankful for?

We all have those things in our lives that we sometimes take for granted. They're always there, and we think they will always be there. However, we forget to be thankful for it. We forget every day to praise God that those things are in our lives. We forget to thank God for this blessing that he has placed in our lives.

This month as we ponder what we are thankful for, I encourage us all to examine the things that we take for granted. Ponder those things that we forget to thank God for. For those things, I truly believe, are the things we should be most thankful for.

As we come to worship this month in November, it is going to be an exciting time. We kick the month by examining how Jesus is our peacemaker in a time of divisiveness. What does Jesus' example teach us on how we should live in a divided world?

The second week of November is always a special Sunday as we celebrate Homecoming. We celebrate 151 years. 150 was special last year, but this year so much has changed. We have lost many special people, but our church has also gained so many people. I am thankful to be serving a church that chooses to serve its community even after 151 years. Let's celebrate and make year 152 just as special.

Our third Sunday we look to Jesus' example of taking time away to rest and recharge. We then end the month with Christ the King Sunday.



November is going to be exciting. There is a lot to be thankful for at this church, and we are just getting started.

Grace and Peace,

David



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>2</i>
<i>3</i> 8:30 Deacons Mtg 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	<i>4</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>9</i>
<i>10</i> 11:00 Home- coming 12:00 Home- coming Meal	<i>11</i> 8:30 Exercise 	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>16</i>
<i>17</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Youth	<i>18</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>23</i>
<i>24</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Community Thanksgiving Service	<i>25</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> No Adult Choir or Prayer & Bible Study	<i>28</i> 	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> 10:00 Chrismon Tree & Sanctuary Decorating/ Nativity Scene set-up.



Every year at the end of November...and it is really at the end of this November...we enjoy a meal with those for which we are most thankful. We remember our blessings and give thanks for the things that we have.

I am thankful for my family, my friends, the roof over my head, and so many things. I truly have been blessed. I am very blessed to be Minister of Music at our church.

I am blessed to work with such a devoted and giving group of choir members. They always give me 100% and for that I am very grateful. I am not a "professional" choir director, but after 19 years I'm getting closer! They put up with my forgetfulness and my mistakes! This goes for all of my choir members...from the children to the adults!

Thank you all for your kind words and support! I am truly blessed to be a part of my family and a part of this church family!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Laura

HOMECOMING INVITATION CELEBRATING 151 YEARS

*All Members, Former Members, Friends and Family
are cordially invited to Littleton Baptist Church*

on Sunday, November 10th, 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.



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.

NOVEMBER 3

Divided We Fall

Ephesians 2:14-18

NOVEMBER 10

Rev. Jordan Tripp

Homecoming

NOVEMBER 17

A Quiet Place

Mark 6:30-32

NOVEMBER 24

What He Came For

John 18:33-37

Christ The King Sunday



Deacons Meeting

Our Deacons will meet on Sunday, November 3rd, at 8:30 A.M. Please pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.



Young Family Bible Study

We will gather for Young Family Bible Study for those families with young children on Wednesdays, November 6th and 20th, at 6:00 PM for Bible study, crafts, and music. It's always a great time to gather and see the children grow in their faith.



DECORATING THE CHURCH

It is time to get into the Christmas Spirit! We need all volunteers!! We will be decorating the Chrismon Tree and the Sanctuary on Saturday, November 30th, at 10:00 A.M. We will also be setting out the Nativity scene.



JOHN 3:16 CENTER TOY DRIVE & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



The John 3:16 Center Annual Toy Drive is **November 1st – December 6th**. They are hoping to serve over 400 children at the Littleton and Roanoke Rapids locations through their Christmas Outreach Program. There are 3 ways you can help this year. First, you can help them by sponsoring a child (ages newborn – 16) with a donation of \$100.00 or by participating in their Annual Toy Collection Drive by dropping off new, unwrapped toys at the John 3:16 Center in Littleton.

Suggested items to donate for children up to age 16:

Puzzles (Varying ages. Please do NOT get over 500 pieces)

Books (for every age group)

Games (board games or card games)

Batteries (as we like to provide them if they are needed with toys and games)

Toys but please **NO** toy weapons

Some of the hardest items that they tend to receive less of is for toddler age and teenagers. Some ideas for teenagers are watches, wallets, purses, necklaces, accessories, make up, hats and sporting goods.

For babies and toddlers: Learning toys.

Lastly, the John 3:16 Center is in need of volunteers in helping transport items from the Center to Littleton United Methodist Church (LUMC) and for setting up the “Christmas Shoppe” on **December 11th** from 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Also, at LUMC, volunteers are needed to be personal shoppers/wrappers on **December 12th** & **13th** & **December 16th** thru **18th** in assisting parents in picking out gifts for their children from **10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.** on the days listed above.

The John 3:16 Center also needs volunteers to help set up for the Christmas Party for the families they serve on Friday, **December 20th**, from 9:00 A.M - 12:00 noon. Volunteers are also needed to assist with the Christmas Party on Saturday, **December 21st**, with parking, serving food, assisting Santa, and mingling with the families. For more information or to sign up,



Time flies so fast! October was just here, and December is quickly approaching. So many exciting events at church to look forward to!

If you would like to place flowers in church in November, please let us know. November **3rd**, **17th**, & **24th** are available.

You can order Christmas Poinsettias through **November 3rd**. Let us know if you want the \$12.00 or \$21.00 poinsettia. Don't forget to let us know if you want to place it in memory of or in honor of that special person. We want to thank you for all the Christmas Poinsettia Orders given so far.

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, dbeaver10@gmail.com; Christie Wheatley Griffin - (919) 306-1601, christiewheatley@yahoo.com; or the church office - office@littletonbaptistchurch.org.

We must praise God for giving us such a wonderful congregation! Thank you for all you do!



SHARING HOPE...CHANGING LIVES

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

Each year, North Carolina Baptists show their love and support for children by participating in the annual Thanksgiving Offering for Baptist Children's Homes. Without you, and North Carolina Baptists throughout the state, it would be impossible for Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) to offer compassionate homes and ministries where children can go and find a place of hope and peace. The caring cottage parents and caregivers introduce boys and girls to Jesus who says to them, *"Come to me...I will give you rest."*

Giving to BCH's Annual Offering is not only important in helping to meet the tremendous needs of boys and girls. It's essential! You will find envelopes & more information in the **November 3rd** bulletin.



MISSION MOMENTS

This month revolves around Thanksgiving - from Homecoming to the 4th Thursday in the month. What nice ways to begin and end a beautiful month. Thanksgiving is something we should do all the time. Do not wait for one day in one month. We have so much to be thankful for even on a bad day. Look around to see your many blessings. A home for shelter, clothes to keep us warm, food to ease hungry stomachs, friends we can laugh or cry with when there is a need. Thanksgiving is a time to share and give of our abundance. Look around you for opportunities where the Lord is calling for your help. Missions begins with us. Not in a foreign land or in some remote spot in our country but right here in our heart. Rejoice and give thanks that we can help. Get involved with a project or do something on your own. Use your talents and gifts to help others. A friendly hello and smile might make the difference in someone's day. Building a ramp or painting a fence might brighten the life of someone hurting. Missions is an action word. Pray for guidance and get moving.



Our church will once again be sending Christmas Cards to our military personnel who will be away from home during the Christmas Holidays. These cards from our church family will give cheer to them in their distant service. We are also asking you to provide names, addresses, rank, relationship to you (i.e family, friend, neighbor etc.). (Note: If you have family or friends serving in missions somewhere, we will also extend this request for names to include them as well.) Please give the information to Sid Shearin or the church office.

The cards will be in the vestibule for you to sign **December 1st & 8th**. Sid wants to remind everyone you are not to sign for your spouse or children. Everyone needs to sign individually.



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

We will be hosting our Community Thanksgiving Service this year. It will be Sunday, **November 24th**, at 5:00 P.M. The ecumenical service will feature special music and pastor Rev. Christine Roe from Lakeside Lutheran will deliver the message giving thanks to God for his goodness. You will also have the opportunity to donate food and/or a money offering to support the John 3:16 Center Food Pantry.



Youth will meet on **November 17th** at 5:00 P.M. for dinner and Bible Study. Please note the Sunday change due to Homecoming and the community Thanksgiving service.

We will be collecting money for the John 3:16 Christmas Toy Drive on Sundays, **November 24th, December 1st, and 8th**. We will go to lunch and shopping on **December 8th**.

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NOVEMBER

<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY SCHEDULE</u>
1 Ann West 2 Priscilla Parks 10 Jim Sineath 11 Mary Virginia Kearney 16 Darlene Kocich 19 Morgan Barnes 20 Arlene Merritt 21 Bree Barnes 21 Chris Skinner 24 Larry West 24 Charles Wilson 25 Thad Harris 27 Ed Atkins 28 Tom Burch 28 Brenda Hudson 29 Mary Lois Spivey	6 Matthew & Sara Council (13 yrs) 8 Tom & Sandy Burch (33 yrs)	3 Paula Burton/Kay Tripp 10 Sandra Lynch/Melinda Harris 17 Lynn Skilton/Jim Skilton 24 Nichole Pitchford/Amanda Coffman
		<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
		Sid Shearin