LITTLETON BAPTIST NEWS

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

As we enter into the year 2025, it's hard to believe that we are already a quarter of the way through this century. It seemed just like yesterday that people were partying in the streets like it's 1999. Yet also in the same breath, so much has changed since then. It is not 1999 or 2000 or any other year anymore. It's not even 2024 anymore.

And so that brings the question, what will 2025 hold? What impact will this year have? Not just on a global scale, but for you individually. How will you make 2025 a year to remember? Change is a constant part of life. Without it we remain a stagnant stream that just creates fungi. Not changing is unhealthy.

But changing for the sake of changing is also not appropriate. So how can we make the right kind of impact in 2025? How can we change individually so that we make an impact on the kingdom of God for the better? That goes for us as individuals and for us as the church. We don't need to change for change's sake, but we need to continue to grow and as we grow it will cause us to change and become better.

So here's to 2025. Let's make it the best year yet.

As we gather for worship in the month of January, we will be looking at how the seasons of the year relate to our own faith journeys. We will begin by looking at what it means to have a spring faith, then a summer faith, followed by a harvest faith, and concluding with a winter faith.

It's going to be an exciting and challenging month as we personally examine where we are in our own faith journeys and where we will go from there. I pray that you take this series and use it as a self-examination tool. How can you use this series to help you grow in your own faith?

This is a new beginning and all about growth. Where is 2025 going to take you and us as a church?

Grace and Peace,





January 2025

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



I want to start off by thanking the Adult Choir and Junior Singers for their magnificent performance on December 15th! When I got home from the Cantata, it dawned on me that The First Noel was the 20th Christmas Cantata that I had directed! But, then, I remembered that we did not do one in 2020, so I guess that the 2025 Cantata will be my 20th!

Believe it or not we will begin working on our Easter Cantata this month! So, remember that you are always welcome to join us! I am always looking for new talent!!!!

Happy New Year and I hope 2025 brings you many blessings!

Laura



On Sunday, <u>January 5th</u>, 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.



Deacons will meet on Sunday, January 5th, at 8:30 A.M. in the annex. Please continue to pray for our deacons and their inval-

uable leadership to our church.



Church Council will meet following Morning Worship on Sunday, <u>January 12th</u>. Members of the committee are: Mike Crawley, Laura Kearney, Betty Anne Shearin, Clyde Johnston and Sid Shearin.



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

JANUARY 5

Springtime Faith

1 Corinthians 3:5-9

Communion

JANUARY 12

Summer of Faith

2 Peter 3:17-18

JANUARY 19

Harvestful Faith

John 15:1-8

JANUARY 26

Always Winter Faith

Lamentations 3:19-27



Youth will meet Sunday, <u>January 12th</u> and Sunday, <u>January 26th</u> at 5:00 P.M. for dinner and Bible study. It will be great to get back into the swing of things for our youth group.



Young Family Bible Study Our Young Family Bible Study will meet for those families with young children on Wednesday, <u>January 15th</u>, at 6:00 P.M.



A heartfelt thank you to our amazing volunteers from the John 3:16 team!

As we wrap up our Christmas Outreach Program, we want to express our deepest gratitude to the many loyal supporters who made it possible. Your selfless efforts, kindness, and generosity have brought joy to 551 children this year.

From packing snack packs and hygiene kits, to helping transport supplies, setting up, being a personal shopper, gift wrapper, and lending a hand at

our Christmas Party - every task, big or small, is crucial to the program's success.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your time, energy and compassion. Your commitment to serving others is a shining example of the true spirit of Christmas. We're honored to have you as part of our team and look forward to continuing to serve together in the new year!



We will be meeting on Saturday, January 4th, at 10:00 A.M. to put away the Christmas decorations. But as we put them away let us hold onto the spirit of Christmas. Christmas may be over, but Jesus' light remains with us. The meaning of Christmas, God with us reigns true. So as we go back to the "ordinary beautiful" let us worship our King Jesus.



Dear LBC Family,

Thank you so much for our generous Christmas gifts. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful congregation. Each one of you means so much to our "Little" family. We appreciate every single one of you and the hearts that you have to share Christ's love. We have so much to be thankful for in what God continues to do in our lives, and we are thankful for each of you that are a part of it. We look forward to continuing the growth and our ministry together in 2025.

Grace & Peace,

David, Sara & Lucas



On Sundays in which inclement weather renders it unsafe to conduct Worship Services, our deacons will contact you if our services will go full virtual.



Thank you so much hank for the financial gifts presented to us for Christmas. We have such an awesome.

thoughtful & loving church family and we feel so blessed to be part of it. Thank you also for offering such wonderful support with the many words of encouragement you share with us all through the year.

Many thanks!

Kay, Laura, Míke, Bob & Billy

SAVE THE DATE

Attention All Ladies! A Midwinter Tea is being planned for

Tuesday, January 21st, from 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. (Floating). We hope this brings a little warmth to the cold winter days. More details to follow. Contact Betty Anne Shearin.

Heavenly Father,



Thank You for making all things new! As another new year begins, help me live each day for You. May I continually have a new song in my heart to sing to You, no matter what comes my way. I trust in You because I know that Your mercies are new every morning, and nothing ahead of me will take You by surprise.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.



Our next Quarterly Business Meeting is Wednesday, <u>January 8th</u>, at 7:00 P.M. These quarterly meetings are vital to the church and it's ministry as we report, discuss, plan and consider the ongoing needs that will strengthen us as the people of God. You are encouraged to be present and to always be prayerful about our church's ministries.



The Flower Committee wants to thank you for the beautiful poinsettias, helping to decorate inside and outside the church, and taking time to be together to celebrate the birth of Jesus!! God has blessed us so much! He gave us his most precious gift, his son! He also spoiled us with exceptional pastors, family, and friends! Enjoy the new year.

The flower list has been placed on the bulletin board. If there is a certain Sunday you want to place flowers in the sanctuary, feel free to select that Sunday while it is available. You also can contact a member of the Flower Committee by phone or email:

Sandra Lynch, Chairperson - (252) 578-3495 or sandralynch337@gmail.com Christie Griffin - (919)306-1601 or christiewheatley@yahoo.com Kay Beaver - (252) 586-2014 or dbeaver10@gmail.com.

You can contact the church office by email: office@littletonbaptistchurch.org. Make sure to let us know what you would like in the bulletin when you place flowers in church.

The following is the flower schedule for January:

January 5 - The Lord's Supper

January 12 - Available

January 19 - Available

January 26 - Available

Thank you again for being so faithful in keeping the sanctuary beautiful with your presence and wonderful flower arrangements!

Celebrate the new year as the example God has helped you become. Always look to Him for guidance and advice.

Happy New Year!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY	NURSERY
16 Bryant Pitchford	18 Richard & Suzanne Cook (1 yr)	5 Nichole Pitchford/
19 Eddie Pitchford		12 Melinda Harris/Sandra Lynch
20 Brenda Holloman		19 Paula Burton/Kay Tripp
24 Mike Conner		26 Sara Little/Carol West
26 Betty Ann Shearin		
28 Sandra Felts		
		GARBAGE DETAIL
		Charles Wilson