

# 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

It's February again. The month of love. It's the month that we celebrate "Share His Love Sunday." We remember the love that God has for us and how he has commanded us to go and love others just the same.

But you know, there is another holiday in February that I am partial to because of a movie, Groundhog Day. I don't wake up early that morning to see what the groundhog predicted. However, because of that movie, I think about what it would look like to live the same day over and over again.

What would I do? How would I spend my time? How would it feel to be stuck in that loop? It's an interesting question to think about. Would you change everything or would you slowly go insane because you might be changing, but you can't change any of your surroundings because when you wake up, everything is back to the way it was.

Luckily, we do not live in a loop. When we wake up each morning, it is a new morning. It's a new opportunity. What you did yesterday affects the world you are living in today. What you do today affects the world you are living in tomorrow. And that brings us back to "Share His Love Sunday."

"They will know you are my disciples by your love." That is how we can affect the world today: by loving those who are around us. Love is powerful and can cause great things in this world. So let us truly share the love of God with those around us.

It is going to be an exciting month in worship. We begin the month by looking at how worship should be responsive to what God is doing in our lives. The second Sunday will be our Men's/Missions Sunday.

The third Sunday will be "Share His Love Sunday" as we really look at what it means to share the love of God. We then conclude the month by examining the life of Jesus and what he spent most of his time teaching the people, either through his words or actions.

It is going to be an exciting month. I look forward to seeing how our church continues to be a light in this community as we go from the walls of the building and share the love of God.

Grace and Peace,

*David*



# FEBRUARY 2025

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<b>2</b> 8:30 Deacons Mtg 9:45 S School 11:00 Worship	<b>3</b> 8:30 Exercise	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 8:30 Exercise  6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8:30 Exercise	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:45 S School 11:00 Baptist Men's Day Worship  6:00 Youth Super Bowl Bash	<b>10</b> 8:30 Exercise	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8:30 Exercise  6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 8:30 Exercise  	<b>15</b>
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Have you ever wondered why music moves us so much? I was recently reading an article that answers that question. The simple answer to that question is that God made it that way. God loves music! That is why heaven is filled with song. We know that from all the verses that talk about music. The Bible describes music as a gift from God that is used to worship and glorify him.

As you know, I love music. I'd like to share some of my favorites verses about music.

"He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord." Psalm 40:3

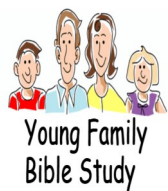
"Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation." Psalm 95:1

"From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise." Psalm 8:2

Recently our three grandchildren were here making music with the instruments that I have. To some people it would sound like loud noise, but to me it was a heavenly sound...at least for the first 30 minutes! 😊 🎵

Happy Valentine's Day and continue to love music!

*Laura*



Young Family  
Bible Study

We invite those families with young children to join us for our Young Family Bible Study on Wednesday, **February 5<sup>th</sup>**, and Wednesday, **February 19<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:00 P.M. We will have music, crafts, and a Bible story time. It is a great time for those families with children to gather together.



## **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.

### **FEBRURY 2**

Responsive Worship

1 Peter 2:9

### **FEBRURY 9**

Be A Witness

Acts 1:6-8

Men's Sunday

### **FEBRUARY 16**

Share His Love

John 13:34-35

Share His Love Sunday

### **FEBRUARY 23**

The Dash of Jesus

John 8:31-32



**Deacons Meeting**

Our deacons will meet on Sunday, **February 2<sup>nd</sup>**, at 8:30 A.M. in the annex. Please continue to pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.



On **February 9<sup>th</sup>**, we will be celebrating Men's Day. This is a great opportunity for the men of the church to help lead us in worship. We thank all of our men for all that they do throughout the year. If you would like to participate in the service, please contact Pastor David.



We welcome to our church membership, Tom & Sandy Burch.



This year's CBFNC Annual Gathering will take place on **March 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>** at Pritchard Church in downtown Charlotte. The gathering starts Thursday afternoon and runs until a little after lunch on Friday. This is not just an event for pastors, but anyone can join! There will be times of worship, workshops, fellowship, and times to learn about other ministry partners. This will be a great opportunity for LBC to learn more about CBFNC and how we can partner with them. It's also a great opportunity to learn from other CBFNC churches what they are doing, and we can take this information back to LBC and our own community. This year's theme is **Serving Together**. The theme comes from Galatians 5:13, "Through love let us serve one another." More information can be found at: [cbfnc.org/annualgathering](http://cbfnc.org/annualgathering).



### 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), spaghetti & sauce, peanut butter & jelly (8 oz jars), & canned fruit.



### MISSION MOMENTS

Love is in the air!! Love for our Lord and Savior should be visible in all that we do. True missions come from the heart. Giving and sharing of our blessings is one way to show love. Smiles are free to give and free to enjoy. Hugs can make the day. Speaking to those we meet on the street can brighten our day and add Son-shine to others. Happy Valentines Day!

Missions is an ongoing process. Your Missions Committee is always open to ideas and suggestions to improve our outreach. You have great ideas. Share them with us. We want to continue to show His love by the actions we do each day. As a church, we do many types of missions, but there are always new ways to share His love. No matter how big or small a project may seem, there are those that benefit from what we do. It has been said many times and needs to be said again, "When we help others, we get the biggest blessing". Thanks for being a blessing to others. Keep looking and sharing ways we can continue to be a blessing to others.

Happy Love Month!



Are you looking for an outlet to get yourself moving again after all this cold weather has stiffened your muscles and joints?

Our church exercise program is currently under transition and transformation. If you would like to be a part of these changes, please contact Betty Anne Shearin by email: [bettyanne.shearin@gmail.com](mailto:bettyanne.shearin@gmail.com) or phone: (252) 394-2423, to share your ideas that will help us get motivated again.

#### SHARE HIS



On Sunday, **February 16<sup>th</sup>**, "Share His Love Sunday" will focus on demonstrating our Christian love. The worship will be followed by a "Soup and Sandwich Luncheon" served with love by our Hospitality Committee. If you would like to help with the luncheon, please contact Betty Anne Shearin. This annual event is always an enjoyable time for all. Consider ways you can share your love with someone - a visit, a card, a gift, or time spent with someone you'd not ordinarily spend time with in the course of your week. We hope you enjoy this love offering from Littleton Baptist Church, and then you go and spread God's love. "Let all that you do be done in love." - 1 Corinthians 16:14



The youth will meet Sunday, **February 9<sup>th</sup>**, for their annual Super Bowl Bash! The party will start at 6:00 P.M. with dinner before the game. We hope you can join us for this fun time. We will then meet again on Sunday, **February 23<sup>rd</sup>**, for dinner and Bible study at 5:00 P.M. We look forward to growing closer to God through the upcoming year.



The Flower Committee wants to thank you for being so generous. We have a wonderful congregation! The flowers add to the beauty.

The new flower list has been placed on the bulletin board. All Sundays are available for February. 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,  
Kay Beaver - (252) 586-2014 or dbeaver10@gmail.com.  
Christie Griffin - (919)306-1601 or christiewheatley@yahoo.com.

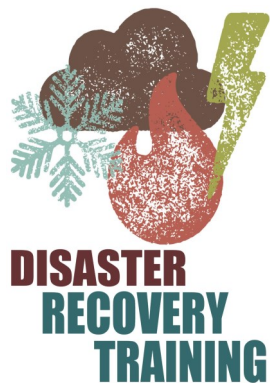
When you place flowers in the sanctuary, please contact the church office by written note or email, [office@littletonbaptistchurch.org](mailto:office@littletonbaptistchurch.org), to let us know what you want placed in the bulletin.



On Sundays in which inclement weather renders it unsafe to conduct Sunday School and Worship Services, our deacons will contact you if our services are postponed in any way. Remember Pastor David will give his sermon over Facebook Live that morning!



This is a good time of year to be thinking ahead to the Appalachian Coalfields Backpack Ministry. Keep your eyes out for those hard to find warm gloves, scarves, hats and socks.



Baptists On Mission will be having Disaster Recovery Training throughout our state this year. The two nearest locations to our church are: Rocky Hock Baptist Church near Edenton on **February 22<sup>nd</sup>**, and Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Durham on **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. You can learn various ways to volunteer to help people whose lives have been disrupted by a disaster. There are several different areas of ministry you can work with, such as, feeding, showers & laundry, recovery (which includes tear out, chain sawing, & tarping) and several others. You can register at [baptistsonmission.org](http://baptistsonmission.org). You can also contact Betty Anne or Sid Shearin for more information. We are hoping to organize a trip to the mountains to help rebuild homes this year. This mission opportunity is an excellent way to share Christ's love with others.

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>
1 Bob Thompson 10 Al Spraker 11 Don Beaver 20 Elaine Gildred 21 Suzanne Cook 27 Roman Martinez	17 Julian & Indie Parks (74 yrs)	2 Jan Myrick/Sara Council 9 Melinda Harris/Sandra Lynch 16 Amanda Coffman/Nichole Pitchford 23 Lynn Skilton/Jim Skilton  <u>GARBAGE DETAIL</u>  Kent West