

# 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

As we enter into the month of March, we will be entering into the season of Lent. Lent is a special time in the church year, as we prepare our hearts for Good Friday, and ultimately Easter. This is a season of self-reflection. It is a time when many people fast to draw themselves closer to God.

Ultimately, Lent is about our connection to God. It is about understanding the true purpose of the cross. We remember when Jesus died, and the temple curtain was torn in two, symbolizing that we have an open door between us and God. Now we can come to him and be forgiven of our sins. Jesus was our ultimate sacrifice.

Jesus did so much for us than just die. Before he died, Jesus lived on this Earth for 33 years. Three of those years he spent doing ministry. He spent that time teaching, healing, and showing the world what it really means to follow God. Jesus did so much for us in what he said and did. Sometimes those things get swept under the rug to just focus on his birth and death. Maybe we should spend a little more time focusing on how Jesus taught us to live.

So during Lent this year we will do just that. Jesus most famous sermon or teaching moment that he had was the Sermon on the Mount. Throughout Lent we will spend time focusing on this sermon. We will examine different aspects of it as we listen to the words of Jesus, teaching us what it truly means to follow him and have that genuine connection to God. Allow the words of Jesus to fill our hearts.

Before we get to Lent, we start March off with communion and looking at the transfiguration of Jesus. This was a powerful moment that set everything into motion that was about to happen. We then look at the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes. What does Jesus really mean when he says, "blessed are..."?

The third Sunday of March will be Baptist Women in Ministry Sunday. This Sunday is set aside so that we celebrate those women who are called into ministry and give support to those women that they have a place preaching God's word. Our guest preacher will be Rev. Ka'thy Chappell, the Executive Director of Baptist Women in Ministry of NC.

The next two Sundays we will be continuing our series on the Sermon on the Mount by looking at what it means to be the salt and light of the Earth. We will then conclude March by looking at how we can avoid being wolves in sheep's clothing.

The words of Jesus are important. We should never forget what Jesus actually teaches and the message that he teaches. He came to show us the way. Let us follow him.

Grace and Peace,

*David*



# MARCH 2025

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As I am writing this I am looking at the beautiful snow that is falling and reminding myself that spring is just around the corner!

The other day I was reminded of how the simple things in life can make people smile. My 18 month old grandson, Ethan, and I were shopping in Trader Joe's. He was sitting in the cart enjoying the ride while I shopped. He loves music...except for my organ music...yes, he was the one who was screaming when they brought the children out several Sundays ago! Well, the music was playing in Trader Joe's and he was swaying to the music in the cart. People would pass us in the aisle and he would say, "Hi" while we went up and down the aisles. A sweet, older couple walked by us and stopped to talk. They had been having a hard day but to see that "sweet little boy" so happy and "cordial" put a smile on their faces. That put a smile on my face!

As for Ethan not appreciating my organ music ... well, that is something we will have to work on! Until then he will just have to stay in the nursery when he visits! 😊



Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on Sunday, **March 9<sup>th</sup>**, so you will not be late for Sunday School or Worship!



Youth will meet on Sunday, **March 9<sup>th</sup>** and **23<sup>rd</sup>** at 5:00 P.M. for dinner and Bible Study. This is always an exciting time for our youth to continue to grow in their faith.



FROM THE  
*Pulpit*

## 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.

### MARCH 2

The Mystery of God

Matthew 17:1-8

Communion

### MARCH 9

Blessed Are...

Matthew 5:1-12

First Sunday of Lent

### MARCH 16

Guest Preacher - Rev. Ka'thy Chappell

BWIM Sunday

Second Sunday of Lent

### MARCH 23

Light Salt

Matthew 5:13-16

Third Sunday of Lent

### MARCH 30

Sheep's Clothing

Matthew 7:15-23

Fourth Sunday of Lent



Deacon Meeting

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



Can you believe it is almost March? Where has the time gone? We had such a good time celebrating February! Daylight Savings Time begins March 9<sup>th</sup>.

It is time to start thinking about Easter and Easter Lilies for our sanctuary as we celebrate Jesus Christ arising from the dead to save us from our sins. Easter is

April 20, 2025. I will let you know the different prices as soon as possible.

The following is the flower schedule for March:

March 2 - The Lord's Supper

March 9 - Available

March 16 - Available

March 23 - Available

March 30 - 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

Christie Griffin, (919)306-1601 or christiewheatley@yahoo.com

You can also contact the church office by email: [office@littletonbaptistchurch.org](mailto:office@littletonbaptistchurch.org).

Our congregation is absolutely wonderful! Thank everyone for always making sure our sanctuary is beautiful!



It is never too early to start thinking about Vacation Bible School!

This year Littleton Baptist Church is the host for our community VBS. It will be June 23-27, and our theme will be Road Trip! The theme verse for the week will be Joshua 1:9 "The Lord your God is with you wherever you go." It

is going to be an exciting week, and we would love to have you join us as a volunteer. There are plenty of places you can join us from: games, crafts, registration, or just being an extra set of hands! If you are interested in joining us for any time, we are having a planning meeting on March 25th at 2:00 P.M. in the fellowship hall.

We look forward to a great VBS this year!



Hello Spring!!

After the snow, rain and COLD everyone seems ready for a warmer March. We should MARCH forward to ensure that everyone we come into contact with knows the love of God.

**M** - make each day special for someone. A smile, hug, phone call, fresh baked cookies.

**A** - arrange time for visiting with God! A daily walk with him is important.

**R** - relax and take time for yourself. Enjoy each day and find something new to renew your soul.

**C** - come to Church to worship and praise the Lord. It will lift you up.

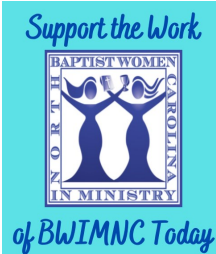
**H** - heaven is our ultimate home. Share the way so everyone can MARCH through the gates.

**MARCH** on. Christians need to be seen and heard. We are God's hands and feet. Use your talents to share God's love with all you meet. Missions begins with each of us!



Our Christian sympathy is extended to

Thad & Melinda Harris in the death of his brother, Joe Harris  
Mike & Betty Blanton and Billy in the death of Mike's brother, Ronald Blanton



March is Baptist Women in Ministry Month of Preaching. Churches are encouraged to have women preach. We will have our Women's Sunday on **March 16<sup>th</sup>**. We will be blessed to have Rev. Ka'thy Chappell who is the Executive Director for Baptist Women in Ministry of North Carolina to bring our message. We will also have our women leading worship. Women are a vital part of our ministry here at LBC, and we look forward to celebrating God's use of women in his ministry. We will also be taking an offering this month for Baptist Women In Ministry .

The purpose of BWIM NC is to provide a network of support, fellowship, worship, advocacy, and education for Baptist women and men who are seeking to honor God's call in Christ to women in all areas of mission and ministry, lay or ordained; and to dialogue and share information with North Carolina Baptists concerning women in missions and ministry for the purpose of increasing understanding and awareness of our calling as women and men in Christ. We seek to achieve this purpose by: Connecting, Affirming, Discerning, Supporting, Networking, and Empowering.



## Community Lenten Lunch and Devotion Series

Each Wednesday

March 5 – April 9

12:00 Noon - 1:00 P.M.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location*</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
March 5	Littleton United Methodist Church	Rev. David Little - Littleton Baptist
March 12	Littleton Baptist Church	Rev. Hyungsuk Oh - Olive Branch UMC
March 19	Roanoke Chapel	Rev. Robert Falcon - South Street Baptist
March 26	Lakeside Lutheran Church	Rev. Timothy Edwards - Roanoke Chapel
April 2	South Street Baptist Church	Rev. Christine Roe - Lakeside Lutheran
April 9	Littleton United Methodist hosted by Littleton Presbyterian	Rev. Jerome Smith - Littleton UMC

*\* Host church will provide music for each luncheon!*

They begin at Noon and conclude at 1:00 P.M. Each person should bring a bagged lunch Dessert and beverage will be provided by the host church. The devotion will begin by 12:30 P.M.

*Come as you are and invite someone to join you for a time of community fellowship and devotion!*



We invite those families with young children to join us for Young Family Bible Study on Wednesday, **March 5<sup>th</sup>**, and Wednesday, **March 19<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:00 P.M. We have music, Bible study, and a craft. This is always an exciting time for our children.

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>
2 Carol West 5 Lowell Lee 6 Sandy Burch 9 Connor Pitchford (13 yrs) 15 Sara Council 19 Emily Pulliam 20 Ray Holloman 22 Paula Burton 25 Brandon Stansbury	6 Dale & Tracy Council (27 yrs) 26 Kent & Carol West (31 yrs)	2 Sara Council/Jan Myrick 9 Paula Burton/Kay Tripp 16 Sara Little/Carol West 23 Lynn Skilton/Jim Skilton 30 Amanda Coffman/Nichole Pitchford
		<u>GARBAGE DETAIL</u>
		Al Spraker