

# 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

April showers bring May flowers, or at least that is how the saying goes. So here we are in April. The showers will probably come, but here is to hoping that the flowers don't wait until May to come out. I don't know about the rest of you, but I am ready to see the world's beauty open up again. I'm ready for the flowers. I'm ready to see leaves on the trees. I'm ready for the azaleas in my front yard to bloom.

The world waits through the winter dormant, waiting for that time to burst open and be beautiful again. It reminds me of the season we are in, in the church year. We are in the final weeks of Lent. We are still self-reflecting. We are still waiting for that wonderful Sunday, but we still must wait and journey.

Just as the disciples had to go through Friday evening, all day Saturday and until sunrise on Sunday morning, we must wait. The world is waiting dormant with us, but that Sunday will come. Easter morning will be here, and the shouts of jubilee should be able to be heard from all over. We will celebrate that he has risen!

What a wonderful celebration that will be, but until then we still wait. We wait anxiously to see what God will do. We wait patiently for the celebration. Most importantly, we wait patiently to see how God can continue to use us. For there is still a world out there waiting for that news that he has risen, and God has told us to shout it from the rooftops! May our Lenten showers lead to the shouts of the news that he has risen.

As we come together in worship during this month, we will begin with our conclusion of our Sermon on the Mount series by looking at the parable of the wise and foolish builder. This is the culmination of Jesus's sermon, so what can this parable teach us on how to be wise?

The second week of the month is Palm Sunday when we remember Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We will wave palm branches and sing hosanna, as the cross looms over the entire celebration. After Sunday, we will come back on Thursday, to remember Maundy Thursday as we partake in communion and remember the death of Jesus.

**BUT THEN!** Sunday has arrived! Easter Sunday. We will gather at 7:00 A.M. for an inter-denominational sunrise service in our parking lot. We will then gather at the Methodist Church for breakfast. During our 11:00 A.M. worship, our adult choir will present their cantata. It will be a wonderful day of celebrating our risen Lord.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> 12:00 Lenten Lunch  6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i> 8:30 Deacons Mtg 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> 12:00 Lenten Lunch  6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Quarterly Business Mtg	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Easter Egg Hunt  5:00 Youth	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>   6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>17</i>   7:00 Maundy Thursday Ser- vice	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i> 7:00 Sunrise Service 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>   No Choir or Prayer & Bible Study	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Church Council Mtg  5:00 Youth	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>   6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study			

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The final Sunday of April we will remember how Jesus appeared to two disciples on the long and lonely road. As we continue to go through our Lenten journey, let us embrace this time we are in. For Sunday is coming, but until then we remain patient as we see what God is doing in us.

Grace and Peace,

*David*



For so long God's people had longed for the Messiah. True to the prophecy of His coming, cries of praise could be heard ringing through the streets of Jerusalem as Christ the King entered the gates of the city. Shouts of praise turned to shouts of derision. Crowds shouted, "Crucify Him!" But as we know this was no ordinary King. The grave could not hold Him, and He arose triumphant 3 days later. Today, His Bride, the Church, lives in the light of the promise that He will return for us ~ The King is Coming!

Please join us Easter morning during worship service for the presentation of **THE KING IS COMING** performed by our Adult Choir. The beautiful music and narration tell the story of Easter. I know it will touch your heart as it has each of our choir members.

Speaking of choir members, I would like to welcome Lou Elam and Ann Jackson to our choir! My heart is so full when I direct our choir and see it growing! I love this choir!

May your Easter be filled with peace, family, friends, joy (and chocolate) as you celebrate the day of His resurrection!

*Laura*



Deacon Meeting

Deacons will meet on Sunday, **April 6<sup>th</sup>**, at 8:30 A.M. in the annex. Please continue to pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.



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.

**April 6**

More Than Amazed

Matthew 7:24-29

Fifth Sunday of Lent

**April 13**

Different Kind Of Triumph

Mark 11:1-11

Palm Sunday

**April 20 (Sunrise Service)**

Resurrection Faith

Matthew 28:1-10

**April 20 (11:00 AM)**

The King is Coming

Adult Cantata

**April 27**

Long And Lonely Road

Luke 24:13-32



## HOLY WEEK CALENDAR

**EASTER EGG HUNT** - All children 6th grade and under are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, **April 13<sup>th</sup>**, following Morning Worship. The Egg Hunt will be held on the church grounds.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** - Join us on Maundy Thursday, **April 17<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 P.M. in the sanctuary as we celebrate the Lord's Supper and meditate upon our Lord's last hours with his disciples.

**SUNRISE SERVICE** - Our Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 7:00 A.M. on **April 20<sup>th</sup>**, at the rear of our church near the three crosses that have been constructed there. We hope to make this a witness to the community and invite others to join us. Littleton United Methodist Church is joining us, and they will be serving breakfast in their fellowship hall immediately following the service.

**EASTER WORSHIP** - Join us on Easter, **April 20<sup>th</sup>**, at 11:00 A.M. as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord through worship and our Adult Choir's presentation of the cantata.



The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, **April 13<sup>th</sup>**, following Morning Worship. If you would like to donate individually wrapped candy to fill the plastic eggs, we would appreciate it! Please get the candy to Amanda Coffman, Sara Council, Nichole Pitchford, or leave them in the kitchen by Sunday, **April 6<sup>th</sup>**. This is such a fun time for the young and old!



Join our church family for a relaxing evening of food & fellowship on Saturday, **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. We will start the meal at 5:30 P.M. with a taco buffet table and end with desserts. Best of all will be the time to fellowship and share with each other. Come, bring friends, neighbors, and family with you. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!**



I need to send out a big thank you for all the help we had replacing and repairing the deck at the parsonage. Everyone stayed busy and the work was completed relatively quickly. However, there are a few more projects to be done this spring, so I will be asking for help again. Remember, you do not have to be on the maintenance committee to help (and enjoy the fellowship). Thanks once again.

Sid Shearin, Maintenance Committee Chairman



### Community Lenten Lunch and Devotion Series

Each Wednesday

April 2 - April 9

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location*</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
April 2	South Street Baptist Church	Rev. Christine Roe - Lakeside Lutheran
April 9	Littleton United Methodist hosted by Littleton Presbyterian	Rev. Robert Falcon - South Street Baptist

*\* 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!*

## DISASTER RECOVERY

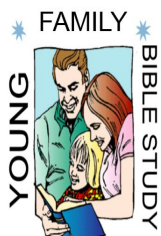


TRAINING

Sid & Betty Anne Shearin are inviting everyone who would like to assist with disasters to join them on **May 3<sup>rd</sup>** for disaster recovery training. There are many jobs needed, such as feeding, administration, assessing, chain sawing, mud outs, etc. The training will take place at Ridgecrest Baptist Church north of Durham from 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. To register or to get more information, go to [baptistsonmission.org](http://baptistsonmission.org). We need your help!



Our next Quarterly Business Meeting is Wednesday, **April 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. You are encouraged to be present and to always be prayerful about our church's ministries.



We invite those families with young children to join us on Wednesdays, **April 2<sup>nd</sup>** and **9<sup>th</sup>**, for our Young Family Bible Study. This is a great time for our children to continue to grow in their own faith journey.



Youth will meet on Sundays, **April 13<sup>th</sup>** and **27<sup>th</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.

A LITTLE BABY GIRL IS ON THE WAY!



Join us for a floating Baby Shower in Honor of

*Carly Campbell*

Sunday, May 4th from 2-4 pm

*A small request and we hope it's not hard.  
Please bring a book instead of a card.*

*Write a sweet message on the inside cover, then  
your thoughts will be cherished forever and ever.*

**Registered at Target & on Amazon**



Can you believe April is here? It is such a special time of the year for reflections. God has been so generous to us! He let his son suffer and die on the cross, so we could be saved!! It is hard to fathom. We are truly blessed!

In the past, we have gotten Easter Lilies from Always In Bloom. Unfortunately her supplier has cancer and cannot continue to do this anymore. Keep him in your prayers. We are thinking that we will not do Lilies in church this year. If anything changes, we will let you know.

Don't forget about the flower sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the hallway at church. All Sundays are available this month. 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](mailto:sandralynch337@gmail.com); Kay Beaver (252) 586-2014 or [dbeaver10@gmail.com](mailto:dbeaver10@gmail.com); or Christie Griffin, (919) 306-1601 or [christiewheatley@yahoo.com](mailto:christiewheatley@yahoo.com).

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

Thank you for understanding. Thank you also for always being supportive and generous! Everyone and everything is definitely appreciated!

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>
8 Jan Miller 8 Owen Campbell 9 Wyatt Pegram 12 Claude Lynch 16 Richard Cook 20 Casey Myrick 21 Sara Little 25 Nicholas Coffman 27 Suzanne Pearce 27 Til Tremper 28 Laura Kearney	8 Lee & Jan Myrick (46 yrs) 8 Owen & Carly Campbell (1 yr) 10 Jimmy & Laura Kearney (43 yrs) 10 Jack & Virginia Tant (77 yrs) 19 Eddie & Fern Pitchford (12 yrs) 22 Bryant & Nichole Pitchford (19 yrs) 25 Jim & Lynne Skilton (38 yrs)	6 Jan Myrick/Sara Council 13 Paula Burton/Kay Tripp 20 Lynne Skilton/Jim Skilton 27 Sara Little/Carol West
		<u>GARBAGE DETAIL</u>
		Jimmy Kearney