

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

July is here again. What can I say about July? Many times, it can seem like a slow month. June was busy with our Mental Health Fair and Vacation Bible School. While in July, we take a break from our normal activities. In a way, it can seem like not much is going on.

However, there is a lot going on in the background. We are gearing up for some exciting opportunities to come. The nominating committee will soon begin their work for the upcoming church year's officers and committees.

Also, this month we are going to be looking forward to a brand-new opportunity through CBFNC called Helping Churches Thrive. Our church is submitting an application for this wonderful opportunity to move us into a thriving congregation as we continue to look toward how we can best serve our community. There will be opportunities for our entire church to be involved as well as a smaller group.

Please be in prayer for how you can best serve our church as we continue to seek God's guidance in how to thrive. There will be further information later in the newsletter about this opportunity.

But for now, as we continue into July through worship, we will be finishing our Summer Music Sermon Series based on hymns. This month we'll be analyzing lesser-known hymns, but the message behind them is needed.

We kick off July as we come to the table by looking at the hymn, "There is a Fountain." We then look at the hymn "Nearer My God to Thee" as we dive into the tragedies that would follow this hymn.

The third week of July we look at a hymn that we sing every week, "Doxology". During this week we will also be doing the offering a little differently by moving it to the end of the service and taking it up by passing the plate for this Sunday only. We are doing this to emphasize the message behind this wonderful hymn.

We end the series by looking at an old spiritual, "Give Me Jesus." This might be the least familiar hymn as our church has never sang it, but the message behind this hymn is profound. It also has had an extraordinary impact on my life as well.


So here's to a wonderful July! We as Littleton Baptist Church continue to move forward, and we look to the opportunities that God is giving us to thrive in being a light that this community needs.

Grace and Peace,

David



July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 No Choir or Prayer & Bible Study	3	4  Independence Day	5
6 8:30 Thousand Trails 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	7	8	9 6:00 Mission Committee Mtg No Choir or Prayer & Bible Study	10	11	12
13 8:30 Thousand Trails 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 6:00 Ice Cream Social	14	15	16 No Choir or Prayer & Bible Study	17	18	19
20 8:30 Thousand Trails 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Business Meeting	21	22	23 No Choir or Prayer & Bible Study	24	25	26
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Our Christian sympathy is extended to
Jack & Virginia Tant in the death of her sister, Doris Reed



We welcome to our church membership, Jim & Lou Elam, Cecil & Christie Griffin, and Jimmy & Ann Jackson.



As I write this, I am at my happy place...Topsail Island. I am on the deck looking at the beautiful sunrise and listening to the sounds of the ocean. Two of God's most beautiful creations! It is so peaceful here for the next little while....until the grandchildren arise for the day!

July is full of wonderful special music. The choir will resume their choir rehearsals in August! Here is a list of our musicians! None of them are strangers to our church!

July 6 - Jan Miller
July 13 - Sophie Taylor
July 20 - Cecil Griffin
July 27 - Kim Stallings

Enjoy your summer!

Laura



FROM THE
Pulpit

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.

JULY 6

There Is A Fountain

Zechariah 13:1

Communion

JULY 13

Nearer My God to Thee

Genesis 28:10-19

JULY 20

Doxology

Psalms 86:11-12

JULY 27

Give Me Jesus

Mark 8:36



Mark your calendars! Sunday afternoon, **August 31st**, is our annual Church Picnic held at Sid & Betty Anne Shearin's farm. It is always a great time of Christian fellowship!



PRAYERS FOR LEADERSHIP SELECTION

Though decisions are still more than a month away, it's not too early for each of us to begin to pray. During the month of August, our Nominating Committee will be working together to nominate officers and teachers for the new church year. Please be in prayer about these decisions as we seek to discern God's way in these matters.



We had a great time at our first Ice Cream Social this year. We had awesome fellowship, delicious ice cream, and snacks. If you were not able to be there, we hope you can join us for our second one. It is scheduled for Sunday, **July 13th**, at 6:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend with a hungry appetite, and if you can, please bring a freezer of homemade ice cream or snacks to complement the ice cream. Bring a friend to join the Christian fellowship we will enjoy together!



Thousand Trails

Our Thousand Trails services continue each Sunday through Labor Day weekend at 8:30 A.M. Please pray for this ministry and find a way in which you can be involved. Speak, sing, promote, and pray! All are important. For more information, contact Mike Crawley.



July is when we have fireworks, ice cream socials at church, as well as other church activities. We get to interact and spend time together. We get to worship together! We are so blessed! We have a wonderful congregation.

Don't forget about the flower sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the hallway at church. July dates available are the 13th, 20th & 27th.

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

Please contact the church office by email: office@littletonbaptistchurch.org to let us know what you would like placed in the bulletin.

We want to thank you for all the gorgeous flower arrangements in our church. Thank you for making sure our church always looks wonderful!



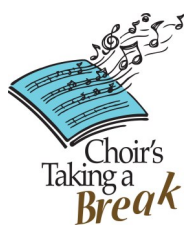
The Missions Committee will meet on Wednesday, **July 9th**, at 6:00 P.M. Members of the committee are: Clyde Johnston, Chairperson, Melinda Harris, Mike Crawley, Kristi Atkins, Sandra Lynch, Sara Little, David Tripp, Darlene Kocich and Christie Griffin.



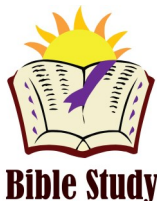
A big storm blew down the big maple tree in front of the Annex one evening last month. We had several church folks come help clear the limbs off the highway. After that, we had workdays to cut up limbs, haul them away, and fill in holes in the yard caused by the tree removal. We extend a big thank you to Mr. David Shearin of Shearin Loader Services for digging up the stump and hauling the rest of the tree away.

SPECIAL CALLED Business Meeting

On Sunday, **July 20th**, following Morning worship the church will be called into a special Business Meeting to hear and vote on a report from the Nominating Committee. Per the constitution, the Missions Chairperson and Sunday School Director shall be elected in July and then join the Nominating Committee to help fill in the rest of the officers and committees.



There will be no Adult Choir or Prayer & Bible Study during the month of July. We will resume our regular schedule in August.



LORD'S SUPPER



On Sunday, **July 6th**, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper during the Morning Worship. It is a special privilege God gives us as believers to faithfully remember the sacrifice our Lord Jesus Christ made for each of us. Additionally, you will be given the opportunity to contribute to our church Fellowship Fund for local benevolence.



The Deacons will not meet this month. The next meeting will be Sunday, **August 3rd**.



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: 16 oz bags of rice, pasta & sauce, breakfast items (oatmeal/cereal), mac n cheese, canned chicken, tuna, meat (pop tops preferred).



We are excited that Littleton Baptist Church is applying for CBFNC's new ministry, Helping Churches Thrive. It is going to take our entire church being on board as we continue to grow and move forward to become a thriving congregation.

Opportunities for our entire church to be involved include prayer for our church as well as church wide conversations. We are also asking our church to be okay trying new things as we move toward thriving. It will take a servant's heart as we look to what God can do through us and who God would have us to be.

We are also looking for a core group of 3-4 people. This core group will be at the heart of the program as they will be involved in more aspects of the program. Some of these things include:

Diverse ages and gender

2 overnight retreats in September and May

Monthly video conferences

A true willingness to try new things

This is a wonderful opportunity for our church. Please be in prayer if you might be willing to be a part of this group. Be in prayer as our entire church takes a step of faith into the future.

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>
3 Caden Myrick (2 yr) 7 Jimmy Jackson 7 Eric Hockaday 8 Christie Griffin 8 Edward Pitchford 13 Matthew Council 13 Clyde Johnston 14 Nichole Pitchford 17 David Little 21 Fern Pitchford 22 Lee Myrick 24 Carol Spraker 25 Ethel Hale 28 Jimmy Kearney 28 Nelson Neville	10 Don & Kay Beaver (31 yrs) 14 Earl & Mary Spivey (18 yrs) 19 Sid & Betty Anne Shearin (45 yrs) 20 Jimmy & Ann Jackson (56 yrs) 22 Jordan & Brandi Kearney (2 yrs)	6 Sara Council/Claire & Anna Council 13 Nichole Pitchford/Amanda Coffman 20 Paula Burton/Kay Tripp 27 Lynne Skilton/Jim Skilton
		<u>GARBAGE DETAIL</u>
		Mike Blanton