

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

August is an important month in the life of Littleton Baptist Church. We are coming to the end of our church year, and this is the time we start looking to a new one. The nominating committee has already been hard at work looking to fill all the new positions for officers and committees. Please continue to be in prayer for this committee as they continue to do great work in filling these positions. Pray how you can serve our church through any of these positions.

This is also the month that we are electing deacons. Deacons are important to the spiritual growth of our church as they make many decisions on where God leads us to go. Be in prayer for those who are coming off and be in prayer for who you will nominate to become deacons this year. This process does not need to be taken lightly.

As I am writing this, we still do not know if we have been selected into the CBFNC Helping Churches Thrive Program. Please continue to be in prayer for this program. If we are selected, be in prayer that we can move forward to seek God in how we can thrive more inside and outside these walls. Even if we are not selected, pray for the churches that are selected that they may do good work in their own communities.

Now, as we look to worship this month, we will be beginning a new series called "Unlikely Heroes." This series will focus on those who are called heroes but, for one reason or another, do not fit the model that many would deem as heroic. We begin the series by looking at Jonah and his tendency to run.

The second week of August we will have a guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Nicole Tota, who is a VA chaplain out of Greenville. We are grateful to have her with us on that Sunday.

We will then return to our unlikely hero series for the final 3 weeks. We start back with David and his small stature as a king. Then once he became king, he made some, shall we say, mistakes. All of these things lead David to being an unlikely hero.

We then end the series by looking at two women who were unlikely heroes. The first was Rahab who lived in the land of Canaan and helped the spies escape. We then end the series by looking at Queen Esther and how she became an unlikely hero for all of the Jewish people.

It's going to be an exciting and busy month. Use this month to specifically pray for our church.

Grace and Peace,

David



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Can you believe it is August? It has definitely been an extremely warm summer! August also means that the choir will be back to rehearsals on Wednesday nights! If you have been contemplating joining us, it is the perfect time to make that move! I will have a seat ready for you!

I love directing the choir. I love to see our choir members' faces as they learn new music and sing the old. We are a team, and we work well together! We all enjoy bringing the music of the Lord to you on Sunday mornings!

Mae West once said....Ya know....it was a toss-up whether I go in for diamonds or sing in the choir. The choir lost.

I'm so thankful that I have had so many who went for the choir instead of the diamonds like they had a choice! 😊

Stay cool!

Laura



Our Deacons will meet on Sunday, **August 3rd**, immediately following Morning Worship. Please pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.



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.

AUGUST 3

Unlikely Hero: The Runner

Jonah 1:1-3

AUGUST 10

Guest Preacher

Rev. Dr. Nicole Tota

AUGUST 17

Unlikely Hero: The Shepherd King

1 Samuel 17:32-50

AUGUST 24

Unlikely Hero: The Unmentionable

Joshua 2:1-16

AUGUST 31

Unlikely Hero: The Courageous Queen

Esther 2:15-18

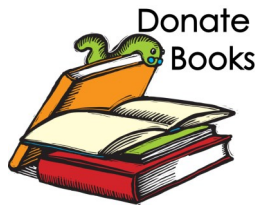


Baptists On Mission organize many mission activities that help send Christ's love throughout the world. Our church has participated in the past with disaster response, the rebuild program, distributing fresh produce during the COVID years, and the Appalachian backpack programs. There are so many more opportunities.

There is a Missions Rally at Good News Baptist Church in Roanoke Rapids, **August 19th**, beginning with supper at 5:45 P.M. There will be updates on mission reports, disaster responses and available resources. The meal is free, but you must register. If you are interested, please contact Sid Shearin.



Our third Summer Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Sunday, **August 10th**, 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. Hope you will join us and bring a friend to share the wonderful Christian fellowship we will enjoy together!



LABOR DAY FESTIVAL



During the Labor Day Festival in Littleton, we will be giving out free books and water. We will hopefully have opportunities for crafts and facepainting, but those details are still being worked out. If you know of anyone who can help with these activities, please let us know. We will be out there from 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. We need new children's books and chapter books as well as volunteers. This is a great opportunity for our church to continue being a light in the community. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Pastor David or Clyde Johnston.

DEACON NOMINATIONS



On Sunday, **August 3rd**, we will be distributing the Resident Membership list, so you can begin to prayerfully consider your deacon nominations for the coming year. On Sunday, **August 17th**, the church will vote by secret ballot to nominate three (3) individuals. The two (2) qualified individuals, as determined by the deacons, who are willing to serve, will be presented to the church as part of the Nominating Committee's slate of Officers and Committees report.



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Each month, on the first Sunday, we will be collecting non-perishable food to be given to the John 3:16 Center Food Pantry. A list of needs will be posted the week before so that we can best serve the needs of the food pantry. We pray that this ministry will be able to help those ministries that are already doing great work.

Canned Vegetables (8 oz cans)
Canned Fruit

Peanut butter
Jelly

Breakfast items

(Please remember that pop tops are always preferred with the canned items)



Our church picnic is Sunday, August 31st, at Sid and Betty Anne Shearin's restored farm on Bowers Road. If you have family or friends spending the holiday weekend with you, please bring them to the picnic also. There will be games like corn hole, ping pong, badminton, etc. and the Lego and bubble tables for children. You can fish in the ponds and/or walk the trail. The dinner bell will ring about 5:30 P.M. but come earlier so you can enjoy all the festivities! David

Tripp will have his grilling machine to cook the hot dogs and hamburgers. Bring your lawn chairs and join us for a great time of Christian Fellowship and food! It is a great way to end the summer season. Hope to see you there!!!

****Go south on Mosby Avenue and turn left at the Person's Ordinary Historic Marker. (It is Warren Road but the street sign is gone). Take the second right which is Bowers Road. Go approximately 6 miles. Their home is on the right, across the road from the intersection of Warren's Pond Road. Please call Sid or Betty Anne at 586-4607 if you need more information.**



As our youth go back to school, we will be having a party to celebrate the beginning of a new year. On **August 24th** at 4:00 P.M. we will have our back to school party at Kaye Herman's house. It'll be a great way for our new youth group to come together!



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. For more information contact Mike Crawley.



Church Council will meet following Morning Worship on Sunday, **August 17th**. Members of the committee are Mike Crawley, Laura Kearney, Betty Anne Shearin, Clyde Johnston and Sid Shearin.



Can you believe August is here? God has blessed us with beautiful days and wonderful moments together! We have special people in our church. No one can find anyone nicer than the people in our church! We are blessed!

If you would like to volunteer to place flowers in church in August, please let us know. All dates are available.

Feel free to contact a member of the Flower Committee by phone or email: Sandra Lynch - (252)578-3495, sandralynch337@gmail.com, Kay Beaver - (252)586-2014, dbeaver10@gmail.com or Christie Griffin - (919)306-1601, 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.

Remember to enjoy every moment God has given us. Don't ever take life for granted! It is too precious! Thank you for all you do! Never forget how special you are to all of us and God!



The John 3:16 Center is readying our community's kids for a new school year. They need school supplies. Donation boxes will be set up in area businesses, and we will also have a box at church. We will be collecting the supplies beginning on **August 3rd** and ending on **August 10th**. The supplies will be distributed to schools in Warren, Halifax, and Northampton Counties.

Suggested items to donate are:

1 inch, 1.5 inch & 2 inch 3 ring binders
5 tab & 8 tab dividers
2 pocket portfolio folders (plastic)
3 prong portfolio folders (plastic)
Wide ruled paper
Graphing paper
Spiral notebooks
Composition notebooks
Index cards
Post It notes
Blue, black, and red ink pens
Texas Instruments TI 30X Calculators

Colored Pencils
Crayons
Pencil sharpeners
Clorox wipes
Highlighters
Markers
Expo/dry erase markers
Scissors
Glue Sticks
Bookbags (no wheels)
Computer mouse
Kindergarten writing paper

Erasers
Pencil Bag
Construction paper
Tissues
Whiteboard erasers
Academic Planners
4 GB USB drives
Hand Sanitizer
Water bottles
Headphones/ear buds
Pencils

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| <u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u> | <u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u> | <u>NURSERY</u> |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| 6 Jordan Kearney 8 Kristi Atkins 9 Melinda Harris 11 Kay Tripp 17 Lily Askew (10 yrs) 20 Tom Tremper 21 Virginia Tant 21 Ethan Kearney (2 yrs) 22 Carolyn Daniels | 6 Ed & Gerleen Pitchford (58 yrs) | 3 Sara Council 10 Sandra Lynch/Melinda Harris 17 Paula Burton/Kay Tripp 24 Nichole Pitchford/Amanda Coffman 31 Paula Burton/Kay Tripp |
| | | <u>TRASH DETAIL</u> |
| | | Sid Shearin |