

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.”

Rev. Michael O. Currin, Pastor

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PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

What's a church to do? That's a good question! Truth is, the longer I serve as a pastor and observe the diversity of churches that minister in the name of Jesus, the more I realize the extreme value of our ongoing discernment regarding the call of God. Our task is to always be seeking to know the nature of our particular call and asking God to reveal how we can best fulfill our church's particular mission to the world in which we live.

Have you noticed, there is no church anywhere around exactly like us? Well of course not. Our building and parking and the people that make up LBC all look different from others. More importantly, who we are and how we fulfill our unique mission is different from all other local churches, even the ones in our own community. God has called us, *each and every one of us*, to be just who He created us to be and fulfill that with our total selves. When I think of our unique calling, I rejoice. When I think of how we are brought together to fulfill this calling as a church, I rejoice even more!

So then the question, what are we discerning as we pray to determine how we can be the uniquely called people known as Littleton Baptist Church?

First, let's focus on our special expressions of our call at present. This month we'll express that as we offer a Community Kid's Carnival to the boys and girls of our area, many who have little opportunity to have such Christian fun at no cost to them. In June we'll be hosting with other churches a Community VBS to share the love of Jesus. Each summer we take medicines which support a medical clinic that enables the people of El Salvador to offer health care to the truly poor. And we distribute food in the poorest regions for those who are looking for

enough food to feed their families.

Each Sunday, we offer praise to God through worship and study God's word in Sunday School. Starting this month we'll again offer worship each Sunday to the campers at Outdoor World.

Our youth and children are given opportunities to discover the love of God and to share it through ministry. Opportunities such as puppet shows, kids' carnival, Junior singers, mission trips, and so much more fill their lives.

Additionally, we are given opportunity to help needy individuals through the community LACTS food pantry and our ongoing benevolence ministries.

God is blessing us to serve Him in countless ways. Let us give thanks and continue to seek him.

Yet we must not rest on our laurels or leave these ministries to the few, but let us each continue to say, what can I do, who can I better be as I serve my Lord?

While God will reveal more to you for us collectively and you individually as you seek to discern his ongoing call, I'm sure among them will be the following:

- I will be faithful with my presence at worship and in the ministries of my church whenever possible. I am needed and valued as a member of my church.
- I will pray for the other members of my church as we serve so that we will each be growing in His grace and service for the Kingdom.
- I will volunteer to serve in the various ministries of the church where I am called and my gifts and interests enable me to have the most impact for the work of His Kingdom.

- I will be faithful to my church with my tithes and offerings. As I am blessed, I will commit to be faithful to my church's work for the kingdom of God.
- I will make every effort to participate in learning and applying God's Word, through ongoing Bible Study and educational ministries of the church.
- I will invite and encourage newcomers to the area and those we encounter who might not be attending a church anywhere else. And seek to make them feel welcomed when they attend.
- I will continue to pray to discern the call of God for me personally and for my church and her outreach in the name of Jesus Christ.
- I will recommit myself to enable Littleton Baptist Church to be the best it can be.
- I will be an encourager that enables each and every individual to find their place of service and to utilize their gifts in the most effective way for God's Kingdom.

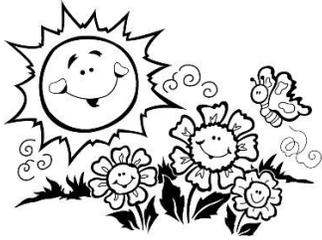
Hey Church! Let's keep being the best church we can be. Our Lord calls us and our world awaits such a church as this!

Let's look to him to continue to help us day by day! If we do, God's church will fulfill her mission and we will know the greatness of the joy of serving our Glorious Lord!

I look forward to doing that together with each of you, and if ever I can assist you in your journey, please do not hesitate to let me know!

May God richly bless others through you! And Us!

Mike



May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 8:30 Exercise 9:00 Set up for Kid's Carnival	3 8:30 Breakfast 11:00 Spring Kid's Carnival
4 Food Box 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	5 8:30 Exercise 7:00 Joint Deacons/Finance Committee Mtg.	6	7 8:30 Exercise 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	8	9 8:30 Exercise	10 7:00 Christian Men At Work
11 Food Box 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 	12 8:30 Exercise	13	14 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	15	16 8:30 Exercise	17
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I would like to thank the Adult Choir for the beautiful presentation of In Christ Alone during our service Easter morning! I also want to thank Bill for his help with the sound and Mike for his narration! It takes us all working together to make things go just right!!!

Mother's Day is a special day of honor and remembrance! The Junior Singers will be bringing the special to us during the worship hour that Sunday!

The Men will not be meeting on the third Sunday to present the special. It is our special day to honor our graduate, Ashby Burton. There will be a special guest sharing a beautiful song with us in his honor during the service! Ashby has been such a big part of our church all of his life. He has been such a help with our sound system on Sunday mornings! Ashby, you are loved, and I wish you the very best as you begin this new stage in life!

Laura



The Flower Committee would like to give their special thanks to everyone that gave the Easter Lilies to grace our sanctuary on Easter morning. Thank you for making LBC beautiful during such a special Holy Season.



LORD'S SUPPER

On Sunday, **May 4**, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. At the conclusion of worship, you will be given opportunity to contribute to our church's Fellowship Fund for local benevolent needs.

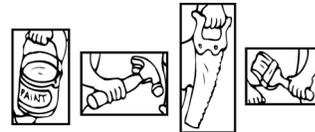


A TRIBUTE TO MOTHERS

On Mother's Day, Sunday, **May 11**, we'll take time to honor our mothers, past and present. Be with us as we take time to especially honor Christian Mothers who lift high the banner of Christ.



On Sunday, **May 18**, we will recognize during our worship all of our High School and College Graduates. Please contact the church office if you are or have a student preparing to accomplish either of these significant milestones.



CHRISTIAN MEN AT WORK

Christian Men at Work will meet on Saturday, **May 10**, at Weaver's Chapel United Methodist Church for breakfast and worship at 7:00 A.M. All men and boys are invited to attend.



Outdoor World

Outdoor World Sunday worship leadership begins on Sunday, **May 25**, at 8:30 A.M. and continues through Labor Day weekend. If you are willing to participate, either speaking or assisting with special music, please contact Brenda Hudson at 586-3983, see Mike Crawley or call the church. Thanks in advance for your prayers and support for this valuable ministry that over the past few years has been an inspiration to the campers and beyond.



The following is the flower schedule for the month of May 2014.

May 4	Lord's Supper
May 11	Sara & Matthew Council
May 18	Roy Spain
May 25	Imogene A. Pegram

If you would like to place flowers in the church, please contact Priscilla Parks, Josie Myrick or Sandra Lynch. Thank you to all that have helped with flowers this year!



JOINT DEACONS & FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

On Monday, **May 5**, at 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall there will be an important joint meeting of the Deacons and Finance/Stewardship Committee to review the church budget and the procedures currently used in compiling and approving the budget.

SPRING KID'S CARNIVAL Littleton, N.C May 2 & 3, 2014

On Friday, **May 2**, at 9:00 AM we will begin set up for the Carnival. All volunteers should meet at the church, then travel to the John 3:16 Center.

On Saturday, **May 3**, Littleton Baptist Church will host the Spring Kid's Carnival. The event begins at 8:30 A.M. with breakfast in our fellowship hall then proceeds to the John 3:16 Center.

Please be in prayer for this "**BIG EVENT**".

Goodie Bags will be provided for each child.

A Health Screening will also be a part of this event which will include cholesterol, blood pressure, and blood sugar checks.

Volunteers are essential to the success of this mission. If you have not signed up yet we will still be able to use your help! Contact Ann Currin to sign up! Bring a friend!!! Please come help us!

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL WEEK OF PRAYER **MAY 4 - 11**

Your gifts truly make a difference, lifting burdens of need and drawing people closer to Christ in gratitude. Every dollar of the Mother's Day Offering is used to help pay hospital bills of selected patients who have serious financial needs and who received care at Baptist Hospital. The recipients make too much to qualify for government assistance, but need a helping hand to pay hospital bills they are responsible for. Each patient is carefully screened by Hospital financial counselors. A committee of Baptist ministers and WMU leaders administer the fund. Help is provided from a few hundred to a few thousand dollars. We will be receiving this offering throughout the month of May.

COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



JUNE 16-20, 2014

9:00 AM - 12:15 P.M.

**MEETING AT LITTLETON BAPTIST CHURCH
& LITTLETON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

PRESCHOOL - CHILDREN - YOUTH - ADULTS
Ages 3 and up

PRE-REGISTRATION FORMS AT EACH CHURCH

For further information call: 252-586-5330

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LITTLETON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LITTLETON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

