

# LITTLETON BAPTIST NEWS

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*“Our mission is to make Christ known, by providing spiritual nourishment, ministering to physical needs, and sharing the Gospel.”*

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## IN MEMORY

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*For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16*

## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

Thriving churches know that the Gospel was never meant to stay inside four walls. It was born in the streets, by wells, on mountaintops, and in marketplaces. It's always been a movement – one that flows outward.

To thrive is to refuse isolation. To believe that God is already at work in the neighborhood, in the city, in the world – and to say yes to joining in.

During the Helping Churches Thrive cohort, churches began asking bigger questions: Who are our partners? Who else is seeking justice, healing, and renewal in our community? Where is the Spirit already at work – and how can we collaborate rather than compete?

This isn't a soft suggestion; it's core to the church's identity. In John 17, Jesus prays not for success or security – but for unity. “That they may all be one... so that the world may believe.” Collaboration is not optional – it's a witness.

The early church lived this. Paul gathered offerings from Gentile churches to support Jewish believers during famine. Lydia opened her home to the apostles. Believers shared resources across ethnic, geographic, and cultural lines. This was not efficiency – it was kinship. They were partners in the Gospel.

But collaboration doesn't always come easily. Churches often default to self-reliance. Sometimes, fear or pride whispers, “We can do it better on our own.” But the truth is: we were never meant to go it alone. As 1 Corinthians 3:9 reminds us, “We are co-workers in God's service.”

In churchwide conversations, one participant shared: “Our most transformative ministry moment happened when we stopped trying to be the hero and started listening to what others were already doing.” That's the shift – from solo savior to humble partner.

Thriving churches resist the scarcity mindset. They aren't threatened by other churches thriving. They celebrate it. They see the mission of God as bigger than any one congregation, and they know that partnership multiplies impact. “Two are better than one,” Ecclesiastes reminds us, “because they have a good return for their labor.”

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>1</i></p> <p>8:00 Deacons Mtg 9:45 S School 11:00 Worship</p>	<p><i>2</i></p>	<p><i>3</i></p>	<p><i>4</i></p> <p>6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer &amp; Bible Study</p>	<p><i>5</i></p>	<p><i>6</i></p>	<p><i>7</i></p>
<p><i>8</i></p> <p>9:45 S School 11:00 Worship</p> <p>6:00 Youth Super Bowl Bash</p>	<p><i>9</i></p>	<p><i>10</i></p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer &amp; Bible Study</p>	<p><i>12</i></p>	<p><i>13</i></p>	<p><i>14</i></p> 
<p><i>15</i></p> <p>9:45 S School 11:00 Baptist Men's Day Worship 12:00 Soup Luncheon</p>	<p><i>16</i></p>	<p><i>17</i></p>	<p><i>18</i></p> <p>6:00 Young Family Bible 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service</p>	<p><i>19</i></p> <p>5:45 Baptist on Mission Rally</p>	<p><i>20</i></p>	<p><i>21</i></p> <p>8:30 Baptist on Mission Disaster Training</p>
<p><i>22</i></p> <p>9:45 S School 11:00 Worship</p> <p>5:30 Helping Churches Thrive Meal &amp; Conversation</p>	<p><i>23</i></p>	<p><i>24</i></p>	<p><i>25</i></p> <p>6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer &amp; Bible Study</p>	<p><i>26</i></p>	<p><i>27</i></p>	<p><i>28</i></p>

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Global partnerships also widen our lens. They teach us to read Scripture differently, sing in new languages, and see injustice we may have missed. They remind us that the Body of Christ is vast and diverse—and that we are always both teachers and students.

To collaborate is to confess that we need one another – and to live into that confession with generosity, grace, and joy. Thriving churches don't just ask, "How can we grow?" They ask, "Whom can we bless?" "Whom can we learn from?" "Whom can we walk alongside?"

Because when churches collaborate – across streets and across oceans – the kingdom comes a little closer.

Grace and Peace,

*David*



I remember watching the movie Groundhog Day. If you haven't seen the movie, it tells the story of a man waking up to the same day over and over! Think about it! Would you like to live the same day over and over again? I know I would not!

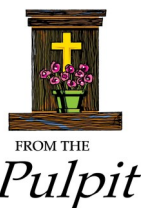
That's why I like to bring different types of music to our services. You would get tired if we sang the same genre of music every Sunday. We need to remember and embrace the hymns that have been written over the years. We also need to include some of the newer contemporary Christian anthems.

As you might already know....Jimmy is not one for change! He loves the old hymns best. Several years ago, I was introducing a new anthem to the choir. It was one that had been written in the past 20 years, not 200! He wasn't really crazy about it at first, but it became one of his favorites! He has really enjoyed singing some of the new as well as some of the old. I think this goes for the whole choir!

I am so happy that Jeffrey Flythe is giving the choir a try! February is the month for love, and I love getting a new choir member! Welcome Jeffrey!

One of my favorite quotes on love is: We love others best when we love God most!

*Laura*



## **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.

### **FEBRUARY 1**

Healing Begins

Mark 2:17

### **FEBRUARY 8**

Preparing For The Game

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

### **FEBRUARY 15**

Rev. Dr. Andy Hale

Men's Sunday/Share His Love Sunday/

Thriving Characteristic Sunday

### **FEBRUARY 22**

The Prodigal's Return

Luke 15:11-32

First Sunday of Lent



On Sunday, **February 22<sup>nd</sup>**, we will hold our fourth churchwide conversation as part of *Helping Churches Thrive*. We'll gather at 5:30 P.M. in the fellowship hall of Littleton United Methodist Church. The evening will begin with fellowship. You are invited to bring your own meal. The church will provide desserts & drinks

Everyone is invited—whether or not you're a member, and no matter your age. Your voice matters, and your insight is vital as we explore this month's theme: *building an authentic community*.



Our prayer list was discussed at our Quarterly Business meeting last month. It was decided that as we continue to stay connected in prayer, we will no longer be sending out a lengthy weekly prayer list. Instead, all new prayer requests will be shared in the worship bulletin each week. If you have a prayer request, please email it to the church office by Tuesday, and it will be included in that week's bulletin. We are also happy to send out prayer requests by email upon request. Thank you for continuing to lift one another up in prayer.



On Sunday, **February 15<sup>th</sup>**, we will have Men's Sunday and Share His Love Sunday. This year we welcome Rev. Dr. Andy Hale as our guest preacher. Rev. Hale is the Associate Executive Coordinator for CBFNC as well as the former youth minister of Rev. Little. He is also in charge of the Helping Churches Thrive Program. We welcome him as he brings a message on this month's characteristic: collaborating with partners both locally and globally. We look forward to the message that he will bring to us.



We invite those families with young children to join us for our Young Family Bible Study on **Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**, and **Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:00 P.M. We will have Bible Study, music, and crafts. This is a great way for children to come and learn together.



This is a good time of year to be thinking ahead to the Appalachian Coalfields Backpack Ministry. Keep your eyes out for those hard to find warm gloves, scarves, hats and socks.

### 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: pop top canned meat (chicken, tuna, Vienna Sausages, etc.), spaghetti & sauce, and peanut butter (8 oz jars).



This year's CBFNC Annual Gathering will take place on **March 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>** at Hayes Barton Baptist in Raleigh. The gathering starts Thursday afternoon and runs until 1:00 P.M. on Friday. This is not just an event for pastors, anyone can join! There will be times of worship, workshops, fellowship, and times to learn about other ministry partners. This will be a great opportunity for LBC to learn more about CBFNC and how we can partner with them. It's also a great opportunity to learn what other CBFNC churches are doing, and we can take this information back to LBC and our own community. This year's theme is Christ Has Set Us Free Together. The theme comes from Galatians

5:1 & Hebrews 10:24-25. We are encouraged to actively care for and spur one another toward love and good deeds. More information can be found at: [cbfnc.org/annualgathering](http://cbfnc.org/annualgathering).

SHARE HIS



On Sunday, **February 15<sup>th</sup>**, "Share His Love Sunday" will focus on demonstrating our Christian love. The worship will be followed by a "Soup and Sandwich Luncheon" served with love by our Hospitality Committee. If you would like to help with the luncheon, please contact Betty Anne Shearin. This annual event is always an enjoyable time for all. Consider ways you can share your love with someone - a visit, a card, a gift, or time spent with someone you would not ordinarily spend time with in the course of your week. We hope you enjoy this love offering from Littleton Baptist Church, and then you go and spread God's love. "Let all that you do be done in love." - 1 Corinthians 16:14



Superbowl  
BASH!

The youth will meet for our annual Super Bowl Party on Sunday, **February 8<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:00 P.M. We will have dinner and a fun mission project during half time. We hope you can join us for this fun time. Youth are then encouraged to join us for our churchwide conversation on Sunday, **February 22<sup>nd</sup>**.



The Flower Committee wants to thank you for all of your contributions! No matter what the situation is, you are always willing to help! We are blessed with a wonderful congregation!

The flower list has been placed on the bulletin board. If there is a certain Sunday you want to place flowers in the sanctuary, feel free to select that Sunday while it is available. You also can contact a member of the Flower Committee by phone or email: Sandra Lynch, Chairperson - (252)578-3495 or sandralynch337@gmail.com, Kay Beaver - (252)586-2014 or dbeaver10@gmail.com, or Christy Wheatley Griffin - (919) 306-1601 or christiewheatley@yahoo.com. You can contact the church office by email: office@littletonbaptistchurch.org.

If you would like to place flowers in church this month all Sundays are available.

Throughout all the events, we want to thank everyone for all their hard work and contributions!

### A BIG THANK YOU

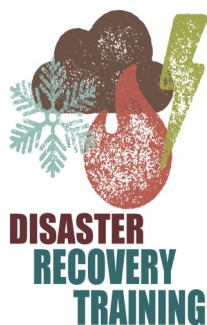


Some members of church helped repair a handicapped ramp for a couple in Hollister in January. The wife has had major health problems for over 35 years and their ramp needed repairing. THANK YOU!!



Twice a year Baptists on Mission sponsors an evening where they inform people of the many mission opportunities that you can be a part of. Our church is active in Disaster Response and Appalachian Backpacks ministries, but there are many more mission opportunities available. The rally is **February 19<sup>th</sup>** at: Oakdale Baptist Church, 13037 US-64, Rocky Mount, NC. Supper is served at 5:45 P.M. and the program ends at 8:45 P.M. The meal is free, but you would have to register. For more information visit the website [baptistsonmission.org](http://baptistsonmission.org) and click on events or contact Sid Shearin.

### BAPTISTS ON MISSION DISASTER TRAINING



Our church has participated in showing Christ's love to those that have experienced a disaster such as floods, tornados, or hurricanes. Baptists on Mission is sponsoring a training in different areas of disaster response at 8:30 A.M. on Saturday, **February 21<sup>st</sup>**, at Rosemary Baptist Church in Roanoke Rapids. Disaster Response involves different jobs such as operating showers and laundry, administration, assessing damage, feeding as well as chain sawing and tear out. If you cannot make that training there is another training session at Westwood Baptist Church in Roxboro on Saturday, **March 14<sup>th</sup>**. Check the website [baptistsonmission.org](http://baptistsonmission.org) for more information or ask Sid or Betty Anne Shearin.

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<b><u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u></b>	<b><u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u></b>	<b><u>NURSERY</u></b>
1 Bob Thompson 10 Al Spraker 11 Don Beaver 20 Elaine Gildred 27 Roman Martinez	No Anniversaries	1 Sara Council/Claire Council 8 Paula Burton/Kay Tripp 15 Melinda Harris/Amanda Coffman 22 Amanda Coffman/Lily Ayscue  <b><u>GARBAGE DETAIL</u></b>  Ed Atkins