

# 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*

SEPTEMBER 2014

[www.littletonbaptistchurch.org](http://www.littletonbaptistchurch.org)

Vol. 38 No. 9

## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

Littleton Baptist Church has now completed its tenth mission trip to El Salvador. Your team from LBC has journeyed to this poor Central American country since 2005. I am so grateful to our team of Debbie Keeter, Claude and Sandra Lynch, Jan Miller, Brenda Hudson, Clyde Johnston, and Ann Currin who joined me giving their personal time and financial resources to serve their Lord. And what thanks I express to our congregation for your ongoing support through special donations which help make our ministry in El Salvador such a blessing to the recipients we serve in El Salvador.

All total this year you helped us contribute food bags to 50 families in two of the poorest communities in this poor region. Your team visited each home, saw firsthand their living conditions, the extreme challenges they face as families, and heard their many prayer concerns. Many shared their personal faith that God will and is in fact providing through efforts like ours. Our visits were time filled with both excruciating sadness at their human conditions as well as great joy as some offered their beautiful expression of praise to God.

We also visited the Medical Clinic supported by the churches of El Salvador and churches from the U.S. including LBC. The faces on the medical staff tell it all when you see their great joy as we delivered boxes of antibiotics for those who need them. These are hard to get and so expensive in El Salvador. Additionally the other medicines we were able to purchase from the wholesale pharmacy warehouse there from their list of most needed drugs will make a huge difference over the months ahead. Lives are being changed and rescued as we go. One woman, Theodora, had severe infection in the legs. Our support helped her get assistance from the free clinic as she was transported and we helped her receive the appropriate tests and medicines. I am certain if we'd not been there she would have continued to suffer unmercifully.

I'm excited to tell you that very soon some toys purchased with money the team put together and special monies you gave will go to each of the more than 150 children who live in Squatter's village called Anaya Montes. There is no electricity or water source in their village. Their homes are made of cardboard and black plastic and twigs and not a single toy was seen in a single home. A small tiny ball or jump robe, which would go unnoticed in our kids' fancy toy closets, will bring hours of fun and great hope to these children. God blessed us with this new way to bring hope and joy to the children!

As we watch the news of the dangers the women and children face in El Salvador and other Central American countries and the rising numbers of immigrants to the U.S., our regular visits bring me hope. Though not all children are safe and being made secure to stay in their homeland, I am grateful our church has and continues to work in these and other ways to do our part to give these who are God's children a safe, secure and hopeful place to live as they are ministered to in Christ's name by the ministries we support.

No, we didn't fix all the problems and needs of this country. It's takes a world of support as together we work for the good of all, yet we know it sure made a difference for those we met. Continue to pray for this and all efforts to care for the least of God's children at home and to the ends of the earth! This is our calling as His people. May God give us just what we need to share His love and grace with all!

*Mike*



# September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8:30 Exercise	2	3 8:30 Exercise  6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	4	5 8:30 Exercise	6
7 Food Box 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship  6:00 Church Picnic	8 8:30 Exercise  7:00 Deacons Meeting	9	10 8:30 Exercise  6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	11	12 8:30 Exercise	13 7:00 Christian Men At Work
14 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship  5:30 Youth	15 8:30 Exercise	16	17 8:30 Exercise  6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	18	19 8:30 Exercise	20
21 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship Deacon Election  5:30 Youth	22 8:30 Exercise	23	24 8:30 Exercise  6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	25	26 8:30 Exercise 10:00 LACTS	27 John 3:16 Center Tenth Anniversary
28 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship  5:30 Youth	29 8:30 Exercise	30				



The Adult Choir has gotten off to a great new "year!" I guess being a teacher, I will always think of this time of year as a new beginning! We will be working on many new selections to share with you on Sunday mornings! We will also begin practicing on our Christmas music!

I want to welcome Fran Cornell to our choir! It's great to see a new face on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings....not that I don't love seeing my "old" faces!!!! Now is a great time to join us!



## Lord's Supper

On Sunday, September 7, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper during worship. Be present for this special time as we remember once again the sacrifice of our Lord for you and me. Remember as you depart you will be given the opportunity to contribute to the Fellowship Fund for local benevolence.



## CHRISTIAN MEN AT WORK

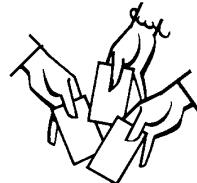
September's Christian Men at Work Breakfast Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 13 at 7:00 A.M. at Oak Grove Baptist Church. Men of all denominations in the area come together once again for breakfast, fellowship, music and encouragement to prepare to meet challenges and work for Christ in our communities. Men and boys of all ages are invited.



Ashby J. Burton  
UNCW Station CB#20469  
601 South College Road  
Wilmington, NC 28407-0469



Our Deacon's will meet on Monday, September 8, at 7:00 P.M. Continue to pray for our deacons as they pray and consider the spiritual welfare of our church and her ministries.



## DEACONS ELECTION

On Sunday, August 17, during a special business session, Deacon Nominations were made by the church through secret ballot. During a specially called business meeting on September 21 at the conclusion of worship, the top four accepting nominations will be placed on a ballot to elect two persons to serve a four-year term each. The four nominees will be announced at the earliest possible time for your prayerful consideration. On that same day our Nominating Committee will present their slate of officers and teachers for the 2014-2015 church year.



September 7 Lord's Supper  
September 14 Laura Kearney  
September 21 Charles Moore Family  
September 28 Jack & Virginia Tant

Thank you to all that have helped with flowers this year!

The Flower Committee



## LITTLETON AREA CHRISTIANS TOGETHER SERVING (LACTS)

### Food Pantry Needs

Thank you so much for your help feeding the hungry in our community. LACTs continues to need food contributions for local Benevolence. Your contributions make a big difference. Please place them in the box in the vestibule. The next distribution will be September 26. Any and all are welcome to come help us from 9:30 A.M. - 12:00 Noon. This community ministry serves to help the poor and needy of our community who simply cannot make it from one month to another. Food items are also needed for diabetic diets. Any food item is needed but the most needed are:

Spaghetti Sauce	Breakfast items
Spaghetti Noodles	Canned Vegetables
Canned Tuna, Chicken, Etc.	Fruit in Own Juice
Low-Carb Cereals (Oatmeal, etc.)	Peanut Butter (Especially needed)



Our church's annual picnic will be held Sunday, September 7 at the home of Sid & Betty Anne Shearin, 5100 Bowers Road.\*\* There is a trail to the ponds for those that want to hike and a canoe at one pond for those that want to paddle. Life jackets will be available for children so Dads and Moms can take their families on a canoe ride. The Lego table will be out for folks to enjoy along with a bubble table, corn hole game, fishing poles and croquet. Bring your lawn chairs and family, friends and neighbors for a great time of Christian fellowship and food!

Arrive when you would like to enjoy the festivities! We will begin eating at 6:00 P.M.

\*\*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.



*Outdoor Worship*

The final session of our summer mission Sunday School at Outdoor World was Sunday, August 31 at 8:30 A.M. Special thanks to Mike Crawley and Brenda Hudson for serving as teacher and prayer leader. Thanks for those from the church who have supported this ministry with your prayers and presence.

## EL SALVADOR MISSION TEAM

Special thanks to everyone who assisted with our El Salvador Mission Trip Ministry this year. You are making a big difference!! God is blessing the poor and needy of El Salvador because you are demonstrating your love, compassion, prayers and financial support. See our church Facebook page for more photos.



Mission Team



Claude Lynch and his helper



Team with Church Weekday Preschool

Pastor Mike and Brenda Hudson meet the Catholic Priest of Ataco



La Gloria Church



Littleton Baptist Church invites all our LBC friends to join us for a special time of celebration and remembrance! For 140 years, and in so many different ways, God has blessed Littleton Baptist Church and her ministry in this community and beyond. So many have experienced these blessings as members and moved to other places to continue their service for Christ.

On Sunday, October 12 at 11:00 A.M. we will celebrate Homecoming and we hope to have as many as possible to join us to remember how God has personally blessed individuals. We are planning a special day where members past and present can share their stories of the church's impact. We hope you will plan to be with us.

Importantly, we'd love to have your written word of praise and thanksgiving. Between now and the first of October, we'd appreciate your taking the time to put those words in writing and either mail or email your story to us. God teaches us to give thanks and in addition to the oral sharing and special Homecoming worship and the delicious homecoming meal, we will be blessed to hear from you!

We look forward to both seeing and hearing from you!!!

Littleton Baptist Church  
P. O. Box 216  
Littleton, NC 27850

Special Standard A  
U. S. Postage Paid  
Littleton, NC  
Permit 3

Return Service Requested

<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
4 Alease Benton 5 Jimmy Felts 6 Charles Parks 8 Christopher Skinner (5 yrs) 9 Sheryl West 13 Betty Blanton 13 J. C. Skinner (8 yrs.) 29 Bill Crawley 30 Kent West	6 Greg & Beverly Fussell (55 yrs) 21 Robert & Margo Rawlings (11 yrs)	7 Brenda Hudson/Carly West 14 Elizabeth Hockaday/Ryan Hockaday 21 Sandra Lynch/Jan Miller 28 Sara Council/Sarah Iles
	<u>YOUTH MEALS</u>	
	7 Church Picnic 14 Youth (Nora Labrecque) 21 Youth (Carol West) 28 Youth (Ryan Hockaday)	David Iles