

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

It's hard to believe, summer is now over. As I write this column, the calendar and the temperature are making their transition to fall with the crisp air in the mornings and the slight variations in colors reflect this change. Like the seasons of the year the church is filled with seasons as well and I don't mean just Easter, Christmas, and Thanksgiving. I mean spiritual seasons that reflect where we are at any given time in our spiritual life.

The 141 years of the church's history have reflected these changes in seasons as well. In 1873 there was birth! Spring time! What a wonderful time! It's a time when new growth, hope, and optimism move center stage. It must have been so exciting to those 13 charter members to see God breathing new life as a church in the post reconstruction era after the Civil War. And this cycle of new birth has been revisited many times in our church's history, as we have seen new buildings and new life birthed in her ministries, a growth in number and in Spirit. God has truly blessed them. God is so good when we see growth but it can be rather exhausting if it lingers and falls in the hands of a few to maintain.

Then summer happens. It is an extended season of warmth and relaxation. A time when the days are long and recreation and attention to personal matters take center stage. This season is often a get-away. Church's regularity sadly sometimes takes a back seat to other events. But we must be careful for summer happens in the life cycle of the church too when we think it's time to slow down, not do so much. This mindset of "we need a breather" can lead to apathy and slowed involvement. Caution abounds not to let it linger into fall and create unhealthy spiritual habits. Summer is a time we remember that my church really needs me all the time and invites us to take time to reenergize for the God called ministry He gives us.

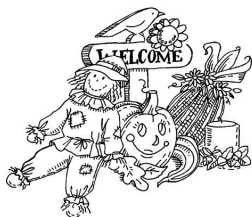
Autumn comes! It's a time of letting go of that which is new and recognizing those lofty heights of visible growth are not always at the forefront. This can also be a time to gather in the harvest spiritually; a time to give thanks for the cornucopia of God's blessings that have come our way. It's a time to renew and reflect on what's taken place and recognize its spiritual value. Celebrate the goodness of God in your life and your church. Give thanks to the God above.

Winter happens. It's dark and the days are short. For some it's harder to get out because the weather is cold. But it's a time to read and reflect and spend more time inside with family and the church family to share and recognize it's vital to life. Winter happens in the church too. It may seem like nothing is happening, when we are going from day to day and week to week. But underneath the surface, in the roots of our soul what seems like dormancy is waiting and preparing to spring forth to life at just the right time. And when it does, we are ready.

We need all the seasons in the life cycle of the church. They are going to happen. What matters most is we understand them and make the most of them as they emerge. At times it will be high energy growth and other times a rest and reenergizing for the next stage, and then a time to celebrate and rejoice in the harvest, and times when though it seems quiet and dormant that God is about to break through with his marvelous goodness.

Join us on October 12 as we celebrate the many seasons of God's blessings upon Littleton Baptist! He has truly blessed us in all these seasons!

Mike



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>2</i> 7:00 Mission Committee Mtg.	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
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It's not always easy being a church organist! There have been several times when my life was on the line...well, sort of! The first time I played for a wedding was when I was 17. The flowers beside me caught on fire and thankfully I had a cup of water on the organ and put out the fire! Then there was the time I played for a wedding and the zipper on the bride's dress broke and I had to play an extra 40 minutes of music! There was also the time when a wasp landed on the organ keys and I forgot the music stops were on and I banged the wasp with a hymnal and a loud noise came from the organ....during a prayer! I have had a breeze completely blow my music off the organ and I had to make up something to play. The composer would not have recognized what was being played for the next few minutes!

So these are some of the reasons my job is somewhat hazardous! These experiences have taught me to always keep a cup of water, extra music, and paper clips close by! As long as the worship experience is not harmed I will consider these hazards of little importance and continue to love my job!

Laura

Finance & Stewardship



Committee

The Finance and Stewardship Committee will meet on Thursday, **October 9** at 7:00 P.M. in the annex. The Committee includes: Sara Council, Sidney Gibson, Paula Burton, Kay Beaver, Jimmy Kearney and Bill Crawley.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council will meet at 7:00 P.M. on Sunday, **October 19**, in the annex. Members are: Deacon Chairman, Kay Beaver, Laura Kearney, Betty Anne Shearin, Melinda Harris, David Iles & Mike Crawley.



SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER

Our church will be sending Christmas Cheer in the way of a Christmas card to members of overseas military personnel you provide us. These cards from our church family will cheer them in their distant service. We are also asking you to provide names, addresses, rank, relationship to you (i.e family, friend, neighbor etc.). (Note: If you have family or friend serving in missions somewhere, we will also extend this request for names to include them as well.) Sid Shearin is heading up this project. See him if you have further questions. You can give this info to him or the church office.



DEACONS MEETING

Our Deacon's will meet at 7:00 P.M. on Sunday evening, **October 5**, in the Annex Conference Room. We will welcome our two newest deacons, Mike Crawley & Sid Shearin. Special thanks to Paula Burton and Clyde Johnston who completed their terms of service in September.



The Mission Committee will meet on Thursday, **October 2**, at 7:00 P.M. in the church annex. Members of the committee are: Melinda Harris, Clyde Johnston, Debbie Keeter, Brenda Hudson, Mike Crawley, Lee Myrick and Ann Currin.

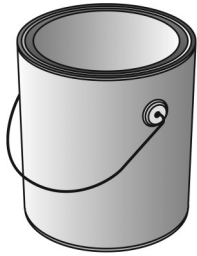


QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Our next Quarterly Business Meeting is Wednesday, **October 15** at 7:30 P.M. These quarterly meetings are vital to the church and her ministry as we report, discuss, plan and consider the ongoing needs that will strengthen us as the people of God. You are encouraged to be present and to always be prayerful about our church's ministries!



Flu shots are again being offered at church by Drugco on Sunday, **October 26**, beginning at 9:30 A.M. and following worship, administered by Stephanie Iles. They will be free of charge to those with Medicare, BCBS, or Retired Military. For anyone else they will be at a discount price. Shots at this site are only for those 14 years old and older. Everyone needs to bring their insurance card or a copy of the card.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Did you forget to donate your paint? There is still time! Take it to Habitat for Humanity located at 1152 Hwy 48, Roanoke Rapids from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. each Monday & Thursday and the 1st Saturday of each month. If you can't deliver it, give Sherm Merchant a call at (252) 537-2556 to make arrangements to have it picked up.



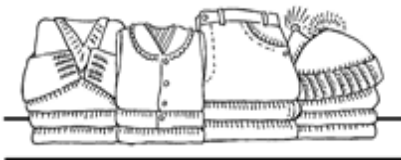
Room At The Inn

Last year, Room at the Inn was a mobile ministry that moved from church to church in preparation for an ongoing shelter for women and children who for whatever the reason find themselves suddenly without a place to live.

God has truly blessed these efforts and with widespread community support, The Union Mission and the ongoing Room at the Inn Steering Committee plans for a permanent shelter are becoming an answer to many prayers.

Currently efforts are under way to raise the necessary funds to purchase a house for a more permanent residence. This will enable an ongoing program to provide housing and support during these vulnerable periods these women and children face while in transition. The ministry will help seek housing, jobs and to find emotional, spiritual stability. The house is located at 1239 Hamilton Street, and when it is purchased for the \$25,500, it will need considerable repairs for its use. It's location is just around the corner from the Union Mission. This is ideal and will be a much added benefit to this ministry and these women and children.

Please pray for these efforts, not only as funds are being raised for the house, but also the efforts to minister to these women and children in the months and years to come. If you have questions or would like to find a way to be involved in this ministry, please contact our pastor, who serves as chairperson of the Union Mission Board of Directors.



Special thanks to all who contributed to our recent Union Mission "clothing and cardboard drive" and to those who make ongoing gifts of these items.

As a reminder, the Union Mission continues to receive these donations on a regular basis at the loading dock behind the Thrift store each day. Hours are Monday - Friday 8:30 A.M. - 11:45 A.M. and 12:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. and on Saturdays 8:30 A.M. - 11:45 A.M., 12:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. Your support is greatly appreciated and makes a huge difference in the lives of people in need.

HOMEcoming INVITATION CELEBRATING 141 YEARS

All Members, Former Members, Friends and Family

are cordially invited to Littleton Baptist Church

on Sunday, October 12 at 11:00 A.M.

for our Annual Homecoming Services and Dinner.

There will be no Sunday School on this day.

God has truly blessed Littleton Baptist Church over these many years with hundreds of lay persons to provide leadership and ministry.

Our focus for our homecoming this year will be to center our attention on a celebration of those individuals and ministries that have so shaped our church and her people and community for God over these 141 years.

Come prepared to share a special story or person who has impacted you and or the kingdom in a special way! Time will be given for personal sharing to tell these stories and give praise to our Lord! After this time of sharing our pastor will share a message entitled, "Celebrating our Past and Shaping Our Future!" And then we fellowship together around the table!

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
2 Elizabeth Neville 3 Gladys Pegram 3 Ashby Burton (19 yrs) 7 Opal Brown 8 Mike Crawley 12 Jan Myrick 12 Larry Thomas West (16 yrs) 15 Jeff Burton 18 Louise Gibson 25 Jack Tant 26 Mary Beth Labrecque (14 yrs) 29 Amanda Milton	27 Jeff & Paula Burton (24 yrs)	5 Melinda Harris/Eric Hockaday 12 Brenda Hudson/Ryan Hockaday 19 Betty Blanton/Billy Blanton 26 Carol West/Carly West
	<u>YOUTH MEALS</u>	<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
	5 Ann Currin 12 Homecoming 19 Betty Anne Shearin 26 No Youth	Billy Pearce/Jimmy Kearney