

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

The month of November is a busy month for Americans. As we consider such there are at least three significant days we need to remember and get involved with our active participation.

First, Election Day on November 4. The right to vote is one of the fundamental rights of our democracy as Americans. This responsibility is a serious one as we have the privilege and responsibility of choosing those who will serve our community, state, and nation over the next few years and shape the course of our society. As you prepare, prayerfully consider your choices for each office for which you have opportunity to vote, and then go to the polls. Remember, after the elections, no matter who is elected, pray for them and God's guidance as they lead us into the future.

Second, is Veteran's Day on November 11, as we salute the many faithful veterans who have served this great nation and remember the freedoms and privileges that we have as a result of

their devoted service, like the right to vote. We are blessed to have so many who have sacrificed so faithfully to preserve these freedoms we enjoy and so easily take for granted. Thank you veterans!

Third, is Thanksgiving Day on November 27. This is our annual national day of Thanksgiving when as a nation we pause amid all our scurry of activities to slow down, spend time with family and friends and give thanks to God for our many blessings. I urge you to find special ways in your celebrations to give thanks to God on this day. (See announcements on other opportunities for thanksgiving celebration).

Moses said to the wilderness people as they prepared to enter the land of promise saying, "If you start thinking to yourselves, 'I did all this. And all by myself. I'm rich. It's all mine!' Well, think again. Remember that God, your God, gave you the strength to produce all this wealth so as to confirm the covenant that he promised to your ances-

tors—as it is today." (The Message, Eugene Peterson, Deuteronomy 8:17-18) If those words were necessary to a people who had virtually nothing as they entered the Promised Land, how much more necessary they must be to Americans who live in our land of plenty. Thanksgiving Day is a reminder to all that we did not do all this, or really any of this. What we have, our wealth, as well as the personal and spiritual freedoms we enjoy, are all gifts from our creator God. They are each to be used to honor and praise His name before all people.

May we never forget the source of our blessings as we give thanks with grateful hearts this Thanksgiving and every day!

Mike

"Enter His gates with Thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise His name."

-Psalm 100:4 NIV



NOVEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Food Box 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 5:30 Youth 7:00 Deacons Mtg	3 8:30 Exercise	4	5 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	6 7:00 Finance and Stewardship Committee Mtg	7 8:30 Exercise Youth at Camp Willow Run	8 7:00 Christian Men at Work Youth at Camp Willow Run
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23 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 7:00 Community Thanksgiving Service	24 8:30 Exercise	25	26 8:30 Exercise No Wednesday Night Choir or Bible Study	27  Thanksgiving	28 8:30 Exercise	29
30 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship Advent Begins 5:30 Youth						



Our Christian sympathy is extended to:

Julian and Indie Parks in the death of her brother, Wiley Bowers.



Stores are already decked out with Christmas decorations! They seem to forget that there is a holiday called Thanksgiving. A time we put aside to give thanks for so many things.

I give thanks for music. I enjoy selecting music for our choir and congregation. I had picked out a new selection to present on Homecoming but my choir was going to be missing several members so we will be singing it on November 9th! Hope you can be there to hear it! It mixes a new song with an oldie!

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!

Laura



Holy Communion

On **November 2** we will celebrate the Lord's Supper during worship. Join us for this special service of remembering the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As you leave the service, you will be given opportunity to contribute to our Fellowship Fund for local benevolence.



Christmas Cheer

Our church will be sending cards and photos to cheer up people who will be away from home Christmas. If you know of anyone in the community that have family or friends that will be away from home such as military personnel or missionaries, please give their name and address to Sid Shearin or Brenda Hudson by **November 30**. The cards will be in the vestibule for you to sign on **November 30, December 7 & 14**. Sid wants to remind everyone you are not allowed to sign for your spouse or children. Everyone needs to sign individually.

Thank you!



Super High Youth Retreat
November 7-9, 2014
Camp Willow Run

Eight Youth and College Students and two adults will be participating from LBC. Pray for our youth and this Friday night through Sunday lunch retreat experience.



COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING
WORSHIP SERVICE

Our Community Thanksgiving Service will be Sunday, **November 23** at Littleton Baptist Church at 7:00 P.M. The ecumenical service will feature special music and a sermon giving thanks to God for his goodness as well as a food and/or money offering to support our local hunger needs during the holidays with food resources.



Fall Back

Daylight Savings Time ends November 2. Be sure to set your clocks back on Saturday night so you'll arrive for Sunday services at the correct time.



Finance & Stewardship Committee

The Finance and Stewardship Committee will meet on Thursday, **November 6** at 7:00 P.M. in the fellowship hall to begin preparations on our 2015 church budget. All church members are reminded to submit their "Input and Suggestions Form" by Sunday, **November 2**. Members of the Committee include: Sara Council, Sidney Gibson, Paula Burton, Kay Beaver, Chairperson; Jimmy Kearney and Bill Crawley. Ex-Officio members are Clyde Johnston, Treasurer; Greg Fussell, Deacon Chairperson; Mike Crawley, Sunday School Director; Gladys Pegram, Financial Treasurer; Melinda Harris, Missions Committee Chairperson; and David Iles, Jr., Maintenance Committee Chairperson.



The following is the flower schedule for the month of November.

November 2	Lord's Supper
November 9	
November 16	Mike Crawley
November 23	Mike and Ann Currin
November 30	Advent Candles

Flowers are needed on November 9. If you would like to place flowers on this date please contact Sandra Lynch, Debbie Keeter or Ann Currin.



JOHN 3:16 CENTER TOY DRIVE

The John 3:16 Center will again be doing a Toy Drive for children at Christmas as well as collecting winter hats and gloves for children who do not have them. Any of these can be left at the church for distribution.

Another option is to support our youth in their project. For many years our youth have collected money and have done the toy shopping for our church members. If you'd like to contribute to the "shopping spree," they will be collecting after the worship service at the door on **December 7** and **December 14**. Your support of these projects will be greatly appreciated by our youth, the center and the children who receive your gifts. We'll be shopping on **December 14** and we thank you in advance for your support.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The first Sunday of Advent is **November 30** as we prepare to celebrate our Lord's birth.

DEACON'S MEETING

Our Deacons will meet on Sunday, **November 2**, at 7:00 P.M. in the Annex Conference Room.

CHRISTIAN MEN AT WORK

The Christian Men at Work will meet on **November 8** at 7:00 A.M. at Enterprise Baptist Church. All men and boys are invited to participate.

Notes from the Flower Committee

We are so excited to have this opportunity to serve our Lord! The new flower chart for 2015 has been placed in the fellowship hall. If you wish to place flowers on the altar please call or email one of us with the date you would like. A big thank you to those who have signed up already! Poinsettias will once again grace our sanctuary for the celebration of our Savior's birth. Please notify one of us if you wish to place a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. The deadline for ordering poinsettias is **November 10**. The cost is \$19.00 for 8" pots and \$8.50 for 6" pots. Make your check payable to Littleton Baptist Church and label it - poinsettia. Thank you for adding to our LBC worship experience!

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MOST ANY CARDBOARD CAN BE USED!!!

People have started collecting cardboard for the Union Mission and have been amazed at how much cardboard they have been throwing away. People have also had a misunderstanding on what cardboard the mission will accept. Here are a few points.

1. It does not matter if there are color prints or pictures on the cardboard. That means cereal boxes, kleenex boxes, cracker boxes, etc.
2. Little pieces add up. You can save your toilet paper tubes, paper towel tubes, or other small pieces. Some folks keep a box and store the cardboard until it fills up. Most people are surprised at how quickly it accumulates.
3. It does not matter if the cardboard has been wet and discolored. Don't worry if you left it in the back of a truck and it rained on it. The mission still wants it.
4. For very little cost and effort one can share Christ's love to "the least of these." It takes a lot of cardboard for the mission to get money for cardboard but with a cooperative effort God can do wonders.

REDEEMED - - THANKSGIVING OFFERING

For Baptist Children's Homes

Each year, North Carolina Baptists show their love and support for children by participating in the annual Thanksgiving Offering for Baptist Children's Homes.

The theme for 2015 is "Redeemed." Children and families receive the blessings of Christ every day through Baptist Children's Homes. Children, who are ministered to through our 19 locations across the state, often come from heart-breaking situations of family dysfunction, abuse, neglect and abandonment. Because of the care of dedicated house parents and staff, and the love shown by our churches and supporters, children and families are discovering new hope.

Our statewide offering goal this year is \$1,500,000. The annual offering empowers Baptist Children's Homes to offer hope to children. Baptists Children's Homes depend on the prayers and support of North Carolina Baptists. Giving to BCH's Annual Offering is not only important in helping to meet the tremendous needs of boys and girls. It's essential! You'll find envelopes and more information in your LBC November 2 bulletin.

Let the REDEEMED of the Lord say so . . . Psalm 107:2

John 3:16 Center Annual Fundraising Banquet

The Annual Fundraising Banquet for the John 3:16 Center will be held on Friday, **December 5**. It will be held at the Mystique located at 1652 NC Hwy 125, Roanoke Rapids. The silent auction and hors d'oeuvres begin at 5:30 P.M. and dinner is at 6:30 P.M. Please contact the Center if you know of any business, organization or individual that would sponsor a table. Dinner is free but this is the center's biggest fundraiser and keeps it operating for the coming year. Contact Sid Shearin by **November 21** if you think you can attend. Thank you!

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NOVEMBER

<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
1 Ann West 2 Jeremy Killian 2 Priscilla Parks 5 Betty Neville 10 Jim Sineath 11 Mary Virginia Kearney 18 Melba Johnston 19 Morgan Barnes 20 Harrison West (12 yrs) 20 Arlene Merritt 21 Chris Skinner 22 Bentley Iles (3 yrs) 24 Larry West 25 Thad Harris 28 Brenda Hudson 30 Andrew Crawley	6 Matthew & Sara Council (4 yrs) 7 Sidney & Louise Gibson (49 yrs)	2 Sandra Lynch/Sarah Iles 9 Melinda Harris/Brenda Hudson 16 Sarah Iles/Jan Miller 23 Kay Tripp/Paula Burton 30 Brenda Hudson/Mary Spivey
	<u>YOUTH MEALS</u>	<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
	2 Lisa Adkins 9 No Youth 16 Sheryl West 23 Thanksgiving Service 30 Nora Labrecque	Mike Blanton