

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

During the recent snow and ice storm, Ann and I spent some time rummaging through files and boxes we packed away when we moved that still needed to be gone through. What we found were countless personal treasures we'd long since forgotten. These treasures help us remember special people and occasions as we found numerous pictures of family holidays and vacations, documents like baptismal certificates, childhood memorabilia and so much more. While many things were discarded, some things found will forever be in our treasured file of memories.

Discovering such treasures reminds us of the treasure we have in God's Word, sometimes due to lack of reading and meditation. The Holy Bible is truly a wonderful book. Oh, that we might continually unpack the truth in this precious book. In Tricia McCary Rhodes book,

The Soul at Rest, she describes three simple words which can enable the reader to better discover and rediscover the treasures found in the Bible.

The first word is STOP. Rhodes writes, "open your Bible with a gentle spirit and quiet soul. Read slowly until something urges you to STOP." This may happen after only a word, a sentence, or a phrase. This pause is intended for the reader to set their mind on the Spirit and focus inwardly on Christ. One of the real dangers in reading Scripture is we can easily neglect this vital element. We can spend so much time reading that we never stop long enough to allow God to speak to us. Even in our attempts to do spiritual readings we can reduce them to a religious duty and miss God altogether. Stop and give time for the Spirit to prompt you as you read.

Secondly, when you do stop, LOOK. Look slowly

and methodically at the words, and then allow yourself to "gaze at God." Set your mind on Him so you can be ready to hear His message for you in the present moment. If we fail to look, it is highly unlikely we will ever see.

So, first stop, then look, and then thirdly, LISTEN. Just to stop and even look alone will not get it done. We must open our spiritual ears to hear the voice of God as He speaks. Rhodes says, "Our hearts are open as we quietly ask, *Lord, what do you have to say to me concerning this?*" Help us to listen, Lord.

My prayer for you is that you will discover or rediscover this wonderful treasure book God has given us! There is no greater joy. Remember, *Stop, Look, and Listen.*

Mike



March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>1</i> Food Box 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship</p> <p>5:30 Youth 7:00 Deacons Mtg</p>	<p><i>2</i> 8:30 Exercise</p>	<p><i>3</i></p>	<p><i>4</i> 8:30 Exercise 12:00 Lenten Lunch</p> <p>6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study</p>	<p><i>5</i></p>	<p><i>6</i> 8:30 Exercise</p>	<p><i>7</i></p>
<p><i>8</i> Food Box 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship</p>	<p><i>9</i> 8:30 Exercise</p>	<p><i>10</i></p>	<p><i>11</i> 8:30 Exercise 12:00 Lenten Lunch</p> <p>6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study</p>	<p><i>12</i></p>	<p><i>13</i> 8:30 Exercise</p>	<p><i>14</i> 7:00 Christian Men At Work</p>
<p><i>15</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship</p> <p>3:00 Piano Re- cital</p> <p>5:30 Youth</p>	<p><i>16</i> 8:30 Exercise</p>	<p><i>17</i></p>	<p><i>18</i> 8:30 Exercise 12:00 Lenten Lunch</p> <p>6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study</p>	<p><i>19</i> CBF Gathering</p>	<p><i>20</i> 8:30 Exercise CBF Gathering</p> <p>FIRST DAY  OF SPRING</p>	<p><i>21</i></p>
<p><i>22</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship</p>	<p><i>23</i> 8:30 Exercise</p>	<p><i>24</i></p>	<p><i>25</i> 8:30 Exercise 12:00 Lenten Lunch</p> <p>6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study</p>	<p><i>26</i> 7:00 Mission Committee</p>	<p><i>27</i> 8:30 Exercise 9:30 LACTS</p>	<p><i>28</i></p>
<p><i>29</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship</p> <p>5:30 Youth</p>	<p><i>30</i> 8:30 Exercise</p>	<p><i>31</i></p>				



I would like to share one of my favorite verses:

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises! Psalm 98:4

There are a lot of verses pertaining to music throughout the Bible. I like to look through the Bible and find them. Of course, I could Google "verses pertaining to music in the Bible" and it would give me a list, but it is a lot more fun to read and find them myself!

Plan on joining us Easter morning for our cantata, The King is Coming. More information on it will be in the April newsletter!

Laura



THE LORD'S SUPPER

On Sunday, **March 1**, 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 opportunity to contribute to the Fellowship Fund for local benevolence.



BAPTIST MEN'S DAY MARCH 8

Our men & boys will provide leadership in our **March 8** worship service as they share their faith, stories and direct this special service.



MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee will meet on Thursday, **March 26**, at 7:00 P.M. in the church annex.



DEACONS MEETING

Our Deacons will meet at 7:00 P.M. on Sunday evening, **March 1**, in the Annex. Please continue to pray for our deacons as they pray and consider the spiritual welfare of our church and her ministries.

LITTLETON AREA CHRISTIANS TOGETHER SERVING (LACTS)

Thank you so much for your help feeding the hungry in our community. Your help makes a big difference. The next distribution will be Friday, **March 27**. Any and all are welcome to come help us from 9:30 A.M. - 12:00 Noon.



Daylight Saving Time Begins

Don't forget to set your clock forward one hour on Sunday, **March 8**, so as not to be late for Sunday School!



Christian Men at Work

Christian Men at Work will meet for a fellowship breakfast and worship on Saturday, **March 14** at 7:00 A.M. at Littleton United Methodist Church. LBC is co-host. All men and boys are invited to attend.

2015 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

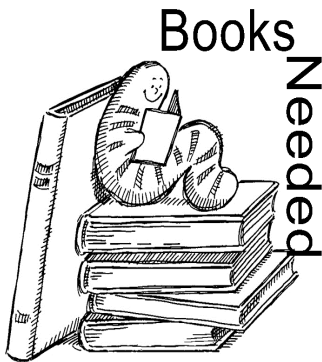


The dates for this year's VBS will be **June 22 -26** from 9:00 A.M. - 12:15 P.M. It will be hosted by Lakeside Lutheran Church. Volunteers are needed to teach, assist, crafts, recreation and many other assorted roles. See the pastor to volunteer. Be sure to put these dates on your summer calendar!

2015 CBF GATHERING

The 2015 Cooperative Baptist Fellowship North Carolina will be gathering at the Providence Baptist Church in Charlotte, **March 19 - 20**. This Thursday/Friday format is open to all. If you are interested in attending contact the pastor.

SPRING MISSIONS INITIATIVE



April 18 is the big day for our annual Mission Initiative. Please be in prayer for this "**BIG EVENT**" and volunteers who will assist us with a Children's Free Carnival and Health Screenings at the John 3:16 Center! We need books for this event! Again this year we are collecting new and/or gently used books for Kindergarten through 5th grade reading levels for use with our goodie bags given to each child in attendance. If you have extra books you'd like to donate or know of a source for such books please let them or us know as we need many books to supply this important need.



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

March 1	Lord's Supper
March 8	Available
March 15	Available
March 22	Available
March 29	Available

Flowers are needed for **March 8, 15, 22 & 29**. If you would like to place flowers on either of these dates, please contact Ann Currin, or Sandra Lynch.

If you would like to place an Easter lily in the church on Easter Sunday "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" a loved one please let Ann (252-586-3370, anncurrin@embarqmail.com), Sandra (252-676-9941) or the church office (littletonbaptist@embarqmail.com) know by **March 22** so it can be listed in the bulletin. Lassiter's Nursery has to order them so if you would like Ann Currin to order a lily for you please let her know no later than **March 22**. The prices are:

Pot Covered with Bow

Single	\$ 11.00
Double	\$ 19.00
Triple	\$ 26.00

Community Lenten Lunch and Devotion Series

Each Wednesday
 March 4 – March 25
 12:00 - 1:00 P.M.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location*</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
March 4	St Alban's Episcopal Church	Rev. Kevin Brunk Littleton Presbyterian Church
March 11	South Street Baptist Church	Rev. Stan Lewis Calvary United Methodist Charge
March 18	Roanoke Chapel Baptist Church	Rev. Mike Currin Littleton Baptist Church
March 25	Weaver's Chapel United Methodist Church	Rev. Arthur Warren Littleton United Methodist Church

** Host church will provide music for each luncheon!*

They begin at Noon and conclude at 1:00 P.M. Each person should bring a bag type lunch. Dessert and beverage will be provided by the host church. The devotion will begin by 12:30 P.M.

Our theme is exploring the moments leading up to the crucifixion from the perspective of those that first witnessed it and asking ourselves the question, "Why would I go to the cross?"

Come as you are and invite someone to join you for a time of community fellowship and devotion!



Holy Week Worship Schedule

MAUNDY THURSDAY - Join us on Maundy Thursday, **April 2**, at 7:00 P.M. in the sanctuary as we celebrate the Lord's Supper and meditate upon our Lord's last hours with his disciples.

GOOD FRIDAY - Lakeside Lutheran Church invites our congregation to participate in a special Good Friday Service, **April 3** from 12:00 - 3:00 P.M. The service will feature special music from local churches as well as our pastor and six other ministers giving messages on the "Seven Words of Christ from the Cross."

EASTER EGG HUNT - All children 6th grade and under are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, **April 4**, at 10:00 A.M. Participants will meet in the fellowship hall for donuts and juice. The Egg Hunt will follow on the church grounds around 10:30 A.M. Children may be picked up at the around 11:30 A.M.

SUNRISE SERVICE - This year our Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 7:00 A.M. on **April 5**, at the rear of our church near the three crosses that have been constructed there. We hope to make this a witness to the community and invite others to join us. A fellowship breakfast by our Mission Committee will be served inside the fellowship hall immediately following the service.

EASTER WORSHIP - Join us on Easter, **April 5**, at 11:00 A.M. as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord through worship and our Adult Choir's presentation of the cantata "The King is Coming".

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
2 Carol West 8 Frances Harris 15 Sara Council 19 Emily Kearney 20 Ray Holloman 22 Paula Burton 25 John Skinner 25 Brandon Stansbury 28 Beth King 31 Stephanie Iles	19 Jack & Ann Mathieson (56 yrs) 26 Kent & Carol West (21 yrs)	1 Brenda Hudson/Eric Hockaday 8 Carol West/Carly West 15 Sandra Lynch/Jan Miller 22 Brenda Hudson/Louise Gibson 29 Sarah Iles/Billy Blanton
	<u>YOUTH MEALS</u>	<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
	1 Carol West 8 No Youth 15 Betty Anne Shearin 22 No Youth 29 Nora Labrecque	Roman Martinez