

LITTLETON BAPTIST NEWS

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PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

A mother's spiritual influence matters greatly. I thank God for my mother who sixty years ago this Mother's Day delivered me into this world. I know the spiritual influence of my Godly mother, Josephine Currin, has greatly impacted me and my home through all those years. Her prayers, her biblical and moral instruction, and her godly examples continue to impress themselves upon my heart and mind. I cannot imagine where I would be had it not been for the Christian love and example I learned and continue to learn from my Christian mother. (Thanks Mom!)

The Quaker philosopher, Rufus Jones, in his autobiography relates a childhood incident that seems trivial in itself, but, seen in the light of what he eventually became, it was probably the turning point in his life that made him the great man he was. One day his parents told him to stay home and weed the turnip patch while they were gone. He had just begun when some friends came along and persuaded him to go fishing with them, promising to help him weed the garden when they got back. But, as every fisher-

man knows, it's practically impossible to keep track of the time when you're fishing—especially if the fish are biting!

When young Rufus finally returned home after dark, his mother was waiting for him. Silently, she led him to his room. He knew what he deserved, so he offered not a word of excuse. "But then," he writes, "a miracle happened instead. Mother put me in a chair, kneeled down, put her hands on me, and told God all about me. She interpreted her dream of what my life was to be. She portrayed the boy and the man of her hopes. She told God what she always expected me to be, and then how I had disappointed her hope. "O God!" she prayed. 'take this boy of mine and make him the boy and man he is divinely designed to be.' Then she bent over and kissed me and went out and left me alone in the silence with God." (By James A. Carpenter, *The Minister's Manual*: 1985, New York: Harper & Row, 1984, p. 238)

While on Sunday, May 10, all the nation will pause to recognize mothers, I have come to recognize that some mothers are more desiring of the tribute than others. Tragic indeed are mothers who take

lightly the God given responsibility of motherhood. I thank God for each mother who does more than just fulfill normal motherly responsibilities, and takes seriously the God-given role of spiritual instruction in the home.

If you have a godly mother, give thanks. If you are a mother, ask God to lead you to be the kind of mother God calls you to be.

Happy Mother's Day!

Mike

A mother is not a person to lean on but a person to make leaning unnecessary.



Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.

And remember that behind every successful woman is a basket of dirty laundry.

A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie.



May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Food Box 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 5:30 Youth Planning Meeting 7:00 Deacons Mtg.	4 8:30 Exercise	5	6 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	7	8 8:30 Exercise	9 7:00 Christian Men At Work 1:00 VBS Planning Mtg
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I want to thank the Junior Singers for their performance on Palm Sunday! It is always so nice to have them sing for us! The Junior Singers will be sharing their music with us on Mother's Day during worship service. Sadly, we will be losing one of our members, Harrison West, who will be aging out of our group! We will miss having you Harrison and you are welcome to join us any time!

I also want to thank the Adult Choir for their beautiful presentation of The King is Coming! Not only have we been working on this since January but we also had to work on selections for Sunday mornings! Thank you choir for your hard work and dedication!

Happy Mother's Day!

Laura



The Flower Committee would like to give their special thanks to everyone that gave the Easter Lilies to grace our sanctuary on Easter morning. Thank you for making LBC beautiful during such a special Holy Season.



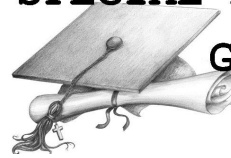
LORD'S SUPPER

On Sunday, **May 3**, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. At the conclusion of worship, you will be given opportunity to contribute to our church's Fellowship Fund for local benevolent needs.

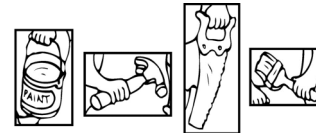
A TRIBUTE TO MOTHERS

On Mother's Day, Sunday, **May 10**, we'll take time to honor our mothers, past and present. Be with us as we take time to especially honor Christian Mothers who lift high the banner of Christ.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION -TO OUR - GRADUATES!



On Sunday, **May 31**, we will recognize during our worship all of our High School, College or Post Graduates. Please contact the church office if you are or have a student preparing to accomplish either of these significant milestones.



CHRISTIAN MEN AT WORK

Christian Men at Work will meet on Saturday, **May 9** at Weaver's Chapel United Methodist Church for breakfast and worship at 7:00 A.M. All men and boys are invited to attend.



Outdoor World

Outdoor World Sunday worship leadership begins on Sunday, **May 24**, at 8:30 A.M. and continues through Labor Day weekend. If you are willing to participate, either speaking or assisting with special music, please contact Brenda Hudson at 586-3983, see Mike Crawley or call the church. Thanks in advance for your prayers and support for this valuable ministry that over the past few years has been an inspiration to the campers and beyond.



The following is the flower schedule for the month of May 2015.

May 3 Lord's Supper
May 10
May 17 Roy Spain
May 24 David & Kay Tripp
May 31

Flowers are needed for **May 10 & 31**. If you would like to place flowers in the church on either of these dates please contact Ann Currin or Sandra Lynch.



SPRING MISSIONS INITIATIVE

On **April 18** our church hosted the Spring Missions Initiative Weekend Carnival at the John 3:16 Center. The Missions Committee would like to thank everyone that helped to make this a successful weekend with over 226 children. More than 70 volunteers with 50 or more from LBC carried out the mission. We are carrying out the great commission as we help those around us. Pray that we may continue to do the Lord's work as He leads us.



We rejoice with Carly West who united with Littleton Baptist Church on Sunday, March 29. Carly is the daughter of Kent and Carol West and sister to Harrison. She attends Halifax Academy. Her baptism is scheduled for Sunday, **May 24** during morning worship.



YOUTH AND PARENTS PLANNING MEETING

All Youth Committee members, parents and youth will meet on Sunday, **May 3** at 5:30 P.M. for a light supper and to work on summer plans, activities, and mission opportunities. Everyone is needed!

VBS PLANNING MEETING

Final plans for Vacation Bible School will be made in a large group planning meeting on Saturday, **May 9** at 1:00 P.M. at Lakeside Lutheran Church. There's still a place for you if you'd like to volunteer to participate in any way. See the pastor asap!

Deacons Meeting



Our Deacons will meet on Sunday, **May 3** at 7:00 P.M. in the annex.

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL WEEK OF PRAYER May 3 - 10

Your gifts truly make a difference, lifting burdens of need and drawing people closer to Christ in gratitude. Every dollar of the Mother's Day Offering is used to help pay hospital bills of selected patients who have serious financial needs and who received care at Baptist Hospital. The recipients make too much to qualify for government assistance, but need a helping hand to pay hospital bills they are responsible for. Each patient is carefully screened by Hospital financial counselors. A committee of Baptist ministers and WMU leaders administer the fund. Help is provided from a few hundred to a few thousand dollars. We will be receiving this offering throughout the month of May.

COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



JUNE 22-25, 2015

9:00 AM - 12:15 P.M.

MEETING AT LAKESIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH

PRESCHOOL - CHILDREN - YOUTH - ADULTS

Ages 4 and up

PRE-REGISTRATION FORMS AT EACH CHURCH

For further information call: 252-586-6778

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
6 Sandra Lynch 6 Carolyn Price 8 Robbie King 8 Indie Parks 10 Mike Currin 12 Ann Currin 18 Josephine Myrick 21 Memphis Crews (5 yrs) 23 David Iles, Jr. 24 Jordan Tripp 26 Annie Hilliard 27 Greg Fussell 28 Elizabeth Hockaday 28 Gerleen Pitchford 29 Billy Blanton	17 Mike & Betty Blanton (24 yrs) 17 Robbie & Beth King (7 yrs) 23 David & Kay Tripp (28 yrs) 24 Scott & Becky Griffin (18 yrs) 24 Daniel & Stephanie Iles (7 yrs)	3 Elizabeth Hockaday/Ryan Hockaday 10 Brenda Hudson/Eric Hockaday 17 Sarah Iles/Jan Miller 24 Paula Burton/Kay Tripp 31 Melinda Harris/Brenda Hudson
	<u>YOUTH MEALS</u>	<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
	3 Youth Planning Meeting 10 Mother's Day 17 No Meeting 24 To Be Announced 31 To Be Announced	Greg Fussell