

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

With summer in full swing, the vacation season is now well underway. I hope if you've not had a chance to get away, you'll take that opportunity to find some time for a relaxing trip during these days. When you do, be reminded that summer vacations from work are not a good reason for vacation from church. When away, find a place to worship. When home, make every effort to be in Sunday School and Worship. If you have guests, encourage them to join with you. I am thankful God never vacations and is always there for us. Let's be His faithful witness not forgetting the spiritual disciplines He seeks of us as his followers. Don't neglect your daily time of Bible study and prayer and remember to keep the Lord's Day holy. What a rich time this can be as we grow in faith and knowledge with Christ not failing to assemble ourselves together.

Please pray for the ministry's in El Salvador we typically visit during July/August to serve on behalf of LBC. This year's trip is being delayed until all can attend but please continue to pray for those who minister to the poor, sick, troubled and those without Christ. If you'd like to support the work of El Salvador we can send them di-

rectly to assure the needs of the medical clinic and other needs are sustained in our absence. Whether or not we are physically present, let's pray diligently during this time for our El Salvador friends as they minister.

Ice Cream Social number two is July 12 at 6:00 P.M. If it's anything like our June ice cream social, there will be plenty of ice cream, toppings, goodies as well as a large crowd of people hungry for good ice cream and fellowship. I look forward to this fellowship and hope you will make every effort to join us. Invite a friend!

Currently our youth are preparing for a three day, two night beach trip to Emerald Isle this month. This retreat will include spiritual fellowship, a mission project, and lots of fun. Youth can bring a friend. Additional adults are needed to assist Betty Anne and Sid with this retreat. If you would like to assist please see the pastor. Youth let the pastor know who's going and who's bringing a friend.

Our Outdoor World Ministry is well underway and is ministering to a variety of people including campers and people visiting in the area each Sunday. The numbers vary each week, but the opportunity to share the love of Christ with

others is a special privilege we are given. So far this year attendance has been good. Special thanks to Mike Crawley and Brenda Hudson who coordinate this ministry and to all who have taken time to participate in these services. If you've not yet had a chance to attend, Worship is in the pavilion at Outdoor World each Sunday from 8:30 - 9:00 A.M. through Labor Day.

I want to say thank you to everyone for your continued prayerful support and the wonderful meals and encouragement you have offered to Ann and me during her illness. You are such a blessing to us. Our month will be filled with daily trips to UNC Cancer Center for Ann's Radiation Therapy. Pray for strength for her during this time and her complete healing. It means so much to be a part of such supportive people walking with us during this time of need. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

As always, pray for our ministries at LBC during this time as we endeavor to be our best for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thankful to be in Christ's Service,

Mike



July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 8:30 Exercise	4  Independence Day
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Our Christian sympathy is extended to:

Charles & Priscilla Parks in the death of his sister, Mary Elizabeth Parks Jenkins



July is here and so is our special music month! The Adult Choir takes a much needed break from rehearsal. The choir gets a chance to sit with friends and family members during worship service! This means that the congregation really needs to sing out on hymns so I can hear you! Sometimes I get so involved playing that I have to hear you sing the words so I will know which verse we are singing!

We will be treated this month with special musicians. Charles Wilson and Kay & Keith Hamm will be sharing their talents with us! Hopefully I can talk my nephews into coming one Sunday and bring their banjo and guitar! So make sure you're here every Sunday so you won't miss anything!

Laura



Ice Cream Social

Our second Summer Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Sunday, July 12, at 6:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend with a hungry appetite, and if you can, please bring freezers of homemade ice cream or snacks to complement the ice cream. Bring a friend to join the Christian fellowship we will enjoy together!

PRAYER & Bible Study



There will be no Prayer & Bible Study during the month of July. They will resume on August 6.



We will not have a Quarterly Business Meeting in July. Our next meeting will be in October unless business necessitates a special called session.



Outdoor World

Our Outdoor World Services continue each Sunday through Labor Day weekend at 8:30 A.M. Please pray for this ministry and find a way in which you can be involved. Speak, sing, promote, pray! All are important. For more information, contact Brenda Hudson or Mike Crawley.

Deacons Meeting



The Deacons will not meet in July. The next meeting will be in August.



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

- July 5 Available for scheduling
- July 12 Mary & Earl Spivey
- July 19 Available for scheduling
- July 26 Available for scheduling

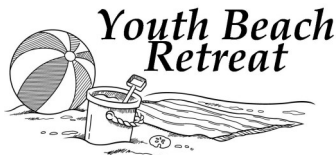
If anyone wants to place flowers in LBC for the open dates please contact Ann Currin, Sandra Lynch or Debbie Keeter. Thank you for being so faithful in helping with flowers!

The Flower Committee

Prayers for Leadership Selection



Though decisions are still more than a month away, it's not too early for each of us to begin to pray. During the month of August our Nomination Committee will be working to nominate officers and teachers for the new church year. In addition, the process will begin to elect two persons to serve as Deacon for a four year term to fill the terms being expired by Francis Royal and David Tripp. Please be in prayer about these decisions as we seek to discern God's way in these matters.



Youth Beach Retreat

Plans are being finalized for a youth beach trip to Emerald Isle for several days the third week of July. If you have an interest in participating as a youth please contact the pastor and/or Sid & Betty Anne Shearin.

Participants may invite one friend and expenses should be minimal.

These plans are still being worked out and will be dependent upon your affirmative responses.

As part of this trip one day will be devoted to a mission project at the beach.



Littleton Presbyterian Church Lawn Fridays

June 19 - August 14 (except July 3)

7:00 P.M. Entertainment provided
by local artists
Movies Start at Dusk

Weekly Listing on Church Phone - 252-586-7758



*Remember to
bring your lawn
chairs and
blankets!*

Celebrating our Freedoms!



Psalm 33:12

Join us Sunday **July 5**. The day after we celebrate our nation's birthday we will pause to give thanks for the celebrated freedoms we have as Americans and to pray for those not nearly as blessed with freedom in other parts of our world.

Additionally, and most significantly, we will celebrate the greatest of all life's freedoms: our freedom in Jesus Christ. This freedom has nothing to do with one's country of residence, but rather is offered to all who profess faith in Jesus Christ.



PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

Mark your calendars for a very special day that will be occurring on Sunday, **August 16**. We will all be joining to celebrate Pastor Mike's twenty-year anniversary as our dear friend, mentor, teacher and pastor. Mike has served the Lord faithfully here since August 14, 1995. So that you may have the opportunity to personally greet Mike to express your love and appreciation a "sit-down" luncheon is being planned for **August 16** immediately following our Sunday Worship Service. The luncheon will be held in the fellowship hall of Littleton United Methodist Church. Our Hospitality Committee is planning the menu for this meal.



What a mission minded church you are. Thanks so much for helping to carry out the Great Commission as you help those close and far away. Every month we help those in our community that need food on their tables. YOUR Food Bank-Littleton Area Churches Together Serving (LACTS) provides a bag with three meals for the family. The faces of those we help are young and old but the smiles and thank yous are ageless. We also reach out to each person by asking if we can pray for them and what concerns they have. It is a very moving and rewarding experience as people ask for things that are close to their hearts and thank us for helping them. Many members in our church have helped fill the bags, pray with the visitors and carry food up the steps for those that need the extra help. Please continue to bring food items for the food box! Thanks!!

You also helped in making the Children's Carnival at the John 3:16 Center a great success. Without your willingness to volunteer and give of your time, the carnival would not have happened.

Thanks for giving of your love and time!!

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Remember to visit our website! You can check the church calendar, our newsletters (current and past), important church news, key internet links and our Sermon archives. You will be able to link to our church Facebook page, view tons of photos, read our church history, read about our staff and so much more.

Pass this along to others! It's a good way to help prospects and others know more about who LBC is!

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
6 Jim Phillis 7 Eric Hockaday (17 yrs) 13 Matthew Council 13 Clyde Johnston 17 Bonnie Currin Stallings 21 Collin Merritt (5 yrs) 22 Lee Myrick 25 Ethel Hale 28 Jimmy Kearney 30 Mary West (Tommy)	1 James & Virginia Kearney (65 yrs) 10 Don & Kay Beaver (21 yrs) 19 Sid & Betty Anne Shearin (35 yrs)	5 Carol West/Carly West 12 Sarah Iles/Brenda Hudson 19 Melinda Harris/Jan Miller 26 Paula Burton/Kay Tripp
	<u>YOUTH MEALS</u>	<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
	5 No Meeting 12 Ice cream Social 19 No Meeting 26 No Meeting	Matthew Council