

LITTLETON BAPTIST NEWS

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“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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IN MEMORY

Mrs. Louise Shearin Cooke
Mrs. Melba Garner Johnston

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16*

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

Have you ever noticed how easy it is to miss things “right before our noses?” When this happens it feels so ridiculous to have missed seeing something so very obvious. How many times have we gone to a cabinet and looked and looked for something and looked right over what we went there to find? Then someone else comes along, sees the item immediately because it was right there in plain sight. It happens all the time in our personal lives; those blind spots we just can't see.

Our blind spots and stubbornness not only get us into trouble in these trivial life matters. They also can easily get us in deep waters in our spiritual life. When it comes to discerning what God wants us to see, and finding His direction for life, we can very easily miss what he wants us to see and know. The consequences are much more costly than missing finding a can of soup or a box of pasta.

How then can I know what God desires of me?

First, *spend time with God*. The more time we spend with someone, the more we know their ways and needs. Do you spend enough quality time with God in prayer, bible study, and worship?

Second, *do your homework*. Find out all you possibly can about the circumstances, needs, and what you can do! Do not be so stubborn or blind to assume you already know the answer. Thinking we know often gets us into the biggest trouble. Without doing our homework, we can wind up on a wild goose chase that leads to nowhere, or worse still, disaster.

Third, *consult the “experts.”* Sometimes we simply have to ask for help to know His way for our lives. Ask God! Ask others who can help us and have been this road before. It may be a pastor, a teacher, a parent, a friend. Be where God is and with people who know and follow Him. Learn from them. Don't let stubbornness cause you to miss His way.

Fourth, *act on what you learn*. Many times we learn by doing. Life is an adventure. Acquiring knowledge, even godly knowledge is not enough; we must take the leap of faith and act upon it. That's where Christian joy is found!

As the people of God, we are truly blessed! We have God to help us, wonderful opportunities to pray and worship and study and many spiritual friends to guide us along life's way. As we venture forth as individuals and as His church, let's continually seek His way in all things and when we find it, act on His will for His glory!

Mike



September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	3	4 8:30 Exercise	5 8:00 John 3:16 yard sale
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Our Christian sympathy is extended to:

Josie Myrick in the death of her brother, Mack Smith
James & Mary Virginia Kearney in the death of his sister-in-law, Caroline Kearney



The almighty church choir! It's the mid-week alarm that lets you know you've reached "hump day", your second family, and the thing that makes some of you rush out the door on Sunday mornings! It's also a commitment that you have made to the church! Our choir members take time on Wednesday nights (yes, that seems to be the night Jesus set aside for choir practices) to come and listen to me....well most of the time!!! They are such good followers...they will do just about whatever I say with no questions asked!

I love being music director! I love to praise God in this way! I'm going to serve this church with all my might, with all my soul, and with all my heart!

My sympathy goes out to Clyde and his family. I feel like I lost one of my biggest "fans". Melba always praised our music program and never failed to tell me how much she loved the music selections every Sunday morning. I will miss her!

Laura

CHRISTIAN MEN AT WORK

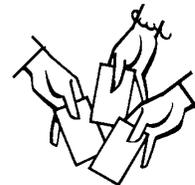
September's Christian Men at Work Breakfast Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, **September 12** at 7:00 A.M. at Lake Gaston Baptist Church. Men of all denominations in the area come together once again for breakfast, fellowship, music and encouragement to prepare to meet challenges and work for Christ in our communities. Men and boys of all ages are invited.



Our Deacon's will meet on Sunday, **September 13**, at 7:00 P.M. Continue to pray for our deacons as they pray and consider the spiritual welfare of our church and her ministries.



On Sunday, **September 6**, 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 the opportunity to contribute to the Fellowship Fund for local benevolence.



DEACONS ELECTION

On Sunday, August 23, during a special business session, Deacon Nominations were made by the church through secret ballot. During a specially called business meeting on **September 20** at the conclusion of worship, the top four accepting nominations will be placed on a ballot to elect two persons to serve a four-year term each. The four nominees will be announced at the earliest possible time for your prayerful consideration. On that same day our Nominating Committee will present their slate of officers and teachers for the 2015-2016 church year.



Ashby J. Burton
 UNCW Station CB#24161
 601 South College Road
 Wilmington, NC 28407-0469



The final session of our summer mission Sunday School at Outdoor World is Sunday, **September 6** at 8:30 A.M. Special thanks to Mike Crawley and Brenda Hudson for serving as teacher and prayer leader. Thanks for those from the church who have supported this ministry with your prayers and presence.



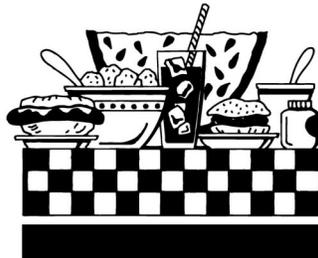
We welcome to LBC our newest member, Rev. Lowell Lee. His address is P. O. Box 176, Littleton, NC 27850. His phone number is (252) 586- 5110. We are so happy to have Rev. Lee join our church family.



LITTLETON AREA CHRISTIANS TOGETHER SERVING (LACTS)

Food Pantry Needs

Thank you so much for your help feeding the hungry in our community. LACTs continues to need food contributions for local Benevolence. Your contributions make a big difference. There is a need for no sugar/diabetic foods. Please place your items in the box in the vestibule. The next distribution will be **September 25**. Any and all are welcome to come help us from 9:30 A.M. - 12:00 Noon. This community ministry serves to help the poor and needy of our community who simply cannot make it from one month to another.



CHURCH PICNIC

Betty Anne & Sid Shearin are once again inviting everyone to their home at 5100 Bowers Road** for our church's annual picnic on Sunday, **September 6**. Enjoy an evening of croquet, corn hole, badminton and fellowship. The Lego and bubble tables will be out for our younger folks to enjoy. Family and friends visiting you that Labor Day weekend are especially invited to attend. Bring your lawn chairs and join us for a great time of Christian fellowship and food!

Arrive when you would like to enjoy the festivities! We will begin eating around 5:30 P.M. We will be enjoying a wonderful hotdog/hamburger supper! Hope to see you there!!!

**Go south on Mosby Avenue and turn left at the Person's Ordinary Historic Marker. (It is Warren Road but the street sign is gone). Take the second right which is Bowers Road. Go approximately 6 miles. Their home is on the right, across the road from the intersection of Warren's Pond Road. Please call Sid or Betty Anne at 586-4607 if you need more information.



September 6 Lord's Supper
September 13 Mike Blanton
September 20 (Available for Scheduling)
September 27 (Available for Scheduling)

Thank you to all that have helped with flowers this year!

The Flower Committee

**CBF TRIANGLE
NORTH REGIONAL GATHERING
"Assembling a Beloved Community"
September 20, 2015
First Baptist Church, Butner**

4:15 to 4:30 - Welcome
4:30 to 5:15 - Workshops will include Deacons, CBF101, Bible study, children's choir, and a youth gathering
5:30 to 6:30 - Meal and Fellowship (Cost - \$10.00)
6:30 to 7:45 - Worship Celebration (Proclaimer: David Hailey, pastor of Hayes Barton, Raleigh)



Had a great time celebrating Pastor Mike's 20th anniversary as our pastor. If you would like to view more photographs from this event please visit our Facebook page or our website: www.littletonbaptistchurch.org.



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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
4 Alease Benton 5 Jimmy Felts 6 Charles Parks 8 Christopher Skinner (6 yrs) 9 Sheryl West 13 Betty Blanton 13 J. C. Skinner (9 yrs.) 29 Bill Crawley 29 Neva Lopez 30 Kent West	6 Greg & Beverly Fussell (56 yrs) 21 Robert & Margo Rawlings (12 yrs)	6 Brenda Hudson/Carly West 13 Elizabeth Hockaday/Eric Hockaday 20 Sandra Lynch/Jan Miller 27 Sarah Iles/Melinda Harris
	<u>YOUTH MEALS</u>	<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
	6 Church Picnic 13 Youth (Nora Labrecque) 20 No Youth 27 Youth (Eric Hockaday)	David Iles