

# 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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## IN MEMORY

**Mrs. Alease Benton**

*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

Thanks to the many of you who have remembered Ann and I with "fruit" from your gardens this summer; tomatoes, cucumbers, watermelon, squash, peppers, corn and so much more. It's truly been enjoyed by us and the love in which it's been offered means so very much to both of us. And that's not even mentioning the other foods you've shared during Ann's illness. Your expression of love means so much.

Speaking of gardens, one of my favorite scenes while living in Tarboro many years ago was to watch each year the employee gardens of what was then called the Sprint Corporation. Each spring I loved to watch the employees go to their designated garden spots to plant, and all summer I loved watching as the many patches of garden grew side by side to harvest. Every gardener knows a garden demands countless hours of labor but they also depend heavily upon proper sunlight and timely rainfall. In those "Sprint Gardens" I noticed that while each person did their own labor it was not unusual to see garden neighbors helping each other in their labors.

The prayers of Spirituality writer Richard Foster help me reflect on a different type garden, one he entitles, the gardener of the soul.

*Spirit of the living God, be the Gardener of my soul,  
For so long I have been waiting, silent and still---  
Experiencing a winter of the soul.  
But now in the strong name of Jesus Christ, I dare to ask:  
Clear away the dead growth of the past,  
Break up the hard clods of custom and routine,  
Stir in the rich compost of vision and challenge,  
Bury deep in my soul the implanted Word,  
Cultivate and water and tend my heart,  
Until new life buds and opens and flowers. Amen.*


Our spiritual lives are much like those employee gardens. We each grow right beside each other as members of His church. Along the way, we each have our own responsibilities in order to grow in our knowledge of Christ and become more like Him. It is also important as the church we share our tasks so that together we can help each other in our spiritual journey. Not unlike our physical gardens, our spiritual gardens leave us totally dependent upon God who enables us to grow. It is He who forgives our sin and helps us move beyond our troubled past, in order to escape the traps of custom and routine and develop the vision and challenge to live and love Him and all humanity.

My prayer for you is that God will continue to garden your soul to maturity and that side by side we will support one another as we grow in Christ.

*Mike*



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| Sun   | Mon  | Tue              | Wed  | Thu  | Fri                                | Sat              |
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| <p><b>4</b><br/>9:45 S. School<br/>11:00 Worship</p> <p>5:30 Youth<br/>7:00 Deacon's Mtg.</p>   | <p><b>5</b><br/>8:30 Exercise</p>  | <p><b>6</b></p>  | <p><b>7</b><br/>8:30 Exercise</p> <p>6:30 Adult Choir<br/>7:30 Prayer &amp; Bible Study</p>  | <p><b>8</b></p> <p>7:00 Mission Committee Mtg.</p> | <p><b>9</b><br/>8:30 Exercise</p>  | <p><b>10</b></p> |
| <p><b>11</b><br/>9:45 S. School<br/>11:00 Worship</p>   | <p><b>12</b><br/>8:30 Exercise</p>                                       | <p><b>13</b></p> | <p><b>14</b><br/>8:30 Exercise<br/>12:00 Women in Christian Fellowship</p> <p>6:30 Adult Choir<br/>7:30 Prayer &amp; Bible Study</p> | <p><b>15</b></p>                                   | <p><b>16</b><br/>8:30 Exercise</p> | <p><b>17</b></p> |
| <p><b>18</b><br/>9:45 S. School<br/>11:00 Worship<br/>12:00 Church Council Mtg</p> <p>5:30 Youth</p>                                      | <p><b>19</b><br/>8:30 Exercise</p> <p>7:00 Maintenance Committee Mtg</p> | <p><b>20</b></p> | <p><b>21</b><br/>8:30 Exercise</p> <p>6:30 Adult Choir<br/>7:30 Quarterly Business Mtg.</p>  | <p><b>22</b></p>                                   | <p><b>23</b><br/>8:30 Exercise</p> | <p><b>24</b></p> |
| <p><b>25</b><br/>9:45 S. School<br/>11:00 Worship</p>  | <p><b>26</b><br/>8:30 Exercise</p>                                       | <p><b>27</b></p> | <p><b>28</b><br/>8:30 Exercise</p> <p>6:30 Adult Choir<br/>7:30 Prayer &amp; Bible Study</p>   | <p><b>29</b></p>                                   | <p><b>30</b></p>                   | <p><b>31</b></p> |



Leaves changing colors, pumpkin spice candles, and cooler weather are just a few things I love about fall! Believe it or not another thing I love is...Christmas music! If you were to listen in to our choir rehearsals you would be hearing Christmas music! No, we're not confused, just getting ready for December! We begin practicing when the first signs of fall arrive! Now is a wonderful time to join us on Wednesday nights! You can get in the Christmas spirit with us!

*Laura*



*Christmas Cheer*

Our church will once again be sending Christmas Cards to our military personnel who will be away from home during the Christmas Holidays. These cards from our church family will cheer them in their distant service. We are also asking you to provide names, addresses, rank, relationship to you (i.e family, friend, neighbor etc.). (Note: If you have family or friend serving in missions somewhere, we will also extend this request for names to include them as well.) Please give the information to Sid Shearin or the church office.



**DEACONS MEETING**

Our Deacons will meet at 7:00 P.M. on Sunday evening, **October 4**, in the Annex Conference Room. We welcome our two newest deacons, Paula Burton & Clyde Johnston. Special thanks to Francis Royal and David Tripp who completed their terms of service in September.



**QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING**

Our next Quarterly Business Meeting is Wednesday, **October 21** at 7:30 P.M. These quarterly meetings are vital to the church and her ministry as we report, discuss, plan and consider the ongoing needs that will strengthen us as the people of God. You are encouraged to be present and to always be prayerful about our church's ministries!



The Mission Committee will meet on Thursday, **October 8**, at 7:00 P.M. in the church annex. Members of the committee are: Melinda Harris, Clyde Johnston, Debbie Keeter, Brenda Hudson, Mike Crawley, Lee Myrick and Ann Currin.



**Maintenance Committee**

The Maintenance Committee will meet on Monday, **October 19**, at 7:00 P.M. in the annex. The members of this committee are: Sid Shearin, Chairman; Perry Myrick, Thad Harris, Mike Blanton, Roman Martinez, Billy Pearce, Greg Fussell, Jimmy Kearney and Sidney Gibson.



Church Council will meet following worship service on Sunday, **October 18**, in the annex. Members are: Deacon Chairman, Kay Beaver, Laura Kearney, Betty Anne Shearin, Melinda Harris, Sid Shearin & Mike Crawley.

**WOMEN IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

Women in Christian Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, **October 14**, at noon in the fellowship hall of Zion Baptist Church. Come a little early to fellowship! Bring a friend! Please bring a dish to pass.



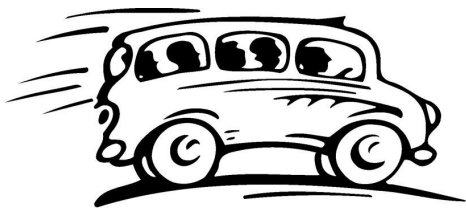
Flu shots are again being offered at church by Drugco on Sunday, **October 25**, beginning at 9:30 A.M. and following worship, administered by Stephanie Iles. They will be free of charge to those with Medicare, BCBS, or Retired Military. For anyone else they will be at a discount price. Shots at this site are only for those 14 years old and older. Everyone needs to bring their insurance card or a copy of the card.

### JOHN 3:16 CENTER YARD SALE RESULTS AND A BIG NEED

Thanks to the 13 people who helped by working at the recent yard sale on our church properties which was a tremendous success raising over \$2500.00. This will make a big difference in our community's effort to support the children and families around us with special ministry needs.

Thanks also to the many who contributed material goods to this sale. It makes a huge difference as we work together demonstrating the Love of Christ.

One big need at present is a van driver one day a week to drive the Center van to schools to pick-up the participants in the afterschool program in a timely manner. A monitor will always be on the van with the driver. If you can help with this or other needs, contact the center at 252-586-1800.



## WELCOME *New Members*

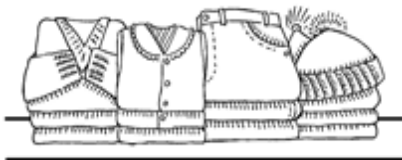
We welcome to LBC our newest members, Earl and Mary Spivey. Their address is 4266 Westerly Court, Elm City, NC 27822. Phone number is (252) 230-9284. We are so happy to have Earl & Mary join our church family.



The following is the flower schedule for the month of October, 2015.

- October 4 Jeff & Paula Burton
- October 11 Roy Spain
- October 18 Thad & Melinda Harris
- October 25 Laura Kearney

If you would like to place flowers in church please contact Sandra Lynch (252-586-1112) or Ann Currin (252-586-3370).



Special thanks to all who contributed to our recent Union Mission "clothing and cardboard drive" and to those who make ongoing gifts of these items.

As a reminder, the Union Mission continues to receive these donations on a regular basis at the loading dock behind the Thrift store each day. Hours are Monday - Friday 8:30 A.M. - 11:45 .A.M. and 12:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. and on Saturdays 8:30 A.M. - 11:45 A.M., 12:30 P.M. - 3:30P.M. Your support is greatly appreciated and makes a huge difference in the lives of people in need.





Littleton Baptist Church is proud of our heritage and faith and once again we will have the opportunity to celebrate this heritage with Homecoming. This year will mark 141 years of ministry and service to the community of Littleton. This will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 8**, at 11:00 A.M.

Individuals growing up in LBC are being asked to share special remembrances and influences of LBC during yesteryear. The service will be followed immediately by a covered dish luncheon. Please invite former members, family, and friends to be our guests on this day.

## Littleton Presbyterian Church 140th Anniversary Celebration October 11, 2015

We celebrate with our sister congregation, Littleton Presbyterian Church, their pastor, Rev. Kevin Brunk and their membership upon the significant milestone of 140 years of ministry in Littleton.

The church will begin the celebration with a worship service at 9:30 A.M. that will include some special guests from their past followed by a Blue Grass concert featuring "Homegrown Bluegrass" on the lawn from 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon. The services will be followed by a meal.

We rejoice with them as we minister together to serve our community.

More information can be found on their website: [www.littletonpc.org](http://www.littletonpc.org).



**Our Annual Church Picnic was a great success! A wonderful time was had by all! Thank you to all that worked so hard to make it happen! You can view more pictures on our Facebook page or our website: [littletonbaptistchurch.org](http://littletonbaptistchurch.org).**



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| <u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>   | <u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>   | <u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>  |
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| 2 Elizabeth Neville<br>3 Gladys Pegram<br>3 Ashby Burton<br>7 Opal Brown<br>8 Mike Crawley<br>12 Jan Myrick<br>12 Larry Thomas West (17 yrs)<br>15 Jeff Burton<br>18 Louise Gibson<br>25 Jack Tant<br>27 Mary Beth Labrecque (15 yrs)<br>29 Amanda Milton | 11 Jim & Debbie Sineath (1 yr)<br>27 Jeff & Paula Burton (25 yrs)        | 4 Melinda Harris/Eric Hockaday<br>11 Brenda Hudson/Mary Spivey<br>18 Betty Blanton/Jan Miller<br>25 Carol West/Carly West |
|   | <u>YOUTH MEALS</u>   | <u>TRASH DETAIL</u>   |
|   | 4 Sheryl West<br>11 No Meeting<br>18 Betty Anne Shearin<br>29 No Meeting | Thad Harris/Sid Shearin   |