

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

Mr. Francis Montique Royal

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

It's November and the leaves are changing and the air is getting rather chilly. Our thoughts turn to the season of Thanksgiving. And I have so many things for which to give thanks. Chief among them are for those who give of themselves sacrificially for the cause of Christ through our church and her many varying ministries.

If it were possible, I would be intrigued to know how many total hours the congregation of Littleton Baptist Church expends each week for the cause of Christ. It would be quite interesting to know but I won't begin to estimate because I know it would be virtually impossible to arrive at such a total. So many people, in so many special and distinctive ways serve Christ through the ministries of Littleton Baptist Church. While many of those hours may seem obvious to most, I know there are also countless behind

the scene hours no one ever observes spent in planning, praying, preparing and working.

While an exact number is impossible to reach, I think it is appropriate for us to give thanks to our Lord and to those who serve for their hours of service so freely given. A lengthy, but not so not nearly exhaustive list would include things like: Sunday School preparation and leadership, choirs, musicians, music, youth and children's ministries, hospitality, deacon ministries, maintenance, finances, minutes, records, and reports, bulletins, newsletters, church council planning, sound system, historians, Lord's Supper, meals, trips, meals, snacks, nursery, flowers, memorials, constitution, baptism, ushers, greeters, breakfast preparations, trustees, nominations, carnival support, John 3:16 center, Camp Willow Run and Union Mission volunteering. And then there

are also all of the intangible things people do which can't be categorized anywhere - individual ministries, contacts, visits, phone calls, cards, etc. I'm so glad we don't have to have a tally or even be able to name them all to express our thanksgivings.

To all of you who so generously give of your time and energy and gifts I say *thank you*. I also encourage each of you to take time to express your personal thanks to others when you see them engaged in some ministry for our Lord and His Church! This season of thanksgiving and every day let us continually "Give thanks with a grateful Heart."

We are greatly blessed!

Thank you for giving to the Lord!

Mike



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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 Deacon's Meeting</p>	<p><i>2</i> 8:30 Exercise</p>	<p><i>3</i></p>	<p><i>4</i> 8:30 Exercise</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 11:00 Home-coming Worship 12:00 Home-coming Meal</p>	<p><i>9</i> 8:30 Exercise</p>	<p><i>10</i></p>	<p><i>11</i> 8:30 Exercise</p> <p>Veterans Day </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>Super High Youth Retreat</p>	<p><i>14</i> 7:00 AM Christian Men At Work</p> <p>Super High Youth Retreat</p>
<p><i>15</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship</p> <p>Super High Youth Retreat</p>	<p><i>16</i> 8:30 Exercise</p>	<p><i>17</i></p>	<p><i>18</i> 8:30 Exercise</p> <p>6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study</p>	<p><i>19</i></p>	<p><i>20</i> 8:30 Exercise</p>	<p><i>21</i></p>
<p><i>22</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship</p> <p>7:00 Community Thanksgiving Service</p>	<p><i>23</i> 8:30 Exercise</p>	<p><i>24</i></p>	<p><i>25</i> 8:30 Exercise</p>	<p><i>26</i></p> <p> thanksgiving</p>	<p><i>27</i></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>					



November is the “official” month that celebrates giving thanks! I have so many things to be thankful for in my life. I am thankful that I had many years of having Francis Royal in my choir. He was so dedicated and was more organized with his music than I have ever been with mine! I believe Francis could actually take over for me on Wednesday nights! We are missing one of our beloved choir members but heaven gained an angelic tenor!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Laura

Deacons Meeting



Our Deacons will meet on Sunday, **November 1**, at 7:00 P.M. in the Annex Conference Room.



**Super High Youth Retreat
November 13 - 15, 2015
Camp Willow Run**

Ten Youth and two adults will be participating from LBC. Pray for our youth and this Friday night through Sunday lunch retreat experience.



**COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Our Community Thanksgiving Service will be Sunday, **November 22** at Littleton United Methodist Church at 7:00 P.M. The ecumenical service will feature special music and a sermon giving thanks to God for his goodness as well as a food and/or money offering to support our local hunger needs during the holidays with food resources.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The first Sunday of Advent is **November 29** as we prepare to celebrate our Lord's birth.



On **November 1** we will celebrate the Lord's Supper during worship. Join us for this special service of remembering the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As you leave the service, you will be given opportunity to contribute to our Fellowship Fund for local benevolence.

SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER



Our church will be sending cards and photos to cheer up people who will be away from home Christmas. If you know of anyone in the community that have family or friends that will be away from home such as military personnel or missionaries, please give their name and address to Sid Shearin or Brenda Hudson by **November 29**. The cards will be in the vestibule for you to sign on **November 29, December 6 & 13**. Sid wants to remind everyone you are not allowed to sign for your spouse or children. Everyone needs to sign individually.

Thank you!



Daylight Savings Time ends **November 1**. Be sure to set your clocks back on Saturday night so you'll arrive for Sunday services at the correct time!



JOHN 3:16 CENTER TOY DRIVE & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



The John 3:16 Center will again be doing a Toy Drive for children at Christmas as well as collecting winter hats and gloves for children who do not have them. Some specific needs are items for babies/toddlers (items marked for those that are under age 2 & 3) and for those 11 - 16 (jewelry, makeup kits, watches, art sets, music, inexpensive MP3 players, etc.) They also need books, games (card & board, ethnically diverse dolls, puzzles, balls, craft & model kits, and cars/trucks (standard & remote control). Any of these can be left at the church for distribution.

Another option is to support our youth in their project. For many years our youth have collected money and have done the toy shopping for our church members. If you'd like to contribute to the "shopping spree," they will be collecting after the worship service at the door on **November 28** and **December 6**. Your support of these projects will be greatly appreciated by our youth, the center and the children who receive your gifts. We'll be shopping on **December 6** and we thank you in advance for your support.

The Center could really use your help with several volunteer opportunities! (Please call to sign up)

- Help by answering the phone and welcoming/directing families coming to apply for the program in November.
- Shop with Shannon December 8 - 12 for the clothing for the children (more people with carts and lists means she can get more done in fewer trips).
- Wrap presents/help set up for the party December 14 - 18 (18th should be more set-up related)
- Assist with parking, serving food, assisting Santa, mingling with the families, etc. on **December 19**.

NOTES FROM THE FLOWER COMMITTEE



ORDER YOUR
Poinsettias

We are so excited to have this opportunity to serve our Lord! The new flower chart for 2016 has been placed in the fellowship hall. If you wish to place flowers on the altar please call or email one of us with the date you would like. A big thank you to those who have signed up already!

Poinsettias will once again grace our sanctuary for the celebration of our Savior's birth. The deadline for ordering the poinsettias is **November 10**. The cost is \$19.00 for 8" pots and \$8.50 for 6" pots. Make your check payable to Littleton Baptist Church and label it - poinsettia. Please bring your order & check to a member of the flower committee, church office or mail it to P.O. Box 216, Littleton, N.C. 27850 with in honor of or in memory of information so orders can be placed.

Thank you for adding to our LBC worship experience!

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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.

Several 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. Everyone bring a special dish or two to share! Please invite former members, family, and friends to be our guests on this day.



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

November 1	Lord's Supper
November 8	Josie Myrick
November 15	Mike Crawley
November 22	Available
November 29	Advent/Poinsettia

Flowers are needed on November 22. If you would like to place flowers on this date please contact Sandra Lynch, Debbie Keeter or Ann Currin.

SHARING HOPE ... CHANGING LIVES

Thanksgiving Offering - Baptist Children's Homes

Each year, North Carolina Baptists show their love and support for children by participating in the annual Thanksgiving Offering for Baptist Children's Homes.

The vision for 2015 is "*Sharing Hope ... Changing Lives*" Children and families receive the blessings of Christ every day through Baptist Children's Homes. Children, who are ministered to through our 19 locations across the state, often come from heart-breaking situations of family dysfunction, abuse, neglect and abandonment. Because of the care of dedicated house parents and staff, and the love shown by our churches and supporters, children and families are discovering new hope.

Our statewide offering goal this year is \$1,500,000. The annual offering empowers Baptist Children's Homes to offer hope to children. Baptists Children's Homes depend on the prayers and support of North Carolina Baptists. Giving to BCH's Annual Offering is not only important in helping to meet the tremendous needs of boys and girls. It's essential! You'll find envelopes and more information in your LBC November 1 bulletin.

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. Ecclesiastes 4:9

John 3:16 Center Annual Fundraising Banquet

The Annual Fundraising Banquet for the John 3:16 Center will be held on Friday, **December 4**. It will be held at the Mystique located at 1652 NC Hwy 125, Roanoke Rapids. The silent auction and hors d'oeuvres begin at 5:30 P.M. and dinner is at 6:30 P.M. Please contact the Center if you know of any business, organization or individual that would sponsor a table or donate silent auction items. Dinner will be catered by Exquisite Occasions and is free but this is the center's biggest fundraiser and keeps it operating for the coming year. Donations will be greatly appreciated! Contact Sid Shearin by **November 20** if you think you can attend. Thank you!

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NOVEMBER

<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
1 Ann West 2 Jeremy Killian 2 Priscilla Parks 5 Betty Neville 10 Jim Sineath 11 Mary Virginia Kearney 19 Morgan Barnes 20 Harrison West (13 yrs) 20 Arlene Merritt 21 Chris Skinner 22 Bentley Iles (4 yrs) 24 Larry West 25 Thad Harris 28 Brenda Hudson 30 Andrew Crawley	6 Matthew & Sara Council (5 yrs) 7 Sidney & Louise Gibson (50 yrs)	1 Sandra Lynch/Sarah Iles 8 Melinda Harris/Brenda Hudson 15 Sarah Iles/Jan Miller 22 Kay Tripp/Paula Burton 29 Brenda Hudson/Mary Spivey
	<u>YOUTH MEALS</u>	<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
	1 Youth (Carol West) 8 Homecoming 15 No Meeting 22 No Meeting 29 Youth (Sheryl West)	Billy Pearce