

# 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. Christine Young Felts**

*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

I write this article just a few short days before a mission trip to El Salvador, and on the eve of a meeting to discuss a community ministry to assist the "homeless" women and children in the Roanoke Valley. In addition, we are engaged in a Food Pantry and volunteers with John 3:16 Center and so much more. God is so good as we faithfully serve Him. Add to all these things, what excites me is that I am the most fortunate pastor in the world, at least that's how I see it. I am most blessed to serve the Littleton Baptist Church these 18 years. It would have been hard to imagine such on August 14, 1995 when I began my years at LBC. But you have proven what love, compassion, and cooperation means as we serve our Lord Jesus Christ. I thank you for all you do and who you are. I thank you for what you have meant to me and my family through these many years and I continue to look forward to the wonderful ways God will continue to reveal to us how we can be His church where He has planted us.

Recently I read a church newsletter article titled **Ten Ingredients of a Friendly Church** that has oft been repeated. When I read it my thoughts were of LBC. You do it so well, but it helps to be encouraged to make the extra effort it takes to be the friendly people so I share it with you as I thank you for being who you are!

### Ten Ingredients of a Friendly Church

1. **Smile at People.** It takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile. Your smile is one of your finest assets. Use It!
2. **Speak to People.** Even if you do not know their names. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
3. **Call People by Name.** The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his or her own name.
4. **Be Friendly and helpful.** If you would have friends, be one.
5. **Be Cordial.** Speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure.
6. **Be Genuinely interested in People.** If you try you can like everybody and everybody will like you. Do not limit yourself to a few friends when there are so many likeable people about you.
7. **Be Generous with Praise, cautious with criticism.** Who among us does not need the understanding and tolerance of all our friends?
8. **Be considerate of the feeling of others.** Usually there are three sides to a controversy: yours, the other person's and the right one.
9. **Be Alert to Render Service.** What we do for others counts most in life.
10. **Add to These a Good Sense of Humor, a generous dose of patience, a dash of humility and receive manifold blessings.**

You do these things well. May we continue to grow in His grace. Again, thanks for helping enable LBC to be the best we can for our Lord and Savior!!!!

Gratefully,

*Mike*



# September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Food Box 8:30 Outdr Wrld 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship  5:30 Youth 7:00 Deacons Mtg	<b>2</b> 8:30 Exercise	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8:30 Exercise  6:45 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	<b>5</b> Directory Photos	<b>6</b> 8:30 Exercise Directory Photos	<b>7</b> Directory Photos
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<b>15</b> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Called Business Ses- sion  5:30 Youth	<b>16</b> 8:30 Exercise	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 8:30 Exercise  6:45 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8:30 Exercise	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship  2:00 Under- standing Poverty Seminar at LUMC	<b>23</b> 8:30 Exercise	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 8:30 Exercise  6:45 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 8:30 Exercise 10:00 LACTS Food Pantry	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	<b>30</b> 8:30 Exercise					



Congratulations to Mike, Megan & Eleanor Conner upon the birth of a baby girl, Elin Myrick Conner. She was born August 9 & she weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. Congrats also to the grandparents Lee and Jan Myrick, great grandma Josie Myrick, Aunt Sara & Uncle Matthew Council and Uncle Perry Myrick.



September is the "most wonderful time of the year" in the Littleton Baptist Church. It is the time when the Adult Choir begins learning the Christmas Cantata! We would love to have you join us every Wednesday at 6:30, but I know that is not convenient for everyone! If you would like to join us in learning the Cantata but can't make the weekly rehearsals, please let me know! I will be glad to get you a copy of the Cantata to work on and then join us when you can! How's that for a deal?

The Junior Singers will be singing on the fifth Sunday of September! We always look forward to their talent!

I want to welcome Mary Beth Labrecque to the Adult Choir! It is always wonderful to have new members join us!

*Laura*



Littleton Baptist Church is proud of our heritage and faith and once again we will have opportunity to celebrate this heritage with Homecoming. This year will mark 140 years of ministry and service to the community of Littleton. This will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 10** at 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Charles Wilson will be the featured speaker. The service will be followed immediately by a covered dish luncheon. An afternoon of sharing with Historical Slide Show and Sharing will also be featured. Please invite former members, family, and friends to be our guests on this day.



As you know Halifax County is recycling our trash and our church needs to be good stewards of our resources. In the hall next to the kitchen is a can designated for recyclables like paper (old bulletins, prayer lists, etc.) There is also a designated can for recyclables in the annex.

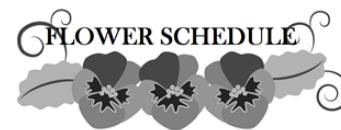
Your help is greatly appreciated.

Sid Shearin, Maintenance Committee Chair



Check out our new church website:

[www.littletonbaptistchurch.org](http://www.littletonbaptistchurch.org)



September 1	Lord's Supper
September 8	Laura Kearney
September 15	Charles Moore Family
September 22	
September 29	Jack & Virginia Tant

Flowers are needed for our Sanctuary on September 22. If you would like to place flowers on this date, please contact Priscilla Parks, Josie Myrick or Sandra Lynch.

## LORD'S SUPPER

On Sunday, **September 1**, 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.



## 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. Please place them in the box in the vestibule. The next distribution will be **September 28**. 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. Any food item is needed but the most needed are:

Spaghetti Sauce  
Spaghetti Noodles  
Canned Tuna, Chicken, Etc.  
Low-Carb Cereals (Oatmeal, etc.)

Breakfast items  
Canned Vegetables  
Fruit in Own Juice  
Peanut Butter (Especially needed)

#### Deacons Meeting



Our Deacon's will meet on Sunday, **September 1**, 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.

### DEACONS ELECTION

On Sunday, August 25, during a special business session, Deacon Nominations were made by the church through secret ballot. During a specially called business meeting on **September 15** 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 2013-2014 church year.

### OUTDOOR WORLD

The final session of our summer mission Sunday School at Outdoor World is Sunday, **September 1** 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.



Come enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs and

all the trimmings provided by our

Hospitality Committee at our

2013 Church Picnic

Sunday, September 8

at the home of Sid & Betty Anne Shearin

5100 Bowers Road.\*\*

Arrive to fish when you would like!

Fun & Games will begin at 5:00 P.M.

Eating at 6:00 P.M.

Bring a lawn chair and a friend for a good

time of Christian fellowship and food!

\*\*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.

## EL SALVADORE MISSION TEAM

Special thanks to everyone who assisted with our El Salvador Mission Trip Ministry this year. You are making a big difference!! God is blessing the poor and needy of El Salvador because you are demonstrating your love, compassion, prayers and financial support. Until you hear more from us, please enjoy these photos from your team!!!



**Mission Team**



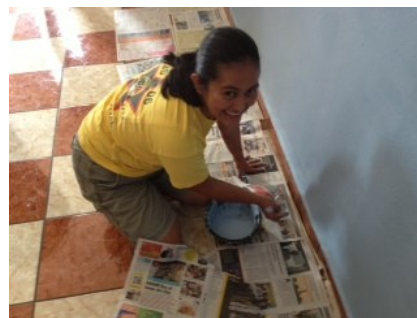
**Worker has a Littleton Shirt!**



**Making new friends!**



**Pastor Angel  
& Alonzo**



**A smiling worker  
for God!**

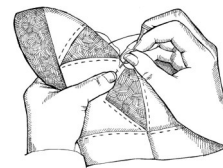
## UNDERSTANDING POVERTY SEMINAR

On Sunday afternoon, September 22 from 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. at the Littleton United Methodist Church, a seminar to help us better understand the poverty issues surrounding us in Halifax County. We want to help, but we want to be sure we help in the ways that heal rather than hurt. This seminar led by an expert in the field will use resources and share personal experiences that will enable us to be empowered to help the poor among us and better be the presence of Christ. Plan to set aside this Sunday afternoon exploring this most important topic.



### CHRISTIAN MEN AT WORK

September's Christian Men at Work Breakfast Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, **September 14** at 7:00 A.M. at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Gasburg, VA. Men and boys of all ages are invited. 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.



### LEARN TO QUILT!

As a lover of quilting, I would like to share my knowledge with others. If you are interested, I will have an "organizational" gathering at my house on Friday, **September 13** at 10:00 A.M. If interested, email me at [quiltingtil@aol.com](mailto:quiltingtil@aol.com) and I will be happy to send you my address/directions.

**Til Tremper**

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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 (4 yrs) 9 Sheryl West 13 Betty Blanton 13 J. C. Skinner (7 yrs.) 29 Bill Crawley 30 Kent West	6 Greg & Beverly Fussell (54 yrs)	1 Elizabeth Hockaday/Ryan Hockaday 8 Brenda Hudson/Carly West 15 Brenda Hudson 22 Sara Council/Matthew Council 29 Melinda Harris/Thad Harris
	<u>YOUTH MEALS</u>	<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
	1 Ann Currin 8 Church Picnic 15 Lisa Adkins 22 No Meeting 29 No Meeting	Kent West