

# 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. David Edgar Iles, Jr.**

*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

What an exhilarating time March will be for Littleton Baptist Church. Special services during Holy Week and Easter which follow the community Lenten Services which have focused on the journey to the cross of Calvary.

As you can see from the articles elsewhere we will have special opportunities for our kids, as well as worship for all. From Maundy Thursday, to Good Friday, to Easter Sunrise and Easter Worship. I invite you to all.

One of my favorite services during Easter is the Maundy Thursday Service. During this service we remember the Passover Celebration Jesus had with the twelve in the Upper Room and reflect on his words and deeds at that time. At this time we consider it's meaning for us today as we continue to journey to the cross and resurrection. I encourage your participation as we celebrate communion at this special time. Add to this our Sunrise Service and Breakfast which allows us to reflect on that very first Easter and the visit of the women to the empty tomb. What joy it must have been to encounter the Risen Lord!

This will be followed by our 11:00 A.M. Easter Service as our Adult Choir presents the cantata "Rise Again." Laura Kearney and our Adult Choir have practiced many times and look forward to presenting this powerful Easter message to you.

During March we will also be making many preparations for our April 16 Kid's Carnival at the John 3:16 Center. Everyone is needed. I'm energized by this opportunity because this enables Littleton Baptist to engage up close and personal, in our God-called mission with our community children; many of which don't have opportunities to enjoy these kinds of activities.

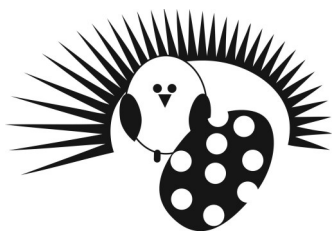
How great is our Joy! Celebrate this good news by worshiping our Risen Lord at every opportunity and offering our best for Him.

Yes, March is a special month where we can honor God as we worship and continue to serve God with our hands, feet, and mind. Remember, our efforts will not only make a difference in the lives of others, they can make a difference in your life as well.


May you experience the great joy that is the promise of Easter!

In His Marvelous Love,

*Mike*



# March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 8:30 Exercise 12:00 Lenten Lunch  6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	3	4 8:30 Exercise	5
6 Food Box 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship  5:30 Youth 7:00 Deacons Mtg	7 8:30 Exercise	8	9 8:30 Exercise 12:00 Lenten Lunch  6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	10 7:00 Mission Committee Mtg	11 8:30 Exercise	12 7:00 Christian Men At Work
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27 7:00 Sunrise Service 8:30 Outdoor World 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	28 8:30 Exercise	29	30 8:30 Exercise  No Choir or Prayer & Bible Study	31		



Easter comes early this year! I much prefer April Easters! They are so much warmer and they also give us a little more time between Christmas and Easter cantatas!

This year we are celebrating Easter with the cantata, "Rise Again". This brings the love of Jesus to life for you as we celebrate this Easter season! There are new pieces in this selection but several oldies but goodies as well!

The Junior Singers will be sharing their music with us on Palm Sunday.

My heart goes out to Sarah Iles and her family. We lost a devoted member of our choir, our church, and our community. David was always willing to sing, play the guitar or whistle to add special music to our services. David will be missed very much!

*Laura*



### Christian Men at Work

Christian Men at Work will meet for a fellowship breakfast and worship on Saturday, **March 12**, at 7:00 A.M. at Oak Grove Baptist Church. All men and boys are invited to attend.



Don't forget to set your clock forward one hour on Sunday, **March 13**, so as not to be late for Sunday School!

### DEACONS MEETING



Our Deacons will meet at 7:00 P.M. on Sunday evening, **March 6**, in the Annex.

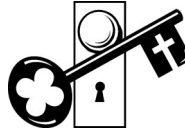


The Mission Committee will meet on Thursday, **March 10**, at 7:00 P.M. in the church annex.



### THE LORD'S SUPPER

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



### ADDED SECURITY DURING WORSHIP!

For added security during worship our two rear doors and the side door adjacent the small drive way will be locked during the services to avoid any unwanted incidents and protect our children and valuables. Signs are being placed on the doors as well as peep holes for people to see who is present. Your understanding and cooperation is appreciated as we seek to provide safety for all involved. The other doors will remain open during this time.



### LITTLETON AREA CHRISTIANS TOGETHER SERVING (LACTS)

Thank you so much for your help feeding the hungry in our community. Your help makes a big difference. The next distribution will be Friday, **March 25**. Any and all are welcome to come help us from 9:30 A.M. - 12:00 Noon.

### DISASTER RELIEF



### TRAINING

Please consider sharing Christ's love to folks in need after some catastrophe. There will be a NC Baptist Men disaster relief training session in Wendell **March 18 & 19**. There are so many jobs that need to be done during a crises that your talent can be used! For more information see Sid or Betty Anne Shearin or website [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org).



The 2016 Cooperative Baptist Fellowship North Carolina will be gathering at Hayes Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh, **March 18**. This one day format is open to all. If you are interested in attending contact the pastor.



## SPRING MISSIONS INITIATIVE

**April 16** is the big day for our annual Mission Initiative. Please be in prayer for this "**BIG EVENT**" and volunteers who will assist us with a Children's Free Carnival and Health Screenings at the John 3:16 Center! We need your help on that date so we can provide a fun, God filled day for area children. We have some needs that can be fulfilled now. Books are always a big hit with the children. Please donate books that children from one to thirteen would enjoy reading. New or gently used books

are needed for 225 children. Keep your eyes open for low prices on two liter drinks and donate some for the carnival. Drugco has a special of \$.99 but you can only purchase four at a time. So next time you are there, pick up some and donate them. We need all kinds - colas, fruit, diet, citrus, etc. Please keep the carnival in your prayers. Thank you for your support!

## BAPTIST MEN'S DAY

Our annual Baptist Men's Day will be held on Sunday, **March 13**. Mr. Horace Robertson will be our guest speaker this year. Mr. Robertson is extremely active in the NC Baptist Men's missions and Gideons International. Mr. Robertson grew up next to Bear Swamp Baptist Church and remembers attending RA events at our church. He attended high school in Aurelian Springs where he met his future wife, Eunice Blalock. They have been married for 50 years and reside in Raleigh. They are active in Westwood Baptist Church in Cary and have gone on many mission trips together throughout the world.



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

March 6	Lord's Supper
March 13	Earl & Mary Spivey
March 20	Available
March 27	Easter Lilies

Flowers are needed for **March 20**. If you would like to place flowers on this date, please contact Debbie Keeter or Sandra Lynch. When you place flowers in the sanctuary please contact our church office by email or written note to show how you want it to be placed in the bulletin.

Easter Lilies will once again grace our sanctuary for the celebration of our Savior's resurrection. The deadline for ordering the lilies is **March 13**. The cost is \$10.00 for a single and \$18.00 for a double. Make your check payable to Littleton Baptist Church and label it - Easter Lily. The pots will be covered/no bow. 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!

Sandra Lynch  
Debbie Keeter

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phone: 252-676-9941

# Community Lenten Lunch and Devotion Series

Each Wednesday  
March 2 – March 16  
12:00 - 1:00 P.M.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location*</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
March 2	St Alban's Episcopal Church	Rev. Kevin Brunk Littleton Presbyterian Church
March 9	Weaver's Chapel United Methodist Church	Rev. Mike Currin Littleton Baptist Church
March 16	Littleton Presbyterian Church At Littleton Methodist Church	Rev. Wendy Bishop Lake Gaston Methodist Charge

*\* Host church will provide music for each luncheon!*

They begin at Noon and conclude at 1:00 P.M. Each person should bring a bag type lunch. Dessert and beverage will be provided by the host church. The devotion will begin by 12:30 P.M.

Our theme is exploring the symbols associated with the Passion narratives including the ashes, 30 pieces of silver, the crown of thorns and robe, the nails, the casting of lots and the tunic, and the spear.

*Come as you are and invite someone to join you for a time of community fellowship and devotion!*



**MAUNDY THURSDAY** - Join us on Maundy Thursday, **March 24**, at 7:00 P.M. in the sanctuary as we celebrate the Lord's Supper and meditate upon our Lord's last hours with his disciples.

**GOOD FRIDAY** - Lakeside Lutheran Church invites our congregation to participate in a special Good Friday Service, **March 25**, from 12:00 - 3:00 P.M. The service will feature special music from local churches on the "Seven Words of Christ from the Cross."

**EASTER EGG HUNT** - All children 6th grade and under are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, **March 26**, at 10:00 A.M. Participants will meet in the fellowship hall for donuts and juice. The Egg Hunt will follow on the church grounds around 10:30 A.M. Children may be picked up around 11:30 A.M.

**SUNRISE SERVICE** - This year our Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 7:00 A.M. on **March 27**, at the rear of our church near the three crosses that have been constructed there. We hope to make this a witness to the community and invite others to join us. A fellowship breakfast by our Mission Committee will be served inside the fellowship hall immediately following the service.

**EASTER WORSHIP** - Join us on Easter, **March 27**, at 11:00 A.M. as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord through worship and our Adult Choir's presentation of the cantata "Rise Again".

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
2 Carol West 5 Lowell Lee 15 Sara Council 19 Emily Kearney 20 Ray Holloman 22 Paula Burton 25 John Skinner 25 Brandon Stansbury 28 Beth King 31 Stephanie Iles	19 Jack & Ann Mathieson (57 yrs) 26 Kent & Carol West (22 yrs)	6 Brenda Hudson/Eric Hockaday 13 Carol West/Carly West 20 Sandra Lynch/Jan Miller 27 Brenda Hudson/Louise Gibson
	<u>YOUTH MEALS</u>	<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
	6 Youth (Eric Hockaday) 13 No Meeting 20 Youth (Betty Anne Shearin) 27 No Meeting	Sid Shearin