

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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PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

I know Thanksgiving holiday is November, but I just couldn't wait that long to offer tribute to each of you for your devoted service this past month at our Kid's Carnival and so much more!! Thank You!!!

Recently I did a children's sermon (I hope you were present) with bubbles. Each child was blowing bubbles down front and we offered up with each bubble our praise to God, naming them one by one. Recently, I watched the carnival take place, of particular interest to me was the addition of the "bubble table." Suddenly I saw one enormous bubble make it all the way from one side of the field past all the carnival events to the other side. For me this large bubble represented praise for the wonderful support, contributions and service being offered to children in the name of God. Praise is to God for every act of service done in his name.

As I write, I now send imaginary praise bubbles for the 70 plus volunteers who worked at the carnival and to our mission committee who spent many hours helping coordinate this our 11th annual carnival at the John 3:16 Center. I send praise bubbles to the business donors and individuals who made it possible for us to serve 500 hot dogs, endless soft drinks, kettle corn and cotton candy to all participants. I give thanks for the many donations of drinks, books and prizes

from within and beyond our church and the many other contributions that made it possible for us to do this good work in Christ's name. I send bubbles of praise to the students from Chowan University who came, who participated and sang and danced. I rejoice as I see the cooperation of so many people doing their respective roles and it all coming together. This was reflected in how quickly things got cleaned up after the carnival. In less than one hour all was loaded up and stored away. It was an amazing day to say the least. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!!

While I'm sending up bubbles of praise I want also to send up bubble praises for our church staff. Kay Tripp and Laura Kearney offer up endless sacrifices to our church and ministry that far surpasses the compensation we offer them.

First, Kudos to Kay. While she may only be in the office two days a week, Kay is "always on the job" via the internet, text and telephone assisting the pastor and church to coordinate our work. Bulletins and Newsletters are time consuming tasks and take a lot of effort to make them the useful tools they are to us. She keeps our website and Facebook page current and makes them as useful resources to us and prospects. She keeps the pastor straight, well that's only

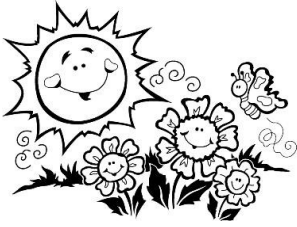
one of her difficult jobs, to assure these things get done in a timely and efficient manner. She's always sending letters, and assisting members with office related needs, and sending our prayer needs to others when needed. The little things that mean a lot are not always noticed by most, but I see those things and want you and her to know how much we love and appreciate her for her faithfulness in them all.

Second, Kudos to Laura. We are blessed to see her choir leadership and organ skills. Excellent! But a lot goes into the planning and getting ready for this we never see. With amazing skill, dedication and love she enhances our worship in so many wonderful ways leading our adult and children's choir. Additionally, she stands ready to assist with weddings, funerals and special services at times not always convenient to her schedule. Thank you, Laura for a job well done. We love and appreciate you for everything you do to help us praise our God in worship.

I have many more bubbles to send up but space does not allow. I invite you to send up your bubble praises to others! It means a lot!!!

Praise be to God!

Mike



May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 5:30 Youth 7:00 Deacons	2 8:30 Exercise	3	4 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	5	6 8:30 Exercise	7
8 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 	9 8:30 Exercise	10	11 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	12	13 8:30 Exercise	14 7:00 Christian Men At Work
15 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 5:30 Youth	16 8:30 Exercise	17	18 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	19	20 8:30 Exercise	21
22 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	23 8:30 Exercise	24	25 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	26	27 8:30 Exercise	28
29 8:30 Outdr Wld 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	30 8:30 Exercise	31				



I was reading an article that talked about church organists sneaking unexpected tunes into services. One organist played "Roll out the Barrel" at the funeral of a man known to have been fond of a good drink. Another congregation found themselves listening to the song "Money, Money, Money" as the collection plates were being passed around. Maybe as the choir and Pastor Mike enter the sanctuary you might just hear "Send in the Clowns"! I think a lot of us would relate to "Try to Remember" for a special one Sunday! You never know!!!

The Junior Singers will be singing on Mother's Day. It always puts a smile on my face when they share their music during worship services!

Happy Mother's Day!

Laura



LORD'S SUPPER

On Sunday, **May 1**, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. At the conclusion of worship, you will be given opportunity to contribute to our church's Fellowship Fund for local benevolent needs.



CHRISTIAN MEN AT WORK

Christian Men at Work will meet on Saturday, **May 14** at Lake Gaston Baptist Church for breakfast and worship at 7:00 A.M. All men and boys are invited to attend.



On Mother's Day, Sunday, **May 8**, we'll take time to honor our mothers, past and present. Be with us as we take time to especially honor Christian Mothers who lift high the banner of Christ.



DEACON'S MEETING

Our Deacons will meet on Sunday, **May 1**, at 7:00 P.M. in the annex. Please pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.



During our worship service on Sunday, **May 29**, we will recognize all of our High School, College or Post Graduates. Please contact the church office if you are or have a student preparing to accomplish either of these significant milestones.



Outdoor World

Outdoor World Sunday worship leadership begins on Sunday, **May 29**, at 8:30 A.M. and continues through Labor Day weekend. If you are willing to participate, either speaking or assisting with special music, please contact Brenda Hudson at 586-3983, see Mike Crawley or call the church. Thanks in advance for your prayers and support for this valuable ministry that over the past few years has been an inspiration to the campers and beyond.



REGISTRATION FORM

COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 20 – 24, 2016

9:00 A.M. – 12:15 P.M. / Lunch 12:15 – 1:00 P.M.

VBS is a community event that is sponsored by the Lake Gaston Charge-United Methodist Churches, Littleton Baptist Church, Littleton Presbyterian Church, and Lakeside Lutheran Church. The 2016 Community VBS will be held at Littleton United Methodist Church and Littleton Baptist Church. Both churches are located at the intersection of Main St. and Mosby Ave in downtown Littleton. **Community VBS is open at no cost to ALL children – no church affiliation is required.** We will also be offering an optional free lunch that will be served from 12:15 – 1:00 PM daily.

The theme this year is **Submerged: finding truth below the surface**. Our theme verse is “Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my concerns. See if there is any offensive way in me; lead me in the everlasting way.” Psalm 139:23-24. As children and youth are submerged in God’s Word, they will discover that Jesus saw people differently. He didn’t just see what was on the outside; He saw people for who they were on the inside...down deep. As kids learn to see themselves and others as Jesus sees them, they can realize that everyone needs a Savior –even those who look like they have it all together. They will discover that a relationship with Jesus Christ changes everything! Come join us! All you have to do is dive in!

VBS will be offered with age-graded classes for children age three (potty trained) through those having completed grade 6. Youth, grades 7 and up, may volunteer to serve as VBS support leaders (We need your help!). Each day’s activities will include Bible story, crafts, recreation, service projects, music, drama, and large group Worship Rally.

Please register as soon as possible so that we can plan accordingly. A separate form is needed for each child.

Clip Registration & return to Littleton United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 26, Littleton, NC 27850

Or send to kesskess65@gmail.com, or you can return to one of the sponsoring churches above!

Child’s Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____
(street address, city, state, and zip code)

Phone: _____ Birth Date: _____ Last Grade Completed: _____

Special Conditions: Medical/Activity Restrictions/ Allergies: _____

May we have permission to photograph your child and use for the purpose of promotion? Yes _____ No _____

Does your child plan to stay for lunch from 12:15 – 1:00 each day? Yes _____ No _____

Emergency Contact’s Name: _____ Phone: _____

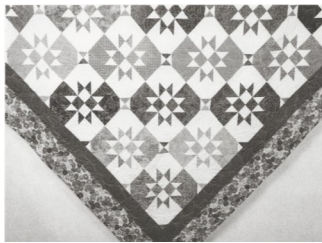
Signature of Parent/Sponsor: _____



The following is the flower schedule for the month of May 2016.

May 1	Lord's Supper
May 8	Debbie Keeter
May 15	Sandra Lynch
May 22	Laura Kearney
May 29	Charles & Jane Moore

We have no open dates for May but flowers are needed for June 5 and 12. If you would like to place flowers in the church on either of these dates please contact Ann Currin, Sandra Lynch or Debbie Keeter.



Thanks to everyone for supporting the Quilt fundraiser for Harrison West. We have had great response from our church family and the community!

If you have not had a chance to purchase tickets and would like to please see Mike Currin or Kay Tripp. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 and everyone's support for this fundraiser is appreciated and will make a huge difference.

Please keep praying for Harrison and his family as he continues his treatments!

Thank you for your generous support!



SPRING MISSIONS INITIATIVE

On **April 16** our church hosted the Spring Missions Initiative Weekend Carnival at the John 3:16 Center. Thank you does not seem sufficient when thinking about all the prayers, donations, and hours of help that you put into our successful Children's Carnival. What a wonderful day we had showing God's love. The weather was perfect, the volunteers top notch and the children awesome. Over 215 children and their families enjoyed a day of fun, food and friendship. Again Littleton Baptist Church and the Missions Committee thank you for your help.

God's Masterpiece

~Herbert Farnham

God took the fragrance of a flower,
The majesty of a tree,
The gentleness of morning dew,
The calm of a quiet sea

The beauty of the twilight hour,
The soul of a starry night,
The laughter of a rippling brook,
The grace of a bird in flight

Then God fashioned from these things
A creation like no other,
And when his masterpiece was through
He called it simply - Mother.

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL WEEK OF PRAYER May 1 - 8, 2016

Your gifts truly make a difference, lifting burdens of need and drawing people closer to Christ in gratitude. Every dollar of the Mother's Day Offering is used to help pay hospital bills of selected patients who have serious financial needs and who received care at Baptist Hospital. The recipients make too much to qualify for government assistance, but need a helping hand to pay hospital bills they are responsible for. Each patient is carefully screened by Hospital financial counselors. A committee of Baptist ministers and WMU leaders administer the fund. Help is provided from a few hundred to a few thousand dollars. We will be receiving this offering throughout the month of May.

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
6 Sandra Lynch 6 Carolyn Price 8 Robbie King 8 Indie Parks 10 Mike Currin 12 Ann Currin 18 Josephine Myrick 21 Memphis Crews (6 yrs) 24 Jordan Tripp 26 Annie Hilliard 27 Greg Fussell 28 Elizabeth Hockaday 28 Gerleen Pitchford 29 Billy Blanton	17 Mike & Betty Blanton (25 yrs) 17 Robbie & Beth King (8 yrs) 23 David & Kay Tripp (29 yrs) 24 Daniel & Stephanie Iles (8 yrs)	1 Elizabeth Hockaday/Eric Hockaday 8 Brenda Hudson 15 Sarah Iles/Jan Miller 22 Paula Burton/Kay Tripp 29 Melinda Harris/Brenda Hudson
	<u>YOUTH MEALS</u>	<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
	1 Youth (Carol West) 8 No Meeting 15 Youth (Eric Hockaday) 22 No Meeting 29 No meeting	Perry Myrick