

# 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

As a child I remember times at night when I was afraid as I lay in the bed trying to sleep. Somehow, for whoever knows why, I thought at any moment someone might come into my window by my bed. It was unfounded because it never happened and was highly unlikely because it would have taken a large ladder to reach the bedroom window in the first place. What I remember from that is just how controlling fear can be upon our lives. It was not a good feeling then and it is not a good feeling now.

Fear can so easily consume our lives to the point that it keeps us from living life to the fullest, as is God's intention. This is true on the personal level and just as true as we live in the community. And fear today is not something dreamed up in a child's anxious imagination. It seems to be perpetuated in our society by so many things as we allow them to control us. It seems like every week there's a new reason or event trying to precipitate fear; from airport bombings to mass shootings, to political elections, to threats of many kinds like a financial crisis, or threatened fears over changes to our lifestyle and culture which can leave us uncomfortable even when we know it is right.

These fears and many more can leave us with sleepless nights and unfounded fears which hinder us from being the faithful follower of Christ who cares for all people as Jesus exemplified. The Bible reminds us again and again to "fear not"! In fact there are more than 365 specific references reminding us to not be afraid but to always remember to have faith. God is in control and faith in God always, always, always triumphs over fear.

A few I'll mention here and others can be found in the text box further in this newsletter.

*"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10*

*"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7*

*"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." Psalms 23:4*

*"The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalms 27:1*

Faith in a mighty God who is powerful over evil, faith in a God who loved the least of these, faith in a Christ who reached out to those who were unloving and sought him harm, faith amidst the most stressful moments when the deck seems so stacked against us and our own strength is inadequate to meet the needs and concerns we encounter at every turn.

I'm so glad no one every entered my bedroom window and I pray no one will inflict upon me the evil atrocities happening to some in our world. One thing for sure for those to whom they happen and to the world in which we live where fear seems so strong may we never forget that faith is stronger than fear! God is with us and we are never alone! Our Lord promised "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

Thanks Be to God!

*Mike*



# AUGUST 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8:30 Exercise	2	3 8:30 Exercise  6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	4	5 8:30 Exercise	6
7 8:30 Outdr Wrld 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	8 8:30 Exercise  7:00 Nominating Committee Mtg.	9	10 8:30 Exercise  6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	11	12 8:30 Exercise	13
14 Food Box 8:30 Outdr Wrld 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship  6:00 Ice Cream Social 7:00 Deacons Mtg.	15 8:30 Exercise	16	17 8:30 Exercise  6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	18	19 8:30 Exercise	20
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28 8:30 Outdr Wrld 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship  5:30 Youth	29 8:30 Exercise	30	31 8:30 Exercise  6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study			



Our Christian sympathy is extended to:

Josie Myrick & family in the death of her son, Kirby Shearin



I hope you enjoyed the special musicians we were blessed to have in July! I know I did!

Choir rehearsals will begin once again on **August 3** at 6:30 P.M. If you have had the burning desire to join us, now is the time! I try and make rehearsals as fun as I possibly can. I want you to WANT to come, not feel like you have to come, which in my experience will only ensure that you want to come even less. I want our rehearsals to be a friendly, positive environment, because I think we'll get more done that way! Our choir is not about us but about the glorification of God! I feel like we accomplish that every Sunday! Come and join in on our fun!

*Laura*



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

August 7	Available for Scheduling
August 14	Available for Scheduling
August 21	Available for Scheduling
August 28	Available for Scheduling

If you would like to place flowers in the church, please contact Ann Currin, Sandra Lynch, or Debbie Keeter. When you place flowers in the sanctuary please contact the church office by email or written note to show how you want it placed in the bulletin.

Thank you for being so faithful in helping with flowers!

The Flower Committee



### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee begins their work on the 2016 - 2017 Officers and Teachers on Monday, **August 8**, at 7:00 P.M. and will continue their work this month. You are asked to prayerfully consider your places of service as you are contacted and seek to discern God's way. If you have a particular interest or area of giftedness, contact a member of the committee and make them aware of that interest. Members of this committee include: Louise Gibson, Jimmy Kearney, Chairperson; Betty Blanton, Sid Shearin, Sidney Gibson & David Tripp. Ex-officio members include Melinda Harris & Mike Crawley.



The Littleton Library is looking for volunteers from our church to help sort and shelf donated books for sale on Wednesdays, **August 3 & 10**, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. Please join us in this project to help our community. Please contact Betty Anne Shearin if you can help or have questions.

### Deacons Meeting

Our Deacons will meet on Sunday evening, **August 14**, at 7:00 P.M. in the annex.



Our third Summer Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Sunday, **August 14**, at 6:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend with a hungry appetite, and if you can, please bring a freezer of home-made ice cream or snacks to complement the ice cream. Bring a friend to join the Christian fellowship we will enjoy together!



*Our Pastor's  
21st Anniversary*

**On Sunday, August 14, Rev. Mike Currin will celebrate his 21st anniversary as pastor of Littleton Baptist Church. Thank you, Pastor Mike, for the many ways you show your love to us. We love you for all you do for us and our Lord!**



*"The LORD is my light and  
my salvation; whom shall I fear?"*

PSALM 27:1, NRSV

## **33 VERSES ABOUT FEAR AND ANXIETY**

Isaiah 41:10  
*Psalm 56:3*  
 Philippians 4:6-7  
**John 14:27**  
*2 Timothy 1:7*  
 1 JOHN 4:18  
 Psalm 94:19  
*Isaiah 43:1*  
 Proverbs 12:25  
*Psalm 23:4*  
**Joshua 1:9**  
*Matthew 6:34*  
**1 PETER 5:6-7**  
*Isaiah 35:4*  
 Luke 12:22-26  
**Psalm 27:1**

*Psalm 55:22*  
 Mark 6:50  
*Deuteronomy 31:6*  
 Isaiah 41:13-14  
 Psalm 46:1  
*Psalm 118:6-7*  
**PROVERBS 29:25**  
 Mark 4:39-40  
**Psalm 34:7**  
**1 PETER 3:14**  
*Psalm 34:4*  
**DEUTERONOMY 3:22**  
 Revelation 1:17  
 Mark 5:36  
 Romans 8:38-39  
 Zephaniah 3:17  
*Psalm 91:1-16*



Congratulations to Mike, Megan, Eleanor & Elin Conner upon the birth of a baby girl, Emily Williams Conner. She was born July 25 & she weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz. Congrats also to the grandparents Lee and Jan Myrick, great grandma Josie Myrick, Aunt Sara, Uncle Matthew & cousin Claire Council and Uncle Perry Myrick.



Nominations

On Sunday, **August 7**, we'll be distributing the Resident Membership list so you can begin to prayerfully consider your deacon nominations for the coming year. Nominations will take place on **August 21**. You will be asked to nominate four persons to serve a four-year term. In September the top four nominees agreeing to serve will then be placed on a ballot to elect two persons to serve a four-year term.



The John 3:16 Center

**September 3 (Labor Day Weekend)  
8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.  
at Littleton Baptist Church**

Cleaning out your attic or storage building? The John 3:16 Center is accepting donations of furniture, appliances, electronics, tools/equipment, useful household items, sporting equipment, etc. for their yard sale. Proceeds benefit the community through programs offered at The John 3:16 Center. In order to avoid interrupting their programs donations may be dropped off on Fridays from 3:00 - 5:00 P.M. and Saturdays from 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. For larger items or to schedule a different drop off time please call (252) 586-1800.

Volunteers are needed to assist with pricing, sorting and hauling donations prior to the sale, as well as the day of the sale for selling and packing up any unsold donations. If anyone is interested in helping please email [bsinka@john316center.org](mailto:bsinka@john316center.org).

In order to receive a donation receipt, federal tax laws require that all donated items be in working order and in "good" or better condition. No clothing will be accepted for yard sale purposes.



**SUPPORT UNION MISSION  
WITH CARDBOARD, CLOTHING AND  
RAG MATERIALS**



While serving as your pastor and serving on the Board of the Union Mission it is clear the needs are great and the ministry invaluable to those in need. The Union Mission continues to offer ministry to homeless men and struggling individuals through it's kitchen ministry which serves a daily meal for the community, feeds the resident men 3 meals a day and offers housing, counseling and life skills. Additionally, it's food pantry serves over 700 food boxes per month. Emergency home items and clothing is a huge part of their ministry. Additionally, a shelter for homeless women will open early next month. None of this happens without community and church support and prayer. When the needs are greatest is most often when the economy is down and financial support is at its lowest. Of course contributions great and small are appreciated, but not possible for everyone.

But there is something you can do. During the Littleton/Lake Gaston festival in our parking lot we'll also be collecting cardboard and clothing, good clothes which can be sold and not so good which will be sold for rags. All three of these sources help support the ministry of the Mission. You can bring these to our church anytime. A special station will be set up during the concurrent yard sale for the John 3:16 Center. Your help makes a huge difference! Spread the word!

Thank you!

*Mike*

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
4 Eleanor Conner (5 yrs) 6 Jordan Kearney 9 Melinda Harris 9 Elin Conner (3 yrs) 11 Kay Tripp 12 Ann Mathieson 16 Addison Phillis (1 yr) 20 Daniel Iles 20 Tom Tremper 21 Virginia Tant 25 Beverly Fussell 25 Roy Spain	No Anniversaries	7 Sandra Lynch/Eric Hockaday 14 Brenda Hudson/Josie Myrick 21 Betty Blanton/Billy Blanton 28 Brenda Hudson/Sarah Iles
	<u>YOUTH MEALS</u>	<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
	7 No youth 14 Ice Cream Social 21 No youth 28 Youth - Nora Labrecque	Greg Fussell