

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."

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PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

I LOVE THE BIBLE! It's God's divinely inspired Word helping us with the living of our days on this earth. A study of how we got our Bible over all those centuries by over 40 writers is astounding and spiritually heartwarming. That's why I read, study, and meditate upon its many pages each and every day, though honestly and regretfully, sometimes more intensely at times than others. I suspect we all can say this.

I do love the Bible, God's own word to us. It reveals who God is, who we are, and why we are here. Through Bible study we gain insights into God, human nature and creation! Studying the Scripture can equip, guide and reveal how to live in life-giving ways that deepen our friendship with God and others. Both the Old and New Testaments encourage regular study, meditation, and memorization of the Bible. Its benefits are directly related to how open, attentive and obedient we are to what we read.

It's a big question for us to consider. What does the Bible "really" mean in my daily walk with Christ?

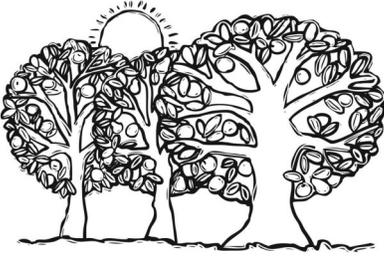
While in seminary many years ago (I graduated in 1980), many extremely con-

servative Baptist Christians became highly critical of many of the bible teachings of my excellent and Godly professors. These were men and women I had observed were deeply devoted to its message and meaning for life. They devoted their lives to studying and teaching The Bible. I was saddened to say the least. Recently I purchased a new book by the president of my seminary who was at the center of the controversy. I'd listened to Dr. Randall Lolley and knew his devotion to the Bible and the professors he was forced to vehemently defend. A few years after I graduated those who criticized gained leadership control of the trustees which guided the institution and Dr. Randall Lolley was forced to step down as he stood by the professors and their deeply held beliefs. That's why I was so thrilled with one my newest book purchases. Dr. Lolley in these later years of his life, at the encouragement of some former students, has compiled a book entitled "Journey with Me: *Redemptive Threads Woven Through the Bible*". This is a year long collection of sermons from each book of the Bible he preached at First Bap-

tist Church, Greensboro in 1995-96 where he served after his resignation from seminary. Each sermon gives an inspiring understanding of each Bible book and its application for our life. An excellent tool for any Christian hungry for more depth in their understanding of God's Word. Royalties from all sales will benefit the Lolley Fund for Theological Education, an initiative of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina Endowment Trust. This fund assists deserving divinity students pursuing theological education which is a worthy cause to which Lolley has devoted his life. If interested I'll share my copy for review and even order a copy for you. Cost is \$18.00 and can also be ordered from Amazon and other places or \$9.99 on kindle. A good read with a cause for anyone desiring to go deeper in this comprehensive overview of the Written Word of God. Enjoy the read, i.e. The Bible, whether or not you order a copy of "Journey With Me".

Happy Spiritual Reading,

Mike



September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 8:30 Exercise	3 8:00 John 3:16 Yard Sale
4 8:30 Outdoor Wrld 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 5:30 Church Picnic	5 8:30 Exercise 7:00 Deacon's Mtg.	6	7 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	8	9 8:30 Exercise	10 7:00 Union Mis- sion Yard Sale 7:00 Christian Men At Work
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18 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship Deacon Election	19 8:30 Exercise	20	21 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	22	23 8:30 Exercise 9:30 LACTS Food Pantry	24
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Our Christian sympathy is extended to:

Ethel Hale in the death of her sister, Arlene Taylor



While Jimmy was in the hospital I had some time to read various articles online. One I read was explaining what it takes to be a good choral director. I found it hit close to home! The six qualities that it says a choral director should have are:

1. Enthusiasm that is infectious & inspirational.
2. A good sense of humor that will maintain an atmosphere of fun in rehearsal.
3. Decisiveness is important. A choir leader must be prepared and know what they are doing and what they want to achieve.
4. Clarity with instructions and directions.
5. Musicality is needed to carry out leading the choir. They do not need to know music theory but have an understanding of music and how harmony works.
6. Patience is an important quality. Learning songs and perfecting performances takes time. Not everyone learns at the same rate.

I was thinking about these qualities and hope I have most of them. I feel like one quality was left out: Loving what you do! That quality is definitely one I can say I have!

Laura



**John 3:16 Center
Yard Sale
September 3
8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
at Littleton Baptist Church**



CHRISTIAN MEN AT WORK

September's Christian Men at Work Breakfast Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, **September 10**, at 7:00 A.M. at Enterprise Baptist Church. 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. Men and boys of all ages are invited.



Lord's Supper

On Sunday, **September 4**, 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.



Our Deacon's will meet on Monday, **September 5**, 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.



Please contact the church office with any address changes for our college students!



The forecast calls for a day
of friendship and fun
with showers of love for
the bride & groom!

Join us for a congregational
bridal shower for
Casey Dickens & Perry Myrick

Sunday, September 25th
3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
in our church fellowship hall.

Couple is registered at Belks, Bed, Bath & Beyond and Walmart.



LITTLETON AREA CHRISTIANS TOGETHER SERVING (LACTS)

As summer winds down and school begins, cooler days are just around the corner. Opportunities to **serve our Lord and Savior** are present as we meet people in our everyday lives. Stay open for opportunities to do God's work in a world that needs His love and caring. We may never know how our Christian example changes a life. On Friday, **September 23**, we will host the Food Pantry at the Littleton United Methodist Church. It has been a long time since we helped due to Easter and Vacation Bible School. Please come the fourth Friday at 9:30 A.M. to help distribute God's message of caring and love as we give food to those in need. If you can't come, there is always a need for diabetic items and canned tuna or other protein items. Thanks for being a part of this ministry.

CHURCH PICNIC



Betty Anne & Sid Shearin are once again inviting everyone to their home at 5100 Bowers Road** for our church's annual picnic on Sunday, **September 4**. Enjoy an evening of croquet, corn hole, badminton and fellowship. The Lego and bubble tables will be out for our younger folks to enjoy. Family and friends visiting you that Labor Day weekend are especially invited to attend. Bring your lawn chairs and join us for a great time of Christian fellowship and food!

Arrive when you would like to enjoy the festivities! We will begin eating around 5:30 P.M. We will be enjoying a wonderful hotdog/hamburger supper! Hope to see you there!!!

**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.



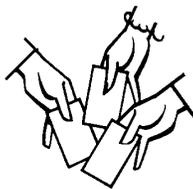
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Lee Dickens
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter,

Casey Marie
to
Perry Lee Myrick III

Saturday the eighth of October
Two Thousand and sixteen
at two o'clock in the afternoon
Littleton Baptist Church
Littleton, North Carolina

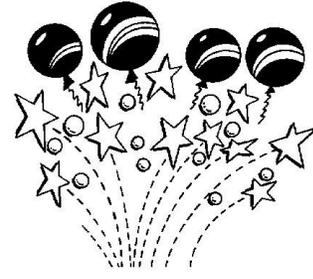
-Reception to follow-
Kirkwood Adams Civic Center, Roanoke Rapids, NC

-RSVP-
Call or Text 252-532-1296
Before September 17th



DEACONS ELECTION

On Sunday, **August 21**, during a special business session, Deacon Nominations were made by the church through secret ballot. During a specially called business meeting on **September 18** 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 2016 - 2017 church year.



WE CELEBRATE GOD'S FAITHFULNESS! HARRISON WEST WE LOVE YOU!!

"With all my heart I praise the Lord, and with all that I am I praise his holy name! With all my heart I praise the Lord! I will never forget how kind he has been. The Lord forgives our sins, heals us when we are sick, and protects us from death. His kindness and love are a crown on our heads. Each day that we live, he provides for our needs and gives us the strength of a young eagle."

Psalms 103:1-5 Contemporary English Version



September 4 Lord's Supper
September 11 Laura Kearney
September 18 (Available for Scheduling)
September 25 (Available for Scheduling)

If you would like to place flowers in the church, please contact Ann Currin - (252) 586-3370, Sandra Lynch - (252) 586-3495 or Debbie Keeter (252) 676-9941. When you place flowers in the sanctuary please contact the church office by email or written note to let us know how you want it placed in the bulletin.

Thank you for being so faithful in helping with flowers!

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
5 Jimmy Felts 6 Charles Parks 8 Christopher Skinner (7 yrs) 9 Sheryl West 13 Betty Blanton 13 J. C. Skinner (10 yrs.) 28 Debbie Sineath 29 Bill Crawley 29 Neva Lopez 30 Kent West	6 Greg & Beverly Fussell (57 yrs) 21 Robert & Margo Rawlings (13 yrs) 28 Jay Koeph & Joyce Morrow (30 yrs)	4 Brenda Hudson/Carly West 11 Elizabeth Hockaday/Eric Hockaday 18 Sandra Lynch/Jan Miller 25 Sarah Iles/Melinda Harris
	<u>YOUTH MEALS</u>	<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
	4 Church Picnic 11 Youth (Betty Anne Shearin) 18 No Youth 25 Youth (Carol West)	Jimmy Kearney