

LITTLETON BAPTIST NEWS

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THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY

Universal Language

Is music the "universal language?" Certainly, musicians think so. So do I. This I know. Music inspires all kinds of emotions across many cultures. Music has the ability to relax me, inspire me, or "drive me crazy"—depending on the kind of music. I do love a variety of music but prefer some over others.

I think my exposure to music began before I was born. My mother was teaching piano while carrying me. I went to my first concert in Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium at the age of nine. The program was provided by the Cincinnati Symphony. Since that time, I have attended and enjoyed countless symphony concerts. Is it any wonder that I married a music major with a Master's Degree in Music Education? Seriously, I am blessed that Betty loves music as much as I do.

This subject is on my mind because, at this writing, we are scheduled to attend the final 2016/17 Classical Season performance of the North Carolina Symphony at Meymandi Concert Hall on Friday night. At every NC Symphony performance, I am amazed at how so many musicians can work together to provide such amazing sounds. All of them are really good, or they wouldn't be there. We are especially fortunate to have Grant Llewellyn as the Conductor.

My early musical experience began when I played the Triangle in the rhythm band at Ravenscroft School in Raleigh. That was a thrill for me. Much later, I sang in the church youth choir in Greenville and in Greenville High, I played the Viola in an ensemble. I followed that playing the Viola in the East Carolina Community Orchestra.

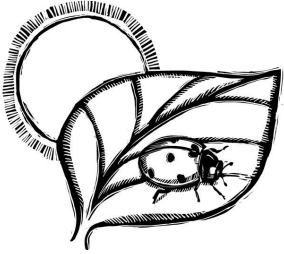
Summers at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly offered opportunities to sing great musical works with choruses numbering several hundred.

Now that we live in the Internet Age, I can Google about any musical work I want to hear, and enjoy it "to my heart's content." You know, our taste in music may have a lot to do with what we enjoyed growing up. What I think we all have in common is a love of music.


At Littleton Baptist Church, we are blessed each Sunday with music by our Chancel Choir, Laura Kearney and Betty Anne Shearin. Also, Mike Crawley does a great job with the CD's. Our thanks to you all; you inspire us.

Your friend and *Pastor in the Interim*,

Tom



June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<i>18</i> 8:30 Outdr Wrld 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship <i>Father's Day</i> 	<i>19</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> 8:30 Exercise No Choir or Bi- ble Study	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>24</i>
<i>25</i> 8:30 Outdr Wrld 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Church Council Mtg	<i>26</i> 9:00 VBS	<i>27</i> 9:00 VBS	<i>28</i> 9:00 VBS 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>29</i> 9:00 VBS	<i>30</i> 9:00 VBS	



I was reading an article and it talked about hymns that described occupations. I thought I'd share a few with you!

Tailor - Holy Holy Holy
 Dentist - Crown Him with Many Crowns
 Weatherman - There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
 Contractor - The Church's One Foundation
 Golfer - There Is a Green Hill Far Away
 Politician - Standing on the Promises

The one that describes me the most is the Shopper - Sweet By and By!

What hymn would describe you????

Laura



On Sunday, **June 18**, we will take time to honor our fathers, past and present, on Father's Day. Be with us as we take time to especially honor Christian Fathers who daily live their faith in the family and world!



Our Deacons will meet on Sunday, **June 4**, at 7:00 P.M. in the annex.

WELCOME New Members

We welcome to our LBC church family, JoAnn Barnard and Connie Turner. Their address is 148 Poe Creek Drive, Littleton, NC 27850. JoAnn's phone number is (864) 350-2105. Connie's phone number is (252) 578-1185.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council will meet following Worship Service on Sunday, **June 25**. Members include: Sid Shearin, Jimmy Kearney, Laura Kearney, Betty Ann Shearin, Melinda Harris, Matthew Council and Mike Crawley.



The first of our Summer Ice Cream Socials will be Sunday, **June 11**, at 6:00 P.M. in the fellowship hall. If you can bring a freezer of homemade ice cream, it will be appreciated and enjoyed. If you can't, then bring a topping or trimming to go with the ice cream. If neither is possible, just come and enjoy some old-fashioned LBC fellowship.



Outdoor World

Outdoor World Sunday Worship leadership began Sunday, **May 28**, 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 see Mike Crawley. Thank you for your prayers and support for this valuable ministry that over the past few years has been an inspiration to the campers and beyond.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 LBC GRADUATES!

High School

Larry West - Halifax Academy

College and Graduate School

Jordan Tripp - Campbell University Divinity School - Master of Divinity with Languages

Big Thank You!

Thanks to everyone that helped with the Free Children's Carnival on May 6. The cool (cold), windy, damp weather did not stop the warm hugs and smiles. We had at least 175 children that registered. Books were chosen by the children, hot dogs eaten, drinks served, games played, music enjoyed, face painting glowed, car parkers directed, popcorn eaten and God's love shared. What awesome church family and church friends we have. A BIG thank you to the Missions Committee!



The following is the flower schedule for June.

June 4	Available for Scheduling
June 11	Available for Scheduling
June 18	Clyde Johnston
June 25	Available for Scheduling

Flowers are needed for **June 4 & 11 & 25**. If you would like to place flowers on any of these dates, please contact Ann Currin (252-532-4881, email: anncurrin@embarqmail.com). When you place flowers in the sanctuary, please contact our church office by email - littletonbaptist@embarqmail.com or written note to show how you want it to be placed in the bulletin.



C.A.R.E./THE JOHN 3:16 CENTER STOCK THE CLASSROOM

Each year the John 3:16 Center has had a school supply drive where parents had appointments to receive supplies. The Center would give as many items on the child's specific list as they could; however, they were not able to meet all of their supply needs. Supplies cost about \$50 per child each year, including an inexpensive book bag. This cost is higher for children in need of a graphing calculator. Many of the parents were having to attend other school supply events in the community in order to get all the supplies their children needed. This year the Center will be working with other area organizations to make an even bigger impact in our community. Instead of stocking individual students, they will be stocking full classrooms. Through their "Stock the Classroom" campaign, every child in the classroom will be fully prepared to learn on their first day of school. Teachers will also be able to spend more time assessing the needs of their students on those critical first days of school instead of unpacking the needed supplies. They will begin collecting items on Wednesday, **June 21**, through Tuesday, **August 1**, with the goal of stocking as many classrooms as possible. New or gently used uniforms will also be collected and distributed as they have in the past. If you would like to double your impact, order supplies from the Center's "Wish List" on Amazon Smile, and the Center will receive a portion of your purchase as a donation.

The following is a list of needed items:

Flash Drives (2GB - 4GB)	Pencil Pouches and Boxes
3-prong Portfolio Folders (Plastic Preferred) w/ pockets	3-Ring Binders (1 inch and larger)
Markers	Post-its
Folders	Scissors
Wide and College Rule Notebook Paper	Crayons
Glue Sticks	Colored Pencils
Composition Notebooks (Wide and College Rule)	Tissues
Pencil Sharpeners	Highlighters
5-Subject Notebooks	Hand Sanitizer
Single Subject Notebooks	Dry Erase Markers
Book Bags - New or Gently Used	Calculators - Regular & Graphing
Computer/Copy Paper	Headphones
Pencils/Pens	



COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 26 – 30, 2017

9:00 A.M. – 12:15 P.M

VBS is a community event that is sponsored by the Lake Gaston Charge-United Methodist Churches, Littleton Baptist Church, Littleton Presbyterian Church, Lakeside Lutheran Church and Weaver's Chapel United Methodist Church. The 2017 Community VBS will be held at Littleton Baptist Church and Littleton United Methodist Church. Both churches are located at the intersection of Main St. and Mosby Ave in downtown Littleton. **Community VBS is open to ALL children at no cost – no church affiliation is required.**

The theme this year is **Peru: Discovering God's Good Gifts**. Discovering God's Love is a cross cultural experience where children will discover how God's love is here and across the world. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life" is the message we will be sharing during the week of June 26. Come join us for a fun, exciting journey in God's love. We will be collecting a daily offering that will be used to help provide clean water for children and we will also be collecting school supplies for the John 3:16 Center.

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.

Register online at vbspro.events/p/june26.com, clip registration & return to Littleton Baptist, P. O. Box 216, Littleton, NC 27850, email to littletonbaptist@embarqmail.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: _____

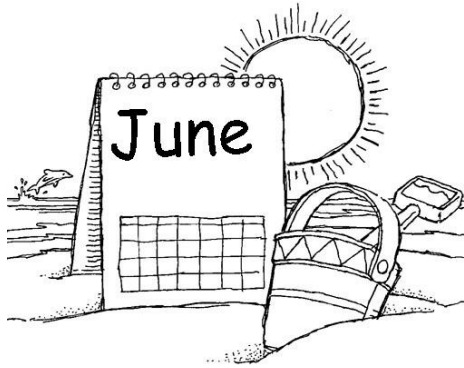
May we have permission to photograph your child and use for the purpose of promotion? Yes _____ No _____

Emergency Contact's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Signature of Parent/Sponsor: _____

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
2 Sidney Gibson 3 Daley Ross 6 Margo Rawlings 12 David Tripp 15 Monica Phillis 16 Hannah Skinner (12 yrs) 16 Connie Turner 16 Patrick Pegram 21 Sonny Walker 25 Megan Conner 25 Perry Myrick 26 Sarah Neville 27 Ryan Hockaday 30 Wyatt Iles (3 yrs) 30 Betty Bodkin	6 Lowell & Virginia Lee (63 yrs) 7 Jim & Monica Phillis (9 yrs) 8 Thad & Melinda Harris (48 yrs) 10 Michael & Megan Conner (11 yrs) 14 Roman Martinez & Neva Lopez (14 yrs) 15 Claude & Sandra Lynch (37 yrs) 27 Jimmy & Sandra Felts (25 yrs) 30 Ray & Brenda Holloman (49 yrs)	4 Sandra Lynch/Josie Myrick 11 Brenda Hudson/Carly West 18 Betty Blanton/Billy Blanton 25 Melinda Harris/Louise Gibson
	<u>YOUTH MEALS</u>	<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
	4 Youth (Betty Ann Shearin) 11 Ice Cream Social 18 Father's Day 25 No Meeting	Billy Blanton