

# LITTLETON BAPTIST NEWS

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*"Our mission is to make Christ known, by providing spiritual nourishment, ministering to physical needs, and sharing the Gospel."*

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## THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY

### *Singing in the Rain*

As I look back on it, I was very fortunate that my family moved to Greenville when I was a ten-year-old. At that time, East Carolina University was called East Carolina Teachers' College, or ECTC. (Always, I have loved the ring of those letters.) The relationship between the college and the community was a very close one - to the benefit of both. Many opportunities came my way as a result of that close relationship. Not the least of which involved the cultural opportunities. I shall be grateful - always.

We lived on Library Street - a few blocks from the college in one direction, and a few blocks from the Tar River in the other.

I had several jobs during my teen years. The job that lasted the longest, when I saved the most, and which I enjoyed the most was delivering *The Daily Reflector*. I served the homes on three streets: Library, Eastern, and Lewis. In those days, the paperboy collected the money from each customer, so I was seeing my customers each month and becoming friends with them. I had a large basket mounted on the front of my bicycle from which I delivered each paper. *The Daily Reflector*, being an afternoon paper, was perfect for a high school student to deliver when school let out. Its offices and printing presses were only a few blocks from Greenville High School. Once I picked up the papers, it did not take me too long to pedal to my route on the three streets and begin delivering.

Most times the weather was fairly good. I could get along with the cold, as well as the heat, but the rain was quite another story. My priority was keeping the papers dry. Nobody likes a wet newspaper. I still don't. Rain slowed down my delivery time because I had to stop at each house to put the paper in a dry place.

As I shared, briefly, in my message on July 16, on rainy days, to avoid being a sad paperboy, I would sing hymns on my route. I chose uplifting hymns such as *Higher Ground*, *Love Lifted Me*, *On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand*, and *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*. The harder it rained, the louder I sang. Not only did this practice lift my spirits, but it made the job go so much faster. I know Gene Kelley made a lot more money with his rendition of *Singing in the Rain*, but my practice helped get me through.

Your friend and *Pastor in the Interim*,

*Tom*



# AUGUST 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 8:30 Exercise  6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	3	4 8:30 Exercise	5
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**Our Christian sympathy is extended to:**

**Tyler & Bonnie Currin Stallings in the death of his father, Blake Stallings  
Mike Blanton & family in the death of his uncle, Reynolds Jordan**



Well, it's the beginning of a new choir year once more! Choir is like school...we begin a new year in August, after a short summer break! So, if you feel like being a part of the new year, please come join us on Wednesday nights! There's always room for one more...or two...etc!

I will sing of your love and justice, to you Lord, I will sing praise! Psalm 101:1

*Laura*



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

August 6	Available for Scheduling
August 13	Available for Scheduling
August 20	Available for Scheduling
August 27	Available for Scheduling

Flowers are needed for each Sunday this month. If you would like to place flowers on any of these dates please contact Ann Currin (252-532-4881, email: [anncurrin@embarqmail.com](mailto:anncurrin@embarqmail.com)). When you place flowers in the sanctuary please contact the church office by email - [littletonbaptist@embarqmail.com](mailto:littletonbaptist@embarqmail.com) or written note to show how you would like it to be placed in the bulletin.

Thank you for being so faithful in helping with flowers!

**The Flower Committee**

**We All Scream**



**for Ice Cream!**

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

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**



The Nominating Committee begins their work on the 2017 - 2018 Officers and Teachers on Tuesday, **August 15**, 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: Betty Blanton, Sid Shearin, Billy Pearce, David Tripp, Paula Burton, Chairperson & Matthew Council. Ex-officio members include Melinda Harris, Mission Committee Chairperson & Mike Crawley, Sunday School Director.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

"TAKE ME OUT TO THE



*Ball Game!"*

Our youth will be attending the 5:00 P.M. Durham Bulls game on Sunday, **August 13**.

On Sunday, **August 27**, following morning worship the youth will go to Rocky Mount for pizza and bowling! Bring a friend!



Mark your calendars! Sunday afternoon, **September 3**, is our annual Church Picnic held at the Shearin Farm. Plan to bring your weekend guests, friends and family to enjoy the wonderful time of fellowship. More information will be forthcoming! Keep a check on our website ([www.littletonbaptistchurch.org](http://www.littletonbaptistchurch.org)), Facebook, September newsletter and bulletins.



The John 3:16 Center

**September 2 (Labor Day Weekend)**

**8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

**at Littleton Baptist Church**

**(Rain location - Littleton United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall)**

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 annual Labor Day 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.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!** On Thursday, **August 31**, tables and some of the "stuff" will be set up around our Annex. On Friday, **September 1**, the rest of the treasures will be put out and priced. 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 see Sid Shearin or contact the Center.

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 but they can be donated to the Union Mission Gift Store and would be greatly appreciated.

**DON'T FORGET TO LOG INTO OUR CHURCH WEBSITE**

**[www.littletonbaptistchurch.org](http://www.littletonbaptistchurch.org)**



Some of the information to be found on our website includes our current church calendar, schedules, current and upcoming events, tools to share who we are as a church, how to become a devoted follower of Christ, sermons, archived newsletters, a host of suggested and related links, lots of photos and even a direct link to our church Facebook page, and so much more.

This website is designed for your use and for you to share with others regarding Littleton Baptist Church. Hope you will use it often.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PASSPORT TO PERU JUNE 26 - 30, 2017

Hola,

How good God is! He provided a perfect week for Passport to Peru VBS. Twenty-six children prayed, sang, studied, shared, gave and played during the week. At least 40 adults in our community helped make VBS a wonderful experience for all that were involved. Over \$300.00 was collected for clean water for children in Peru. School supplies for the John 3:16 Center were also collected. A very BIG THANK YOU to all the churches and people that helped. Our Community of faith included Littleton Baptist Church, Littleton United Methodist Church, Littleton Presbyterian Church, Lakeside Lutheran Church and Weaver's Chapel United Methodist Church.

Gracious,

Melinda Harris, Director



The Deacons will meet on Sunday, **August 6**, at 7:00 P.M. in the church annex. Please pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.



On Sunday, **August 6**, 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 20**. 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.



Our Outdoor World Services continue each Sunday through Labor Day weekend at 8:30 A.M. Please pray for this ministry and find a way in which you can be involved. Speak, sing, promote, pray! All are important. For more information contact Mike Crawley.



**THANK YOU  
FOR THE LIDS!**



A huge thank you from Art Teacher Robertson at Mariam Boyd Elementary School in Warrenton for all the plastic lids that you saved for her art project. Sylvia Alston hopes to have pictures to share when the project is complete!

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
4 Eleanor Conner (6 yrs) 6 Jordan Kearney 9 Melinda Harris 9 Elin Conner (4 yrs) 11 Kay Tripp 16 Addison Phillis (2 yrs) 20 Daniel Iles 20 Tom Tremper 21 Virginia Tant 25 Beverly Fussell 25 Roy Spain	No Anniversaries	6 Sandra Lynch/Brenda Hudson 13 Brenda Hudson/Josie Myrick 20 Betty Blanton/Billy Blanton 27 Brenda Hudson/Sarah Iles
	<u>YOUTH MEALS</u>	<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
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