

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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THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY

I Am Your Church Budget

Through me, families are launched in marriage, persons are baptized, the young are trained in Christian character.

I provide Sunday School and youth activities for your children.

I provide music to enrich your worship, and preaching and pastoral services to help you live more nobly.

I heat and cool your church building and keep it in good repair for your comfort and use. I do your custodial work.

I reach out to your community and country, preaching, teaching, healing in Christ's name.

I help train ministers in the seminaries, and I provide assistance to those who retired after years of faithful service to God and through the Church.

It is through me that the sick find spiritual strength, the troubled and discouraged are steadied.

I go out into the wide world, preaching the Gospel in every language.

I carry the Word to people of every race, color and clan.

I am your budget. Believe in me, support me, that I may carry on in your name. With your help I make possible all of these services and ministries. As the budget, I am YOU at work, and the presence of Christ wherever I go.

But I do need your help. I do need your support. Without your tithes and offerings to undergird me, I am helpless. They are my foundation, my supporting walls, my life.

I am your money, your prayers, your concern – translated into action. I can do only what you make it possible for me to do. –Selected

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I wanted to convey to you the importance of the stewardship of our financial resources. The church cannot move forward without a strong financial base. Thank you for your generous giving. We could not do what we do without it.

Your friend and Pastor in the Interim,

Tom



September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 8:30 Exercise	2 8:00 John 3:16 Yard Sale
3 8:30 Outdoor Wrld 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 5:30 Church Picnic	4 8:30 Exercise	5	6 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	7	8 8:30 Exercise	9
10 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 7:00 Deacon's Mtg.	11 8:30 Exercise	12	13 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	14	15 8:30 Exercise	16
17 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship Deacon Election	18 8:30 Exercise	19	20 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	21	22 8:30 Exercise 9:00 LACTS Food Pantry	23
24 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	25 8:30 Exercise	26	27 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	28	29	30



Our Christian sympathy is extended to:

Laura Kearney & family in the death of her aunt, Thea B. Dean



There is nothing that makes me happier than when Addie comes to visit! One of her favorite things to do is play the piano or clap along to whatever song I might play. She loves to listen to music and dance along to the beat. Of course this makes this grandmama so happy!

I hope music plays an important part in her life! Music comes in so many "shapes and sizes." You just have to find the music that makes you feel good! Don't you sometimes hear a song that brings back a wonderful feeling from your "younger" days? Or listen to a song that just makes you smile? Music is a gift that we all need to open!

I'm now that grandmama that shares grand-baby pictures, too! Don't you just see a future choir director in my sweet baby??? Or, perhaps, a conductor? You never know!

Laura



The John 3:16 Center

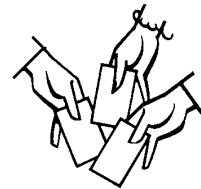
John 3:16 Center Yard Sale

September 2

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

at Littleton Baptist Church

Rain location - Littleton United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall



DEACONS ELECTION

On Sunday, **August 20**, during a special business session, Deacon Nominations were made by the church through secret ballot. During a specially called business meeting on **September 17** 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 2017 - 2018 church year.

Deacons Meeting



Our Deacon's will meet on Sunday, **September 10**, 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.



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

September 3 - Lord's Supper
 September 10 - Laura Kearney
 September 17 - Available for Scheduling
 September 24 - Available for Scheduling

Flowers are needed for September 17 and September 24. If you would like to place flowers in the church on either of these dates, please contact Ann Currin - (252) 586-3370, email: anncurrin@embarqmail.com. When you place flowers in the sanctuary please contact the church office by email: 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 final session of our summer mission Sunday School at Outdoor World is Sunday, **September 3** at 8:30 A.M. Special thanks to Mike Crawley for leading these services each week. Thanks for those from the church who have supported this ministry with your prayers and presence.



Lord's Supper

On Sunday, **September 3**, 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.



LITTLETON AREA CHURCHES TOGETHER SERVING (LACTS)



Summer is almost over and cooler nights and crisp mornings will be welcomed. Please come and help us on Friday, **September 22**, from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon as we man the Littleton Area Churches Together Serving (LACTS) in the basement of the Littleton United Methodist Church. This community ministry serves to help the poor and needy of our community who simply cannot make it from one month to another. LACTS continues to need food contributions for local Benevolence. Your contributions make a big difference and there is a job for each of us. Packing a grocery bag with a days worth of food, carrying a box up the steps, shelving food items and praying with those that come are a few of the things that we do that day. Would love to have you come and fellowship with us.

Please pray for our church and each individual as we stay open for opportunities to serve our Lord and Savior with helping hands and hearts. There is a place and a need where each of us can help share God's love.

Melinda Harris
 Missions Committee Chairperson



Come enjoy hamburgers, hotdogs and all the trimmings provided by our Hospitality Committee at our 2017 Church Picnic held on Sunday, September 3, at the home of Betty Anne & Sid Shearin located at 5100 Bowers Road. 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 for the 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. 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.**



Report from the Pastor Search Committee

Your Pastor Search Committee would like to keep you updated on our progress as we seek the Pastor God has called for our church.

We are currently receiving and reviewing resumes from a number of different sources. Those include various divinity schools, the Minister and Church Relations Committee at CBF of NC and other personal contacts within our membership. We are in Phase Three of the process as outlined on the board in the vestibule.

We appreciate your patience and continue to covet your prayers for the committee and our church during this time.

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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 (8 yrs) 9 Sheryl West 13 Betty Blanton 13 J. C. Skinner (11 yrs.) 15 Anna Council 15 Earl Spivey 28 Debbie Sineath 29 Neva Lopez 30 Kent West	6 Greg & Beverly Fussell (58 yrs) 21 Robert & Margo Rawlings (14 yrs) 28 Jay Koeph & Joyce Morrow (31 yrs)	3 Brenda Hudson/Carly West 10 Elizabeth Hockaday/Sarah Iles 17 Sandra Lynch/Jan Miller 24 Sarah Iles/Melinda Harris
	<u>YOUTH MEALS</u>	<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
	4 Church Picnic 11 TBA 18 TBA 25 TBA	Sid Shearin