

LITTLETON BAPTIST NEWS

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THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY

A WEEKEND OF CONTRASTS

I am writing this on Friday evening, May 18th. For several days this week the morning television programs have been preparing us for The Royal Wedding. We have seen the beauty of Windsor and have anticipated the elegance of the wedding of Meghan Markle and Prince Harry. It is not likely to disappoint, though I do not plan to get up tomorrow at 4:30 a.m. for the opening coverage. I'm quite sure the event will be replayed many times during the day. Excitement seemed to be the order of the day this morning, and will "go out the top" tomorrow.

Then, the same morning, we were taken to the Santa Fe High School, scene of the tragic death of nine students, one teacher and the injuring of ten more, at the hands of a 17-year-old boy. He was armed with a shotgun and a hand gun. In addition to his ever-present black trench coat, he wore on Facebook a black T-shirt with the chilling message, *Born to Kill*. His plan of mass murder included the planting of several homemade bombs in the school and surrounding area. It is hard for us to imagine a mind so filled with hate that the decision was made to end the lives of fellow students. Though, at the end of his massacre he planned to take his own life, he could not carry that through.

ABC News reports that there have been 31 school shootings in the US since Columbine in 1999, when 13 people were killed. That means that all the young people in Santa Fe High School have never known a time in their lives when there were not school shootings. That is no way to grow up. Adults reading this did not grow up that way either.

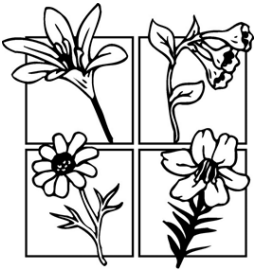
I call it *A Weekend of Contrasts*, and so it has been. A weekend of euphoria in Windsor, and a weekend of unbearable tragedy in Santa Fe, Texas. We have good news and bad news in the extremes. Of course, the impact of both will be unending.

We call the *Gospel*, *Good News*. It is that, and that was the message of the angels to the shepherds outside Bethlehem. We need to remember, however, that our *Gospel* is for all time. Not only did our Savior come, but he remains with us. He overcame sin and death, and, in him we have the victory as well. That is very *Good News*. It is *Good News* to a world lost in sin. It is *Good News* when the way seems dark.


Let us be reminded that, in one weekend we had the crucifixion and the resurrection. The contrast could not be greater. Ultimately, the *Good News* will always out-weigh the bad.

Your friend and *Pastor in the Interim*,

Tom



June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<i>17</i> 8:30 Outdr Wrld 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship <i>Father's Day</i> 	<i>18</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>23</i>
<i>24</i> 8:30 Outdr Wrld 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	<i>25</i> 9:00 VBS	<i>26</i> 9:00 VBS	<i>27</i> 9:00 VBS 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>28</i> 9:00 VBS	<i>29</i> 9:00 VBS	<i>30</i>



I've always loved June! Growing up it meant summer vacation, swimming in the pool, staying outside until dark, and going to the beach! Now it means staying outside until dark, going to the beach, and Addie's birthday! It's hard to believe Addie will be 2 on June 3rd! Of course I'm the typical grandma.....aka...Lolly! I've gotten way to many gifts for her! I think Jordan and Mary Beth will be happy with most of them. There's one I'm not so sure about....a box of musical instruments! I want to encourage her love for music and I thought this might be a good way! It will probably be a gift I bring back to my house since the "noise" might not be appreciated by her Mama and Daddy! I'm not so sure how Jim-my...aka...PaPa will appreciate them being brought back to Littleton! Oh well, I know I'll love the music she makes with them! At least for part of the time she's here!

Happy Father's Day!

Laura



The first of our Summer Ice Cream Socials will be Sunday, **June 10**, 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.



On Father's Day, Sunday, **June 17**, we will take time to honor our fathers, past and present. Be with us as we take time to especially honor Christian Fathers who daily live their faith in the family and world!

DEACONS MEETING

Our Deacons will meet on Sunday, **June 3**, at 7:00 P.M. in the annex.



COMMUNITY VBS
JUNE 25 -29
9:00 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.
KINDERGARTEN - SIXTH GRADE

This year's VBS meets at Lakeside Lutheran, 2427 Eaton Ferry Rd. Littleton, NC. See the pre-registration form included in this newsletter. For further information please call 252-586-6778.



Outdoor World Sunday Worship leadership began Sunday, **May 27**, 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 2019 LBC GRADUATES!

High School

Carly West - Halifax Academy

College and Graduate School

Ashby Burton - University of North Carolina Wilmington - Bachelor of Science Degree - Business Administration - Marketing Strategy Concentration, Bachelor of Arts Degree - Communication Studies - Integrated Marketing Communication Focus
Perry Myrick - Fayetteville State University - Bachelor of Science Degree - Fire and Emergency Service Administration



The following is our flower schedule for June.

June 3 Laura & Jimmy Kearney
 June 10 Available for Scheduling
 June 17 Clyde Johnston
 June 24 Available for Scheduling

Flowers are needed for **June 10 & 24**. If you would like to place flowers on either of these dates please contact: Carolyn Price - (252-586-3567) or Priscilla Parks - (252-586-4790, email: priscillaparks@embarqmail.com). Whenever you place flowers in the sanctuary please contact our church office by email (littletonbaptist@embarqmail.com) or a written note to Kay Tripp to show how you want information placed in the bulletin.



Church Mission Project

Our church is planning a mission trip to Lumberton **August 7-11** to help rebuild homes flooded by Hurricane Mathew. You do not have to be there the whole time but try to participate and you will be blessed. Details will be in the July newsletter.



Save The Date

Mark your calendars! Sunday afternoon, **September 2**, is our annual Church Picnic held at the Shearin Farm.



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)
 3-prong Portfolio Folders (Plastic Preferred) w/ pockets
 Markers
 Folders
 Wide and College Rule Notebook Paper
 Glue Sticks
 Composition Notebooks (Wide and College Rule)
 Pencil Sharpeners
 5-Subject Notebooks
 Single Subject Notebooks
 Book Bags - New or Gently Used
 Computer/Copy Paper
 Pencils/Pens

Pencil Pouches and Boxes
 3-Ring Binders (1 inch and larger)
 Post-its
 Scissors
 Crayons
 Colored Pencils
 Tissues
 Highlighters
 Hand Sanitizer
 Dry Erase Markers
 Calculators - Regular & Graphing
 Headphones



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

(One Per Child)

Child's name: _____ Child's gender: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home telephone (_____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cellphone (_____) _____

Home email address: _____

Home church: _____

Crew number or name (for church use only): _____

Allergies or other medical conditions:



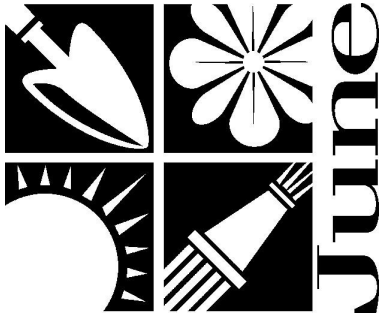
In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
2 Sidney Gibson 3 Adelyn Kearney (2 yrs) 3 Daley Ross 6 Margo Rawlings 12 David Tripp 15 Monica Phillis 16 Hannah Skinner (13 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 (4 yrs) 30 Betty Bodkin	5 Dale & Carol Meyer (42 yrs) 6 Lowell & Virginia Lee (64 yrs) 7 Jim & Monica Phillis (10 yrs) 8 Thad & Melinda Harris (49 yrs) 10 Michael & Megan Conner (12 yrs) 14 Roman Martinez & Neva Lopez (15 yrs) 15 Claude & Sandra Lynch (38 yrs) 27 Jimmy & Sandra Felts (26 yrs) 30 Ray & Brenda Holloman (50 yrs)	3 Sarah Iles/Suzanne Pearce 10 Paula Burton/Kay Tripp 17 Jan Miller/Elizabeth Hockaday 24 Melinda Harris/Billy Blanton
		<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
		Roman Martinez