

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

SEASONS

Every time that I meet someone who, obviously, is not from the South, I ask them where they are from. A few years ago, when I was Associate Pastor of Hayes Barton Baptist Church, doing extensive hospital visitation, my ministry often took me to WakeMed. On multiple occasions, when I would ask a nurse my stock question: "Where are you from?", they would invariably respond with, "Upstate New York." After this happened several times, I responded: "Is anybody left in upstate New York?" I was assured that there were plenty of people still there. I would then tell the nurse that she was one of the smart people who moved to North Carolina. On the other hand, I had no choice, I was born here.

To say that I am a "died in the wool Tar Heel" is an understatement. I am convinced that we live in the best state of the 50 possibilities. Among our many blessings is that we experience four distinctive seasons. Not only that, but we experience them in moderation. It doesn't get as hot as Phoenix, AZ, or as cold as Buffalo, NY.

I say all the above to point out that we are on the threshold of what is, in my opinion, the most beautiful season of all—autumn. It is when God seems to take a paint brush and color our world in spectacular beauty. It is not a long season, so you have to enjoy it as long as you can. Some would say, "But what about when the leaves fall? They do have to be removed." That's true, but so does snow, which is much heavier.

A favorite destination for Betty and me is the Blue Ridge Parkway. If you hit it just right in October, it is an awesome experience. During leaf season, because of the variances in elevation, you may see the leaves at their peak along some stretch of the Parkway. I have no idea how many times we have made the pilgrimage, but it never grows old for us. We do not expect to make the trip this year because of the timing of our move to Springmoor. Fortunately, the internet provides some great pictures.

I think that the psalmist was inspired by the mountains when he wrote:

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—

Where does my help come from?

My help comes from the Lord,

the Maker of heaven and earth. –Psalm 121:1-2 (NIV)

Of course, the psalmist was not thinking about the *Blue Ridge Parkway*, but he did identify the Lord as "Maker of heaven and earth."

Autumn begins on Sunday, September 23. "Lift up your eyes to the mountains," or all around you. Enjoy!

Your friend and Pastor in the Interim,

Tom



September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:30 Outdoor Wrld 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 5:30 Church Picnic	3 8:30 Exercise	4	5 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	6	7 8:30 Exercise	8
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Our Christian sympathy is extended to:

Betty Blanton and family in the death of her uncle, Jack Whitby
Priscilla Parks and family in the death of her brother, R. C. Davis



One of the best ways to deal with any problems we might have is to pray. Sometimes, though, I am not always quite sure just what words to use when I pray. When this happens a hymn becomes my prayer. There are so many hymns that say what I want to pray. The words can fill my heart, mind, and soul with who God is and what he has promised! It seems like as a musician I am always more interested in the music than the words, but hymns are different. The word of God is there if I just take the time to read the words and not the notes!

Laura

Church Constitution & Bylaws Changes



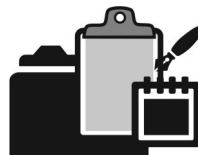
At our Quarterly Business meeting on Wednesday, July 11, we approved changes to our Constitution and Bylaws.

The changes were the number of deacons to serve, the length of term and nomination procedure.

An updated copy of the Constitution and Bylaws is on file in the office. If you would like to see or receive a copy please contact our church secretary.



Our Deacon's will meet on Sunday, **September 9**, 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.



CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council will meet on Sunday, **September 9**, following Morning Worship.



CHURCH PLAYGROUND

The church has allowed a budget of \$10,000 for a playground using funds from the Memorial Fund and the Capital Improvement Fund. We will be waiting until October to purchase the equipment because historically that is when playground manufacturers reduce their prices.

We are looking forward to watching the children enjoy some fun times together!



Our Security System that we approved at our Quarterly Business Meeting on July 11 is in the process of being installed. We will have security cameras at the doors of the church and the annex so we can monitor the church day and night. The installation should be completed by the end of this month.



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

September 2 - Lord's Supper

September 9 - Laura Kearney

September 16 - Available for Scheduling

September 23 - Available for Scheduling

September 30 - Available for Scheduling

Flowers are needed for September 16, 23 and 30. If you would like to place flowers on any of these dates please contact Carolyn Price - (252) 586 - 3567 or Priscilla Parks - (252) 586 - 4790, priscillaparks@embarqmail.com. When you place flowers in the sanctuary please contact the church office by written note or email - littletonbaptist@embarqmail.com 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 2**, 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 2**, 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)



School is in full swing. Church members and friends are involved in fall activities. Farmers are beginning to harvest their crops and days are growing shorter. One activity that is done once a month is the Littleton Area Churches Together Serving (LACTS) Food Pantry. Your help is needed on Friday, **September 28** from 9:30 A.M. – 12:00 noon to help provide prayers, food and smiles to families that need assistance with meals. Participants are given a bag or box of groceries that will feed their family a breakfast, lunch and supper for a day. I would love to see you that day in the basement of Littleton United Methodist Church. Come and join the fun and fellowship.

Thank you for being a mission minded church that is will to help those close and far. We are the hands, voice and feet of God when we do his will.

Melinda Harris
Missions Committee Chairperson

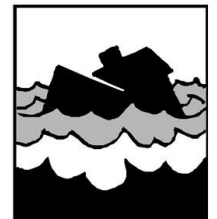


Hope you will join us for our annual church picnic on Sunday, September 2, at Sid and Betty Anne Shearin's restored farm on Bowers Road. If you have family or friends spending the holiday weekend with you, please bring them with you to the picnic. There will be games like corn hole, ping pong, badminton, etc. and the Lego and bubble tables for children. You can fish in the ponds and/or walk the trail. The dinner bell will ring about 5:30 P.M. but come earlier so you can enjoy all the festivities! Master Chef David Tripp will have his grilling machine to cook the hot dogs and hamburgers. Bring your lawn chairs and join us for a great time of Christian Fellowship and food! It is a great way to end the summer season. 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.**



OUR CHURCH SUPPORTS BAPTISTS ON MISSION



During the first week in August members of our church helped NC Baptists on Mission with rebuilding Lumberton from the floods caused by Hurricane Mathew. Our church team worked in a church trimming, painting, and installing doors. We were blessed when a church member visited and had prayer with our crew. Our church group invited a Methodist group that was working on a house across the road from the church to have lunch with us and the fellowship was wonderful. See the work that was done on the blog <missiontripadventures.blogspot.com>.

The NC Baptist Men have been helping rebuild homes with flood victims from across NC since Hurricane Mathew struck NC in October 2016. The Lumberton site will close in December and so Baptists on Mission groups will try to complete 23 jobs by then. In the meantime floods struck Manteo, NC a few weeks ago and the Baptists on Mission will be assisting people recovering from the flood in September when the waters recede.

The peak of the hurricane season is coming up soon so be in prayer for the Baptists on Mission as they try to spread Christ's love and give hope to the victims. Thank you for your gifts, prayers and participation.

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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 (9 yrs) 9 Sheryl West 13 Betty Blanton 13 J. C. Skinner (12 yrs.) 15 Anna Council (2 yrs) 15 Earl Spivey 21 Virginia Johnston 28 Debbie Sineath 29 Neva Lopez 30 Kent West	6 Greg & Beverly Fussell (59 yrs) 28 Jay Koeph & Joyce Morrow (32 yrs)	2 Kay Tripp/Paula Burton 9 Chris Skinner/Sara Council 16 Betty Blanton/Billy Blanton 23 Elizabeth Hockaday/Melinda Harris 30 Suzanne Pearce/Mary Spivey
		<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
		Perry Myrick