

# 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

### **"And in conclusion..."**

When "Pastor in the Interim" is your title, you know that, built in, there will be an ending to the experience. We've done this before - no surprise. The one thing is that you are never prepared for how much you will grow to love the church family. Betty and I knew that this was a special church because of the way you treated Uncle Herbert & Aunt Ruth during the 70's. Little did we know that, even today, that is just who you are. What a blessing it has been for us to spend this part of our lives in this place among you.

On Monday morning, after "Pastor Appreciation Day," Betty and I sat down in our den to carefully read your delightful cards with those beautiful flowers as background. It was a very special time, as we remembered each one of you, and what you mean to us. Because your cards are "keepers," they will be re-read in time to come. Thank you for everything.

The first Sunday in December will be a great day for you and Rev. David Little. As I have shared with him, he could not be coming to a better church to begin his pastoral ministry. You will have a pastor on the field. You will see him grow as a pastor, and he will be doing many things for the first time. How exciting that will be for him and for you. He will learn how fortunate he is to have Rev. Mike Currin as a friend and resource. Betty and I are excited for David and for you as you move forward together.

William Barclay, in his commentary on Philippians writes the following:

*There had grown up between Paul and the Philippian Church a bond of friendship closer than that which existed between him and any other Church.*

In Philippians 1:3-4, Paul speaks from his heart when he writes:

*I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy . . . (NIV).*

In conclusion, Paul's words are our words to you.

Your *Pastor in the Interim* and always your friend,

*Tom*



# NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i> 9:30 Flu Shots 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship  7:00 Deacon's Mtg	<i>5</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> 8:30 Exercise  6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> 8:30 Exercise  5:30 John 3:16 Banquet	<i>10</i>
<i>11</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Homecoming Worship 12:00 Homecoming Meal  	<i>12</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> 8:30 Exercise  6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>15</i>  Hurricane Florence Recovery Trip	<i>16</i> 8:30 Exercise  Hurricane Florence Recovery Trip	<i>17</i>  Hurricane Florence Recovery Trip
<i>18</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship  7:00 Community Thanksgiving Worship Service	<i>19</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>  No Choir or Prayer & Bible Study	<i>22</i>  	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>
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Our Christian sympathy is extended to:

Thad & Melinda Harris in the death of his sister-in-law, Carol Harris  
Priscilla & Charles Parks in the death of her brother, Horace Davis  
Barbara Topping in the death of her brother & Brenda Hudson, Mary Spivey,  
Betty Neville, Kent West & Phillip West in the death of their uncle, Gid Hamlet



As I am writing this, I am sitting on my back porch on a beautiful autumn day! I am thinking about all the things I am thankful for in my life. The list is very long, so I won't bore you with them!

I am very thankful that God sent Tom and Betty Bodkin into my life several years ago. They became official members of the Burrows family while they were in Warrenton. They were there for the family when Daddy died and when Mama had her falls. They celebrated many joyous occasions with us, as well.

I am thankful to have worked with Tom during the past 22 months. It's been a joy. It's also been nice to have Betty's musical ability, too! They have been a blessing to LBC and they are a blessing to anyone who has the chance to meet them!

It's sad for me to "let them go." Anyone who has ever known them are affected in such a wonderful way. They bring happiness wherever they go. I am looking forward to having some lunch dates in Raleigh. So, this is not good-bye, but rather it's a chance to say, "See you later!" I love you both and wish you all the happiness in the world!

*Laura*



DEACON'S MEETING

Deacons will meet on Sunday, **November 4**, at 7:00 P.M. in the Annex Conference Room.

SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER



Our church will be sending cards and photos to cheer up people who will be away from home during Christmas. If you know of anyone in the community that have family or friends that will be away from home such as military personnel or missionaries, please give their name and address to Sid Shearin or the church office by **November 25**. The cards will be in the vestibule for you to sign on **November 25, December 2 & 9**. Sid wants to remind everyone you are not allowed to sign for your spouse or children. Everyone needs to sign individually.



### LORD'S SUPPER

On **November 4**, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper during worship. As you leave the service, you will be given the opportunity to contribute to our Fellowship Fund for local benevolence.



Daylight Savings Time ends **November 4**. Be sure to set your clocks back on Saturday night so you'll arrive for Sunday services at the correct time!



## JOHN 3:16 CENTER TOY DRIVE & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The John 3:16 Center will again be doing a Toy Drive for children at Christmas as well as offering an opportunity to sponsor a child for \$100. Each child receives: A complete outfit (including socks, shoes and underwear), 4 toys, including a puzzle or game, a book, hygiene products, meeting with Santa, hot meal and a Bible.

Another option is to support our youth in their project. For many years our youth have collected money and have done the toy shopping for our church members. If you'd like to contribute to the "shopping spree," they will be collecting after the worship service at the door on **November 25** and **December 2**. Your support of these projects will be greatly appreciated by our youth, the center and the children who receive your gifts. We'll be shopping on **December 2**, and we thank you in advance for your support.

The Center could really use your help with several volunteer opportunities! (For more information or to sign up to help call the Center at (252) 586-1800.)

- Help by answering the phone & welcoming/directing families applying for the program in November.
- Shop with Shannon for mostly the clothing and shoes for specific children (more people with carts and lists means she can get more done in fewer trips).
- Parents will have the opportunity to choose the presents for their children this year. Volunteers are needed to "shop" with the parents in the store that will be set up at Littleton United Methodist Church December 13 - 20. Volunteers need to sign up for at least a two hour period on one or more of these days and need to attend orientation at The John 3:16 Center.
- Wrap presents/help set up for the parties December 13 - 20.
- Assist with parking, serving food, assisting Santa, mingling with the families, etc. on Saturday, **December 22**.



## Alert! Alert! Alert!



In just another month our LBC will transform into a beautiful place of worship. Chrismon Tree, garlands and candles in the windows, and wreaths on the doors. All to help us celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I was reminded recently that Christmas is only eight weeks away. Oh my, how time is flying!

We plan to place poinsettias in our beautiful church the first Sunday in December. We do not have prices yet, but we will inform you as soon as we have them. Please let us know if you wish to order for Christmas. It is not too early. Contact Carolyn Price - 586-3567, Priscilla Parks - 586-4790 or Kay Tripp, Church Secretary - [littletonbaptist@embarqmail.com](mailto:littletonbaptist@embarqmail.com) or leave a message at (252) 586-5330.

## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE



Our Community Thanksgiving Service will be Sunday, **November 18**, at Littleton United Methodist Church at 7:00 P.M. The ecumenical service will feature special music, and Rev. Jason DuVall, Associate Pastor, UMC Lake Gaston Charge will present a sermon giving thanks to God for his goodness. You will also have the opportunity to donate a food and/or money offering to support our local hunger needs during the holidays with food resources.



Littleton Baptist Church is proud of our heritage and faith, and once again we will have the opportunity to celebrate this heritage with Homecoming. This year will mark 145 years of ministry and service to the community of Littleton. This will be celebrated on Sunday, **November 12**, at 11:00 A.M. We will be honored to have Mike Crawley as our speaker.

Plan now to join us for this special day in our church. A covered dish meal will be served Homecoming Style after the service!

# Come to Me

I WILL GIVE YOU REST

MATTHEW 11:28



**Baptist Children's Homes**

ANNUAL OFFERING 2018

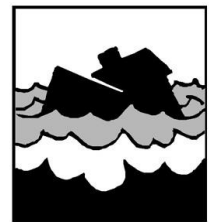
Each year, North Carolina Baptists show their love and support for children by participating in the annual Thanksgiving Offering for Baptist Children's Homes. Without you, and North Carolina Baptists throughout the state, it would be impossible for Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) to offer compassionate homes and ministries where children can come and find a place of hope and peace. Our caring cottage parents and caregivers introduce boys and girls to Jesus who says to them, "Come to me...I will give you rest."

Giving to BCH's Annual Offering is not only important in helping to meet the tremendous needs of boys and girls. It's essential! Due to Hurricane Florence, the ANNUAL OFFERING is more vital than ever! You'll find envelopes and more information in your LBC November 4 bulletin.

***Help a child to know Christ's Love!***



**JOIN US FOR OUR  
HURRICANE FLORENCE  
RECOVERY TRIP**



On Thursday - Saturday, November 15 - 17, we will have a team from our church helping tear out houses that were damaged by Hurricane Florence. We need your help! If you cannot be there for the whole three days, just come when you are able. The site has not been determined yet but it will be in southeastern North Carolina so workers will be able to go for just one day. Meals will be provided and if you are able to help more than one day a place to stay will also be provided. Please let Sid or Betty Anne Shearin know when you can work. You will be blessed!

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
1 Tom Bodkin 1 Ann West 2 Priscilla Parks 5 Betty Neville 10 Jim Sineath 11 Mary Virginia Kearney 18 Mary Beth Kearney 20 Harrison West (16 yrs) 20 Arlene Merritt 21 Chris Skinner 22 Bentley Iles (7 yrs) 24 Larry West 25 Thad Harris 28 Brenda Hudson 29 Mary Lois Spivey 30 Andrew Crawley	6 Matthew & Sara Council (8yrs) 7 Sidney & Louise Gibson (53 yrs)	4 Mary Spivey/Earl Spivey 11 Sara Council/Jan Myrick 18 Melinda Harris/Billy Blanton 25 Carol West/Carly West
		<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
		David Tripp