

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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PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

New Years. A new beginning. It is hard to believe that I have already been here a month. It has been such a wild and exciting time. There have been so many events surrounding the Christmas season and I enjoyed celebrating our Savior's birth with such a warm and loving church family. I am still working on all of your names, so keep them coming at me. I promise I will get them!

When the calendar flips to January we also think of new beginnings. It is no different this year. You have a new pastor. I am living in a new town. We are both learning about each other and having a great time. But what now? What do we want to gain from these new surroundings? What do we want to gain from being together as a church?

As we begin this New Year what is our purpose? What is going to be our mission? A lot of people this time of year make New Year's resolutions. I want us as a church to make a New Year's resolution. In my trial sermon I talked about how we should spread God's love and that people will see us by our love. We have to be looking to the future. We have to be looking at what we can do to better serve those that surround us.

That is what I want our New Year's resolution to be. That should be our purpose and mission. Not anything big. But just to love.

I am excited about all the new opportunities that this church brings. You all have been so warm and welcoming and I cannot wait to continue to see this church's ministry grow. I am excited to see what God has in store for us in this New Year and beyond. Nothing changes over night. But I promise that if we remember to always love, then this community will see us. They will know us by our love.

So let the New Year begin. Let the celebrating begin. For it is a brand new beginning for you, for me, and for this church. It is going to be an exciting time. I cannot wait to see what transpires.

Grace and Peace,

David



January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> 8:30 Exercise No Adult Choir or Prayer & Bi- ble Study	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	<i>7</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Quarterly Business Mtg	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>12</i>
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Happy New Year! I think 2018 ended with a bang! We welcomed Rev. Little into our church family, we enjoyed a beautiful snow, and my hard working talented adult choir and our youth presented a very heartfelt Christmas program! What more could I ask for??? Well, I can always remind you that there are empty seats in the choir loft, and yes, we will begin working on our Easter music in January!

I am excited about what 2019 might bring into my life and the life of our church! I want to bring new and exciting specials and also remember the beautiful sacred anthems we all know and love. There are so many types of music that can fill our hearts with love for our Savior! I hope that I can choose songs that will fill your hearts with His love!

Happy New Year!

Laura



To warm our hearts and insides during the cold weeks of January we will be having the second Annual Chili Supper on Sunday, **January 13**, at 5:00 P.M. We are requesting that the Great LBC Chili Chefs contact Betty Anne Shearin if you are available to make chili. Others may bring sides, bread, condiments, or desserts.



Our Deacons will meet on Sunday, **January 13**, at 2:00 P.M. in the church annex.



On Sundays in which inclement weather renders it unsafe to conduct Sunday School and Worship Services, our deacons will contact you if our services are postponed in any way.



LORD'S SUPPER

On Sunday, **January 6**, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. At the conclusion of worship, you will be given opportunity to contribute to our church's Fellowship Fund for local benevolent needs.



Quarterly Business Meeting

Our next Quarterly Business Meeting is Wednesday, **January 9**, at 7:30 P.M. These quarterly meetings are vital to the church and her ministry as we report, discuss, plan and consider the ongoing needs that will strengthen us as the people of God. You are encouraged to be present and to always be prayerful about our church's ministries.



The Mission Committee will meet on Thursday, **January 24**, at 7:00 P.M. in the annex. A BIG THANKS to all that helped with the food pantry last month!



Please be praying for our Children's Carnival to be held Saturday, **April 13, 2019**, at the John 3:16 Center. We need smiling workers and helping hands to make it a great success! It's not too soon to begin collecting new or gently used children's books.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Altar Flowers



The following is the flower schedule for January:

January 6	Lord's Supper
January 13	Available
January 20	Available
January 27	Available

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You to everyone who put poinsettias in Littleton Baptist Church during the Christmas Holidays. They were beautiful and added so much to our worship services. We hope you were able to worship with us during the Christmas Holidays.

It's time to turn the calendar and get ready for a new year in 2019. If you would like to put flowers in the sanctuary during 2019 let us know. Contact: Carolyn Price - (252) 586-3567, or Priscilla Parks - (252) 586-4790, email: priscillaparks@embarqmail.com.

You are Special People and we appreciate all you do to help with the flowers.



DISASTER RECOVERY TRAINING

Disasters have hit frequently the past several years and our church has responded with giving and going to help the victims with the NC Baptist Men. Our church's most recent response was working in Lumberton after Hurricane Florence flooded the area again.

Baptist On Missions is offering training next year in four sections of North Carolina with the closest one in Elizabeth City **February 22 - 23**. Any talent can be used in a disaster like mass feeding, showers, laundry, tear out, child care, etc. You will have safety sessions and understand the organization needed in a disaster. Contact Betty Anne Shearin or go to baptistonmissions.org for details and be a part of spreading Christ's love to folks in great need.



Thanks to everyone who has contributed to our church ministry this past year! Your contributions enable us to minister in numerous ways throughout our community and world. The 2019 offering envelopes are in the vestibule to be picked up and have been prepared for all who contributed in 2018. If you need envelopes for children or if you cannot locate yours, please contact the church office or Kay Tripp, and we will happily provide them for you.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the warm welcome you have given me over the past month. I already feel like a member of your family here. It has been incredible starting during the Christmas season and being able to enjoy this season with each of you. Thank you for your prayers and support during my transition and as I continue to lead this church. Thank you for the financial gift you have given to me. I wish you all the most Merry Christmas and a happy 2019! I look forward to seeing what the new year brings.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. David Little



It has been such a blessing to LBC and the community to have our beautiful Nativity to display each year. We are so thankful that Julian & Indie Parks blessed us with the Nativity in 2008. WRAL Tarheel Traveler, Scott Mason came to LBC in December and interviewed Mr. & Mrs. Parks and former pastor Mike Currin. The story aired on Tarheel Traveler December 13. If you didn't get to watch it you can still view it online at www.thetarheeltraveler.com or wral.com.

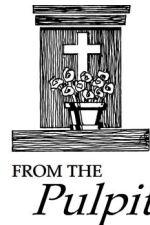
Carolyn Harmon with the Roanoke Rapids Daily Herald also did a story on the Nativity and you can view the photos she shared and the article at rrdailyherald.com.



We have such an awesome, thoughtful & loving church family and we feel so blessed to be part of it. Thank you so much for the financial gifts presented to us for Christmas. Thank you also for offering such wonderful support with the many words of encouragement you share with us all through the year.

Many thanks!

Mike, Laura & Kay



THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

Join us for our Sunday Morning Worship Services

January 6

Come to the Table (Communion)

Isaiah 1:18

January 13

Why Do We Fall?

Matthew 14:22-33

Why Does God allow us to make mistakes?

January 20

Ducks Fly Together

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Unity

January 27

Let's Get Ready to Rumble!

Genesis 32:22-32

Wrestling with God

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
16 Bryant Pitchford 17 Barbara Topping 17 Daniel West 20 Brenda Holloman 24 Mike Conner 25 Jack Mathieson 26 Betty Ann Shearin 28 Sandra Felts	22 Tony & Pam Morris (31 yrs)	6 Sara Council/Josie Myrick 13 Mary Spivey/Earl Spivey 20 Betty Blanton/Billy Blanton 27 Melinda Harris/Sara Council