

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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PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

March is finally here. There are so many things going on in March it is hard to pinpoint what is the most important. You have Daylight Savings Time (SPRING YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD), Spring begins, and even St. Patrick's Day. March is a full month of so many things. Each one of these is important in their own right.

So do I talk about moving our clocks forward? Do I talk about our eternal spring? Or even the luck of the Irish with St. Patrick's Day? Or none of these? For also in March is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent.

Lent is to Easter as Advent is to Christmas. It is the time of the year where we prepare our hearts to remember the cross and the death of Jesus. It is a time to meditate on the things that we have done in our lives that cause us to stumble and fall.

This year on Sunday mornings during the season of Lent we will be taking a look at the I AM statements of Jesus. We will look at each one and how they foretell of what was to come. How they each one tell of the divinity of Jesus and who he is for us in this day. Each one of these statements is crucial to our faith, and it is a fitting time for the season that we will be entering.

So as we begin the season of Lent this year, I want to make a challenge. During the season of Lent it is typical for people to fast, or give something up during this time. But you do not have to. There could be another spiritual discipline you want to focus on. You could maybe focus more on praying, reading the Bible, journaling, meditating, confession, or you could still fast. But I encourage each member of our congregation during this season to participate in one spiritual discipline. Use this time to prepare your hearts for what is to come. Friday, the darkness, is coming. But Sunday, the light, is not far behind.

Grace and Peace,

David



Welcome Spring!

March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 8:30 Exercise	2
3 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Deacon's Meeting	4 8:30 Exercise	5	6 8:30 Exercise 12:00 Lenten Lunch 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	7	8 8:30 Exercise	9
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Our Christian sympathy is extended to:

Catherine West in the death of her husband and Betty Neville, Barbara Manning, Brenda Hudson, Mary Spivey & Kent West in the death of their brother, Philip West Sidney & Louise Gibson in the death of his brother, John Gibson Josephine Myrick in the death of her brother, J. B. Smith



Music has been a major part of my life. When I was seven I didn't have a piano but loved going to my next door neighbor's house, Betty Benton, and play hers! She always welcomed me and didn't seem to mind my "playing." She convinced my parents I needed a piano. Whether she did that because she really thought I might have some musical ability or she just was tired of me playing hers I'll never know! My parents bought my Koehler and Campbell piano from Scott Gardner, Daddy's best friend, who owned Warrenton Furniture Exchange. It was a part of my living room until 21 years ago when I purchased my Baby Grand. It now resides at my brother's house in Warrenton. My niece played some but never really enjoyed it. I will be reminding my brother soon that it is actually still mine and I'll be wanting it to make a new home in Greenville! That is, if Addie has interest in playing the piano. I certainly hope she does because I want my love of music to continue on those same black and white ivories! A piano is not a piece of furniture; it is a way to share beautiful music, well, most of the time!

Happy Spring!

Laura



THE LORD'S SUPPER

On Sunday, March 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 opportunity to contribute to the Fellowship Fund for local benevolence.



FROM THE Pulpit

THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

Join us for our Sunday Morning Worship Services

March 3

I AM the Bread of Life

John 6:35 - 40

March 10

I AM the Light of the World

John 8:12

March 17

I AM the Good Shepherd

John 10:7 - 18

March 24

I AM the Resurrection and the Life

John 11:21 - 27

March 31

I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life

John 14:1 - 7



The Mission Committee will meet on Thursday, March 14, at 7:00 P.M. in the church annex.



FOOD PANTRY

Volunteers

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Spring is in the air. Mission opportunities are blooming. We need you!! Our church will host the Food Pantry on Friday, **March 22**, at the Littleton United Methodist Church. Come join us at 9:30 that morning for a re-

warding time helping others in our community. There is always a need for no/low salt items and diabetic food items.



Please put **April 13** in your prayers and on your calendar for the Children's Carnival at the John 3:16 Center. Plans are being made for a Christ filled fun day for children and their families. We will need your help with games, serving food, welcoming children, parking cars, manning a variety of activities and setting up/cleaning up. New and gently used books are being collected to give to the children. Check your bookshelves, yard sales and book stores for books to donate for the carnival. Your help is also needed by giving two liter drinks to serve during that day. All kinds of drinks are needed - fruit, diet, cola and clear types.

As spring warms our days, may all the opportunities to serve our Lord and Savior warm your heart. Thank you for being a loving, caring church family.



March is here! Spring is just around the corner. We see blooming flowers everywhere, and that makes the flower committee happy.

March is a busy month. Ash Wednesday is March 6th. Daylight Saving time is March 10th. Spring will be here March 20th.

It has been a long, cold, wet winter, and we are ready for Spring.

If you would like to place flowers in LBC during March 2019 let the flower committee know.

Following is the flower schedule for March:

March 3 - The Lord's Supper
March 10 - Reserved
March 17 - Available
March 24 - Available
March 31 - Available

Thank you from your Flower Committee!

Carolyn Price phone: 252-586-3567
Priscilla Parks phone: 252-586-4790, email: priscillaparks39@gmail.com.

Community Lenten Lunch and Devotion Series

Each Wednesday
March 6 – April 10
12:00 - 1:00 P.M.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location*</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
March 6	Littleton United Methodist Church	Rev. David Little Littleton Baptist Church
March 13	Littleton Baptist Church	Rev. Stan Lewis Littleton United Methodist Charge
March 20	Littleton Presbyterian Church at Littleton United Methodist Church	Rev. Sherrie Hofmann Lakeside Lutheran Church
March 27	Roanoke Chapel	Fr. Brian Benton St. Alban's Episcopal Church
April 3	South Street Baptist Church	Helen Burtchell, CLM Lakeside Lutheran Church
April 10	St. Alban's Episcopal Church	Rev. Robert Faulcon South Street Baptist

* *Host church will provide music for each luncheon!*

They begin at Noon and conclude at 1:00 P.M. Each person should bring a bag type lunch. Dessert and beverage will be provided by the host church. The devotion will begin by 12:30 P.M.

Our theme is exploring the moments leading up to the crucifixion from the perspective of those that first witnessed it and asking ourselves the question, "Why would I go to the cross?"

Come as you are and invite someone to join you for a time of community fellowship and devotion!



DEACONS MEETING

Our Deacons will meet following Morning Worship on Sunday, **March 3**, in the Annex.



LBC Spring Cleaning
Friday & Saturday
March 15 - 16
Floating from 9:00 A.M. to
3:00 P.M. each day

Come join the ladies of the church for Spring Cleaning Days!

Have you noticed a messy corner in our church building or yard that you've been wanting to get "a round tuit"? Well, this is your opportunity!! Come, work and have fun and fellowship together. It is okay to only come for 30 minutes, or work for two whole days. There will be brunch foods there to keep energy and spirits high. We will start out each day around 9:00 A.M. with a prayer time, then get going.

Contact Betty Anne Shearin for more information.



Mark your calendar for **July 23 - 27** for a mission trip. Our church will be sending a group to help rebuild houses of hurricane Florence victims. Details will be forthcoming!



Don't forget to set your clock forward one hour on Sunday, **March 10**, so as not to be late for Sunday School!

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
2 Carol West 5 Lowell Lee 9 Connor Pitchford (7 yrs) 15 Sara Council 19 Emily Pulliam 20 Ray Holloman 22 Paula Burton 25 John Skinner 25 Brandon Stansbury 26 Jay Koef 27 Destiny Hilton (6 yrs) 28 Beth King 31 Stephanie Iles	26 Kent & Carol West (25 yrs)	3 Sara Council/Josie Myrick 10 Mary Spivey/Earl Spivey 17 Betty Blanton/Billy Blanton 24 Melinda Harris/Suzanne Pearce 31 Sara Council/Josie Myrick
		<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
		Kent West