

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

Spring is officially here. Hopefully we can say goodbye to all the cold weather and no more snow will even be forecasted. But with spring comes new life. We would learn in school that spring is when new animals are born. We get to see new flowers bloom, and it just looks beautiful outside.

But this April, we have another reason to celebrate new life. For this year, Easter is in April. What better way to celebrate new life than the Easter season. For Jesus came to bring us new life. When he was resurrected he showed that he has defeated death and we no longer have to fear it. What could be better than that?

During worship this month, we will finish up our series on Jesus' I AM statements before transitioning into our celebrations of Holy Week and then the resurrection. There is no better time in the life of the church. There will plenty of opportunities to help us remember what Jesus has done for us.

April 14th will be Palm Sunday. Then on April 18th we will celebrate Maundy Thursday with a celebration of communion and remembering the death of Jesus. This will be a very special service for us as we remember the darkest day of Jesus' life. I hope you can come that night to remember that sacrifice.

I hope you take time this month to remember that sacrifice. Holy Week is truly a powerful week. It begins with Jesus making his triumphal return to Jerusalem. Then on that Thursday he shared his final meal with the disciples before being arrested. Then that Friday he suffered death. Then that Saturday there was silence. Nothing.

I hope you take time this month to remember that silence. Be silent. Remember what Jesus has done for you. Take time to silently meditate. For there was death. But then that Sunday morning Jesus came back to life, giving us new life.

So remember the silence. And then shout for joy! For he is alive in this place! He has given us new life and there is nothing better in this life than that.

Grace and Peace,

David



April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 8:30 Exercise 12:00 Lenten Lunch 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> 8:30 Exercise Youth Super High Retreat - Camp Willow Run	<i>6</i> Youth Super High Retreat - Camp Willow Run
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<i>14</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Adult Choir	<i>15</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir No Prayer & Bible Study	<i>18</i> 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	<i>19</i> 8:30 Exercise 7:00 Good Friday Service at Lakeside Lutheran	<i>20</i> 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt
<i>21</i> 7:00 Sunrise Service 8:30 Outdoor World 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship - Easter Cantata	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> 8:30 Exercise No Adult Choir or Prayer & Bible Study	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 5:30 Youth	<i>29</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study			



The love parents have for a child is truly amazing. The love grandparents have for their grandchildren is amazing, too! But, the most amazing love of all is the love God showed when his son died on the cross for us.

We hope you can join us during worship on Easter morning as the Adult Choir presents, "Amazing Love How Can It Be". There will be times you are asked to join the choir in singing old favorites. There are also songs from Hillsong Worship and Matt Redman that the "younger" congregation members might know. Feel free to sing along any time!

Our Junior Singers will be bringing our special music on Palm Sunday! We always look forward to hearing them! They are pretty amazing, too!

I hope that the songs on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday will remind you that, no matter what we face in life, His love for us remains AMAZING!

Happy Easter!

Laura



Our Deacons will meet following Morning Worship on Sunday, **April 7**, in the Annex.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Get excited about VBS!

The dates for this year's VBS will be **June 24 - 28** from 9:00 A.M. - 12:15 P.M. It will be hosted by Littleton United Methodist Church. Volunteers are needed! Be sure to put these dates on your summer calendar!



THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

Join us for our Sunday Morning Worship Services

April 7

I AM the True Vine

John 15:1 - 8

April 14

Remember

John 12:12 - 19

Palm Sunday

April 21

Easter Cantata

April 28

Believing is Seeing

John 20:24 - 29

What it truly means to walk by faith and not by sight



QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Our next Quarterly Business Meeting is Wednesday, **April 10**, 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.

COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCH AND DEVOTION SERIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location*</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
April 3	South Street Baptist Church	Helen Burtchell, CLM, Lakeside Lutheran
April 10	St. Alban's Episcopal Church	Rev. Robert Faulcon, South Street Baptist

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

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



**SPRING MISSIONS INITIATIVE
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
April 12 & 13, 2019**

On **April 12** at 9:00 A.M. we will begin set up for the Carnival. All volunteers should meet at the church.

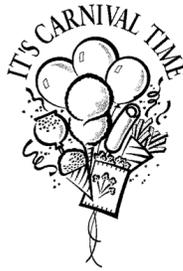
On Saturday, **April 13**, Littleton Baptist Church will host this Spring Missions Initiative Children's Free Carnival. The event begins at 8:30 A.M. with breakfast in our fellowship hall.

Please be in prayer for this "**BIG EVENT**".

Goodie Bags will be provided for each child.

A Health Screening will also be a part of this event which will include cholesterol, blood pressure, and blood sugar checks.

Volunteers are essential to the success of this mission. If you have not signed up yet we will still be able to use your help! Please come help us!



FREE KIDS CARNIVAL
John 3:16 Center
407 East End Avenue
Littleton, North Carolina
Saturday, April 14, 2018
11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.



Face
Painting



**Preschool Games, Crafts, Bounce House, Face
Painting, Health Screenings for Children and
Adults, Free Hot Dogs, Drinks, Cotton Candy,
Popcorn & Goodie Bags**





MAUNDY THURSDAY - Join us on Maundy Thursday, **April 18** at 7:00 P.M. in the sanctuary as we celebrate the Lord's Supper and meditate upon our Lord's last hours with his disciples.

GOOD FRIDAY - Lakeside Lutheran Church invites our congregation to participate in a special Good Friday Service, **April 19**, at 7:00 P.M.

EASTER EGG HUNT - All children 6th grade and under are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, **April 20**, at 10:00 A.M. Participants will meet in the fellowship hall for an Easter message, craft & snack. The Egg Hunt will follow on the church grounds. Children may be picked up at 12:00 noon.

SUNRISE SERVICE - This year our Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 7:00 A.M. on **April 21**, at the rear of our church near the three crosses that have been constructed there. We hope to make this a witness to the community and invite others to join us. A fellowship breakfast by our Mission Committee will be served inside the fellowship hall immediately following the service.

OUTDOOR WORLD - Mike Crawley will be leading an Easter Morning Service at Outdoor World at 8:30 A.M. Pray for this special opportunity for outreach and worship.

EASTER WORSHIP - Join us on Easter, **April 21**, at 11:00 A.M. as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord through worship and our Adult Choir's presentation of the cantata "*Amazing Love How Can It Be*"



April is here! Spring has sprung. It is time to start thinking Easter and Easter Lilies for our sanctuary as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Easter is April 21st this year.

If you would like to place an Easter Lily in our sanctuary please let us know as soon as possible! The price is \$10.00 for a single stem. Make your check payable to Littleton Baptist Church and label it - Easter Lily.

Please bring your order, check or cash to a member of the flower committee, church office or mail it to P.O. Box 216, Littleton, N.C. 27850.

Let us know if your lily is in memory of your loved one or in honor of someone special .

You are special people and the flower committee THANKS YOU for your help with flowers. We could not do flowers without your help.

Thank you from your Flower Committee!

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
1 Billy Pearce 8 Jan Miller 9 Wyatt Pegram 12 Claude Lynch 20 Casey Myrick 25 Nicholas Coffman (14 yrs) 27 Caitlyn Phillis (6 yrs.) 27 Suzanne Pearce 27 Til Tremper 28 Laura Kearney	8 Lee & Jan Myrick (40 yrs) 10 Jimmy & Laura Kearney (37 yrs) 10 Jack & Virginia Tant (71 yrs) 15 Billy & Suzanne Pearce (47 yrs) 22 Bryant & Nichole Pitchford (13 yrs) 23 Larry & Sheryl West (28 yrs)	7 Chris Skinner/Hannah Skinner 14 Carol West/Carly West 21 Sara Council/Matthew Council 28 Amanda Coffman/Bob Thomson
		<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
		Roman Martinez