

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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IN MEMORY

Mr. Roy Spain

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16*

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

2019. Another year has come and another year has gone. 2019 was such a wonderful year. It was full of so many memories. As the new year begins, I ask you to look back on 2019. What were some of your favorite memories? What were some of those moments that you know you will always remember? But then what were some of those bad moments? What were some of those times that you wish you could go back and change just one thing?

Well, we do not have a time machine. We cannot go back and change the past. But what we can do is keep moving forward. So we welcome in 2020. A fresh new start. The slate is clean. 2019 was yesterday. It is now time for 2020.

As you look ahead to 2020, what are some things you want to do differently? What are some things you want to stay the same? Sometimes we have no control over these things. But it is important that as we begin a new year, we stop and consider where we are at in our lives.

Some people would say it is time to make new year's resolutions. Well this year, I say do not make those. Don't worry about new year's resolutions. This year, just ponder where you want to be at in 2021.

As Christians, we should always be striving to do better. We should always be striving to want to grow more in our faith. So as we look ahead, how can you do this? How can you personally grow stronger in your faith? How can you help your family grow stronger? We should always be striving to make our relationship with Christ deeper.

So this year, do that. Every choice you make this year, make it so that your relationship with Christ grows stronger. That your faith will deepen. And that your family's will too. If your choices this year reflect that, then 2020 will be another fantastic year.

Grace and Peace,

David



January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> 8:30 Exercise No Adult Choir or Prayer & Bi- ble Study	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>4</i> 10:00 Remove Christmas Deco- rations
<i>5</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Deacons Mtg	<i>6</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Quarterly Business Mtg	<i>9</i> 7:00 Mission Committee Meeting	<i>10</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Church Council Mtg 5:00 Youth 6:00 Chili Sup- per	<i>13</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>18</i> 2:00 Barbara Topping Birth- day Celebration
<i>19</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	<i>20</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Youth	<i>27</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> 8:30 Exercise	



Happy New Year! It doesn't seem possible to say that we have reached 2020! It seems like yesterday that I was writing about the year 2000! I look back and think about how much has changed in 20 years and things will continue to change.....as it should! I just wish it would slow down a little!

Jimmy and I are especially looking forward to May, 2020! We are going to become grandparents once again! Emily and Nick are expecting a little boy! So now, you will not only be hearing about Addie in my newsletter articles but also our little grandson!

January is a great time to come join the choir! We will be starting on some new music as well as old favorites! If you love singing and love serving God please come join us! You won't regret it!

Laura



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 5**, 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 8**, 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.



To warm our hearts and insides during the cold weeks of January we will be having the second Annual Chili Supper on Sunday, **January 12**, at 6:00 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.



The Mission Committee will meet on Thursday, **January 9**, at 7:00 P.M. in the annex. A **BIG THANKS** to all that helped with the food pantry last month!



Our Deacons will meet in the annex on Sunday, **January 5**, following Morning Worship.



The youth had a wonderful Christmas party. They had some great food, played white elephant with some fun results, and played several holiday themed games. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship during this Christmas season.



Church Council will meet in the annex following Morning Worship on Sunday, **January 12**.

The youth will have bible study on **January 12** and **26** this month. The next big youth event will be **February 2** at 6:00 P.M. for our annual Youth Super Bowl Party.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Altar Flowers

The flower committee just wants to say THANK YOU to everyone who put poinsettias in Littleton Baptist Church to celebrate the Christmas Holidays or helped with the greenery. The church was absolutely gorgeous due to the wonderful generosity and beautiful hearts of our congregation! It added so much to our worship services. We hope you got to worship with us during this special time.

It's time to turn the calendar and begin a wonderful new year, 2020! If you would like to put flowers in the sanctuary during the 2020 year, just let us know.

Contact: Sandra Lynch at 252-578-3495 or sandralynch337@gmail.com,
Kay Beaver at 252-586-2014 or dbeaver10@gmail.com.

Here is the flower schedule for January:

- Jan 5 - Lords Supper
- Jan 12 - Available
- Jan 19 - Available
- Jan 26 - Available

Our congregation is exceptional. We can not thank you enough for you being you! Thanks for always making our sanctuary beautiful with your presence and gifts of beautiful flowers.



Over the past year, we have been working very hard in updating our church's website. (www.littletonbaptistchurch.org) We are very pleased to announce that the update is complete. So head on over and check it out! It has a completely new design, but the same great material. We hope you enjoy it, and we pray it is used as a tool that can help us with outreach in our community.



Happy 2020! Blessing for a year of joy, peace and sharing God's love.

The Children's Carnival will be here before we realize it. Please pray for the carnival and the planning that it takes. Also pray for the children and their families that they will experience God's love during the fellowship, fun and food. **April 18th** will be a busy day for many of us. Please save this date as you just might be asked to help. It is not too early to begin collecting children's books that will be offered to all the children coming to the carnival. All types of books for all ages are needed. The books should be new or in good condition.

As we begin a new year, look for ways to help those around us. Sending a card, making a phone call, sharing magazines or visiting are just a few ideas to get you started. We are God's hands, feet and the only Bible some may ever experience. Be open and read.

Thank You!

Dear Church Family,

What an awesome church family we have here at Littleton Baptist. Over the past year you have shown so much love and support as I have transitioned here as your pastor and then welcomed my wife here. You have made us both feel like family. We appreciate your prayers and your financial gift during this wonderful Christmas season. We have appreciated all the love and support during 2019, and looking forward to a wonderful 2020.

Grace & Peace,

David & Sara



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!

Kay, Laura & Mike



FROM THE
Pulpit

**THIS
MONTH IN
WORSHIP**

Join us for our Sunday Morning Worship Services

January 5

Welcome Back Roarin' 20s

1 Peter 1:3 - 9

Communion

January 12

Church Choices

Hebrews 10:23 - 25

January 19

Be Still

1 Kings 19:11 - 13a

Listening for God's Voice

January 26

Roarin' Like a Lion

Daniel 6:16 - 23



You are invited to a

90th

Birthday Celebration

honoring

Barbara Hamlet Topping

the 18th of January

from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Littleton Baptist Church

Fellowship Hall

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Littleton, NC 27850

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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 (32 yrs)	6 Sara Council/Josie Myrick 13 Brenda Hudson/Mary Spivey 20 Carly West/Hannah Skinner 27 Sara Council/Sara Little