

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

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 Daylights 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 we have 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 following along with Jesus on his journey to the cross. There were so many stops along the way once Jesus turned to face Jerusalem. So let us journey with him as he followed the road to his certain death. Follow along all the way to his entry into Jerusalem.

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



March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Deacons Mtg.	2	3	4 8:30 Exercise 12:00 Lenten Lunch 6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	5 7:00 Mission Committee Mtg.	6 8:30 Exercise	7
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Have you ever wondered who sang the first song or who hummed the first tune? Was it the flowers? The waves or the moon? Ellie Holcomb gives you the answers in her children's book, **WHO SANG THE FIRST SONG**. She reveals in the book that God our Maker sang the first song, and He created us all with a song to sing.

This is one of Addie's and my favorite books. Not only is it a wonderful book to read together, but, it also has a music CD to go along with the book. We love singing along with the CD in the car and she does love to sing! If you are ever in need of a gift for a new baby or a child this is definitely worth giving!

One little Addie note to share. Sunday, after the Valentine's lunch, we were playing the organ together. As we were finishing up she grabbed me by the neck and said, "Lolly, this is the best day ever! Thank you for bringing me to this place!" I hope we all feel the same way!!!

Laura



Our Deacons will meet following Morning Worship on Sunday, **March 1**, in the Annex.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Maintenance Committee will meet on Sunday, March 15 following Morning Worship. Members of the Committee are: Mike Blanton, Chairperson; Roman Martinez, David Tripp, Sidney Gibson, Jeff Burton, Kent West, Clyde Johnston, Jimmy Kearney & Bryant Pitchford.



The Mission Committee will meet on Thursday, **March 5**, at 7:00 P.M. in the church annex.



Don't forget to set your clock forward one hour on Sunday, **March 8**, so as not to be late for Sunday School!



THE LORD'S SUPPER

On Sunday, **March 1**, 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.



THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

Join us for our Sunday Morning Worship Services

March 1

Beginning of the Journey

Luke 9:51

First Week of Lent - Communion

March 8

Come to Me

Matthew 19:13-15

Second Week of Lent - Youth & Children Sunday

March 15

To Know or Not to Know

Matthew 20:17-19

Third Week of Lent - Jesus Predicts His Death

March 22

I Want to See

Mark 10:46-52

Fourth Week of Lent - Jesus Heals Bartimaeus

March 29

Jesus' "Short" Story

Luke 19:1-10

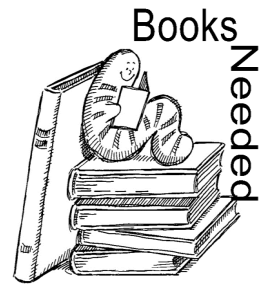
Fifth Week of Lent - Zacchaeus



FOOD PANTRY *Volunteers*

MISSION MOMENTS

March means more daylight, more warm days, more time outdoors. Enjoy spring as it begins to blossom and bloom. Get out and visit a neighbor, shut-in or friend. Take a walk with a child and listen to them as they share their thoughts and ideas about our world. Enjoy the Lenten lunches as we prepare our hearts



Books
Needed

for Easter. Come help your fellow church members as we serve others at the food pantry on **March 27** from 9:30 A.M. until 12 Noon.

April 18 is an important day for our church. The Free Children's Carnival at the John 3:16 Center begins at 11:00 A.M. and ends at 2:00 P.M. Please put this date on your calendar. We need many helping hands, loving arms and caring people. Children's books and soft drinks are needed. Vaughan Baptist Church is helping us again this year. We are excited about their partnering with us. More information about specific times and places will be in the April newsletter.

Thank you for being a loving and caring church.



Time flies! March is here. God's beauty is everywhere. We see the flowers and trees budding. With God's gifts all around us, who can resist smiling and feeling good?

Daylight Saving Time is March 8. Spring begins on March 19.

Also, Easter is approaching. We will be seeing who wants to put Lilies in church in memory or in honor of someone. Information will be forthcoming.

The following is the flower schedule for March:

March 1 - The Lord's Supper	March 15 - Earl & Mary Spivey
March 8 - Available	March 22 - Available
March 29 - Available	

Don't forget about the flower sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the hallway at church. If you would like to place flowers in church, please contact a member of the Flower Committee by phone or email:

Sandra Lynch, (252) 578-3495 or sandralynch337@gmail.com,
Kay Beaver, (252) 586-2014 or dbeaver10@gmail.com.

You can also contact the church office by email: office@littletonbaptistchurch.org.

Our church family is awesome! Thank you for your continued support in helping the sanctuary look even more beautiful.

Community Lenten Lunch and Devotion Series

Each Wednesday
March 4 – April 1

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location*</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
March 4	Littleton Baptist Church	Rev. Sherrie Hofmann Lakeside Lutheran
March 11	TBA	Rev. Stan Lewis Littleton UMC
March 18	TBA	TBA
March 25	Lakeside Lutheran Church	TBA
April 1	TBA	TBA

** 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!



Beginning with our June newsletter, we will be converting to sending our monthly newsletter electronically over e-mail. This is a way to help save the church money in a variety of ways. However, for those who do not have e-mail we will still be sending hard copies through the mail. They are also available on our website.

If you are a member you should have received a letter containing more information about this, plus an update contact information page. We encourage all our members to fill this out so that we can have updated information on everyone.

If you currently are not a member and would like to continue receiving our monthly newsletter electronically please e-mail our secretary at office@littletonbaptistchurch.org. We appreciate your cooperation during this change.



Our youth will meet for regular Bible study and dinner at 5:00 P.M. on **March 8** and **March 22**. Also on **March 28**, the youth will be attending the Carolina Hurricanes vs Pittsburgh Penguins hockey game. We will meet at 9:30 A.M. at the church and stop and eat lunch before attending the game.

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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 (8 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 (7 yrs) 28 Beth King 31 Stephanie Iles	26 Kent & Carol West (26 yrs)	1 Sara Council/Jan Myrick 8 Brenda Hudson/Mary Spivey 15 Sara Little/Carly West 22 Melinda Harris/Sandra Lynch 29 Sara Council/Josie Myrick