

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

It is hard to believe that we have been in quarantine for over 2 months now. But the good news is the state is reopening. We are able to start doing more things. And that also means church. Through the month of June we will still be having church virtually. But the great news is that we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Our target date for our in-person worship will be July 5th. With all of that said, the deacons and church council have a plan in place for how we will re-open. Further in the newsletter you will find our detailed plan of what we will be doing to keep people safe and make sure we are doing everything to keep the church as clean as possible.

The first step that we are taking in reopening our church is that we will be moving our virtual church from 4:00 PM to 11:00 AM beginning the first Sunday in June. This will help in the transition of getting people back to our usual time of worship. This is just a starting point for us.

One thing I do want to note in this section is about the issue of masks. While we will not be requiring you to wear a mask to enter our building, we are heavily encouraging you to wear a mask. If you do not have a mask, we will have some to be given out. Wearing a mask does help in preventing the spread of any germs that you may have to other people. We must remember that the majority of our congregation is in the high-risk zone. So by wearing a mask you will be showing love to them. You will be telling them that you love them. This is following Jesus' commandment: love your neighbor as yourself. We want all of our congregation to feel safe when they come back to worship with us.

Another note I would like to make. I know that many people are still feeling an unease of coming back into crowds again. This is completely understandable. If you feel uncomfortable or are in the high-risk area, we do still encourage you to stay home. If you are feeling sick in any way, we encourage you to stay home. We will still be offering our worship services virtually. Do not feel bad about missing in-person worship for you can still worship with us. We will also continue offering the service on CD for those who do not have internet.


I look forward to July and being able to worship as one body again. Until then I look forward to seeing you all virtually each Sunday morning.

Grace and Peace,

David



June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 7:00 Facebook Prayer & Bible Study	4	5	6
7 11:00 Facebook Worship Service 7:00 Virtual Dea- cons Mtg.	8	9	10 7:00 Facebook Prayer & Bible Study	11	12	13
14 11:00 Facebook Worship Service	15	16	17 7:00 Facebook Prayer & Bible Study	18	19	20
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Congratulations to Nicholas & Emily Pulliam upon the birth of their baby boy, Bennett Judson Pulliam. He was born on May 4. He weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 21 inches long. Congrats also to his grandparents, Jimmy & Laura Kearney, his Uncle Jordan & Aunt Mary Beth Kearney & his cousin, Addie and his great-grandparents, James & Mary Kearney!



Singing! It is something we all love to do whether we can carry a tune or not! We love to hear others sing, too! But, unfortunately singing is one of the worst things you can do in enclosed spaces. I have read several articles on how this spreads germs quickly. It aerosolizes respiratory droplets well. Deep breathing while singing facilitates those respiratory droplets getting deep into the lungs. I'm not sure what this will mean for hymn singing and choir specials, but it is something that we have to consider when we do meet back as a congregation. We want to follow all guidelines and keep everyone safe when we start back to having our church services! We will sing when the Spirit says sing!

Since my last article, Jimmy and I welcomed our new grandson into the world! Bennett Judson Pulliam entered the world on May 4th! He is beautiful! I have also had Addie come stay for a couple of days! And Mama has been doing much better. So good things are still happening in this Coronavirus World!

While Addie was here we were talking about Bennett. My nickname for Addie is Sunshine. I have been calling her that since she was born. My Daddy used to always sing, "You Are My Sunshine" so of course I sang it to Addie a lot and still do! So, I asked her what my nickname for Bennett should be. She thought for a minute and said, "I know Lolly. You can call him Moonshine! We can sing You Are My Moonshine!" Well, what do you think???

Stay well and stay safe! I love and miss everyone!

Laura



Our Deacons will meet virtually on Sunday, **June 7**, at 7:00 P.M. Please pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.



THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

Join us for our Virtual Sunday Worship Services on Facebook Live at 11:00 A.M.

June 7

We Won't Be Shaken

Psalm 62

June 14

You Are My Anchor

Matthew 8:23-27

June 21

Your Favorite Name is Father

Deuteronomy 1:29-31

Father's Day

June 28

Word of God Speak

Hebrews 4:12-13



Our youth will continue to meet virtually over Zoom during the month of June. When the church re-opens we will then gather together in-person.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2020 LBC GRADUATE!

High School

Mary Beth Labrecque - West River Academy



Congratulations to Bryant and Nichole Pitchford upon the birth of their baby girl, Bella Grace Pitchford. She was born on May 21. She weighed 6.5 lbs. and was 20 inches long. Congrats also to her big brother, Connor!

MISSION TRIP FOR REPAIRING HURRICANE DAMAGE

Mark your calendar for **July 28 - August 1**. Our church will be participating in repairing homes damaged from Hurricane Florence. We will be traveling to Rose Hill. Youth (13 and up) are encouraged to go. (Background checks are required for all adults if youth are present.) Volunteers can come part of the week if their schedules do not allow them to work the whole week. Medical forms (and permission slips for youth) will need completing. Contact Sid Shearin for more information.



Our Deacon Board and Church Council have been hard at work planning for our church re-opening. We have decided to set July 5, 2020 as our target date to resume services in our church sanctuary. This opening is subject to change due to the status of the coronavirus.

We will be taking many precautions when we first get together and ease back into normalcy as we feel it is safe. We understand that some of these things might be inconvenient. Our prayer is that these precautions will keep our church body as safe as possible. Please consider each one of these as we prepare for indoor church services. With our church needing more cleaning, if you are able to find any hand sanitizer or disinfectant wipes and would like to donate them to the church, it would be greatly appreciated.

The following are precautions our church will be making:

1. The sanctuary and fellowship hall will be disinfected before each service.
2. We will have masks available for all people and encourage them to be used.
3. Hand sanitizer will be available in many locations throughout the church.
4. Sunday School will be in the fellowship hall with chairs spaced at a safe distance.
5. There will be no nursery for the time being.
6. There will be no bulletins.
7. Deacons will be seating people in the sanctuary at a safe distance.
8. Offering plates will be located near the doors so people can give their tithe as they enter or exit the church.
9. Congregational singing will be suspended for a while. The choir will also not be singing. The choir special will be an instrumental by Laura or a soloist.
10. We will not have our normal greeting time.
11. Children will remain with their family during the children's message.
12. A "prepackaged communion box" will be available for people to pick up as they enter the sanctuary on Communion Sunday.
13. At the close of worship we will dismiss people by rows and encourage people to visit each other outside. The doors will be open so no one will have to touch handles.
14. If you are sick or are uncomfortable attending, please do not feel bad. We will continue Facebook Live and mailing out CDs of our worship services.



Congratulations to Andrew & Madison Crawley upon the birth of their baby boy, Davidson Ronald Crawley. He was born on May 7. He weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 21 inches long. Congrats also to his grandfather, Mike Crawley.



What could be better than a birthday party? Oh! A parade with all the people passing by. It sure was a surprise! But I have lived a long time and I have seen you, you, and you do so many things, why would I be surprised? You have always risen to the occasion and that's why we do it all at Littleton Baptist Church. Thanks for sharing your day with me. It meant so much to see your faces and smiles.

Maybe it won't be long before we can worship and eat cake & ice cream together. I miss you, you, & you!

Love,

Josie Myrick



What a beautiful spring we have had to stay at home and enjoy our family, home and surroundings. My prayer for you is peace, health, and courage to continue through these different times with grace and a sense of humor. Fear has no place in our lives when it keeps us separated from God. Our trust in His grace and guidance is the grandest comfort we can have.

Even though many of our Mission projects are on hold or canceled, we still have many opportunities to serve our Lord. Please continue to pray for our pastor, David Little, our church staff, deacons and leaders as they work to reopen our church and keep everyone safe. Telephone calls **DO NOT** send any viruses or germs but do send caring, love and smiles. Make some phone time and call a family member, friend and/or neighbor and spread some of God's love. Call the John 3:16 Center, 586 - 1800, and ask what they need. Remember our church and continue to send your tithes and love gifts. Our church has many ongoing expenses and needs as we continue to reach out to our near and far community.

Pray for our growing families as their new babies are born and begin their new lives. Pray for our children and youth as their lives have been altered and a new 'normal' rules their lives. Pray for our young adults as they care for their families and try to keep everything as normal as possible. Pray for our middle and older adults as they adjust to changes and isolation from those they love. Pray for each other. Pray for our country and its leaders. Pray for those that provide health care and guidance. Pray for essential workers, small business owners and those without work. The list goes on and on. **PRAY!** As we move toward reopening communities, enjoy each and every day. We may be the only hands, feet, and smiles of God that others see. Keep positive.

JOHN 3:16 CENTER

John 3:16 Center is adapting programs to go virtual! We are creating content for our YouTube Channel for both Wired for Success afterschool and camp! If you would like to share a word of encouragement to our kids, please make a 20 second recording of your message and send it to us for consideration to be one of our "commercials"! It can be as simple as "Hi, this is Sally Smith from Littleton Baptist Church. We're praying for you and want you to know God loves you!"...or you can be creative! Send your submission to: Shannon Polk, spolk@john316center.org, our Community Relations Manager.

We are currently evaluating the possibility of offering in-person programming, with adjustments made for the safety of the children, the staff, and any volunteers, as well as family members. We will have more information about that and other summer programming, such as Stock the Classroom, in June. Please pray for wisdom and discernment for our staff and board as decisions are made.

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>
2 Sidney Gibson	5 Dale & Carol Meyer (44 yrs)
3 Adelyn Kearney (4 yrs)	6 Lowell & Virginia Lee (66 yrs)
3 Daley Ross	7 Jim & Monica Phillis (12 yrs)
12 David Tripp	8 Thad & Melinda Harris (51 yrs)
15 Monica Phillis	10 Michael & Megan Conner (14 yrs)
16 Hannah Skinner (15 yrs)	14 Roman Martinez & Neva Lopez (17 yrs)
16 Connie Turner	15 Claude & Sandra Lynch (40 yrs)
16 Patrick Pegram	27 Jimmy & Sandra Felts (28yrs)
21 Sonny Walker	30 Ray & Brenda Holloman (52 yrs)
24 Amanda Coffman	
25 Megan Conner	
25 Perry Myrick	
26 Sarah Neville	
27 Ryan Hockaday	
30 Wyatt Iles (6 yrs)	
30 Betty Bodkin	