

# 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. Willie Seth "Billy" Pearce, Jr.**

*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

**WE'RE BACK!!!!!!** I am so excited to announce that beginning July 5<sup>th</sup>, we will finally be back in person and worshipping under one roof. This has been a long time coming, but it has been a journey filled with prayer and discernment. The decisions that have been made over the past several months were not easy at all. But they came through many people coming together and prayer.

I would like to take my time here to thank everyone who had a hand in making many of these decisions. I would not have been able to make the decisions without your help. Our Deacon Board and Church Council deserves a lot of credit for their leadership during this time. When you see them in worship please give them a wonderful thank you. They truly do deserve it. When they signed up this year to serve, they had no idea they would be leading our church through a pandemic. But they took up the task and served well beyond expectations. They truly let God guide them in the decisions that they made. I am thankful that they said yes to God when they did.

As we begin worship in the month of July, we will be continuing our summer music series in a very special way. I understand many people missed being able to gather together as a church body for two very important holidays. Those holidays were Good Friday and Easter. Well this July, along with Christmas in July, we will be remembering these two holidays. This will allow us to come together and remember the death to resurrection of Jesus as a gathered body.

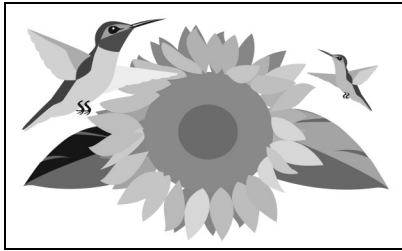
We will also celebrate our high school graduate, Mary Beth Labrecque. She will be attending Edgecombe Community College, hopefully beginning in August. She plans on studying to be an Esthetician. We look forward to finally celebrating with her and her family on this major accomplishment.

We will continue broadcasting our services over Facebook Live as this will become a permanent ministry of our church. This will be a way for church members who are not ready to come back or those who have moved to still view our service. But it can also be a tool that will allow those from all over to view our worship services.


As we come back, please do be mindful of the list of precautions that are listed later in the newsletter. Our first Sunday will be communion as we remember the death of Jesus. We will be serving through pre-packaged communion cups which you can pick up as you enter the sanctuary. I cannot wait to see you all and rejoice and worship with you once again.

Grace and Peace,

*David*



# July 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  7:00 Virtual Prayer & Bible Study	2	3	4   Independence Day
5 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	6	7	8  7:00 Quarterly Business Meet- ing	9	10	11
12 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship  5:00 Youth	13	14	15  7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	16	17	18
19 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	20	21	22  7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	23	24	25
26 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship  5:00 Youth	27	28	29  7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	30	31	



Congratulations to Matthew & Sara Council upon the birth of their baby boy and Claire & Anna on the birth of their baby brother, Jackson "Jack" Reed Council. He was born on June 1. He weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. Congrats also to his grandparents, Lee & Jan Myrick, great grandma Josie Myrick, Aunt Megan, Uncle Mike, Eleanor, Elin, Emily and Uncle Perry & Aunt Casey.



I'm writing this article on June 18th. The rain has finally stopped and the sun is shining! I am counting down the days until we can be together in God's house once more. Yes, it will be different, but we will be together! And as I said in last month's article, we will resume singing when we feel it is safe. We will bring it back a little at a time. Since we won't be using hymnals for a while, we will perhaps sing a verse of familiar hymns. We won't be able to have a choir for a period of time. It is crazy how much this virus has changed our world. I have told Addie not to use the word "hate" but she keeps telling me that she hates the virus and I don't correct her. I tell her I hate it, too!

The kids and grands were here over the weekend! I found out that our newest little one, Bennett, seems to love music, too! A lot of times it took music and dancing to calm him down. It didn't seem to matter what kind, either! Addie played him songs with her instruments. I played him songs on the piano. And of course our "Alexa" played many different stations, too! Emily said, "Mom, he even likes to hear ME sing!" I hope he continues his love for the beautiful sounds that music can make!

Several people have asked me how Addie did with sharing her Lolly and PaPa! She did great! She didn't seem to mind at all! She did tell me when she left that the next time she came Bennett didn't have to be here!

Stay well and stay safe!

*Laura*



On Sunday, **July 5**, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper during the Morning Worship. It is a special privilege God gives to us as believers to faithfully remember the sacrifice our Lord Jesus Christ made for each of us. As you enter the sanctuary please pick up your pre-packaged communion cup & bread. Additionally, you will be given opportunity to contribute to our church Fellowship Fund for local benevolence.



Since the choir will be taking a summer break during the month of July we will be holding Prayer & Bible Study each Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. instead of 7:30 P.M.



FROM THE  
*Pulpit*

## THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

Join us for our Sunday Morning Worship Services

**July 5**

The Veil Was Torn

Mark 15:25-39

Communion/Good Friday

**July 12**

My Redeemer Lives

Luke 24:1-12

Easter in July

**July 19**

His Name Shall Be

Matthew 1:18-25

Christmas in July

**July 26**

Go Light Your World

Matthew 5:14-16

Graduate Sunday



Regular youth meetings are back! We have tried youth meetings and check-ins through Zoom over the last couple of months, but as of July we will be meeting regularly. We will be meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M. There will be a slight change. For the time being we will not be serving dinner. We will meet for an hour for Bible study and fellowship. We are looking forward to seeing all of you in-person again!



Can you believe it? We get the honor of going to our church building and actually seeing each other. It is so exciting! God is good! The flower committee just wants to say "Hi and WELCOME BACK!"

The schedule for July is as follows:

July 5 - The Lord's Supper  
July 12 - Reserved  
July 19 - Available  
July 26 - Available

The flower sign up sheet is 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 is unbelievable! We can not thank you enough for your continued support in helping the sanctuary look beautiful. We look forward to seeing you real soon!

# **J3:16 Camp Connect**

## **FREE VIRTUAL SUMMER CAMP!**



**FREE Virtual Summer Camp! Open to children in Warren, Halifax and Northampton Counties. Sign up for a week of super fun activities with LIVE online interaction! JOIN us for Zumba with Erica, Cooking Creations, STEM projects, All things Solar with C4EE, Actors Warmup with Lakeland Director John Duvall, Yoga and MORE...**

Once you sign up to join the fun, pick up your camper box FILLED with

**EVERYTHING for the WEEK!**

What's in the box???

- ♦ Daily Activity Pouch with Prayer Journals, recipes and snack!
- ♦ Special Apron and chef's hat!
- ♦ Books and ZOOM Meetup schedule
- ♦ Craft kits
- ♦ S.T.E.M. Project Kit
- ♦ Jump Rope Challenge and Prizes

\* Adding Camper meet-ups in July



### **WHEN:**

**July 6-10—ages 6-8**

**July 13- 17— ages 9-11**

**July 20-24— ages 6-8**

**July 27-31— ages 9-11**

**How do I join the fun?**

Complete application online link:

<https://pdf.ac/hQMOL>

**or call 252-586-1800**

*Working together for you: C.A.R.E./ The John 3:16 Center, Working Landscapes, NC Cooperative Extension, Lakeland Cultural Arts Center, Center for Energy Education, Zumba with Erica, Colors of Yoga*



Though decisions are still more than a month away, it's not too early for each of us to begin to pray. During the month of August our Nominating Committee will be working together to nominate officers and teachers for the new church year. Please be in prayer about these decisions as we seek to discern God's way in these matters.



### MISSION TRIP FOR REPAIRING HURRICANE DAMAGE

Our church is still planning to participate with Baptist on Mission in a rebuild project **July 28 - August 1**. We will help restore homes flooded by hurricane Florence. We will be staying in the operation center in Rose Hill which is a renovated school so there is plenty of room for social distancing. Baptists on Mission has also constructed a campground for RVs with full hook ups. You will be advised if the situation changes. For more information contact Sid or Betty Anne Shearin. Please help us spread Christ's love to those in need.



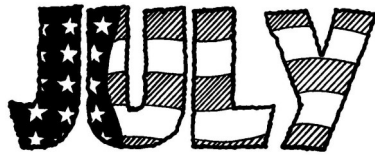
Our Deacon Board and Church Council have been hard at work planning for our church re-opening. We have decided to set July 5, 2020 as our target date to resume services in our church sanctuary. This opening is subject to change due to the status of the coronavirus.

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.

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	
6 Jim Phillis 7 Eric Hockaday 13 Matthew Council 13 Clyde Johnston 14 Nichole Pitchford 17 David Little 17 Bonnie Currin Stallings 20 Josh Hall 21 Collin Merritt (10 yrs) 22 Lee Myrick 25 Ethel Hale 25 Emily Conner (4 yrs) 28 Jimmy Kearney 29 JoAnn Barnard	1 James & Virginia Kearney (70 yrs) 10 Don & Kay Beaver (26 yrs) 14 Earl & Mary Spivey (13 yrs) 19 Sid & Betty Anne Shearin (40 yrs)	