

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

I just want to take a moment to thank our entire church. During these past several months, it has been a challenge for many of you. For those who have been serving on committees, they may not have gone the way you thought they would when you agreed. Some may have had to do a lot more work over the past several months to help our church during this time.

But we will overcome. This too shall pass. As we enter into September, we enter into a changing of the guard so to speak. September is the final month for the current committees, as new committees will take over in October. Some of you may be staying at the same positions. Others may be taking on new roles. So to all those who may be going off leadership positions, I want to say thank you! You have served your church well. To those who are coming into new leadership positions, thank you for being willing to serve.

But in the end, we are here to serve a greater cause. We are all here to serve a great and loving God. It takes an entire church family to do the Lord's work in our church. So again thank you to those who are serving. Thank you to those who are praying for our church. Thank you to those who may be future leaders. It takes us all. So let this month be a celebration of the old and the new.

In worship this month, we will be having communion, looking at our own loyalty to God, and ending the month with a celebration of our deacons, as we say goodbye to two deacons and hello to two new deacons. It is going to be an exciting month. Also this month, Dr. Larry Hovis from CBF NC will deliver our message one Sunday. We look forward to hearing the word that he will deliver from God.

Grace and Peace,

David



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 8:00 Outdoor Exercise 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	3	4 8:00 Outdoor Exercise	5
6 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 7:00 Deacon's Mtg	7 8:00 Outdoor Exercise	8	9 8:00 Outdoor Exercise 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	10	11 8:00 Outdoor Exercise	12
13 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Business Mtg	14 8:00 Outdoor Exercise	15	16 8:00 Outdoor Exercise 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	17	18 8:00 Outdoor Exercise	19
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27 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Youth	28 8:00 Outdoor Exercise	29	30 8:00 Outdoor Exercise 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study			



Our Christian sympathy is extended to

Shorty & Priscilla Parks in the death of his sister, Ola Mae Parks Draper
Mike & Meghan Conner in the death of his mother and Eleanor, Elin & Emily
in the death of their grandmother, Ella Sessoms



I left church today with such a good feeling! Pastor David delivered a message about how we need one another. I looked around at everyone in the sanctuary and thought to myself...we sure do! It was so good to see Lilly, Claire, Anna, and Jack! It brought some kind of "normalcy" to our service!

I was reading an article the other day and it included some jokes. I decided that my article this month would be uplifting! So, I want to share a few of the jokes with you!

How many bees do you need to start a bee choir? A humdred!

How many altos does it take to change a light bulb? None, They can't get up that high!

Why are pirates such good singers? They can hit the high Cs!

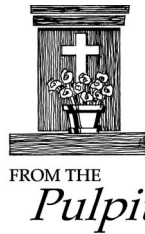
Why did the pianist keep banging her head against the keys? She was playing by ear!

Let's continue our sense of humor! I really think that it will help get us through this crazy time!

Laura



Our Deacon's will meet virtually on Sunday, **September 6**, at 7:00 P.M. Please continue to pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.



THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

Join us for our Sunday Morning Worship Services

September 6

Now What?

Philippians 4:8-9

Communion

September 13

Where You Go

Ruth 1:15-19a

September 20

Guest Preaching

Dr. Larry Hovis

Executive Coordinator of CBF NC

September 27

Serve With Joy

Hebrews 13:17



There will be a called business meeting Sunday, **September 13**, at the conclusion of morning worship. The purpose of the meeting is to receive and vote upon the report of our 2020 - 2021 Nominating Committee.



The Flower Committee wants to thank you for all your efforts to keep our sanctuary beautiful! What a wonderful place to praise our God!

If you would like to place flowers in church in September, please let us know. The dates are as follows:

September 6 - The Lord's Supper
September 13 - Reserved
September 20 - Available
September 27 - Available

Feel free to contact a member of the Flower Committee by phone or email:

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Or the church office -
office@littletonbaptistchurch.org

Thanks again for being you! We are blessed with a wonderful congregational family. Can't wait to see everyone again! Stay safe!

The Flower Committee



The only Sunday the youth will be meeting in September is on the 27th at 5:00 P.M. We look forward as we begin our fellowship meals and Bible study. It has been great being able to be back with each other and building those relationships again. We look forward to being able to have youth outings when they are possible.



Lord's Supper

On Sunday, **September 6**, 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 the opportunity to contribute to the Fellowship Fund for local benevolence.

THANKS
— from the —
HEART

I would like to "Thank You" for your prayers, cards and calls regarding the death of my sister, Ola Mae Parks Draper. This meant so much to me and my family.

You are special friends and we appreciate all you did for me.

Thank you,
Charles Parks



In 2023 our church will be celebrating our 150th Anniversary which could involve a whole year celebration culminating at Homecoming in November. We are asking you to volunteer to be on a planning committee that will start meeting next year. If you would like to help plan our wonderful celebration please contact Mike Currin or Sid Shearin. Join us as we work together to plan this once in a lifetime celebration!



Volunteers are needed at the John 3:16 Center! We need help with our Virtual Afterschool Program to assist students via ZOOM with homework and other activities all from the comforts of your home. If interested please call 252 - 586 - 1800 or see Sara Little.



MISSION MOMENTS

How quickly the summer has gone. School has started in a much different way than in past years. Please pray for the teachers, students and parents that are having to make so many changes in their lives.

Storms are already affecting our state. Windsor, in Bertie County, has been hit again when a tornado destroyed a trailer park. These families lost everything. John 3:16 Center is a collection center for clothes, home items, toys and school supplies.

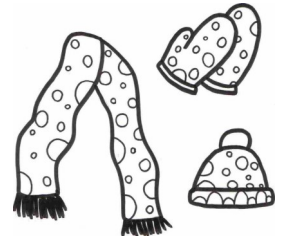
Look around your neighborhood. There are individuals and families that need your smiling voice or even your smiling face in their lives. A phone call or a safe visit (wear that mask) will be much appreciated.

Our church family has been very blessed during this time of uncertainty and isolation. Share your blessings. Continue to count your blessings and remain positive. God is in control and he is always there with us offering comfort and inner peace.

Thank you for being a loving, caring church. We are the hands, feet and arms for our Lord and Savior.



Appalachian Coalfields Christmas Outreach 2020 is a project run by NC Baptists on Mission. Their goal is to collect 18,000 backpacks of items to be distributed to Appalachian children in areas of need. We at Littleton Baptist would like to participate in this ministry this year.



You can help by purchasing a **NEW school backpack** that you will fill with the following items. Right now is a good time to buy backpacks.

You will need to decide and label the backpack with the gender, boy or girl, and age of the child. Choose from ages 4-7, ages 8-10, ages 11-14 or ages 15-17. A piece of paper or tape is sufficient.

- A) Small NEW items of warm clothing** such as winter hats, gloves, socks, scarves, etc.
- B) Small pop-top canned food** such as ravioli, tuna, beef stew, vegetables, fruit (3-4 cans)
- C) At least 1-2 NEW, age appropriate non-breakable toy** (*no toy weapons, please!*) This can include small cars, balls, dolls, small stuffed animals, yo-yos, jump rope, sidewalk chalk, card games, Legos, etc. For oldest age group (15-17) substitute an appropriate item instead of a toy, such as, a flashlight, small thermos, light blanket, books, hunting and fishing magazines for the boys - jewelry, books, skin care products, hair accessories, etc. for girls.
- D) Hygiene items** including full sized containers of toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, and deodorant, as well as toothbrush, soap, washcloth, brush or comb. (*Please fit these items into a one gallon Ziploc bag so they do not leak out into the rest of the backpack*).
- E) Fresh, wrapped candy** (*no chocolate please, as it may melt; and no peanut products*)
- F) A children's Bible** or youth Bible.

These must be collected for delivery no later than **November 1, 2020**. Please contact Melinda Harris or Betty Anne Shearin for more information.

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SEPTEMBER

<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
5 Jimmy Felts 6 Charles Parks 8 Christopher Skinner (11 yrs) 9 Sheryl West 13 Betty Blanton 13 J. C. Skinner (14 yrs.) 15 Anna Council (4 yrs) 15 Earl Spivey 21 Virginia Johnston 28 Debbie Sineath 29 Neva Lopez 30 Kent West	6 Greg & Beverly Fussell (61 yrs) 14 David & Sara Little (1 yr) 22 Jordan & Mary Beth Kearney (8 yrs) 28 Jay Koepp & Joyce Morrow (34 yrs)	No nursery provided at this time
		<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
		Sidney Gibson