

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

Mrs. Annie Lee West Hilliard

*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

February is upon us. This is usually a time where we celebrate love. I know that it has been a difficult time and hard to share the love. But through social distancing, there are still ways we can find to share the love of God. It may be as simple as writing a letter or making a phone call. It could be going to get some groceries for those who are more susceptible to the virus. There are so many ways to share God's love, we just may need to get creative with it this year.

February is a special month as we begin the month with two very special services. We begin with Baptist Men's Day. Mr. Chris Cannady will be our guest speaker. Chris is one of the Center College Residents at Center Church in Charlottesville, VA. He has participated in many mission experiences overseas and we are pleased to welcome him as he talks about those experiences and why missions are so important.

The second special service is our annual "Share His Love" Sunday. This year it falls on Valentine's Day which makes it even more special. And what a way to celebrate and share his love through baby dedication. We have had many families welcome new babies this year, and what a better Sunday to dedicate them into our loving church family than "Share His Love" Sunday. We look forward to sharing this special day with the families and our entire church family.

February also marks the beginning of Lent. This year for Lent we will be walking with Jesus during his final days. Throughout Lent, we will journey through Jesus' last week on Earth, otherwise known as Holy Week. Each Sunday we will look at a different day of that week culminating with Easter Sunday.

We look forward to celebrating these wonderful Sundays. I encourage you this month, as we remember our Men's Sunday, Love Sunday, and the beginning of Lent to find ways to show the love of God to all people. There are so many ways that we can do this, I encourage you to find your own way of doing this. This year has been incredibly difficult, so let us take time to lift one another up and share the love that God has given us to all people.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. David Little



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> 9:00 Exercise	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 9:00 Exercise 7:00 Virtual Prayer & Bible Study 8:00 Virtual Dea- cons Meeting	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> 9:00 Exercise	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> 11:00 Worship Baptist Men's Day	<i>8</i> 9:00 Exercise	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> 9:00 Exercise 7:00 Virtual Prayer & Bible Study	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> 9:00 Exercise	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> 11:00 Worship Baby Dedication 12:00 Soup To Go Lunch 	<i>15</i> 9:00 Exercise	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 9:00 Exercise 7:00 Virtual Prayer & Bible Study	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> 9:00 Exercise	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i> 11:00 Worship	<i>22</i> 9:00 Exercise	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> 9:00 Exercise 7:00 Virtual Prayer & Bible Study	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> 9:00 Exercise	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> 11:00 Worship						



Love....that's a little word with such a big definition! My loves include: family, friends, good food, sitting on my back porch with a good book, and music. It seems like during this past year all of these loves were very important. There were many days where you would find me sitting on my porch with a good book or listening to music or Face Timing with family and friends!

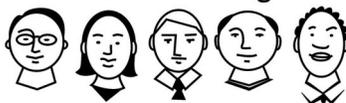
There were things that I love that I could not do in 2020 but am looking forward to hopefully doing in 2021! Some of these include going out to eat with friends, going to The Point on Sunday afternoons to listen to music and dance, socializing, and being with family and friends and not worrying about developing or spreading "the virus."

We all have things that we love to do but were unable to do in 2020. But, there is one love we all share and depend on more than ever....that is our love for Christ. That love will always be there....virus or not!

P.S. Remember as much as you may love our music specials on Sunday morning please hold your applause....they are done for the glory of God! Your love is felt!

Laura

Deacons Meeting



The Deacons will meet virtually on Wednesday, **February 3**, at 8:00 P.M. following Prayer & Bible Study. Please continue to pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.



FROM THE
Pulpit

**THIS
MONTH IN
WORSHIP**

Join us for our Sunday Morning Worship Services.

If you can't be with us at church then join us online for our Virtual Sunday Worship Service on Facebook Live at 11:00 A.M.

February 7

Baptist Men's Day

Guest Speaker - Chris Cannady

February 14

Love Never Fails

Song of Songs 8:6-7

Share His Love Sunday/Baby Dedication

February 21

Monday – The Tables Have Turned

Mark 11:15-19

First Sunday of Lent

February 28

Tuesday – It's a Trap!

Luke 20:1-8

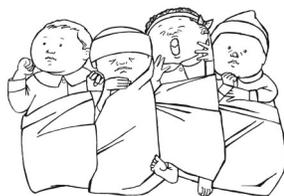
Second Sunday of Lent



**INCLEMENT
WEATHER
POLICY**

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. Remember Pastor Little will give his sermon over Facebook Live that morning!

BABY DEDICATION



On Sunday, **February 14**, during our 11:00 AM worship we will be having baby dedication. Over the past year, we have had a wonderful influx of new life in our church and it is time to celebrate these births. We are so pleased to be dedicating these babies into the life of our church as we call the parents, congregation, and children to pray for and lead these new children into knowing Jesus.

Bennet Judson Pulliam
Jackson Reed Council

Bella Grace Pitchford
Perry Lee Myrick IV.



We are so excited to announce that this year's Baptist Men's Day will be Sunday, **February 7**. The speaker will be Mr. Chris Cannady, cousin of Rev. David Little. Chris is a Center College Resident at Center Church in Charlottesville, VA. He is also one of their worship leaders. Chris is a graduate of UNC Chapel Hill where he participated in many overseas mission experiences. He will be sharing about those experiences with us. If you would like to participate in the service, please contact Pastor David.



Safe and Secure:

“Exceptional Care in Challenging Times”

Making Life for Older Adults the Best of Times

The North Carolina Offering for Older Adults/Week of Prayer emphasis will be held February 7– 14, 2021. The theme this year is, “Safe and Secure: Exceptional Care in Challenging Times”. The goal this year is for \$600,000. Every dollar that is given will help provide care for the frail elderly across North Carolina who have little or no financial resources. To date, approximately 40% of the residents receive benevolent funding.

Baptist Retirement Homes are one of the few organizations in North Carolina dedicated to nurturing senior residents in body, mind, and spirit, and the chaplains in each community are the heart of that ministry.

Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc. operates facilities at the following locations: Brookridge Retirement Community, Winston-Salem; The Taylor House, Albemarle; The Gardens of Taylor Glen, Concord, NC; and Western NC Baptist Home, Asheville.

During February you will be able to contribute to this vital ministry and to engage in faithful prayer for its leaders and their ministry with older adults.



For God so loved the world, that he gave us His son. Our world is in a time when we need to show His love to others. Take a few minutes each day to share God's love with those closest to you and those that seem the hardest to love. A smile and a Hello can brighten someone's day. Even with your mask on your face, a smile shines in your eyes! A phone call, text message, an email let's others know they are important to you. Even while we are trying to stay safe by being apart, we still need each other. What better mission's project can we have than to share God's love each day?

Happy Valentine's Day!

SHARE HIS LOVE SUNDAY



Sunday, February 14, will be our annual Share His Love Sunday. Many things over the past year have been different or have had to be changed in some way. One thing that has not changed is that we are still called to love our neighbor and share Christ's love with others. Because of this, we wanted to still find a way to share our love to our wonderful congregation. So following worship, we will have to-go bowls of soup with to-go desserts for our congregation to pick up and take home to enjoy. This is just a small way we can spread Christ's love.



We would like to thank the congregation for your participation in keeping our sanctuary so gorgeous! The poinsettias at Christmas, Easter Lilies, and all the other arrangements during our other services were beautiful! This is due to our amazing congregational family. The Flower Committee cannot thank you enough for all you do!

If you would like to place flowers in church, please contact a member of the Flower Committee by phone or email:

Sandra Lynch, Chairperson - (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 or a written note to let us know how you want it placed in the bulletin.

There is a flower sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the hallway at church. Flowers are needed for February 7, 14 & 28.

February 7 - Available
February 14 - Available
February 21 - Don & Kay Beaver
February 28 - Available

If you would like to volunteer for one of the Sundays, please let us know. Don't forget to let us know what you want to put in the Sunday bulletin when you sign up for your flower date.

Thank you again! We love our congregation so much! We are blessed!

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>GARBAGE DETAIL</u>
1 Larry Clifton 1 Bob Thompson 11 Don Beaver 21 Louise Barrett 24 Sydney Merritt (8 yrs) 27 Roman Martinez	14 Charles & Priscilla Parks (61 yrs) 17 Julian & Indie Parks (70 yrs)	Jeff Burton