

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

April 1st was always one of my favorite “holidays”. My friends and I would always try pulling harmless pranks on each other. However, for some reason we were always prepared for them. It’s like we knew it was prank day. But that didn’t stop us from trying and having a great day full of laughter.

As April rolls around, I am brought back to those days. The days of joking around with my neighborhood friends. Sometimes we don’t understand how precious those times are, because we all are bound to grow up. Things change, we get older, we get new friends, people move away, and then boom! You’re an adult.

We all have to grow up. And as we enter into April this year, I encourage everyone to look back on their lives. Whether it was 20 years ago or simply 3 years ago, ask yourself, how have I changed? How have I grown? And maybe also ask yourself where do I need to grow a little bit more?

But also, take some time to enjoy life. As adults sometimes we take things SO seriously. Take a day and remember your childhood and enjoy the day. It’s great to take those steps back and realize how much you have grown, but it’s also ok to enjoy life. God didn’t create us to be serious all the time, he created us to enjoy the life he has given to us. So this month, enjoy the time that God has given to each one of us.

As we enter April, we are exiting the season of Lent. On April 2nd we celebrate Palm Sunday, kicking off Holy Week. We will have our special Maundy Thursday Service on April 6th at 7:00 PM. April 9th is Easter Sunday. We will gather for our Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM followed by a light breakfast. Our choir will then present their cantata during our 11:00 AM worship.

But wait! One Sunday isn’t enough to celebrate Easter. So on April 16th, we will celebrate Easter again! Join us that day as we celebrate our risen Lord, AGAIN! On April 23rd we will look at a post resurrection story involving the famous disciple, Thomas. Then on April 30th we will be looking at creation.

It’s going to be a great month in worship, and we look forward to everything God has in store for us. I pray that this month is a time of growth and celebration.

Grace and Peace,

David



April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Deacons Mtg 12:00 Easter Egg Hunt	3 8:30 Exercise	4	5 8:30 Exercise 6:15 Adult Choir No Prayer & Bible Study	6 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	7 8:30 Exercise	8
9 7:00 Sunrise Service 8:30 1000 Trails (Outdoor World) 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	10 8:30 Exercise	11	12 8:30 Exercise 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Quarterly Business Mtg.	13 7:00 Mission Committee Mtg	14 8:30 Exercise	15
16 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	17 8:30 Exercise	18	19 8:30 Exercise 6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	20	21 8:30 Exercise	22
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30 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship						



The Adult Choir will be performing I Know My Redeemer Lives on Easter morning during our worship service. Please join us as we present this heartwarming and joyful musical.

We want to share His story...especially the story of His cross and His resurrection. He could have stopped the painful parade up to Calvary with a word, but He never uttered it. Instead, He opened His arms to the beam, His hands to the nails, and He allowed Himself to be crucified.

Through His death and resurrection, the sacrifice has been made. He penetrated our hearts and changed our lives forever. The debt has been satisfied. Our redemption has been secured. Christ has been raised. Our hope is real. Our future with Him is certain. We know our Redeemer lives!

Happy Easter to all!

Laura



Youth will be meeting only on Sunday **April 23rd** at 5:00 P.M. for dinner and Bible study this month due to Easter.



Young Family Bible Study

Our young family Bible Study will meet on Wednesday **April 19th** at 6:00 P.M. This is a great time for those families with young children to come. There is music, crafts, and a Bible story.



Our next Quarterly Business Meeting is Wednesday, **April 12th**, at 7:00 P.M. These quarterly meetings are vital to the church and her ministry as we

report, discuss, plan and consider the ongoing needs that will strengthen us as the people of God. You are encouraged to be present and to always be prayerful about our church's ministries.



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.

April 2

Hosanna!

Matthew 21:1-11

Palm Sunday

April 9

Easter Sunrise Service

He's Not Here

Luke 24:1-12

April 9

Cantata

My Redeemer Lives

April 16

Risen Everyday

Matthew 28:1-10

April 23

Enduring Faith

John 20:24-31

April 30

In The Beginning

Genesis 1:1-2:1



DEACONS MEETING

Our Deacons will meet on Sunday, **April 2nd**, following Morning Worship.



April is already here! Special thoughts of all Jesus went through for our salvation are running around in our hearts and heads!

The church is decorated with gorgeous lilies in remembrance or in honor of special loved ones. Our church is always so generous! We are blessed!

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary this month, **April 2nd, 16th, 23rd & 30th** are available.

Don't forget about the flower sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the hallway or you may contact a member of the Flower Committee by phone or email: Sandra Lynch, (252) 578-3495, sandralynch337@gmail.com or Kay Beaver, (252) 586-2014, dbeaver@gmail.com. You may also contact the church office by email: office@littletonbaptistchurch.org.

Thank you again for your generous flower donations! Everyone and everything is definitely appreciated!



EASTER EGG HUNT - All children 6th grade and under are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, **April 2nd**, following Morning Worship. The Egg Hunt will be held on the church grounds.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - Join us on Maundy Thursday, **April 6th**, at 7:00 P.M. in the sanctuary as we celebrate the Lord's Supper and meditate upon our Lord's last hours with his disciples.

SUNRISE SERVICE - This year our Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 7:00 A.M. on **April 9th**, at the rear of our church near the three crosses that have been constructed there. We hope to make this a witness to the community and invite others to join us. A fellowship breakfast by our Mission Committee will be served inside the fellowship hall immediately following the service.

1000 TRAILS (OUTDOOR WORLD) - Mike Crawley will be leading an Easter Morning Service at 1000 Trails at 8:30 A.M. Pray for this special opportunity for outreach and worship.

EASTER WORSHIP - Join us on Easter, **April 9th**, at 11:00 A.M. as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord through worship and our Adult Choir's presentation of the cantata.



"We will be receiving offerings for NC Baptist On Mission this month which shares the love of Christ with people going through crisis. Our church has participated in hurricanes, tornadoes and flooding disasters. Even during the pandemic our church delivered fresh produce to Union Mission. NC Baptist on Mission travels outside our boundaries from helping people in Florida after Hurricane Ian to helping refugees from Ukraine. Please help with your prayers and gifts."

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On Saturday, March 18th, several members of the church, including some of our children, gathered at the annex of our church and planted two new trees. Although the trees would be described as sticks, they will one day tower over those who were there. These trees will stand tall as a reminder of all the generations who are now a part of our church and those that will come later. Allow these trees to give shade and be a reminder of our great creator.





Welcome
To Our
Church
Family

We welcome Jim and Lynne Skilton back to our LBC church family. We are so happy they have joined us.

LENT ACTIVITIES



Easter is almost here! Easter is such a special time of the year, especially when we allow the Lenten season to prepare our hearts. Here at Littleton Baptist, we truly embrace this Lenten season. We use this in preparation for the season of Easter.

One of the biggest events of this season is our Lenten Lunches in partnership with the other community churches such as Lakeside Lutheran, Littleton United Methodist Church, Roanoke Chapel, and South Street Baptist Church. It is a time where we gather not as individual churches, but as one church body to remember the death and resurrection of Jesus. We come together for lunch with each host church providing desserts and drinks. Then one of the preachers from the various churches delivers a message. This is a special time in the community as we come together.

2022 also saw a new addition to our Lenten activities with an Ash Wednesday service. Ash Wednesday is the official beginning of Lent. As part of Lenten Lunches, we have always had an Ash Wednesday service. But that year, we decided to have a night service for those who were unable to attend the lunches. That continued this year and will continue through the years.

As the season continues, we come to Holy Week. Palm Sunday has been a special part with the children waving palm branches. On the Thursday before Easter we gather together for Maundy Thursday with a service including communion to remember the death of Jesus. The Saturday before Easter, our children gather for an Easter Egg hunt and to hear a devotion about Easter.

And then we come to Easter morning! Easter morning starts with a sunrise service. And as we know the sun always rises at 7:00 AM here in Littleton. We then have a breakfast hosted by our missions committee. And then the main event! During our 11:00 AM worship time on Easter morning our choir presents their yearly cantata. They sing songs to teach the message of the cross and empty tomb.

Allow us to make these Lenten services a part of our identity, as we enter into the future of Littleton Baptist Church.



MISSION MOMENTS

Happy Easter! What a beautiful time of the year to celebrate our Lord and Savior's gift to all of us. A telephone call, a hand written note or a phone call will brighten someone's day. Always be on the lookout for opportunities to share His love. As we celebrate Easter, remember that we are His hands, feet, and heart here on earth.

Something special is happening on Saturday, **May 20th**. Our Free Children's Carnival will be held at the John 3:16 Center in Littleton, **WE NEED YOU!** Please pray for a rain free day that is full of us giving God's love to the children and their families in our area. Each child will given a Goodie Bag that contains a Bible, toothbrush, fruit cup, school supplies and other items. We are asking for new or gently used children's books for all age children. Two or three liter drinks ar needed. The fruit drinks are popular. We also need you!!! Games, food service, smiles, set-up and clean-up are needed. Come enjoy breakfast that morning, get your job assignment and then enjoy a day with excited, smiling children.

See you there!

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>
8 Jan Miller 9 Wyatt Pegram 12 Claude Lynch 20 Casey Myrick 21 Sara Little 25 Nicholas Coffman (18 yrs) 27 Caitlyn Phillis (10 yrs.) 27 Suzanne Pearce 27 Til Tremper 28 Laura Kearney	8 Lee & Jan Myrick (44 yrs) 10 Jimmy & Laura Kearney (41 yrs) 10 Jack & Virginia Tant (75 yrs) 22 Bryant & Nichole Pitchford (17 yrs) 23 Larry & Sheryl West (32 yrs) 25 Jim & Lynne Skilton (36 yrs)	2 Jan Myrick/Sara Council 9 Melinda Harris/Sandra Lynch 16 Lynne Skilton/Jim Skilton 23 Amanda Coffman/Bob Thompson 30 Paula Burton/Kay Tripp
		<u>GARBAGE DETAIL</u>
		Jeff Burton