

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

We have reached October again. So many wonderful things to enjoy about this month. Baseball playoffs. State Fair. Hockey comes back. Halloween. It truly is my favorite month of the entire year. I could go without it getting colder though, but that is beside the point.

October is also special because it officially begins a new church year at Littleton Baptist Church. Our new committees start. New deacons are in place. So many wonderful things to celebrate. And celebrate we should.

We are only one month away from celebrating our 150th Homecoming. Sometimes celebrations are forgotten. Big stuff, we celebrate. But sometimes it is the little things that are forgotten. But this month, I want us to find those little things that make Littleton Baptist Church so special. Forget being here for 150 years. What makes this church so special?

Is it the fact that you grew up here? Maybe you found a new home here and have fallen in love with the people. Maybe it's our wonderful music. Or maybe it is the simple fact that when you walk into this church you feel God's presence. Whatever the reason that makes this church special, celebrate that fact. Share it with others. Let your church family know why you love worshipping with them every Sunday.

Churches do not make it 150 years because of the big things, it is because of the little things. So let us celebrate! Celebrate everything. It is a wonderful time to be a part of this church family. And to me, you are what makes this church so special. You are the reason that I get excited to come to church. You are the reason I get excited to preach. Because seeing your faces, I see the face of God. Through each one of you, I see how God is working in this place and the community. So thank you.

Now this is the part of the opening article that I talk about what we will be doing in worship this month. However, because worship will look a little different and be just a little unpredictable, I will not be giving you that heads up. But join us for worship. Come and see what God will be doing in this church on Sunday mornings. Because it's the little things that matter.

Grace and Peace,

David



October 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Deacons Mtg | 2 8:00 Exercise | 3 | 4 8:00 Exercise 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study | 5 | 6 8:00 Exercise | 7 2:00 Baby Shower |
| 8 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Hospitality Committee Mtg. 5:00 Youth | 9 8:00 Exercise | 10 | 11 8:00 Exercise 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Quarterly Business Mtg | 12 | 13 8:00 Exercise | 14 |
| 15 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship | 16 8:00 Exercise | 17 | 18 8:00 Exercise 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study | 19 | 20 8:00 Exercise | 21 |
| 22 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship Deacon Ordination 5:00 Youth | 23 8:00 Exercise | 24 | 25 8:00 Exercise 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study | 26 | 27 8:00 Exercise 9:00 Church Work Day | 28 9:00 Church Work Day |
| 29 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship | 30 8:00 Exercise 9:00 Church Work Day | 31 | | | | |



Congratulations to Perry & Casey Myrick upon the birth of their baby boy Caden Edward Myrick. He was born on July 3rd. He weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. and was 22 inches long. Congrats also to his big brother Myrick, grandparents, Lee & Jan Myrick, great grandma Josie Myrick, Aunt Megan, Uncle Mike, Eleanor, Elin, Emily and Aunt Sara, Uncle Matthew, Claire, Anna & Jack.

Congratulations to Jordan & Brandie Kearney on the birth of their baby boy, Ethan Hayes Kearney. He was born on August 21st. He weighed 8 lbs. and was 20 1/4 inches long. Congrats also to his big sister, Adelyn, his grandparents, Jimmy & Laura Kearney, great grandma, Mary Kearney, Aunt Emily, Uncle Nick & Bennett.

Congratulations to Pastor David & Sara Little upon the birth of their baby boy, Lucas Josiah Little. He was born on September 10th. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. and was 20 inches long.



I was reading an article about the importance of the music ministry in the church.

1. Music enhances our connection to God.
2. It's a way of obeying God's command.
3. It teaches and reminds us of the Gospel.
4. Music unites people in church.

Music and church go hand in hand. Without music I think church could be rather gloomy! Listening and singing helps to fill us with warmth and love! So sing out and feel the love of God!

Laura



Our Deacons will meet following Morning Worship on Sunday, **October 1st**. We welcome our two newest deacons, Mike Crawley and Bryant Pitchford. Special thanks to Clyde Johnston & Mike Blanton who completed their terms of service in September. Ordination service for Bryant will be Sunday, **October 22nd**. Please pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.



Youth will meet at 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, **October 8th**, and Sunday, **October 22nd**, for dinner and Bible Study. It will be a wonderful time as we gather together to grow in our faith.



The Hospitality Committee will meet in the Fellowship Hall following Morning Worship on Sunday, **October 8th**.



Our next Quarterly Business Meeting is Wednesday, **October 11th**, at 7:00 P.M.



October 1st is World Communion Sunday. 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.



HOMECOMING MEAL

We welcome all present for the 150th Anniversary Homecoming on **November 12th** to join us after the service for a Homecoming Meal at the Littleton United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Our church will be serving grilled barbecue chicken and pork barbecue along with sides of green beans, potatoes, slaw, breads and beverages. We ask the church family to bring a salad or a dessert to add to the meal. Salads include but are not limited to congealed, pasta, potato, vegetable, fruit salads as well as deviled eggs, pickles and cheeses.



Welcome
To Our
Church
Family

We welcome Don & Lydia Lanser to our church family. We are so happy they have joined our LBC family.



There is always work to be done at our church and we need your help for "Fall Cleaning" this year. There are several things that need to be done but if there is another job that you want done, this could be the time to do it. We will be working Friday, October 27th, Saturday, October 28th, and Monday, October 30th, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon, so please come help when you can.



Appalachian Coalfields Christmas Outreach 2023 is a project run by NC Baptists on Mission. Their goal is to collect 21,000 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.

1. Hats, gloves, scarves, or similar items
2. Three or four small pop-top canned foods (no plastic containers) - beef stew, mac and cheese, fruit, veggies, tuna.
3. Hygiene items - toothpaste, toothbrush, body wash, shampoo, deodorant, soap, washcloth, hairbrush, comb (Please fit these items into one gallon Ziploc bag so they do not leak)
4. Fresh, wrapped candy - No chocolate or peanuts.
5. At least 1 or 2 **NEW**, age-appropriate non-breakable toy(s) (no toy weapons, please!) This can include small cars, balls, dolls, small stuffed animals, puzzles, 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, ear buds, small tool kits, fishing gear, books, hunting, fishing, or sports magazines for the boys - jewelry, books, ear buds, skin care products, hair accessories, small travel-sized hair dryer, etc. for girls.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please make sure all items fit into the backpack. Please stick carefully to the list above. This backpack is not for school supplies. Our mission committee is getting Bibles for the backpacks.

Age Grouping and Labeling. Each backpack should be labeled boy or girl as well as the appropriate age. Age groups for this year are **4-7, 8-10, 11-14, 15-17**. See Betty Anne for a check off form that needs to be attached to your backpack.

We ask that you prepare your backpack as you would for your own child or grandchild, with new items, not used ones. This quality gift could be the only Christmas present this child receives and will be a witness of Christ's love!

Please bring your backpacks to church by **Sunday, October 22nd**.



OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH. BE SURE TO LET PASTOR DAVID KNOW HOW MUCH HE IS APPRECIATED AND LOVED.



Kay Beaver, Lydia Lanser, and Sandra Lynch want to thank you for selecting us to be on the Flower Committee. We realize we could not do this without the support of our wonderful church family! We are really blessed.

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 or Lydia Lanser - (252) 586-2133. You can also contact the church office by email: office@littletonbaptistchurch.org

October 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th are still available. If you would like to reserve one of these dates, please let us know.

It is time to order the poinsettias to grace our sanctuary for the month of December in memory or in honor of your loved ones. Kay Beaver, Lydia Lanser, or I will be glad to take your orders. The 6.5 inch red with wrap are \$12.00. They will have 4 to 7 blooms. The 8 inch red with wrap are \$21.00 and they have 3 plants. The orders must be placed by Sunday, **November 5th**, so please return your order ASAP.

Thank you again for all you do!



CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

*All Members, Former Members,
Friends and Family*

*Are cordially invited to Littleton
Baptist Church*

*On Sunday, November 12, 2023
at 11:00 A.M.*

*For our Annual Homecoming Services
and Lunch.*

*Former LBC pastor Rev. Mike Currin
will be the speaker.*

*We invite everyone to join us after wor-
ship for our Homecoming Lunch
in Littleton United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall.*

*There will be no Sunday School
on this day.*



You are invited to a Floating Baby Shower

In honor of the arrival of

Lucas Josiah Little

Son of David and Sara Little

On Saturday October 7th

from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

In the Fellowship Hall of Littleton Baptist Church

They are registered at Amazon and Target

[https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/
sara-and-david-little](https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/sara-and-david-little)

or

[https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/sara-little-
david-little-september-2023-
littleton/1AN4NKNL69XOW](https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/sara-little-david-little-september-2023-littleton/1AN4NKNL69XOW)

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| <u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u> | <u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u> | <u>NURSERY</u> |
|---|---|--|
| 2 Elizabeth Neville 3 Ashby Burton 5 Perry Myrick (Myrick) (3 yrs) 8 Mike Crawley 12 Jan Myrick 12 Larry Thomas West 15 Jeff Burton 18 Louise Gibson 25 Jack Tant 26 Mary Beth Labrecque | 8 Perry & Casey Myrick (7 yrs) 11 Jim & Debbie Sineath (9 yrs) 15 Josh & Samantha Hall (7 yrs) 27 Jeff & Paula Burton (33 yrs) | 1 Sara Council/Jan Myrick 8 Melinda Harris/Sandra Lynch 15 Amanda Coffman/Bob Thompson 22 Lynne Skilton/Jim Skilton 29 Paula Burton/Kay Tripp <u>TRASH DETAIL</u> Mike Blanton |