

# 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."*

*Rev. Michael O. Currin, Pastor*



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## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

Wow, with this newsletter it's official. Summer is here and with that all kinds of travel, family gatherings, and vacations. I'm excited as I suspect you are. I suspect you've got a trip planned too. Great, we all need such time. I hope each of you have safe and wholesome times together, relaxing mentally and physically from the everyday important routine's that are life. When you are away on Sunday, please find a place where you can worship God. It may be a real highlight to your trip. I'd love to hear from you where you worship and what those experiences mean to you. Bring a bulletin or some story and share them with me. We all learn so much when we worship in other places. Upon our return, we bring lessons learned from the experience back to our times of worship and fellowship at LBC.

As you can see in this newsletter, Community Vacation Bible School is here. That's right, June 20-24 from 9:00 A.M. - 12:15 P.M. Please pray, bring your kids and grandkids, and plan to volunteer in ways you can to make this a wonderful VBS which will be remembered by our children for years to come. These times of informed and involved education are the best times for our children to learn more of the Good News of Christ. Tell your neighbors and friends to be involved.

Keeping with last month's bubble praise theme, I want to send my kudos this month to a few people. First, kudos to our LBC graduates for 2016. Congratulations on the wonderful milestones in your lives Eric Hockaday, Billy Blanton, and Megan Conner. We are so proud of you and wish you the best in the next steps in your life journey.

Second, I send special kudos to Mike Crawley and Brenda Hudson. For many years now, they have accepted the responsibility to start early on Sunday Mornings (8:30 A.M.) to go to Lake Gaston and the Outdoor World Campground to provide a thirty minute worship experience for the campers who choose to be present. This started when the campground was inviting pastor's from many different churches to come and it never maintained continuity. It was then our church accepted this as one of our ongoing ministries. While others from our church find times during the summer from Memorial Day to Labor Day to visit and participate with music or other leadership, Mike and Brenda have been the principle leaders in this significant ministry. This is commendable and we thank you and offer our prayers and support. They will give testimony to the fact that they are the one's most blessed as they have met campers from all over, from as near as Littleton, to many others from across North Carolina, Virginia, and far away states. They pray with them and worship with them and nurture the relationships that Christians share. What a blessing this is for all involved!


I also want to encourage you to take a Sunday morning, or more to participate. See how you might offer assistance or just attend to offer prayerful support. It will make a huge difference in this ministry and in your spiritual journey. You'll finish in plenty of time to be present for both Sunday School and Worship as well. Pray for Mike and Brenda and our 2016 season of Outdoor World Worship. Pray that God would give them just what they need for the leadership and that every camper will be blessed spiritually by their presence. Pray also that on Sundays, when it's easy not to go to a thirty minute time of worship, the many campers will be prompted to participate.

Meanwhile, during these summer days, I pray you will have a joyous summer and look forward to worshipping together and celebrating the powerful, life changing presence of Christ in our lives each Sunday you're not traveling.

*Mike*



# June 2016

| Sun   | Mon                        | Tue                   | Wed  | Thu                   | Fri                        | Sat       |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
|   |                            |                       | <i>1</i><br>8:30 Exercise<br><br>6:30 Adult Choir<br>7:30 Prayer &<br>Bible Study  | <i>2</i>              | <i>3</i><br>8:30 Exercise  | <i>4</i>  |
| <i>5</i><br>8:30 Outdr Wrld<br>9:45 S. School<br>11:00 Worship<br><br>5:30 Youth<br>7:00 Deacons<br>Mtg   | <i>6</i><br>8:30 Exercise  | <i>7</i>              | <i>8</i><br>8:30 Exercise<br><br>6:30 Adult Choir<br>7:30 Prayer &<br>Bible Study  | <i>9</i>              | <i>10</i><br>8:30 Exercise | <i>11</i> |
| <i>12</i><br>8:30 Outdr Wrld<br>9:45 S. School<br>11:00 Worship<br><br>Piano Recital<br><br>6:00 Ice Cream<br>Social  | <i>13</i><br>8:30 Exercise | <i>14</i>             | <i>15</i><br>8:30 Exercise<br><br>6:30 Adult Choir<br>7:30 Prayer &<br>Bible Study | <i>16</i>             | <i>17</i><br>8:30 Exercise | <i>18</i> |
| <i>19</i><br>8:30 Outdr Wrld<br>9:45 S. School<br>11:00 Worship<br><br><i>Father's Day</i><br> | <i>20</i><br>9:00 VBS      | <i>21</i><br>9:00 VBS | <i>22</i><br>9:00 VBS<br><br>6:30 Adult Choir<br>7:30 Prayer &<br>Bible Study      | <i>23</i><br>9:00 VBS | <i>24</i><br>9:00 VBS      | <i>25</i> |
| <i>26</i><br>8:30 Outdr Wrld<br>9:45 S. School<br>11:00 Worship<br><br>Youth - Special<br>Event   | <i>27</i><br>8:30 Exercise | <i>28</i>             | <i>29</i><br>8:30 Exercise<br><br>6:30 Adult Choir<br>7:30 Prayer &<br>Bible Study | <i>30</i>             |                            |           |



What a busy time in the Kearney household! Emily and Nick were married on May 21st and Jordan and Mary Beth are expecting their first little one on June 3rd! It's hard to believe Jimmy and I are going to be grandparents when Adelyn Macon makes her appearance! We have been so blessed to have raised our children in the Littleton Baptist Church. You have helped to mold Jordan and Emily into the Christian adults they have become! Thank you!

A big thank you goes to the Junior Singers for their super performance on Mother's Day! It is such a joy to have Conner Pitchford and Claire Council joining us! We are planning on bringing you some more delightful music on Father's Day!

One more thank you goes to Betty Ann Shearin! She is always there to cover for me if I have to be out of town. It is such a comforting thought to know that our music program is in excellent hands on the Sundays I am out of town!

*Laura*

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL



The first of our Summer Ice Cream Socials will be **June 12** at 6:00 P.M. in the fellowship hall. If you can bring a freezer of homemade ice cream, it will be appreciated and enjoyed. If you can't, then bring a topping or trimming to go with the ice cream. If neither is possible, just come and enjoy some old-fashioned LBC fellowship.



The following is the flower schedule for the month of June 2016.

|         |                |
|---------|----------------|
| June 5  | Available      |
| June 12 | Available      |
| June 19 | Clyde Johnston |
| June 26 | Lord's Supper  |

Flowers are needed for **June 5 & 12**. If you would like to place flowers on one of these dates, please contact Debbie Keeter or Sandra Lynch.



On Sunday, **June 19**, we will take time to honor our fathers, past and present, on Father's Day. Be with us as we take time to especially honor Christian Fathers who daily live their faith in the family and world!

## DEACONS MEETING

Our Deacons will meet on Sunday, **June 5**, at 7:00 P.M. in the annex.



Outdoor World Sunday Worship leadership began Sunday, **May 29**, at 8:30 A.M. and continues through Labor Day weekend. If you are willing to participate, either speaking or assisting with special music, please contact Brenda Hudson at 586-3983 or see Mike Crawley. Thank you for your prayers and support for this valuable ministry that over the past few years has been an inspiration to the campers and beyond.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2016 LBC GRADUATES!

### High School

**Eric Hockaday - Halifax Academy**

### College and Graduate School

**Billy Blanton - Halifax Community College - Arts & Science Degree**

**Megan Conner - UNC Greensboro - PhD in Nursing**

# SUMMER CAMP!

CAMP J316

Join the John 3:16 Center for Summer Day Camp!

Registration begins April 18th for CAMP J316! This FREE Summer Day Camp (9am-3pm) includes breakfast, lunch, crafts, games, devotions and educational activities

Look Up  
in the Sky!  
Jun 20-24  
Grades 3-7

Critter  
Creation  
Jun 27-Jul 1  
Grades 1-5

The Living  
Temple  
Jul 11-15  
Grades 3-7

The Mosaic  
Musicians  
Jul 18-22  
Grades 1-5

Babel Wasn't  
Built in a Day  
Jul 25-29  
Grades 3-7

Grow Green  
Heroes  
Aug 1-5  
Grades 1-5

Space is limited to 20 children per session. Each child may register for one session. Students in grades 8 and above may register as volunteer assistants (2 per session).

To register complete the registration form, attach a copy of your child's shot record and insurance card. To register by mail send to: The John 3:16 Center, 407 E. End Ave., Littleton, NC 27850

Transportation is available within 20 miles of the center. Please note on your registration form if service is needed.

# SUMMER CAMP!

CAMP J316

Send a Child to Camp

With all the excitement of new experiences and creating new friendships it is hard to imagine a summer without time spent at camp. Now you have the opportunity to send a child to Camp J316. A donation of just \$75 will provide a week filled with educational activities, outdoor recreation, daily devotionals, crafts and memories that will last a lifetime. Learn the impact of your donation first hand when you receive a letter from the child you sponsored.

If you would like to sponsor a child please complete the form below:

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ CV: \_\_\_\_\_

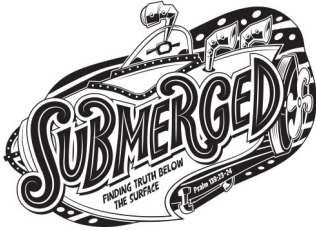
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Number of Children Sponsored: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail check or credit card information to:

The John 3:16 Center, P.O. Box 1541 Littleton, NC 27850



## COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 20 – 24, 2016

9:00 A.M. – 12:15 P.M. / Lunch 12:15 – 1:00 P.M.

VBS is a community event that is sponsored by the Lake Gaston Charge-United Methodist Churches, Littleton Baptist Church, Littleton Presbyterian Church, and Lakeside Lutheran Church. The 2016 Community VBS will be held at Littleton United Methodist Church and Littleton Baptist Church. Both churches are located at the intersection of Main St. and Mosby Ave in downtown Littleton. **Community VBS is open at no cost to ALL children – no church affiliation is required.** We will also be offering an optional free lunch that will be served from 12:15 – 1:00 PM daily.

The theme this year is **Submerged: finding truth below the surface**. Our theme verse is “*Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my concerns. See if there is any offensive way in me; lead me in the everlasting way.*” Psalm 139:23-24. As children and youth are submerged in God’s Word, they will discover that Jesus saw people differently. He didn’t just see what was on the outside; He saw people for who they were on the inside...down deep. As kids learn to see themselves and others as Jesus sees them, they can realize that everyone needs a Savior –even those who look like they have it all together. They will discover that a relationship with Jesus Christ changes everything! Come join us! All you have to do is dive in!

VBS will be offered with age-graded classes for children age three (potty trained) through those having completed grade 6. Youth, grades 7 and up, may volunteer to serve as VBS support leaders (We need your help!). Each day’s activities will include Bible story, crafts, recreation, service projects, music, drama, and large group Worship Rally.

*Please register as soon as possible so that we can plan accordingly. A separate form is needed for each child.*

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Clip Registration & return to Littleton United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 26, Littleton, NC 27850

Or send to kesskess65@gmail.com, or you can return to one of the sponsoring churches above!

Child’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(street address, city, state, and zip code)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Grade Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Conditions: Medical/Activity Restrictions/ Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

May we have permission to photograph your child and use for the purpose of promotion? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

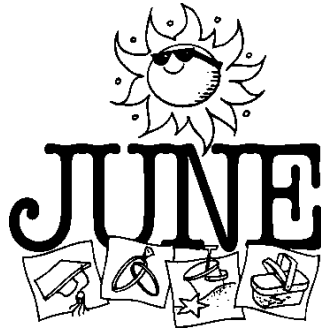
Does your child plan to stay for lunch from 12:15 – 1:00 each day? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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Littleton, NC 27850

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| <u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>   | <u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>  | <u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>  |
|---|---|---|
| 2 Sidney Gibson<br>3 Daley Ross<br>6 Margo Rawlings<br>11 Ray Cole<br>12 David Tripp<br>15 Monica Phillis<br>16 Hannah Skinner (11 yrs)<br>16 Patrick Pegram<br>21 Sonny Walker<br>25 Megan Conner<br>25 Perry Myrick<br>26 Sarah Neville<br>27 Ryan Hockaday (19 yrs)<br>30 Wyatt Iles (2 yrs) | 6 Lowell & Virginia Lee (62 yrs)<br>7 Jim & Monica Phillis (8 yrs)<br>8 Thad & Melinda Harris (47 yrs)<br>10 Michael & Megan Conner (10 yrs)<br>14 Roman Martinez & Neva Lopez (13 yrs)<br>15 Claude & Sandra Lynch (36 yrs)<br>27 Jimmy & Sandra Felts (24 yrs)<br>30 Ray & Brenda Holloman (48 yrs) | 5 Sandra Lynch/Josie Myrick<br>12 Brenda Hudson/Carly West<br>19 Betty Blanton/Billy Blanton<br>26 Melinda Harris/Louise Gibson |
|   | <u>YOUTH MEALS</u>  | <u>TRASH DETAIL</u>   |
|   | 5 Youth (Mike & Ann Currin)<br>12 Ice Cream Social<br>19 Father's Day<br>26 Special Event   | Roman Martinez  |