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PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

In Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians in what were "challenging" times for the Christians there he tells them of their future hope and how as "children of the light" they are to deal with the challenges as they live side by side. *"Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. (1 Thessalonians 5:11).* A little encouragement can go a long way as we journey through this life and unsettling times.

I often receive church newsletters which I browse through as time permits. The following was a recent quote from a music minister in Vance County which quickly caught my attention. *"Following yesterday's worship service, I came outside to find a very kind gesture waiting. Someone had taken a copy of that morning's worship bulletin and had written all sorts of things like "Beautiful!" and Uplifting....Thank you!" in the margin next to that morning's musical selections. They left it folded under my windshield wiper, unsigned. I don't know who this kind person was, but their gesture of encouragement made my day, particularly after having not felt prepared for the music I was going to make in worship that morning. To whomever did this, I sincerely thank you! ... We are called to be encouragers and I appreciate so much when you say kind things to me personally. But I and the rest of the staff are very visible. I would challenge you to find someone who gives invisible. Leave a bulletin on their windshield; (or even better tell them so!!!)"*

As I read those words, I was inspired by such a simple gesture and how it made such a big difference for this music minister. In our daily lives these opportunities abound and it does not take all that much effort to make a huge difference as an encourager to others; not just at church but at work, with friends and family and even those we simply encounter in our daily routines. A note on a bulletin, a pat on the back, a listening ear, a card, a phone call, a kind word or a simple thank you. Be creative as this individual writing on the bulletin did. So simple and yet it can make a huge difference.

I subscribe to an online publication from Upper Room called "Reflections." This daily info shares different ways to walk with God and practically put faith in action. In one of them, the writer challenged her workforce to practice gratitude. Her practice, which changed her life and her attitude was while driving to work to consider 20 things for which she was grateful. As she continued the practice she quickly realized she had so much more than 20 things and it changed how she felt about life and living. It also changed how she viewed the people around her. A simple but healthy practice. Give thanks and name them one by one. I suspect if we took time to try this that it would change our attitude about life and others too. May we watch more for things to be thankful of in others, rather than things for which to be critical or negative.

Once that happens, we'll better be able to take the next step, that is finding the simple but important ways to express our gratitude to others. I encourage you to take time to make your mental list, and then don't hesitate to express gratitude to others. There are a lot of people that unlike pastors and staff (the visible) get overlooked in life. Your gesture will make a huge difference, especially the invisible. Like the Apostle Paul, I challenge you to *"encourage one another, and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."*

Mike



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 5:30 Youth 7:00 Deacons Mtg	3 8:30 Exercise	4	5 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	6	7 8:30 Exercise	8 2:00 Dick- ens/Myrick Wedding
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16 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Church Council Mtg. 5:30 Youth	17 8:30 Exercise	18	19 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	20 7:00 Mission Committee	21 8:30 Exercise	22 8:00 John 3:16 Yard Sale
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Our Christian sympathy is extended to:

Jeff Burton & family in the death of his mother, Barbara Burton
Josie Myrick & family in the death of her brother-in-law, Maynard Wilbur Myrick



How many choir directors does it take to change a light bulb? Nobody knows, because nobody ever watched a choir director!

I read this joke in my music magazine. I had to laugh, but thankfully I don't have that problem! All eyes are always on me every Wednesday night and Sunday morning. If I make a mistake, they make a mistake so I have to make sure I know my stuff! I am fortunate to work with such good eyes!!!

The children will be bringing special music to our worship service on October 30th! Now, I can't count on those precious eyes always watching me!

Have a great October!

Laura



Our next Quarterly Business Meeting is Wednesday, **October 12**, at 7:30 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!



Church Council will meet following worship service on Sunday, **October 16**. Members are: Deacon Chairperson, Finance Committee Chairperson, Laura Kearney, Betty Anne Shearin, Melinda Harris, Sid Shearin & Mike Crawley.



Our Deacons will meet at 7:00 P.M. on Sunday evening, **October 2**, in the Annex Conference Room. We welcome our two newest deacons, Matthew Council & Earl Spivey. A date for a deacon ordination service is being established for this month. Special thanks to Claude Lynch and Sidney Gibson who completed their terms of service in September.

SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER



Our church will once again be sending Christmas Cards to our military personnel who will be away from home during the Christmas Holidays. These cards from our church family will cheer them in their distant service. We are also asking you to provide names, addresses, rank, relationship to you (i.e family, friend, neighbor etc.). (Note: If you have family or friends serving in missions somewhere, we will also extend this request for names to include them as well.) Please give the information to Sid Shearin or the church office.



Flu shots are again being offered at church by Drugco on Sunday, **October 30**, beginning at 9:30 A.M. and following worship, administered by Stephanie Iles. They will be free of charge to those with

Medicare, BCBS, or Retired Military. For anyone else they will be at a discount price. Shots at this site are only for those 14 years old and older. Everyone needs to bring their insurance card or a copy of the card.



Congratulations to Matthew, Sara & Claire Council upon the birth their baby girl, Anna Katherine Council. She was born on September 15. She weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 21 inches long. Congrats also to the grandparents Lee and Jan Myrick, great grandma Josie Myrick, Aunt Megan, Uncle Mike, Eleanor, Elin & Emily Conner and Uncle Perry Myrick.



The John 3:16 Center

OCTOBER 22
8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
at John 3:16

The John 3:16 Center Yard Sale had to be rescheduled due to inclement weather last month. It has been rescheduled for Saturday, **October 22**, at the John 3:16 Center.

Volunteers are needed to assist with pricing, sorting and hauling donations prior to the sale, as well as the day of the sale for selling and packing up any unsold donations. If anyone has questions or is interested in helping please contact Shannon McAllister at the Center (252) 586-1800 or Betty Anne Shearin.



Finance & Stewardship Committee

The Finance and Stewardship Committee will meet on Thursday, **October 27**, at 7:00 P.M. in the annex. The Committee members include: Jimmy Kearney, Chairperson; Bill Crawley, Suzanne Pearce, Kent West, Mary Spivey and Jeff Burton. Ex-Officio members: Clyde Johnston, Treasurer; Mike Crawley, Sunday School Director; Gladys Pegram, Financial Secretary; Melinda Harris, Missions Committee Chairperson; Deacon Chairperson; & Maintenance Committee Chairperson.

PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION



We will have Parent/Child Dedication Service on Sunday, **October 23**, during our morning worship. Join us for this special time!



The following is the flower schedule for the month of October, 2016.

October 2	Available for Scheduling
October 9	Jan Miller
October 16	Available for Scheduling
October 23	Laura Kearney
October 30	Available for Scheduling

If you would like to place flowers in the church, please contact Ann Currin - (252) 586-3370, Sandra Lynch - (252) 586-3495 or Debbie Keeter - (252) 676-9941. When you place flowers in the sanctuary please contact the church office by email or written note to let us know how you want it placed in the bulletin.

Thank you for being so faithful in helping with flowers!



The Mission Committee will meet on Thursday, **October 20**, at 7:00 P.M. in the church annex. Members of the committee are: Melinda Harris, Clyde Johnston, Debbie Keeter, Brenda Hudson, Mike Crawley, Lee Myrick and Ann Currin.



MAINTENANCE
COMMITTEE

The Maintenance Committee will meet on Monday, **October 24**, at 7:00 P.M. in the annex. The members of this committee are: Greg Fussell, Jimmy Kearney, Sidney Gibson, Sid Shearin, Perry Myrick, Thad Harris, Earl Spivey, Billy Blanton and Matthew Council.



Littleton Baptist Church is proud of our heritage and faith and once again we will have the opportunity to celebrate this heritage with Homecoming. This year will mark 143 years of ministry and service to the community of Littleton. This will be celebrated on Sunday, **November 13**, at 11:00 A.M.

We will be honored to have The Rev. Tom Bodkin as our guest speaker. Reverend Bodkin, a native of Raleigh, served Warrenton Baptist Church as *Pastor in the Interim* for one year, then served as pastor for a little over two more years, concluding his ministry there at the end of 2015. Prior to coming to Warrenton Baptist, he was *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care* at Hayes Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh for 12 ½ years. Before coming to Raleigh he served Rosemary Baptist Church in Roanoke Rapids for 18 ½ years.

During his ministry he has served churches in Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina. Active in the work of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina he has served on numerous committees and was elected Vice President of the General Board. He has served two terms on the Board of Directors for the NC Baptist Foundation. For one term he served as President of the Board.

Reverend Bodkin is married to the former Betty Stanford of Kinston, who is a retired piano teacher. On July 30 they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. He is the nephew of the late Rev. Herbert and Ruth Baucom. Rev. Baucom served as a former pastor of Littleton Baptist Church (1974-1978).

Plan now to join us for this special day in our church. A covered dish meal will be served Homecoming Style after the service!



**Our Annual Church Picnic was a great success! A wonderful time was had by all! Thank you to all that worked so hard to make it happen! You can view more pictures on our Facebook page or our website:
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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
2 Elizabeth Neville 3 Gladys Pegram 3 Ashby Burton 7 Opal Brown 8 Mike Crawley 12 Jan Myrick 12 Larry Thomas West (18 yrs) 15 Jeff Burton 18 Louise Gibson 25 Jack Tant 27 Mary Beth Labrecque (16 yrs) 29 Amanda Milton	11 Jim & Debbie Sineath (2 yr) 27 Jeff & Paula Burton (26 yrs)	2 Melinda Harris/Brenda Hudson 9 Sarah Iles/Mary Spivey 16 Betty Blanton/Jan Miller 23 Carol West/Carly West 30 Brenda Hudson/Sarah Iles
	<u>YOUTH MEALS</u>	<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
	2 Youth (Nora Labrecque) 9 No Meeting 16 Youth (Eric Hockaday) 23 No Meeting 30 Youth (Ann Currin)	Sidney Gibson