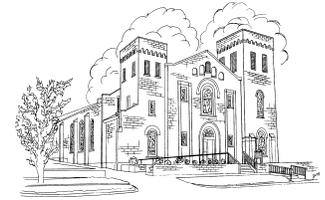


LITTLETON BAPTIST NEWS

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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THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY

Good News

We all love to hear it, don't we? As a matter of fact, we are thrilled to hear good news when so much of the news is tragic, or even frightening. Finding good news in our various forms of media can be a major challenge. During this past month, known as "March Madness," various teams have suffered defeat, some even characterized as "upsets."

When Jesus was crucified, the disciples and all the others who had followed Jesus, were beyond being discouraged. They were heart-broken and defeated. After all, in their minds the cause was lost. Jesus had been their master teacher, the one who had performed miracles in their midst, the one who spoke as no one ever had. Now, all hope was gone. It had vanished that Friday night on the cross—that horrible means of execution by inflicting a slow, agonizing death. How could that have happened to the one whom they loved, who seemed so perfect in every way. What would they do? What could they do? It was over. Their solution was to return to their homes and their former work believing that the cause for which they had been recruited had ended in catastrophic failure.

But just a few days later their whole mood was changed to one of victory and hope. And the only explanation we have for this amazing reversal is that Christ had actually risen from the dead and they had encountered him in person. It was good news beyond compare. They were convinced that he was alive. They talked with him, ate with him, and experienced his presence on multiple occasions. It all had come true just as he said that it would.

Matthew tells us in chapter 28, verse 16 and following:

“Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Easter celebrates the BEST NEWS EVER! It is the challenge of the Church to tell it.

Your friend and *Pastor in the Interim*,

Tom



April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>1</i> 7:00 Sunrise Service 8:30 Outdoor World 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship</p>	<p><i>2</i></p>	<p><i>3</i></p>	<p><i>4</i> 8:30 Exercise No Adult Choir No Prayer & Bible Study</p>	<p><i>5</i></p>	<p><i>6</i> 8:30 Exercise</p>	<p><i>7</i></p>
<p><i>8</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 5:30 Youth 7:00 Deacons Mtg</p>	<p><i>9</i> 8:30 Exercise</p>	<p><i>10</i></p>	<p><i>11</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Quarterly Business Mtg</p>	<p><i>12</i></p>	<p><i>13</i> 8:30 Exercise 9:00 Set up for Kid's Carnival</p>	<p><i>14</i> 8:30 Breakfast 11:00 Spring Kid's Carnival</p>
<p><i>15</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Church Council Mtg.</p>	<p><i>16</i> 8:30 Exercise</p>	<p><i>17</i></p>	<p><i>18</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study</p>	<p><i>19</i></p>	<p><i>20</i> 8:30 Exercise</p>	<p><i>21</i></p>
<p><i>22</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship</p>	<p><i>23</i> 8:30 Exercise</p>	<p><i>24</i></p>	<p><i>25</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study</p>	<p><i>26</i></p>	<p><i>27</i> 8:30 Exercise</p>	<p><i>28</i></p>
<p><i>29</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship</p>	<p><i>30</i> 8:30 Exercise</p>					



Our Christian sympathy is extended to

Claude & Sandra Lynch in the death of her father, Arthur Larrimore.



April is here and hopefully, so is Spring!

50 years is a long time for anything! It is hard to imagine doing something consistently for 50 years! I just want to recognize my father-in-law, James Kearney, for his 50 plus years as a member of the choir! He has been under the direction of at least 8 choir directors! I can't imagine all of the different types of music he has sung during this time! I want to thank him for his dedication to the choir! Now, he gets to listen to the music as a member of the congregation and see the front of our preacher! Thank you James for your time, dedication and love for music! You will be missed as a choir member but it will be good to see you in the congregation!

There will be no choir practice on April 4th!

Laura



QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Our Quarterly Business Meeting is Wednesday, **April 11**, at 7:30 P.M. All members are encouraged to be with us. Committee and organizational leaders should bring reports of their work to be shared at this time.



CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council will meet on Sunday, **April 15**, following Morning Worship.

Deacons Meeting



Our Deacons will meet on Sunday, **April 8**, at 7:00 P.M. in the Church Annex. Please continue to pray for our deacons as they pray and consider the spiritual welfare of our church and her ministries.

EASTER

Sunday



SUNRISE SERVICE - This year our Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 7:00 A.M. on **April 1**, 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.

OUTDOOR WORLD - Mike Crawley will be leading an Easter Morning Service at Outdoor World at 8:30 A.M. Pray for this special opportunity for outreach and worship.

EASTER WORSHIP - Join us on Easter, **April 1**, at 11:00 A.M. as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord through worship and our Adult Choir's presentation of the cantata "I Know My Redeemer Lives".



FREE KIDS CARNIVAL
John 3:16 Center
407 East End Avenue
Littleton, North Carolina
Saturday, April 14, 2018
11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Face
Painting



Preschool Games, Crafts, Bounce House, Face Painting, Health Screenings for Children and Adults, Free Hot Dogs, Drinks, Cotton Candy, Popcorn & Goodie Bags



Invite your friends and join us for this free fun day together!

Sponsor: Littleton Baptist Church





Happy Easter to everyone.

Thank You, Thank you , Thank You, for helping with the Easter Lilies for our Littleton Baptist Church. We the flower committee appreciate your help in making our church beautiful as we celebrate the resurrection our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The following is the flower schedule for the month of April 2018.

April 1 Easter Lilies
April 8 Available
April 15 Available
April 22 Available
April 29 Available

Flowers are needed for April 8, 15, 22 & 29. If you would like to place flowers on any of these dates, please contact Priscilla Parks (252-586-4790, email - priscillaparks@embarqmail.com), Carolyn Price (252-586-3567), or Ann Currin (252 - 532 - 4881, email - anncurrin@embarqmail.com). When you place flowers in the sanctuary please contact our church office by email or written note to show how you want it to be placed in the bulletin.



2018 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The dates for this year's VBS will be **June 25 - 29** from 9:00 A.M. - 12:15 P.M. It will be hosted by Lakeside Lutheran Church. Volunteers are needed to teach, to assist, for crafts, recreation and many other assorted roles. Be sure to put these dates on your summer calendar!

We Need
Your



SPRING MISSIONS INITIATIVE
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
April 13 & 14, 2018

On **April 13** at 9:00 AM we will begin set up for the Carnival. All volunteers should meet at the church, then travel to the John 3:16 Center.

On Saturday, **April 14**, Littleton Baptist Church will host this Spring Missions Initiative. The event begins at 8:30 A.M. with breakfast in our fellowship hall.

Please be in prayer for this "**BIG EVENT**". Our church will host the Children's Free Carnival!

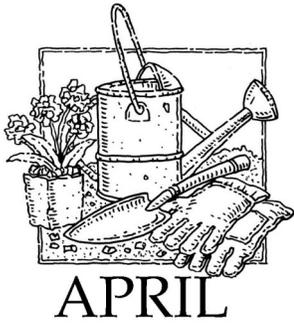
Goodie Bags will be provided for each child.

A Health Screening will also be a part of this event which will include cholesterol, blood pressure, and blood sugar checks.

Volunteers are essential to the success of this mission. If you have not signed up yet we will still be able to use your help! Please come help us!

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
1 Billy Pearce 8 Jan Miller 9 Wyatt Pegram 12 Claude Lynch 20 Casey Myrick 25 Nicholas Coffman (13 yrs) 26 Peggy King 27 Caitlyn Phillis (5 yrs.) 27 Suzanne Pearce 27 Til Tremper 28 Laura Kearney	8 Lee & Jan Myrick (39 yrs) 10 Jimmy & Laura Kearney (36 yrs) 10 Jack & Virginia Tant (70 yrs) 15 Billy & Suzanne Pearce (46 yrs) 22 Bryant & Nichole Pitchford (12 yrs) 23 Larry & Sheryl West (27 yrs)	1 Earl Spivey/Mary Spivey 8 Paula Burton/Kay Tripp 15 Betty Blanton/Billy Blanton 22 Brenda Hudson/Suzanne Pearce 29 Melinda Harris/Louise Gibson
	<u>YOUTH MEALS</u>	<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
	8 Carnival Prep Mtg. (Melinda Harris)	David Tripp