

LITTLETON BAPTIST NEWS

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THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY

PROMISES

Many times throughout our lives we have made promises, or had promises made to us. It is important that promises be kept. Many promises have been made in the Scripture.

Jesus is still an infant. Mary and Joseph have taken him to the temple in Jerusalem to be presented to the Lord, as required by the Law of Moses. It has been revealed to Simeon that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Luke 2:28 - 32 tells us what happened:

Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
A light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel"

The main thought that we take away from this experience is that God always keeps his promises. God may tarry long beyond the time we pray for, but God never breaks his promise. Simeon proved that in his prayer.

I will not try to list all the promises of God listed in the Bible, but here are some of them.

Matthew 7:7: "Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you" (NASB).

Matthew 10:32: "Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven" (NIV).

Matthew 28:20: "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (NASB).

Mark 9:41: "Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward" (NIV).

John 8:12: "When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life'" (NIV).

John 10:27 - 28: "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall ever snatch them out of my hand" (NIV).

Every one of these promises applies to us. We can count on them, just as surely as spring follows winter. Indeed, I think spring has never been more beautiful, or more welcomed. Thanks be to God.

Your friend and *Pastor in the Interim,*

Tom



May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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As I sit on my porch and write this I am listening to the most beautiful music ever composed.....and the composer is God. The sounds of nature are always pitch perfect!

I want to thank the Adult Choir for their perfect performance on Easter! They continue to give 100% every Sunday but somehow give 110% during cantatas! It's not easy to stand and sing for that length of time and by the end of the cantata you can easily "give out!" But, not my members....they are like the Energizer bunny!

I also want to thank Claire for her beautiful solo Easter morning! It was not easy for her but with everyone "closing their eyes" she did a perfect job as well! I was so proud of her and I'm sure everyone in the congregation was too!

Happy Mother's Day!

Laura



DEACON'S MEETING

Our Deacons will meet on Sunday, **May 6**, at 7:00 P.M. in the annex. Please pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.



LORD'S SUPPER

On Sunday, **May 6**, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. At the conclusion of worship, you will be given opportunity to contribute to our church's Fellowship Fund for local benevolent needs.



On Mother's Day, Sunday, **May 13**, we'll take time to honor our mothers, past and present. Be with us as we take time to especially honor Christian Mothers who lift high the banner of Christ.



Outdoor World Sunday worship leadership begins on Sunday, **May 27**, 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 see Mike Crawley. Thanks in advance for your prayers and support for this valuable ministry. Over the past few years it has been an inspiration to the campers and beyond.



Thank you!

The Flower Committee would like to give their special thanks to everyone who gave the Easter Lilies gracing our sanctuary on Easter morning. They were so pretty we used them for three Sundays. Thank you again for helping keep our church beautiful during such a special holy season.



The John 3:16 Center's Spring yard sale will be held at the Center on Saturday, **May 5**, from 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Volunteers will be needed on Friday, **May 4** at 9:00 A.M. to help with the setting up. Please call the Center or see Sid Shearin for more information or if you will be able to help. Thank you!!!



Join our church family for a relaxed evening of food and games in the church fellowship hall on Sunday, **May 27**, at 5:30 P.M. We will start the meal with a Taco Buffet Table and end with desserts. Best of all will be time to fellowship, play with and share with each other. Come, bring friends, neighbors and family with you. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

Mother's Day Offering

Touching Lives with Hope
at Wake Forest Baptist Health
Week of Prayer ~ May 6-13



www.mothersdayoffering.org

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING - NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL WEEK OF PRAYER - May 6 - 13, 2018

Since 1923, the Mother's Day Offering has helped patients with serious financial needs pay their hospital bills in the name of Christ's love. Facing burdensome hospital bills they are responsible to pay, but struggling under financial hardships, they have no where to turn for assistance. God's love becomes very real when they receive a letter from Baptist Hospital that says, **"Your hospital bill has been paid by compassionate and mission-minded North Carolina Baptists in the name of Jesus Christ and His love."**

Every dollar of every gift helps patients pay their hospital bills in a ministry of benevolent care. The needs have risen sharply as the economy suffers, leaving many patients without jobs or adequate health insurance.

Your gift makes a life-changing difference. God extends His love through you, lifting the burdens of hurting patients and families, and drawing them closer to Christ in heartfelt gratitude.

PLEASE PRAY for God to bless the Mother's Day Offering and this ministry.

PLEASE GIVE as God leads you.

THEME SCRIPTURE: *"And so, as those who have been chosen by God ... put on a heart of compassion..." (Colossians 3: 12)*

Big Thank You!

What a glorious day we had on Saturday, **April 14**. At least 200 children enjoyed your smiles, hugs and energy. Starting with setting up, job assignments and a delicious breakfast to clean-up, the Free Children's Carnival was a success. Four cartons of cotton candy mix, 500 hot dogs, 48 packs of popcorn, many, many drinks and water, balloons, games, crafts, face painting, blow-up slide, bounce house, health screenings, parking directions, music, bubbles, clowns, goody bags and books worked together to make a special day come alive for so many. Great people helped make a special day for the children of

our community. Thank you for helping to make this day so successful and fun as we showed God's love. **THANK YOU** from the Missions Committee.



Following is the flower schedule for the month of May.

May 6	Lord's Supper
May 13	Matthew & Sara Council
May 20	Sarah Iles
May 27	Available for Scheduling

Flowers are needed for May 27. If you would like to place flowers on this date please contact: Carolyn Price - (252-586-3567) or Priscilla Parks - (252-586-4790, email: priscillaparks@embarqmail.com). When you place flowers in the sanctuary please contact our church office by email (littletonbaptist@embarqmail.com) or a written note to Kay Tripp to show how you want information placed in the bulletin.



During our worship service on Sunday, **May 27**, we will recognize all of our High School, College or Post Graduates. Please contact the church office if you are or have a student preparing to accomplish either of these significant milestones.



It's a
**Macaroni & Cheese
Cooking Competition**



(a favorite of both kids and adults everywhere)

May 5, 2018

11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

John 3:16 Center

407 East End Avenue, Littleton, NC

YOU could win the title in one of these mac & cheese categories

- The BIG Cheese with Macaroni Award - most combined votes
 - Not Ordinary - Extraordinary! - best original recipe
 - Kid's Choice - young experts choosing the best
- Chef's Choice - judged by area chefs from your favorite restaurants
 - Good Times Two - best overall taste with a healthy recipe

(Each category will receive a trophy and certificate)

FUN for the whole family and a great community event ideal for

ANYONE WANTING TO CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

Churches, Businesses, Organizations and Individuals!

RULES

- 1) You must use macaroni pasta (any size) and cheese (any kind) as your base ingredients.
Additional ingredients are allowed
- 2) You must smile and have fun.
- 3) You must share who you are and where you are from (we want everyone to know about your church, career and interests - so bring information)
- 4) You must let us know as soon as possible so we can prepare you for the big competition.

Contact Sonya Smith at 252-532-2705 or email ssmith@john316center.org for all the details.

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
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		<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
		Matthew Council