

LITTLETON BAPTIST NEWS

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IN MEMORY

Mrs. Peggy Delbridge King

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16*

THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY

FRIENDS

A hymn that I have always loved to sing is "Count Your Blessings." It serves to remind us of how good God is to us.

Littleton Baptist Church is the seventh church that Betty and I have served since we were married fifty-two years ago. One of the things that we love to do is to remember the people in those churches who have blessed us by being true friends. We know Vincent van Gough for his paintings, but I found a quote from him about friends that I want to share with you.

Close friends are truly life's treasures. Sometimes they know us better than we know ourselves. With gentle honesty, they are there to guide us, to share our laughter, and our tears. Their presence reminds us that we are never really alone.

"Life's treasures," is a great description for friends and what they mean to us. You know that you can call on them and find the help that you need, or the shoulder to lean on. You can trust them to follow through on the promise, "I'll be there for you." What a comfort! No wonder we call them "treasures." When we have friends, we are wealthy beyond measure.

Another quote that I found especially insightful comes from Bernard Metzger, talk show radio host for several decades.

You can make more friends in two months by becoming really interested in other people, than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you.

Another hymn that I would be remiss if I did not include is, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Admittedly, this hymn is about prayer, but the very title states a glorious truth. He is our best Friend. It is recorded in John 15:14 that Jesus said to his disciples: *You are my friends if you do what I command.*

From my heart, I say, *Thank you for being our friends.*

Your friend and *Pastor in the Interim,*

Tom

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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I have been asked to include in our newsletter my Benediction. I do not know the original author. It follows.

*May the Living Christ go with you.
May He go behind you to encourage you,
Beside you to befriend you in obedient ministry,
Above you to watch over you,
Within you to give you power,
And before you to show the way.*



Well, it's that time of year again! Time for choir practice to start back up after a summer break! Here is a countdown to why you should be a part of our choir!

5. A choir robe will be your new best friend!
You never have to wonder what to wear to church because the robe will cover it up!
4. You will be able to see who is at church every Sunday and who is not! You can see what everybody decided to wear to church!
3. You will always be guaranteed a seat!
2. The pastor will never see you if you nod off during the sermon...not that that would ever happen!
1. The choir seats are padded and so comfortable!

Actually, the best reason is that you'll be a part of a fun group of people who love bringing music to the church on Sunday mornings!

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord. Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. Psalm 95: 1 - 2

Laura



Our third Summer Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Sunday, **August 12**, at 6:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend with a hungry appetite, and if you can, please bring a freezer of homemade ice cream or snacks to complement the ice cream. Hope you will join us and bring a friend to share the wonderful Christian fellowship we will enjoy together!



The following is the flower schedule for the month of August.

August 5	Available for Scheduling
August 12	Susan Conger
August 19	Available for Scheduling
August 26	Available for Scheduling

Flowers are needed for August 5, 19 & 26. If you would like to place flowers on any of these dates please contact Carolyn Price - (252) 586 - 3567 or Priscilla Parks - (252) 586 - 4790, priscilaparks@embarqmail.com. When you place flowers in the sanctuary please contact the church office by written note or email - littletonbaptist@embarqmail.com to show how you would like it to be placed in the bulletin.

Thank you for being so faithful in helping with flowers!

The Flower Committee

NOMINATING COMMITTEE



The Nominating Committee begins their work on the 2018 - 2019 Officers and Teachers this month. You are asked to prayerfully consider your places of service and seek to discern God's way as you are contacted. If you have a particular interest or area of giftedness, contact a member of the committee and make them aware of that interest. Members of this committee include: Billy Pearce, David Tripp, Paula Burton, Chairperson, Matthew Council, Mike Blanton & Kay Beaver. Ex-officio members include Melinda Harris, Mission Committee Chairperson & Mike Crawley, Sunday School Director.



Our Outdoor World Services continue each Sunday through Labor Day weekend at 8:30 A.M. Please pray for this ministry and find a way in which you can be involved. Speak, sing, promote, pray! All are important. For more information contact Mike Crawley.

DEACONS MEETING



The Deacons will meet on Sunday, **August 5**, at 7:00 P.M. in the church annex. Please pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.

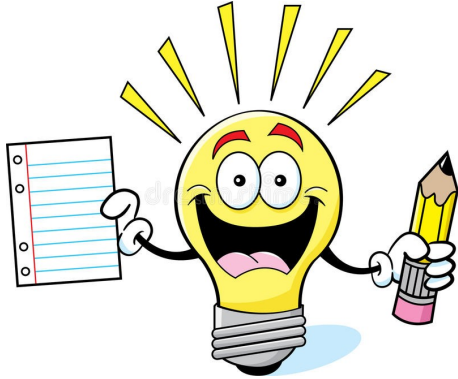


Mark your calendar now for our church picnic Sunday, September 2, at Sid and Betty Anne Shearin's restored farm on Bowers Road. If you have family or friends spending the holiday weekend with you, please bring them to the picnic also. There will be games like corn hole, ping pong, badminton, etc. and the Lego and bubble tables for children. You can fish in the ponds and/or walk the trail. The dinner bell will ring about 5:30 P.M. but come earlier so you can enjoy all the festivities! Master Chef David Tripp will have his grilling machine to cook the hot dogs and hamburgers. Bring your lawn chairs and join us for a great time of Christian Fellowship and food! It is a great way to end the summer season. Hope to see you there!!!

BRIGHT SPARKS



TRIVIA NIGHT



August 17, 2018

6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Lake Gaston Lions Club

139 Stanley Road, Henrico, NC

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
4 Eleanor Conner (7 yrs) 6 Jordan Kearney 9 Melinda Harris 9 Elin Conner (5 yrs) 11 Madison (Madi) Crawley 11 Kay Tripp 16 Addison Phillis (3 yrs) 17 Lily Coffman (3 yrs) 20 Daniel Iles 20 Tom Tremper 21 Virginia Tant 25 Beverly Fussell 25 Roy Spain	No Anniversaries	5 Josephine Myrick/Sara Council 12 Mary Spivey/Earl Spivey 19 Mary Beth Labrecque/Jan Miller 26 Louise Gibson/Suzanne Pearce
		<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
		Thad Harris