

LITTLETON BAPTIST NEWS

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IN MEMORY

Mrs. Mary P. West

*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*

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

Sometimes you do not realize how much stuff you have until you start to pack it up. As I write this article I am beginning the slow process of packing up my apartment. I did not realize how many possessions I have. But I am enjoying going through each piece and revisiting all the memories they bring.

As I prepare for this move I am excited about making new memories in Littleton. Not just with stuff but with people. I have enjoyed my visits and getting to meet so many new people. I know as I begin my ministry, and through the many years of ministry, I will have here in Littleton, many new memories will be made.

I am excited about serving as your new pastor. My goal is for our work to be a complete team effort. Ministry must be a team effort. You have already made an impact in this town; I am only coming in to continue the efforts you have already begun. I am joining you to continue to grow the kingdom of God that you have already started.

As I begin, I just ask that you be patient with me. It is going to be a challenge learning everyone's names, but I am going to pick them up as fast as I can. I want to have a relationship with each one of you. I also ask that you be patient as I learn new skills and how to best serve you as not only a church but as individual people.

I am so blessed to be able to serve as your pastor and look forward to the mighty things we will do in God's name.

Grace and Peace,

David



DECEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 11 :00 Littleton Christmas Pa- rade
2 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 7:00 Deacon's Meeting	3 8:30 Exercise	4	5 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	6	7 8:30 Exercise	8
9 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Youth Lunch/Shopping	10 8:30 Exercise	11	12 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	13	14 8:30 Exercise	15
16 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 5:30 Christmas Cantata & Fel- lowship	17 8:30 Exercise	18	19 8:30 Exercise 5:30 Christmas Caroling No Choir or Prayer & Bible	20	21 8:30 Exercise	22 11:00 Christmas Outreach Party at John 3:16 Center
23 9:00 Christmas Breakfast 11:00 Worship	24 5:00 Christmas Eve Service	25  Merry Christmas!	26 8:30 Exercise No Choir or Prayer & Bible Study	27	28 8:30 Exercise 9:30 LACTS Food Pantry	29
30 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	31					



It's so hard to believe the most wonderful time of the year is upon us once again! The Adult Choir will be presenting the Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 16th, at 5:30 P.M. It is entitled, **Jesus, There's Something About That Name**. This musical tells of God's purpose and plan to send the Promised One - Jesus! At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

We will also hear from the children in our church. Christmas is not Christmas without our sweet children bringing their joyous sounds!

Please plan on joining us on this special night!

Merry Christmas!

Laura

CHOIR AND PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY

There will be no Choir or Prayer & Bible Study on Wednesday, **December 19** and **December 26**.



Our Deacons will meet on Sunday, **December 2**, at 7:00 P.M. in the annex.



On Wednesday, **December 19**, you are invited to gather at the church, dressed warmly and prepared to leave at 5:30 P.M. to go Christmas Caroling in the community and visit our home-bound.



from your church staff!



We welcome to LBC our newest member, Mary Beth Kearney. We are so happy to have Mary Beth join our church family.



Everyone is invited to our church-wide Christmas Breakfast on Sunday, **December 23**, beginning at 9:00 A.M. This breakfast will extend into the Sunday School hour. After breakfast we will take some time for celebration and thanksgiving. We hope you will be present for this time of fellowship hosted by the Missions Committee.

NATIVITY SCENE DISPLAY

In the spirit of Christmas, we again have our lighted Nativity Scene on display for our community. This scene debuted here in 2008 following the generous donation of the life-size and life-like figures handmade by Julian and Indie Parks. You are encouraged to view the scene and meditate on the message and meaning of Christmas. We encourage you to invite others to view it as we remember the first Christmas when our Savior was born.





Merry Christmas Everyone!

Christmas is just a few days away and we have several orders for poinsettias. It is not too late if you have not ordered yours. Order now!!

This year we plan to grace our LBC altar with red & white poinsettias on December 2, 2018.

Regular size price is \$12.50

We accept cash or checks made payable to LBC and labeled poinsettias. Let us know if they are "in memory or honor of" someone special.

Mail checks to:

Littleton Baptist Church
P. O. Box 216
Littleton, NC 27850

Thank you for making our sanctuary beautiful for the holidays.

The Flower Committee

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Mission Opportunities

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. There are many opportunities this time of year to give the gift of love to others. Share a meal, give a donation to John 3:16, go shopping with our youth, send a card or make a visit.

On Friday, **December 28**, we will continue to share the Christmas Spirit by providing food to those in need at the food pantry in the basement of Littleton UMC from 9:30 A.M. until 12:00 Noon. Would love to have your help packing bags, offer prayer and giving smiles. Thank you for being a giving, loving church.

Save the date of Saturday, **April 13, 2019**. We will need your help and support for our annual Free Children's Carnival. Looking forward to a day of fun, food and lots of smiles and hugs!



John 3:16 Center

On **December 9** our Youth will be shopping for toys to be shared with children through the John 3:16 Center. We will leave after worship that morning for lunch and shopping. If you would like to help this drive with a contribution, you may give your cash or check to our youth as you leave worship on **December 9**. We will also receive your purchased toys for the center. Last year's contributions helped the center serve around 150 children during Christmas.

The Center could really use your help with several volunteer opportunities helping with the Christmas celebration.

- Parents will have the opportunity to choose the presents for their children this year. Volunteers are needed to "shop" with the parents in the store that will be set up at Littleton United Methodist Church December 13 - 20. Volunteers need to sign up for at least a two hour period on one or more of these days and need to attend orientation at The John 3:16 Center.
- Wrap presents/help set up for the parties December 13 - 20.
- Assist with parking, serving food, assisting Santa, mingling with the families, etc. on Saturday, **December 22**.

Christmas Eve Service



Our Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion will be Monday, **December 24**, at 5:00 P.M. Bring family and friends and join us for this service as we light the Christ candle and celebrate the good news of the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Jesus, There's Something About That Name

Littleton Baptist Christmas Cantata

December 16, 2018

5:30 PM

Come join us as our Adult Choir brings us this moving musical presentation that retells God's purpose and plan to send the Promised One - Jesus!

Following the cantata we will have a reception in the Fellowship Hall hosted by the Hospitality Committee.
Don't miss this special time of worship and fellowship.



The Promised One -
JESUS!



Again this year we will receive the CBF Global Missions Offering in support of CBF Missions around the world. The offering will be received at a special ingathering on **December 16** as we place our offering on the Chrismon Tree near the conclusion of morning worship. All during December there will be highlights about Global Missions to better inform you how the message of Christ is being carried around the world by CBF Missionaries and Affiliates. Please use the prayer guides to pray diligently and give generously. Your support makes a world of difference!



Again this year our church will be sending cards to cheer up people who will be away from home Christmas. If you know of anyone in the community who has family or friends that will be away from home such as military personnel or missionaries, please give their name and address to Sid Shearin. The cards will be in the vestibule for you to sign on **December 2 & 9**. Sid wants to remind everyone not to sign for your spouse or children. Everyone needs to sign individually!

CHRISTMAS CARDS



The Christmas Card Mailbox for you to "mail" your Christmas cards to church members "in house" begins Sunday, **December 2**. You may bring your Christmas cards to the vestibule for distribution to members. We'll make sure our Homebound receive their cards as well.

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
7 Kay Beaver 9 Carol Meyer 10 Julian Parks 11 Sid Shearin 12 Sarah Iles 12 Samantha Hall 15 Pamela Morris 16 James Kearney 16 Claire Council (5 yrs) 17 Nicolas Pulliam 22 Libby Crawley (Leon) 23 Debbie Keeter 24 Mike Blanton 24 Virginia Lee 25 Mabel Wilson 26 Carly West (19 yrs) 31 Joyce Morrow	21 Tom & Til Tremper (44 yrs)	2 Sara Council/Josie Myrick 9 Kay Tripp/Paula Burton 16 Suzanne Pearce/Chris Skinner 23 Sara Council/Matthew Council 30 Bob Thompson/Amanda Coffman
	<u>YOUTH</u>	
	9 Lunch & Shopping 16 Cantata & Fellowship Time 24 Christmas Eve Service	