

# 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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## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

February is upon us. The month love. This month has always been interesting for me. We spend this entire month spending extra time loving our loved ones. Then the next month we go back to our normal lives. This month I want to make a challenge. Do exactly what you normally do every February. Give your loved ones that extra special attention. Make your valentines. Go out to that special dinner. Then when March rolls out, do that exact same thing again.

We do this for all holidays. Whether it is Christmas, New Year's, Thanksgiving, or whatever. We spend that time celebrating what we are supposed to, and then go back to our normal lives. But this holiday, like Thanksgiving is weird. We are supposed to give extra attention to our loved ones, when we should be doing that anyway. We shouldn't need a holiday to do that. Just like with thanksgiving. We shouldn't need a holiday to be thankful.

"For God so loved the world..." God taught us how to love. Love was the reason he created the world to begin with. He wanted to share his love with something, so he created us. He then sent us his son not only to show us his love, but to teach us how to love.

This month in worship, we will spend some time in love. We will look at God's servants. We will take a hard look at what reckless love. And we will also look at what it really mean's to follow Christ. Love is essential to each one of these things.

We will also celebrate Baptist Men's Sunday. What better way to celebrate love than this. Men and women who go out, giving up their time, to serve the world. So this month love, and keep loving.

I look forward to worshipping with you this month.

Grace and Peace.

*Rev. David Little*



# FEBRUARY 2019

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When I was teaching I was constantly reading articles about teaching and your teaching style. Looking through a music magazine recently I found an article, "What Kind of Choir Director Are You?". Well, I had to read it to see if I fell into one of the categories.

The four categories were Thinker/Artist, Director/ Organizer, Expressionist/Entertainer and Harmonizer/Facilitator. I think I fell into the Expressionist/Entertainer category. It describes this director as someone who wants the choir members to be relaxed and enjoy choir practice and performances. He/She wants the choir members to feel comfortable and to see the choir director as their equal. He/She enjoys input and values ideas from others and cares about each choir member.

Soon after I read the article I ran across a video of a choir director, whom I'm sure fell in the Entertainer category, directing her choir in front of a large congregation. While directing, her skirt fell down! She pulled it up and never missed a beat! That's why I like to wear a robe....you never know!

Happy Valentine's Day!

*Laura*



**SAVE THE DATES!**  
**March 15 - 16**  
**Spring Cleaning at LBC**

Ladies, come have fellowship with your sisters in Christ while sprucing up our church building. Come for an hour or as long as you can, either day or both. Lunch will be provided.



## **THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP**

**Join us for our Sunday Morning Worship Services**

**February 3**

God's Quarterback

1 Samuel 16:6 - 13

Super Bowl Sunday

**February 10**

Reckless Love

Colossians 3:12 - 14

Valentine's Day

**February 17**

Wherever ... Whenever...Whatever

Luke 9:57 - 62

Becoming true followers of Christ

**February 24**

Baptist Men's Sunday

Guest Speaker - Billy Layton

**Deacons Meeting**



The Deacons will meet on Sunday, **February 3**, following Morning Worship.



## **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

On Sundays in which inclement weather renders it unsafe to conduct Sunday School and Worship Services, our deacons will contact you if our services are postponed in any way. Remember Pastor Little will give his sermon over Facebook Live that morning!



## MISSIONS ON THE MOVE

The month of love! There is love in the air. Birds begin to sing more, buds on trees are swelling, days are a little longer and we have Valentine's Day to celebrate our love for each other. A great Missions opportunity is to get out and visit a shut-in, a sick or healthy friend, a neighbour. We are a friendly church on Sunday mornings - giving hugs, smiles and words of caring. Take that feeling into each weekday. I recently visited a dear, almost ninety-eight year old, young lady.

I had promised myself and her daughter many times to visit. What a joy I received that afternoon. Smiles, hugs and words of caring were shared between us. Please visit someone soon and share God's love.



## SPRING MISSIONS INITIATIVE APRIL 13, 2019

Don't forget to mark a very important date on your calendar! The John 3:16 Center Kid's Carnival will be held on Saturday, **April 13**. Everyone's help is needed. Pray that day is God filled for the children and their families that attend. Pray that we show God's love to all we need. Begin collecting children's books, small hand sanitizers and a fruit 2-liter drink. Get ready for a fun day. Thank you for your support!



**Making Life for Older Adults the Best of Times:**

# “Keeping Up”

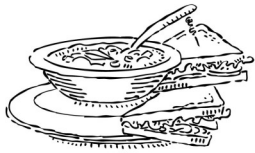
# with the “Oldest Old”

The North Carolina Offering for Older Adults/Week of Prayer emphasis will be held February 3 - 10, 2019 and will look at senior influences for good and how individuals and churches can help this special group of folks continue to live purpose-filled lives.

Baptist Retirement Homes are one of the few organizations in North Carolina dedicated to nurturing senior residents in body, mind, and spirit, and the chaplains in each community are the heart of that ministry.

Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc. operates facilities at the following locations: Brookridge Retirement Community, Winston-Salem; The Taylor House, Albemarle; The Gardens of Taylor Glen, Concord, NC; and Western NC Baptist Home, Asheville.

During February you will be able to contribute to this vital ministry and to engage in faithful prayer for its leaders and their ministry with older adults.



## SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCHEON

On Sunday, **February 10**, "Share Our Love Sunday" will focus on demonstrating our Christian love. The worship will be followed by a "Soup and Sandwich Luncheon" served with love by our Hospitality Committee. If you would like to help with the luncheon please contact Betty Anne Shearin. This annual event is always an enjoyable time for all. Consider ways you can share your love with someone - a visit, a card, a gift, or time spent with someone you'd not ordinarily spend time with in the course of your week. (Don't forget the HELLO Ministry as a possibility at this time.)



On Sunday, **February 24**, we will be celebrating Baptist Men's Day where our men will be conducting the morning worship. Our guest speaker will be Billy Layton who along with his wife Ann has been in charge of several NC Baptist Men sites where homes are rebuilt after disaster. Our church has sent a group to help Billy and Ann at Rodanthe after Hurricane Irene and last year traveled to Lumberton twice to rebuild homes flooded from Hurricane Matthew. The Laytons have a house at Lake Gaston and have attended several of our church events.



## PASTOR SUPPORT COMMITTEE

The former Pastor Search Committee has transitioned into the Pastor Support Committee. We meet monthly with our pastor with the goal of assisting him and our church to be effective in our communication, in ministry and in spirit.

The members of this committee are Clyde Johnston, Mike Blanton, Paula Burton, Sara Council, Mike Crawley, Melinda Harris and Betty Anne Shearin.



The Flower Committee is just dropping in to say "Hello" and to Thank You for YOUR part in making our Christmas Holidays Special.

LBC was beautiful with the poinsettias that you so gracefully gave to celebrate our most Holy season, the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thank you!

And just to let you know, Easter is April 21, 2019. The choir is already practicing their cantata. The Flower Committee is thinking ahead and we will post more information about our Easter Lilies in the March newsletter.

February 3, 10, & 24 are available for scheduling. If you would like to place flowers on any of these Sundays please contact a member of the Flower Committee: Carolyn Price - (252) 586-3567, or Priscilla Parks - (252) 586-4790, [priscillaparks@embarqmail.com](mailto:priscillaparks@embarqmail.com). 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!

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**February**

<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
1 Larry Clifton 1 Bob Thompson 11 Don Beaver 20 Lib Crawley (Charles) 21 Louise Barrett 24 Sydney Merritt (6) 27 Roman Martinez	14 Charles & Priscilla Parks (59 yrs) 17 Julian & Indie Parks (68 yrs) 24 Mike & Ann Currin (12 yrs)	3 Carol West/Carly West 10 Sara Council/Jan Myrick 17 Kay Tripp/Paula Burton 24 Bob Thompson/Amanda Coffman  <u>TRASH DETAIL</u>  Earl Spivey