

LITTLETON BAPTIST NEWS

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IN MEMORY

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Moss Crawley

*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

As November rolls around that can only mean 2 things: Homecoming and Thanksgiving.

I am so excited to be here officially this year for Homecoming. While I attended Homecoming last year, this will be the first year I will officially be your preacher. Church Homecomings are always so special. You get to see people you haven't seen in a long time. You get to catch up with members who have moved away and are coming back to visit.

And then the food. We as Baptists are known for our eating. But Homecoming is a whole other level. The meal that Baptists prepare for Homecoming is the best. And as I learned last year, we here at Littleton Baptist really know how to make a good Homecoming meal.

So as we prepare this year for Homecoming, please be in prayer for our members who are coming back to visit. Remember those members we have lost over the past year. Remember the food. It is always such a special time, and let us make this another successful one.

November also means Thanksgiving. There are so many reasons to be thankful during this time. I will not even try to list them because I am afraid I will forget something. But as we prepare for Thanksgiving this year, I encourage you to think on what you are thankful for. During our worship service before Thanksgiving this year we will take some time to remember those things. We will offer a time for our congregation to say what they are thankful for. So begin thinking on what you are thankful for.

November is going to be a great month, and I look forward to celebrating with each and every one of you.

Grace and Peace,

David



NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 8:30 Exercise	2
3 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Deacon's Mtg	4 8:30 Exercise	5	6 8:30 Exercise 6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	7	8 8:30 Exercise 5:30 John 3:16 Banquet	9
10 9:45 S. School 11:00 Homecoming Worship 12:00 Homecoming Meal	11 8:30 Exercise 	12	13 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	14	15 8:30 Exercise	16 10:00 Youth Adventure Landing Trip
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24 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 7:00 Community Thanksgiving Worship Service	25 8:30 Exercise	26	27 No Choir or Prayer & Bible Study	28  Thanksgiving	29	30 10:00 Chrismon Tree & Sanctuary Decorating



Our Christian sympathy is extended to:

Jack & Virginia Tant in the death of her nephew, Gerald Reid
Betty Bodkin in the death of her husband, Rev. Tom Bodkin



Ah, Fall! The temperature is slowly dropping, the leaves are turning red, orange, and yellow and are falling off the trees. It's time for Thanksgiving. I think of the smell of turkey roasting, making my bread pudding, laughter of family and friends, and the feelings of love and happiness. I certainly don't think about the music of Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving, unlike Christmas, has very few songs written to celebrate this special day. We have the oldie but goodies....Come Ye Thankful People Come, We Gather Together, and um, I'll have to think of some more! In actuality, to find the true music of Thanksgiving, all you really need to do is look inside of YOU. From the beating of your hearts as we express our love for others to the helping hand we extend to those in need - the music of Thanksgiving lives inside each of us! Play the Thanksgiving music as much as you can this holiday season!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Laura



FROM THE
Pulpit

THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

Join us for our Sunday Morning Worship Services

November 3

Cloud of Witness

Hebrews 12:1-2

All Saints Day

November 10

There's No Place Like Home

Ezra 1:1-11

Homecoming

November 17

Faith Without Deeds

James 3:14-20

November 24

What Are You Thankful For?

1 Chronicles 16:8-13, 34-36

Thanksgiving

Deacons Meeting



Deacons will meet on Sunday, **November 3**, following Morning Worship in the Annex Conference Room. Continue to pray for our deacons as they pray and consider the spiritual welfare of our church and her ministries.



Daylight Savings Time ends **November 3**. Be sure to set your clocks back on Saturday night so you'll arrive for Sunday services at the correct time!



It is time to get into the Christmas Spirit! We will be decorating the Chrismon Tree and the Sanctuary on Saturday, **November 30**, at 10:00 A.M. Join us if you would like to help!



JOHN 3:16 CENTER TOY DRIVE & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The John 3:16 Center will again be doing a Toy Drive for children at Christmas as well as offering an opportunity to sponsor a child for \$100. Each child receives: A complete outfit (including socks, shoes and underwear), 4 toys, including a puzzle or game, a book, hygiene products, meeting with Santa, hot meal and a Bible.

Another option is to support our youth in their project. For many years our youth have collected money and have done the toy shopping for our church members. If you'd like to contribute to the "shopping spree," they will be collecting after the worship service at the door on **November 17, 24** and **December 1**. Your support of these projects will be greatly appreciated by our youth, the center and the children who receive your gifts. We'll be shopping on **December 1**, and we thank you in advance for your support.

The Center could really use your help with several volunteer opportunities! (For more information or to sign up to help call the Center at (252) 586-1800.)

- Help by answering the phone & welcoming/directing families applying for the program in November.
- Shop with Brittany for mostly the clothing and shoes for specific children (more people with carts and lists means she can get more done in fewer trips).
- Parents will have the opportunity to choose the presents for their children. Volunteers are needed to "shop" with the parents in the store that will be set up at Littleton United Methodist Church December 12 - 19. 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 12 - 19 between 9:00 A.M. & 5:00 P.M.
- Assist with parking, serving food, assisting Santa, mingling with the families, etc. on Saturday, **December 21**.



It will not be long before Christmas will be here. This is such a special time of year. God blessed all of us with the most precious gift of all...the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We help make it even more special by gathering to celebrate in many ways. Some of these consist of decorating the church with the



Chrismon Tree, garlands, candles, wreaths, and poinsettias. We plan to place poinsettias in our church on the first Sunday in December. Let us know if you want to order any for Christmas. The six inch poinsettia is \$13.00 and the ten inch is \$40.00. You can choose red or white. Feel free to contact:

Kay Beaver at (252) 586-2014 or dbeaver10@gmail.com, or
Sandra Lynch at (252)578-3495 or sandralynch337@gmail.com, or
Kay Tripp, Church Secretary at office@littletonbaptistchurch.org.

We would also like to know what to write on the insert in the bulletin in memory of or in honor of your loved one.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE



Our Community Thanksgiving Service will be Sunday, **November 24**, at Littleton United Methodist Church at 7:00 P.M. The ecumenical service will feature special music and sermon giving thanks to God for his goodness. You will also have the opportunity to donate a food and/or money offering to support our local hunger needs during the holidays with food resources.



Littleton Baptist Church is proud of our heritage and faith, and once again we will have the opportunity to celebrate this heritage with Homecoming. This year will mark 146 years of ministry and service to the community of Littleton. This will be celebrated on Sunday, **November 10**, at 11:00 A.M. Since this will be his first Homecoming as pastor at LBC, Rev. Little will be our speaker. Invite former members, family and friends to join us for this special day in our church and the opportunity to meet Rev. Little. A covered dish meal will be served Homecoming Style after the service!



October was a great month for our youth. It was a wonderful time as we helped with the Littleton Halloween Festival.

This month, on **November 16**, we will be going on a trip to Adventure Landing in Raleigh to play laser tag, putt-putt, go karts, and arcade games. Exact prices will be determined. We will leave at 10:00 A.M. and have lunch as well.

During the month of November due to other events in our church and community our youth will be meeting on **November 17** at 5:00 P.M. for dinner and Bible study.

On **December 1**, following worship the youth will leave to have lunch and shop for the John 3:16 Center Christmas.



Thanksgiving! What a meaningful word in our commodity filled world. Let us take the time to count our many blessings and be thankful for all the wonderful blessings we enjoy each day. Then share some of your blessings with others. The lone-some, the sick, the lost, a neighbor or stranger can use a smile, a card, a visit, a phone call and PRAYERS.

Your Missions Committee has started making plans for the Free Children's Carnival in 2020. Please put us and the Carnival in your prayers as we plan to share God's love with others in our community. We need your help and support. As in the past, start saving/collecting children's books so our children can pick out that special book. More information will be shared as we get closer.

Please put Sunday, **December 22**, on your calendar. We will have our annual Christmas Breakfast that morning prepared by some awesome cooks.

We are the hands, feet and heart for Jesus. Be THANKFUL and look for ways to show your love for our Lord and Savior.



Our church will be sending cards and photos to cheer up people who will be away from home during Christmas. If you know of anyone in the community that have family or friends that will be away from home such as military personnel or missionaries, please give their name and address to Sid Shearin or the church office by **November 25**. The cards will be in the vestibule for you to sign on **November 25, December 2 & 9**. Sid wants to remind everyone you are not allowed to sign for your spouse or children. Everyone needs to sign individually.

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November

<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
1 Ann West 2 Priscilla Parks 5 Betty Neville 10 Jim Sineath 11 Mary Virginia Kearney 18 Mary Beth Kearney 20 Harrison West (17 yrs) 20 Arlene Merritt 21 Chris Skinner 22 Bentley Iles (8 yrs) 24 Larry West 25 Thad Harris 28 Brenda Hudson 29 Mary Lois Spivey 30 Andrew Crawley	6 Matthew & Sara Council (9 yrs) 7 Sidney & Louise Gibson (54 yrs)	3 Brenda Hudson/Mary Spivey 10 Sara Council/Jan Myrick 17 Melinda Harris/Sara Little 24 Carol West/Carly West <div style="text-align: center;"><u>TRASH DETAIL</u></div> Mike Blanton