

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.”



Rev. David A. Little, Pastor

www.littletonbaptistchurch.org

email: pastor@littletonbaptistchurch.org

email: office@littletonbaptistchurch.org

(252) 586-5330

APRIL 2020

Vol. 43 No. 4

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

April is supposed to be a joyous time. April 1st was supposed to be for pranking people. But then April was also supposed to be a celebration of our risen Savior. April was supposed to be our Kids Carnival. And now, we are at a standstill. Our Kids Carnival has been postponed. And now we will no longer be having church services through April.

But I will say this: that does not mean our church is at a standstill. That does not mean that God is at a standstill. And that certainly does not mean that Christ hasn't risen! For our church is still working. God is still working and we will always be celebrating our risen Savior.

Even though we have to cancel our services, we cannot cancel Easter. For Christ has and will always be risen.

All of these things will remain true. We may not be able to meet in our sanctuary, but we can still do God's work. For the church isn't a building. The church is its people. We do not need some special hour to worship. If we all only worshipped God at 11:00 A.M. on Sunday mornings then that is a problem.

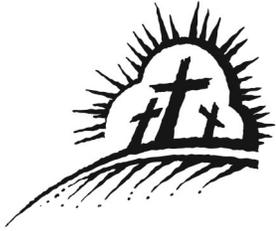
So through this time in our church, I encourage you to be the church. Help out in any way that you can. Check on your neighbors. Pray for all the people who are in the heart of this. Take time to read the Bible more. Spend quality time with your children while they are out of school. No matter what, use this time that you are given for God's glory. Do not live it in fear.

And while we may not be meeting together for worship in our sanctuary, we will still gather together for worship. At 4:00 P.M. on Sunday afternoons we will gather together over Facebook Live and still worship. There will be some music, prayer and even a sermon. If you do not have Facebook, we will still post the sermon on our website. If you do not have internet at all, you can request a copy of the sermon on a CD.

But no matter what, we will be able to fellowship with one another again. The church will come out of this stronger than ever. God is in control. We just need to trust him and put our faith in him. Do not be afraid, for he is with you.

Grace and Peace,

David



April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00 Facebook Prayer & Bible Study	2	3	4
5 4:00 Facebook Worship Service	6	7	8 7:00 Facebook Prayer & Bible Study	9 7:00 Maundy Thursday Face- book Service	10 7:00 Good Fri- day Facebook Service	11
12 4:00 Facebook Worship Service 	13	14	15 7:00 Facebook Prayer & Bible Study	16	17	18
19 4:00 Facebook Worship Service	20	21	22 7:00 Facebook Prayer & Bible Study	23	24	25
26 4:00 Facebook Worship Service	27	28	29 7:00 Facebook Prayer & Bible Study	30	31	



Congratulations to Dan & Stephanie Iles upon the birth of their baby boy and Bentley & Wyatt upon the birth of their baby brother, Jaxon David Iles. He was born on February 20. He weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Congrats also to his grandmother, Sarah Iles.



I am writing this article on the Sunday afternoon when we made the decision to “close down” church and all church activities for the next couple of weeks. It made me sad. I would have never imagined that something could close down a place that I love attending and sharing my music. I know the reason that it was done but it still makes me sad. The words in our choir special this morning came at the perfect time:

The grace of God has reached for me
and pulled me from the raging sea.
And I am safe on this solid ground; the Lord
is my salvation.
His strength will help me scale these walls.
I'll see the dawn, of the rising sun; the Lord
is my salvation.

My hope is hidden in the Lord.
He flow'rs each promise of His Word.
When winter fades, I know spring will come;
The Lord is my salvation.

As I type these lyrics it brightens my mood. Knowing that God is there to get us through all our ups and downs helps me to keep my faith that this too shall pass.

Laura



I want to start out by thanking all of our youth and children for a wonderful Youth & Children Sunday. Each one of you did amazing and led us all in worship. So thank you!

Regular youth activities are cancelled through the month of April. However I am working on a way where we can still gather together virtually. Please keep an eye out for more info.



FROM THE
Pulpit

THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

Join us for our Virtual Sunday Worship Services
on Facebook Live at 4:00 P.M.

April 5

The Beginning of the End

Mark 11:1-11

Palm Sunday

April 12

A New Beginning

Luke 24:1-12

April 19

On The Road Again

Luke 24:13-35

Road to Emmaus

April 26

Disciples Making Disciples

Matthew 28:16-20



Our Deacons meeting scheduled for April 5 has been cancelled.



We will not have a Quarterly Business Meeting in April. Our next meeting will be in August unless business necessitates a special called session.



Sermons Are Online

We have cancelled our worship services through April due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) But don't worry! At 4:00 P.M. on Sunday afternoons we will gather together over Facebook Live and still worship. There will be some music, prayer and even a sermon. If you do not have Facebook, we post the sermon on our website. If you do not have internet at all, you can request a copy of the sermon on a CD.

Also, we will have a short service at 7:00 P.M. on Facebook Live for Maundy Thursday as well as a Good Friday service.



Remember beginning with our June newsletter, we will be converting to sending them electronically over e-mail. However, for those who do not have e-mail we will still be sending hard copies through the mail if you notify us that you would like to continue receiving them. They are also available on our website.

Please make sure you notify us. E-mail our secretary at office@littletonbaptistchurch.org if you want them emailed or you can leave a message at the church office (252) 586-5330 if you would like them mailed. We appreciate your cooperation during this change.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The dates for this year's VBS will be **June 22 - 26** from 9:00 A.M. - 12:15 P.M. We will be hosting VBS this year. The theme for this year is Rocky Railway: Jesus' power pulls us through. This is a beautiful reminder during this difficult time. His power will help us get through this. And we will not be shaken. We are looking to have another wonderful and successful year. To do this volunteers are needed! If you would like to help please contact Pastor David or Melinda Harris. Be sure to put these dates on your summer calendar!



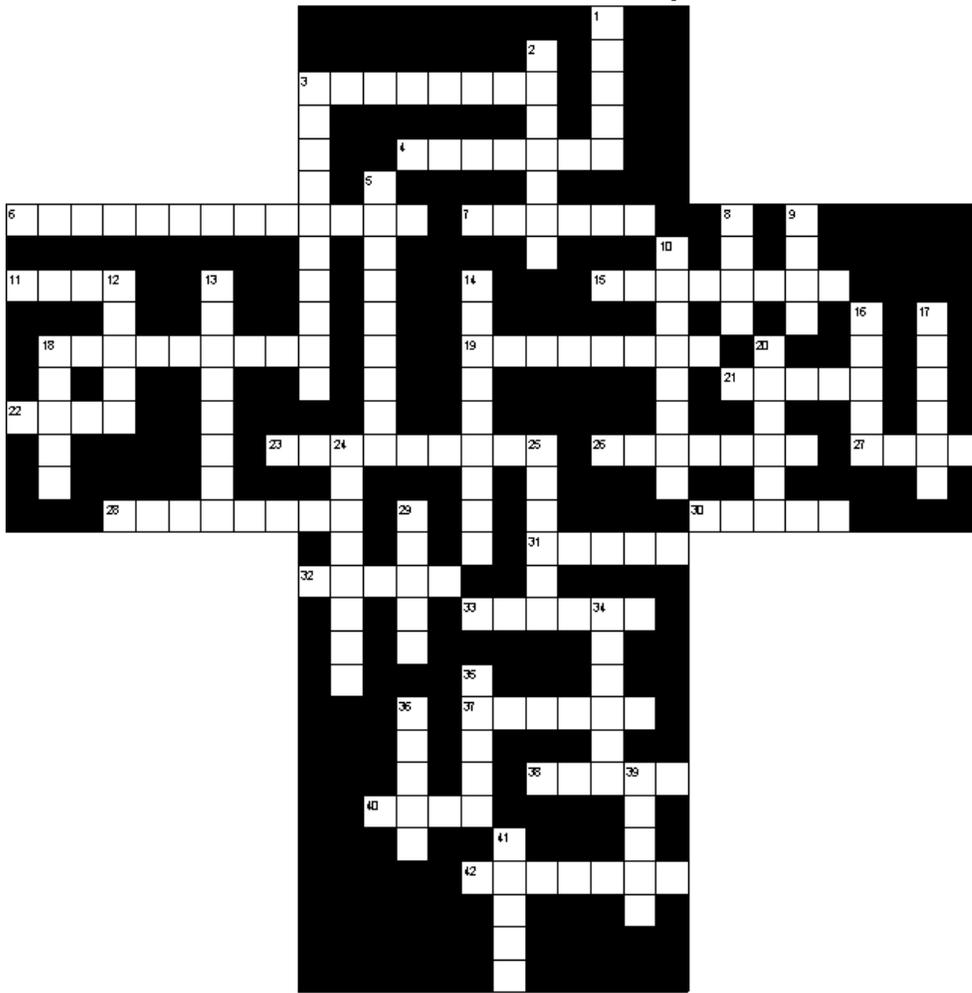
School closings, self-isolation, soap and warm water hand washing, scary news reports. Where is all of this heading? Prayer and our trust in our loving, caring God is the answer. One of my prayers is that all of the health issues we are facing will draw us closer to God. Many, many times in the Bible, God's people are brought back to the real meaning of faith through scary times. As a mission minded church, we need to continue to show God's love as we look for ways to serve Him. Phone calls, grocery shopping for an older neighbor, child care and listening to someone's concerns are a few of the ways we can offer support and love.

As I am writing this, the Children's Carnival has been put on hold until a later date. Please pray that God's will is done. We still need soft drinks (fruit flavors) and children's books as well as helping hands from so many volunteers. Vaughan Baptist is partnering with us again this year. They are supplying the inflatables and snacks for the Goodie bags. Updates will be shared as we know how to move forward.

Please pray for our Community Vacation Bible School beginning June 22. Our church is hosting it this year. We will be using a railroad theme. Share your ideas with us as we decorate and prepare for a God-filled week.

Thank you for being a mission minded church.

The Easter Story



Across

- | | |
|--|--|
| 3. It means "A place of a skull;"
Where He was crucified | 26. "Father, _____ them; for they
know not what they do." |
| 4. These guys were crucified on each
side of Him. | 27. He shed His blood so our _____
would be forgiven. |
| 6. And He was numbered with the
_____. | 28. The Last Supper was a celebration
of this Jewish holiday |
| 7. Jesus was anointed with precious
ointment in preparation for His
_____. | 30. The ruler of Galilee |
| 11. This part of the temple was torn in
two from the top to the bottom | 31. This was sent to strengthen Him
when He was praying in the
garden. |
| 15. And when the sixth hour was
come, there was _____ over the
whole land. | 32. This apostle denied that He knew
Jesus three times. |
| 18. This Roman said, "Truly this was
the Son of God." | 33. This wealthy man of Arimathea
buried Him. |
| 19. The high priest who said it was
expedient that one man die for all. | 37. The doubtful apostle |
| 21. The _____ of blood was
purchased with the betrayal money | 38. "A spirit has not _____ and bones
as ye see me have." |
| 22. The disciple that took Mary home
as his own mother | 40. And they stripped Him, and put on
Him a scarlet _____. |
| 23. He appeared first unto Mary
_____. | 42. They gave Him this to drink when
He was on the cross. |

Down

1. The father-in-law to the high priest. Jesus was first brought to him
2. Another name for the place of His crucifixion.
3. The garden where Jesus prayed before He was arrested
5. And it was the third hour, and they _____ Him.
8. This was written and set over His head: "_____ of the Jews"
9. Judas betrayed Jesus with a _____.
10. "Go ye into the world and preach the gospel to every _____."
12. Joseph took His body down and wrapped it in fine _____.
13. The prisoner released by Pilate instead of Jesus
14. The pharisee that brought spices for His burial
16. The apostle who betrayed the Christ
17. "Why seek ye the _____ among the dead?"
18. He was taken up; and a _____ received Him out of their sight.
20. Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of _____.
24. And they crucified Him, and parted His _____, casting lots:
25. He appeared to two disciples on the way to this village.
29. Jesus told Peter to feed His _____.
34. The Roman governor who washed his hands of the whole affair
35. This was rolled in front of the tomb and then sealed.
36. and His sweat was as it were great drops of _____.
39. The soldier pierced His side with this _____
41. He is not here: for He is _____ as He said.

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

Special Standard A
U. S. Postage Paid
Littleton, NC
Permit 3



<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	
1 Billy Pearce	8 Lee & Jan Myrick (41 yrs)	
8 Jan Miller	10 Jimmy & Laura Kearney (38 yrs)	
9 Wyatt Pegram	10 Jack & Virginia Tant (72 yrs)	
12 Claude Lynch	15 Billy & Suzanne Pearce (48 yrs)	
20 Casey Myrick	22 Bryant & Nichole Pitchford (14 yrs)	
21 Sara Little	23 Larry & Sheryl West (29 yrs)	
25 Nicholas Coffman (15 yrs)		
27 Caitlyn Phillis (7 yrs.)		
27 Suzanne Pearce		
27 Til Tremper		
28 Laura Kearney		