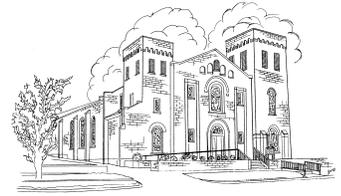


# LITTLETON BAPTIST NEWS

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

As I am writing this newsletter article I am preparing for my third Fellowship retreat. This has been an amazing opportunity, and I just want to thank each and every one of you for allowing me the chance to learn and grow. I pray that as this continues, I will be able to bring what I have learned from this opportunity to this church so that we might be able to grow together.

Learning never stops. Even when you are finished with school, learning never stops. Even when you are through with your initial training for your job, learning never stops. We should always want to learn more so that we can be better prepared for the future. For the world doesn't stop turning. Technology never stops. We as a people never stop discovering. So we should never be afraid to grow with all of it.

That is especially true for Christians. We should never want to stop growing in our faith. We should always be wanting to take that next step, never being satisfied with where we are on our journey. Paul tells us that we must walk by faith, meaning continuing this journey one step at a time. Always growing, always learning. So as this has been a year for growth for me, I pray that it has been one for you. I pray that God is teaching you something new every day.

As we look to worship this upcoming September, it will be a wonderful month. We begin by celebrating communion and looking at how we try to hide our mistakes from God, even though he already knows what they are. And then as we come to the table, we should come as a forgiven people.

We follow that up with a different type of worship. We will again be doing a service with three different mini sermons instead of one long sermon. This time we will be focusing on Micah's famous passage: "And what does the Lord require of you? To do justice, to love mercy, and walk humbly with the Lord your God."

The third Sunday of the month, we will be celebrating the deacons who rotate off our deacon board and acknowledge the two who will come on. Deacons are important to the ministry of the church and deserve to be celebrated. This will be an important worship as we move into our new church year.

The final Sunday we will look at how missions in our world is transforming and how God calls all of us to be sent out. You just never know when God will give you the opportunity to serve him, so always be on the look out for where God is sending you.

So as we move from August into September, allow God to teach you something new this month. Allow him to stretch you in new ways in your faith. It is going to be an exciting month, and I look forward to seeing how God moves us in new directions.

Grace and Peace,

*David*



# September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>12 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship</p> <p>5:00 Youth</p>	<p>13 8:00 Exercise</p>	14	<p>15 8:00 Exercise</p> <p>6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer &amp; Bible Study</p>	16	<p>17 8:00 Exercise</p>	18
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Well, it's September and you know what that means...We Wish You a Merry Christmas! Yes, it's time to begin practicing our music for the Christmas Cantata which will be on December 19th. We would love to have you join us! Please let me know if you are interested!

As I told you in the August newsletter article I was heading to the beach. Well, I think this was the first beach trip in 28 years where it rained every day! The last one was when Emily was 4 and Jordan was 8 and we made 2 trips to the emergency room that week! No emergency room visits this trip but despite the rain... fun was had by all 16 family members!

I am happy to say that Bennett loves music just as much as Addie did at 16 months. He is not the piano player that Addie was...his instrument is the triangle! He loves toting it around and hitting it with the little "beater." Please say a little prayer for Addie as she has started Kindergarten! Where does time go???

*Laura*

**Deacons Meeting**



Our Deacon's will meet on Sunday, **September 5**, at 10:30 A.M. Please pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.



Youth will meet at 5:00 P.M. for dinner and Bible study on Sunday, **September 12** and Sunday, **September 26**. We will have a great time as the youth learn and grow in their faith.



FROM THE  
*Pulpit*

**THIS MONTH  
IN WORSHIP**

Join us for our Sunday Morning Worship.  
If you can't be with us at church then join us  
online for our Virtual Worship Service on  
Facebook Live at 11:00 A.M.

**September 5**

Hide and Go Seek

Genesis 3:1-13

Communion

**September 12**

Do, Love, Walk

Micah 6:8

**September 19**

To Be Called

1 Timothy 3:8-13

**September 26**

Send Me Out

Acts 8:26-40



*Outdoor World Worship*

The final session of our summer mission Sunday School at Outdoor World is Sunday, **September 5**, at 8:30 A.M. Special thanks to Mike Crawley for leading these services each week. Thanks for those from the church who have supported this ministry with your prayers and presence.



We would like to thank you for all you have done to help with flowers for Littleton Baptist Church! We couldn't do our jobs without all your precious help!

The following is the flower schedule for the month of September:

September 5 - The Lord's Supper  
September 12 - Laura Kearney  
September 19 - Available  
September 26 - Available

Don't forget about the flower sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the hallway at church. If you would like to place flowers in church, please contact a member of the Flower Committee by phone or email:

Sandra Lynch, (252) 578-3495 or sandralynch337@gmail.com  
Kay Beaver, (252) 586-2014 or dbeaver10@gmail.com

You can also contact the church office by email: [office@littletonbaptistchurch.org](mailto:office@littletonbaptistchurch.org). Let us know what you want placed in the bulletin.

Thank you again for putting flowers in the sanctuary. You are wonderful!



The Landings of Lake Gaston Assisted Living has opened. We have church members, friends and family members living there. Area churches have been invited to meet with Littleton United Methodist Church to explore ways we can minister to the residents.

Right now the Center is on lockdown due to increasing COVID 19 cases. Even though we cannot visit we can still show them our love and support. One idea that I like is to send cards. It can be thinking of you, birthday, special occasion or just a love filled thought. Buy a box of cards and have fun. You do not need to know names. Pray as you write a friendly message of God's love and your care, sign your name or put a friend is thinking about you. Put it in the envelope and deliver the box to their front door or leave it at church and I will deliver it to them. Get your children involved. They like to draw pictures and write notes. The events director, Victoria, will address the card and see that it is delivered. This small act of kindness will brighten their day and room.

Let someone know they are being thought about during these lonely days.

If you have questions, please call me.

Continue to pray for our church and its ministry to our church, community and world.

Thank you for all you do in God's name.

*Melinda Harris*

Missions Committee Chairperson



### Lord's Supper

On Sunday, **September 5**, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper during worship. Be present for this special time as we remember once again the sacrifice of our Lord for you and me. Remember as you depart you will be given the opportunity to contribute to the Fellowship Fund for local benevolence.



The John 3:16 **YARD SALE** is back and we **NEED** your help! On Friday, **September 3** starting at 9:00 A. M. sharp we will need assistance with setting up and organizing items. We also need help on Saturday **September 4** starting at 8:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. to help assist with sales and clean up. If you are willing and able to help, please call the John 3:16 Center at 252-586-1800 or let Sara Little know.



**Our church picnic is Sunday, September 5, 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!!!**

**\*\*Go south on Mosby Avenue and turn left at the Person's Ordinary Historic Marker. (It is Warren Road but the street sign is gone). Take the second right which is Bowers Road. Go approximately 6 miles. Their home is on the right, across the road from the intersection of Warren's Pond Road. Please call Sid or Betty Anne at 586-4607 if you need more information.**



Planning for our **150th Anniversary** has begun! A few of our members have met and discussed ideas about how our church can celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023. We talked about having a full year of celebrations beginning December 2022 and culminating at Homecoming in November 2023. You can help too. Start looking at your old pictures of past church events and missions to be displayed in a "history room." We will be collecting photos and other memorabilia next year so now is the time to start looking.



### Church Memories

Our group also thought about inviting past members who have moved away from Littleton so we will need you to get their names and addresses to Pastor David. We want your ideas too.

We will need everyone's help to celebrate our church's anniversary. Thank you!

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<p>5 Jimmy Felts  6 Charles Parks  8 Christopher Skinner (12 yrs)  9 Sheryl West  13 Betty Blanton  13 J. C. Skinner (15 yrs.)  15 Anna Council (5yrs)  15 Earl Spivey  21 Virginia Johnston  28 Debbie Sineath  29 Neva Lopez  30 Kent West</p>	<p>6 Greg &amp; Beverly Fussell (62 yrs)  14 David &amp; Sara Little (2 yrs)  22 Jordan &amp; Mary Beth Kearney (9 yrs)  28 Jay Koeph &amp; Joyce Morrow (35 yrs)</p>	<p>5 Sara Council/Jan Myrick  12 Nichole Pitchford/Carol West  19 Melinda Harris/Sara Council  26 Lynn Skilton/Jim Skilton</p> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="1049 1472 1544 1566" style="text-align: center;"><b><u>TRASH DETAIL</u></b></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="1049 1566 1544 1990" style="text-align: center;">Thad Harris</td> </tr>	<b><u>TRASH DETAIL</u></b>		Thad Harris	
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