

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

October is here. I have mentioned many times that this is probably one of my favorite months of the entire year. Between baseball playoffs, hockey season starting, state fair, and of course Halloween. And then fall is kicking into high gear.

While I am not particularly fond of the cooler temps that fall brings, the colors that fall brings are absolutely amazing. It is so beautiful to look outside and see the red, orange, and yellow in the trees. It is especially beautiful in the mountains. But then suddenly it is all gone. All the leaves fall off the trees, but that leads into spring when new leaves appear just as green and lifelike as ever.

But all of this reminds me of our relationship with God. Sometimes we have to be changed to be made beautiful. God is working constantly in us, and he has to change us. When we decide to put our faith in him, we are changed on the inside. We are no longer defined by our own actions, but his. And he constantly works in us to rid us of all that is not of us so that we can be filled with him.

So as you look at all the beautiful colors this fall, think about what needs to be changed inside of you. What needs to leave so that something more wonderful can be made? It is an uncomfortable thing to sometimes think about, but in the end with God, it is all worth it. So let us be the change.

During October in worship, we are going to do part 2 of my Strange Stories Sermon Series. This month we will be focusing on prophets and how God calls them to do strange things. We will be looking at Ezekiel and his vision of the valley of dry bones as we also celebrate World Communion Sunday. Then we will look at Hosea and how God called him to a strange marriage with some strange named children. The third Sunday we will be looking at Elijah's final moments and Elisha's first as a prophet.

The fourth week of October, I will be attending my fourth and final cohort with my fellowship. Colin Kroll who works at Campbell University as the Director of the Youth Theological Institute and also as the Associate Campus Minister, will be our guest preacher.

The final Sunday of the month just happens to fall on Halloween this year. During worship we will be looking at a story where King Saul makes some unwise decisions that leads to tragedy. It is the perfect story for Halloween.

We hope to see you this month in worship as we look at some strange prophets. But also I look forward to learning where you can be a change and what God is doing in your lives so that you can be more full of him.

Grace and Peace,

David



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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One of the things I missed the most in 2020 was our church music. Most of us find that music reaches and expresses our feelings far more than words alone. I know I wouldn't want to worship in a church where there was no music. Imagine Easter and Christmas without music in our church...hold it....wait....we did that last year! That proved to me just how important music is in our church.

Music adds so much to the power of Scripture, sermons and prayer. I try to select anthems and hymns that follow Pastor David's sermon topics. I feel it adds so much to our Sunday morning worship service. There are some Sundays where I have a little more difficulty in finding them, though. We all know that Pastor David can have some "unusual" topics!

I hope that you continue to enjoy our church music. Masks or no masks sing out! Sing to him; tell of his wonderful acts. Psalm 105:2.

Laura



DEACONS MEETING

Our Deacons will meet in the Fellowship Hall following Morning Worship on Sunday, **October 10**. We welcome our two newest deacons, Melinda Harris and Earl Spivey. Special thanks to Sidney Gibson and David Tripp who completed their terms of service in September.



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.

OCTOBER 3

Welcome To Death Valley

Ezekiel 37:1-14

World Communion Sunday

OCTOBER 10

Faithfully

Hosea 1:2-2:1

OCTOBER 17

Chariots, Fire, and Bears...O My!

2 Kings 2:9-14, 23-25

OCTOBER 24

Guest Preacher

Colin Kroll

OCTOBER 31

I've Got a Bad Feeling About This

1 Samuel 28:3-20



Lord's Supper

October 3 is World Communion Sunday. 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.



Thank you to all those that donated things and volunteered their time to help with the Yard Sale that benefitted the John 3:16 Center during Labor Day weekend! It was a HUGE success and we couldn't have been able to do it without everyone's help!



The youth will be meeting on Sunday, **October 10**, for Bible study and dinner. We are also working on another outing for our youth that is to be determined. Keep an eye out for texts for information.

Quarterly Business Meeting



Our next Quarterly Business Meeting is Wednesday, **October 13**, at 7:00 P.M. These quarterly meetings are vital to the church and her ministry as we report, discuss, plan and consider the ongoing needs that will strengthen us as the people of God. You are encouraged to be present and to always be prayerful about our church's ministries!



Thank you for selecting Kay Beaver and me, Sandra Lynch, to be on the Flower Committee again! We realize that the church is extra beautiful because of your commitment and generosity. Thank you for being you!

If you would like to place flowers in church, please contact a member of the Flower Committee by phone or email:

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

You may also contact the church office by email: office@litletonbaptistchurch.org

October 10, 17, 24, and 31 are available for scheduling. If you would like to reserve one of these dates, please let us know.

Also it is time to start thinking about placing Poinsettias in LBC to grace our sanctuary for the month of December in memory or in honor of your loved one. Kay Beaver or I will be glad to take your order. You can purchase red or white poinsettias in two different sizes. The 6 inch pot with a cover is \$10.50. The 8 inch pot with a cover is \$20. Just let us know if you decide you want to do this.

Thank you again for being so faithful in helping the sanctuary look beautiful!



Fall is here. What a wonderful time to enjoy the outside-walking, running, playing/watching football, fishing, raking leaves. Find time to call or visit our shut-ins, read to a child, get involved in a project or help with a neighbor's needs.



During Sunday School in October, we are studying the book of Hebrews. Jesus gave His life for us so that we can live. Live for Jesus in all you do. In our today's world, Christians need to speak up and be the hands, feet and love of our Lord and Savior.

Enjoy fall and our beautiful world.

OCTOBER DEVOTIONAL

In Order to Hear My Voice, you must release all your worries into My care. Entrust to Me everything that concerns you. This clears the way for you to seek My Face unhindered. Let Me free you from fear that is hiding deep inside you. Sit quietly in My Presence, allowing My Light to soak into you and drive out any darkness lodged within you.

Accept each day just as it comes to you, remembering that I am sovereign over your life. *Rejoice in this day that I have made*, trusting that I am abundantly present in it. Instead of regretting or resenting the way things are, *thank Me in all circumstances*. Trust Me and don't be fearful; thank Me and rest in My sovereignty.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. - 1 Peter 6:6-7

HOMEcoming INVITATION CELEBRATING 148 YEARS

All Members, Former Members, Friends and Family

Are cordially invited to Littleton Baptist Church

On Sunday, November 14, 2021 at 11:00 A.M.

For our Annual Homecoming Service

We will welcome Rev. Charles Wilson as our guest speaker.

*Rev. Wilson is the son of Mrs. Mabel Wilson and
a recently retired Baptist pastor.*

Rev. Wilson was also ordained here at Littleton Baptist Church.

There will be no Sunday School on this day.



**SPREAD CHRISTMAS
CHEER**

Our church will once again be sending Christmas Cards to our military personnel who will be away from home during the Christmas Holidays. These cards from our church family will give cheer to them in their distant service. We are also asking you to provide names, addresses, rank, relationship to you (i.e family, friend, neighbor etc.). (Note: If you have family or friends serving in missions somewhere, we will also extend this request for names to include them as well.) Please give the information to Sid Shearin or the church office.

The cards will be in the vestibule for you to sign on **November 28, December 5 & 12**. 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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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
2 Elizabeth Neville 3 Gladys Pegram 3 Ashby Burton 5 Perry Myrick (Myrick) (1 yr) 8 Mike Crawley 12 Jan Myrick 12 Larry Thomas West 15 Jeff Burton 18 Louise Gibson 23 Ginger Batts 25 Jack Tant 26 Mary Beth Labrecque 29 Amanda Milton	8 Perry & Casey Myrick (5 yrs) 11 Jim & Debbie Sineath (7 yrs) 15 Josh & Samantha Hall (5 yrs) 27 Jeff & Paula Burton (31 yrs)	3 Jim Skilton/Lynne Skilton 10 Jan Myrick/Sara Council 17 Melinda Harris/Sandra Lynch 24 Paula Burton/Nichole Pitchford 31 Carol West/Carly West <div style="text-align: center;"><u>TRASH DETAIL</u></div> Bryant Pitchford