

# 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

It is now February! And it is February of 2022, which makes it a special month this year. That's because the winter Olympics are back! Hockey, figure skating, ski shooting, bobsleds, and of course my favorite winter Olympic sport: curling! It really is going to be a wonderful time watching these athletes compete in sports that do not get mainstream attention.

But February is also special because of a different reason. And that is because of Valentine's Day. This special day is all about expressing our love towards each other. You do not have to be married to celebrate Valentine's Day. There are all kinds of love that can be expressed. You have the love between a parent and child. You have the love between best friends. Each of these types of love is expressed differently but are no less important.

Then you also have the love that is shared between us and God. In original Greek this love is called agape. It is the unconditional love that is expressed through compassion and empathy. Paul tells us there is no greater thing in this world greater than love.

That is why we celebrate Share His Love Sunday on the Sunday closest to Valentine's Day, which this year will be February 13<sup>th</sup>. This Sunday is to remind us of the love that God has for us and how we should be sharing that love with all people. It should not be a love that we keep to ourselves. So this year, let us truly make this a "Share His Love" day.

As far as the rest of February, we have some great worship services coming up. We begin the month by looking at a lesser-known Biblical character in Demas. What can this man who was only mentioned three times in the entire Bible teach us? Then February 13<sup>th</sup> is Share His Love Sunday.

On February 20<sup>th</sup> we will take a look at the journey of the Israelites as they are in the desert wandering around. Many different incidents happened while they were wandering, but there was one that deserves special attention. The only hint I will give is this: golden calf.

February 27<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Men's Sunday where the men of our church take over the worship service. We look forward to hearing Dr. Brian Foreman of Campbell Divinity School bring our message this day.

As we continue through this month, let us take the challenge of looking around our own communities and find ways that we can truly share his love. We don't have to look far, so where is God calling you at this day?

Grace and Peace,  
*David*



# FEBRUARY 2022

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue       | Wed  | Thu       | Fri                        | Sat       |
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|   |   | <i>1</i>  | <i>2</i><br>8:30 Exercise<br><br>6:15 Adult Choir<br>7:00 Prayer &<br>Bible Study  | <i>3</i>  | <i>4</i><br>8:30 Exercise  | <i>5</i>  |
| <i>6</i><br>9:45 S School<br>11:00 Worship<br>12:00 Deacons<br>Mtg  | <i>7</i><br>8:30 Exercise   | <i>8</i>  | <i>9</i><br>8:30 Exercise<br><br>6:15 Adult Choir<br>7:00 Prayer &<br>Bible Study  | <i>10</i> | <i>11</i><br>8:30 Exercise | <i>12</i> |
| <i>13</i><br>9:45 S School<br>11:00 Worship<br>12:00 Soup<br>Lunch (to-go)<br><br><small>SHARE HIS<br/>LOVE'SUNDAY</small><br>6:00 Youth Su-<br>per Bowl Bash | <i>14</i><br>8:30 Exercise<br><br> | <i>15</i> | <i>16</i><br>8:30 Exercise<br><br>6:15 Adult Choir<br>7:00 Prayer &<br>Bible Study | <i>17</i> | <i>18</i><br>8:30 Exercise | <i>19</i> |
| <i>20</i><br>9:45 S School<br>11:00 Worship   | <i>21</i><br>8:30 Exercise  | <i>22</i> | <i>23</i><br>8:30 Exercise<br><br>6:15 Adult Choir<br>7:00 Prayer &<br>Bible Study | <i>24</i> | <i>25</i><br>8:30 Exercise | <i>26</i> |
| <i>27</i><br>9:45 S School<br>11:00 Worship<br><br>5:00 Youth   | <i>28</i><br>8:30 Exercise  |           |  |           |                            |           |



I want to thank everyone for their love, cards, phone calls, and prayers that I have received over the past few weeks. Mama had a difficult December. She was able to spend time with all of the family on December 29th. She asked for one of her favorite meals on the 30th...Chinese shrimp and vegetables! Her fortune cookie read...Today is the day you let it go. Now, I'm a person who believes in God-winks...and this was truly one. She died peacefully in her sleep during the night...she let it go.

I hope you are able to spend Valentine's Day with the ones you love!

*Laura*



Mrs. Louise Barrett loved music. Because of her generous gift to the church to be used in the area of music, the Adult Choir members are enjoying new black music folders and notebooks. The congregation will also be able to benefit from her gift. Beginning February 13th there will be new updated hymnals for you to enjoy. The hymnals have all of the good "oldies" plus some of the new hymns! Music will live on in our church in memory of a wonderful lady!

We also appreciate her gift of our hearing impaired system. This has already helped members be able to worship. We thank her for her numerous contributions in helping make our worship more complete.



Deacons will meet on Sunday, **February 6**, following Morning Worship. Please continue to pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.



FROM THE  
*Pulpit*

## **THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP**

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

### **FEBRUARY 6**

Rise and Fall of Demas

Philemon 1:23-24

### **FEBRUARY 13**

Just Keep Going

Jude 1:20-21

Share His Love Sunday

### **FEBRUARY 20**

The Golden Calf

Exodus 32:1-20

### **FEBRUARY 27**

Dr. Brian Foreman

Men's Day



## **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!



Our Christian sympathy is extended to

Jimmy & Laura Kearney and Family in the death of Laura's Mother, Emily B. Burrows  
Al & Carol Spraker in the death of their sister-in-law, Sue Spraker



We are so excited to announce that this year's Baptist Men's Day will be Sunday, **February 27**. The speaker will be Dr. Brian Foreman. Dr. Foreman is the Executive Director of Community Engagement as well as the Executive Director for the Center for Church and Community at Campbell University. He is also an adjunct professor for Campbell Divinity School. He co-leads the Rural Clergy Fellowship of which our pastor was part of this past year. We look forward to the message that he will bring us about how we can do missions even in our rural setting. If you would like to participate in the service, please contact Pastor David.



## “Celebrating 70 Years of Serving Seniors!”

### Making Life for Older Adults the Best of Times

The North Carolina Offering for Older Adults/Week of Prayer emphasis will be held January 30 - February 6, 2022. The theme this year is, “Celebrating 70 years of serving seniors. The goal this year is for \$650,000 and 100 percent of the funds will provide quality care for older adults who cannot afford the care they need and deserve!”

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.



On Sunday, **February 13**, the youth will meet at 6:00 P.M. for the annual Super Bowl Bash as we enjoy good food, good fellowship, some Super Bowl related games (with prizes), and of course (hopefully) a good football game. We hope you can join us for this fun time. On Sunday, **February 27**, youth will meet at 5:00 P.M. for dinner and Bible Study.



## MISSION TRIP TO ROSE HILL

When a hurricane strikes an area, there is a lot of publicity and people have a desire to help folks. Once the basic recovery is performed people seem to leave town and the flooded victims are forgotten. That's when Baptist on Mission's rebuild program begins. Mark your calendars for March 15 - 19 for a trip to the Charity Center to help rebuild homes damaged by Hurricane Florence. If you cannot help the whole time just come when your schedule allows. The Center is located across the I-40 interstate from Rose Hill, NC, in Duplin County and is just a two hour trip from Littleton. The Charity Center is a renovated school where lodging and meals are provided for workers. Camping spots are available for people with campers. For more information contact Sid or Betty Anne Shearin.



Sunday, **February 13**, will be our annual Share His Love Sunday. Due to the high COVID numbers in Halifax County, our soup lunch will again be offered to-go. We invite our members to grab a cup of soup and enjoy this time together with your family at home. This is just a small way we can spread Christ's love. Let us remember that even with uncertainty, we are called to love. Even when things get tough, we are called to love. Even when we want to give up, we are called to love. We hope you enjoy this love offering from Littleton Baptist Church, and then you go and spread God's love. "Let all that you do be done in love." - 1 Corinthians 16:14



The Flower Committee wants to thank you for all of your generous contributions. Putting up Christmas decorations and then taking them down. Life has many turns and changes.

The new flower list has been placed on the bulletin board. All Sundays are available for February. If there is a certain Sunday you want to place flowers in the sanctuary, feel free to select that Sunday while it is available. You also can 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.

When you place flowers in the sanctuary please contact the church office by written note or email, [office@littletonbaptistchurch.org](mailto:office@littletonbaptistchurch.org) to let us know how you want it placed in the bulletin.

Throughout all the changes we want to thank everyone for all their hard work and contributions! You are wonderful!

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| <b><u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u></b>   | <b><u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u></b>   | <b><u>GARBAGE DETAIL</u></b> |
|--|---|------------------------------|
| 1 Larry Clifton<br>1 Bob Thompson<br>10 Al Spraker<br>11 Don Beaver<br>20 Jaxon Iles (2 yrs)<br>24 Sydney Merritt (9 yrs)<br>27 Roman Martinez | 14 Charles & Priscilla Parks (62 yrs)<br>17 Julian & Indie Parks (71 yrs) | Mike Crawley                 |