

LITTLETON BAPTIST NEWS

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"Our mission is to make Christ known, by providing spiritual nourishment, ministering to physical needs, and sharing the Gospel."



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IN MEMORY

Mrs. Gladys Smith Pegram

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*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

April is always a little tricky for me. It signifies the end of college basketball. The end of the regular season of hockey (which for the longest time meant the end of the Canes season). However, nothing beats playoff hockey. And then of course we can say goodbye to the cold weather and hello to the warm weather! All in all, April can be a tricky time, whether to be happy or sad.

And then in the church year, this is the time that we remember Christ's death, but it also signifies his resurrection. April showers bring May flowers, but in this case death leads to new life. It may seem gloomy for a moment, but in the end the sun will rise again. The darkness will end.

As we come to April, there may be times of the gloomy. Your personal skies may see some overcast. Some of you may be seeing an April downpour. But the resurrection is coming. This life is not over. There is an end to the darkness. The time for new life begins. Allow Christ's new life to dwell within you. Allow him to make you into a new creation so that the light can shine bright. It's not the end, just the beginning.

During our corporate worship we will finish our Lent series looking at the final words of Christ. We will be doing three of his final statements in two weeks. Thursday April 14th will be our special Maundy Thursday service. Join us as we remember the death of Jesus and communion. This is always such a memorable service, and we encourage everyone to join us.

Then the 17th is Easter! Our sunrise service will be at 7:00 AM and then our choir will be presenting their cantata during our 11:00 AM worship time. We will end the month looking at one of the first resurrection appearances of Jesus. It is going to be an exciting time during worship.

So as we come into April, don't let the showers take over. Lean on him and all his understanding. He has overcome the world. The showers will bring new life. And we can have new life this day because of the Easter season.

Grace and Peace,

David



April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 8:30 Exercise	2
3 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Deacons Mtg	4 8:30 Exercise	5	6 8:30 Exercise 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	7	8 8:30 Exercise 9:00 Spring Cleaning	9 9:00 Spring Cleaning
10 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Constitution Committee Mtg 5:00 Youth	11 8:30 Exercise	12	13 8:30 Exercise 6:15 Adult Choir No Prayer and Bible Study	14 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	15 8:30 Exercise	16 11:00 Easter Egg Hunt
17 7:00 Sunrise Service 8:30 Outdoor World 11:00 Worship	18 8:30 Exercise	19	20 8:30 Exercise 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	21	22 8:30 Exercise	23
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The Adult Choir will be presenting ... Champion of Love ... on Easter morning! We haven't been able to perform an Easter Cantata since 2019!

This musical features a blend of classic songs beloved by the church and new worship songs made popular by artists and worship leaders of today. Join us Easter morning on this musical journey that will lead your heart from Calvary to the empty tomb, from wonder to worship, and from adoration to the proclamation that Jesus lives! Because of this, there is life eternal for all who put their faith in the Champion of Love!

We hope that these songs and narrations will move you, as they have our Choir, closer to the One who carried our cross, bore our sin, suffered our punishment, and then conquered our death.

Laura



Youth will be meeting on Sunday **April 10th & 24th** at 5:00 P.M. for dinner and Bible study. We look forward to the wonderful time of fellowship and studying God's word together.



Our next Quarterly Business Meeting is being postponed until May because of the Easter Season. It will be on Wednesday, **May 11th**, 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.



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.

APRIL 3

I Thirst

John 19:28-29

Fifth Sunday of Lent

APRIL 10

It Is Finished/Into Your Hands

I Commit My Spirit

John 19:30a, Luke 23:44-46

Sixth Sunday of Lent

APRIL 17 - SUNRISE SERVICE

The Morning Everything Changed

John 20:1-9

APRIL 17 - 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Champion of Love

Adult Choir Easter Cantata

APRIL 24

Peace Be With You

John 20:19-23



Our Deacons will meet on Sunday, **April 3rd**, following Morning Worship. Please continue to pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.



Our Christian sympathy is extended to

Charles and Priscilla Parks in the death of her brother, Lee Davis
Mary Virginia Kearney in the death of her brother-in-law, Charles Kearney

NC BAPTISTS ON MISSION HELPING WITH UKRAINE REFUGEES

Our church takes up an offering every Easter season for NC Baptists on Mission. Missions come in all forms and our church has participated in NC Baptists on Mission's disaster and rebuild ministry. Here's a section from the March 1, 2022 NC Baptists On Mission newsletter; "...Today we have received a request to send teams to Hungary to help with (Ukrainian) refugees who have crossed the border into Hungary. We also have a team leaving for Poland on Friday to assist with refugees who are coming into Poland. In addition, as NC Baptists we are also helping in Moldova. Today we also had discussions with Ukraine Baptist about helping in Ukraine now and once the Russian troops withdraw. All of these Baptist Unions are asking for our help and we are partnering with Hungarian Baptist Aid, Send Relief, Polish Baptist, and Moldovan Baptist." Please give to our Easter Offering for Baptists on Mission. Thank you!



Can you believe April is already here? It is such a special time of the year. It is hard reflecting on what a sacrifice Jesus made for us!

The church is always beautifully decorated with the lilies given in honor and memory of our loved ones. We cannot thank everyone enough for their diligence in keeping our sanctuary so lovely!

The following is the flower schedule for April:

- April 3 - Available
- April 10 - Laura Kearney
- April 17 - Easter Lilies
- April 24 - 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: Sandra Lynch, (252) 578-3495 or sandrallynch337@gmail.com, Kay Beaver, (252) 586-2014 or dbeaver10@gmail.com. You can also contact the church office by email: office@littletonbaptistchurch.org.

Thank you again for your generous flower donations! Our church, or congregation, can't be beat! We are so blessed!



Maundy Thursday

On **April 14th** at 7:00 P.M. we will be holding our Maundy Thursday service. Please join us as we gather to remember the death of Jesus through communion and a Tenebrae service.



Here comes Peter Cottontail! Laura and Jimmy Kearney will be hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt at their home on **Saturday, April 16th**, at 11:00. You are all invited...big or small! If you would like to donate individually wrapped candy to fill our plastic eggs

you are welcome to do so! Just get the candy to Laura or Sara Council by April 10th! We are also taking plastic egg donations as well! This is such a fun time for the young and the old!



This year our Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 7:00 A.M. on **April 17th**, at the rear of our church near the three crosses that have been constructed there. We hope to make this a witness to the community and invite others to join us. A fellowship doughnut and coffee breakfast will be served inside the fellowship hall immediately following the service.



CHURCH WORKDAYS

We need your help for "Spring Cleaning" this year. There is a long list of things that need to be done but if there is another job that you want done, this could be the time to do it. We will be working Friday, **April 8th** and Saturday, **April 9th** from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon so please come when you can.

The church is also planning a playground workday on **Saturday, April 9th**. We are asking that ALL young and strong men and boys please try and be in attendance! We have a teeter totter and a swing set that will need to be put together. As soon as we get these in place we can have mulch delivered and the fence installed. We are also planning on painting the little shed and landscaping around it. We will need all hands on deck!



CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE



The Constitution Committee will meet following Morning Worship on Sunday, **April 10th**.



Spring is here! Warmer days and outdoor activities. Spring showers and pretty flowers. Opportunities to visit friends and family. Enjoy this beautiful time of year.

Please put the Children's Carnival on your calendar. It will be held at the John 3:16 Center on **Saturday, May 14th**. It has been a long time since we have enjoyed the laughter and smiles of children enjoying games, eating hotdogs and drinking sodas.

Share your ideas with us. Collect those children's books. Get your Carnival outfit ready for a fun, God filled day with loving children.

Also add to your calendar the important dates of **June 20th - 24th** for Vacation Bible School. Our church is the host this year. We need teachers, support people, activities coordinator, snack preparers, craft helpers and prayer warriors. This is just a beginning of our needs. Many opportunities for your help and support are needed.

Please pray for these two children centered activities. Also pray for God to open your eyes for ways to minister to those we meet and those we often overlook. Thank you for your help and support.

More details will be in the May newsletter for the carnival and VBS.

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>GARBAGE DETAIL</u>
<p>8 Jan Miller 9 Wyatt Pegram 12 Claude Lynch 20 Casey Myrick 21 Sara Little 25 Nicholas Coffman (17 yrs) 27 Caitlyn Phillis (9 yrs.) 27 Suzanne Pearce 27 Til Tremper 28 Laura Kearney</p>	<p>8 Lee & Jan Myrick (43 yrs) 10 Jimmy & Laura Kearney (40 yrs) 10 Jack & Virginia Tant (74 yrs) 22 Bryant & Nichole Pitchford (16 yrs) 23 Larry & Sheryl West (31 yrs)</p>	<p>Jimmy Kearney</p>