

# 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

Oh the church busy season how we have missed you.

March 2020. We started out that month in the midst of Lent. We were having Lenten lunches. We were preparing our hearts for the coming season of Easter. We were beginning to plan the Kid's Carnival after missing out in 2019 due to rain. We were also beginning to plan Vacation Bible School, in which our church would be the host.

Then everything changed. The world shut down. We cancelled all of these events. Our focus shifted. How could we be the church in a world that was shut down? We continued to serve this community, but in a different way than we usually do. We still gave them faith, hope, and love but under different circumstances. We still proclaimed the word of God, even if we were not together. The world may have been shut down, but the church was not. Even if we could not gather, we still stood on the solid ground and said we aren't going anywhere.

Two years later, and we are in the midst of those same activities that were being planned that March. Our Kid's Carnival is May 14<sup>th</sup> and we cannot wait to see those kids running around. We cannot wait to see their happy faces as they play games, eat hot dogs, and enjoy a wonderful time. We cannot wait to see happy parents watching their kids have that wonderful time. I cannot wait to see the church do what it does best: love one another.

Then, we have Vacation Bible School June 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>. We will still be the hosts. We look forward to taking the kids on the Rocky Railway so they can see how Jesus' power pulls us through. It's going to be a great week, and we look forward to seeing everyone there.

It's good to be back. I look forward to continuing to serve alongside of you as we serve Littleton. Let the busy season commence! It is going to be a wonderful time. So let us come together and love one another.

During worship in the month of May we will be looking at the heart of worship as we also celebrate Holy Communion. We will then celebrate Mother's Day as we continue our series looking at Biblical mothers. We then ask the question, "What keeps you from following God?"

Seth Hix from CBFNC will join us as our guest preacher on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Then the last week of May, we will have our mental health awareness Sunday. It's going to be a wonderful time in worship this month.



As we continue to serve alongside each other, let us never lose sight of why we serve. We serve because Jesus first served us. We serve to shine God's light. We serve to show the people God's love. We serve his purpose. Let us continue to find ways that we can serve. So let's get busy!

Grace and Peace,

*David*



# May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Deacons Mtg  5:00 Youth	<b>2</b> 8:30 Exercise	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8:30 Exercise  6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8:30 Exercise	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship  	<b>9</b> 8:30 Exercise	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 8:30 Exercise  6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Quarterly Business Mtg	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8:30 Exercise 9:00 Set up for Kid's Carnival	<b>14</b> 8:30 Breakfast 11:00 Spring Kid's Carnival
<b>15</b> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	<b>16</b> 8:30 Exercise	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 8:30 Exercise  6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8:30 Exercise	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	<b>23</b> 8:30 Exercise	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 8:30 Exercise  6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 8:30 Exercise	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8:30 Outdoor Wld 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	<b>30</b> 8:30 Exercise  	<b>31</b>				



My mother was a woman who was known by many names. She was born Emily Jo Burges, but was known to all of her Rocky Mount family as "Knot." She became Miss Burges when she began teaching and then Mrs. Burrows. She then began her journey as a mother so she was called Mama and Mom. My first cousins called her Aunt Em. We had another Emily in our neighborhood so Mama was called Emily-Pete by friends and neighbors. She later became Grandmama and finally, Grandma B. But, she was always Mama to me, which was the best name of all!

This is the first Mother's Day without her. It will be hard as was her birthday on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Daddy always made sure that we treated Mama like a Queen on Mother's Day. She always put her children first and this was a day we could thank her for all that she did for us.

Mama loved How Great Thou Art performed by Carrie Underwood. She would listen to it over and over. Since I am no Carrie Underwood I will not be singing this selection but I will be playing it on Mother's Day in memory of Mama. She loved music and was never critical of my music but was always my biggest fan!

Happy Mother's Day!

*Laura*



The Youth will meet on Sunday, **May 1<sup>th</sup>**, to help pack bags for the Kid's Carnival. We will meet in the church office. This will be our only meeting this month. Our youth will also be serving alongside the church during the Kid's Carnival.



Outdoor World Sunday worship leadership begins on Sunday, **May 29<sup>th</sup>**, at 8:30 A.M. and continues through Labor Day weekend. If you are willing to participate, either speaking or assisting with special music, please see Mike Crawley. Thanks in advance for your prayers and support for this valuable ministry. Over the past few years it has been an inspiration to the campers and beyond.



## 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 Worship Service on Facebook Live at 11:00 A.M.

### MAY 1

The Heart of Worship

Romans 12:1-2

Communion

### MAY 8

Grace of Our Mothers

1 Samuel 1:21-28

Mother's Day

### MAY 15

What Keeps You From Following God?

John 5:1-9a

### MAY 22

Guest Preacher

Seth Hix

### MAY 29

It's A Wonderful Life

1 Kings 19:1-10



On Mother's Day, Sunday, **May 8<sup>th</sup>**, we will take time to honor our mothers, past and present. Be with us as we take time to especially honor Christian Mothers who lift high the banner of Christ.



The Flower Committee just wanted to praise the congregation for keeping the sanctuary gorgeous with the flowers you have donated. The Easter Lilies and all the other flowers have been absolutely beautiful! You are amazing!

The month of May is here. We just wanted to let you know the flower schedule for May is as follows:

May 1 - The Lord's Supper	May 15 - Available
May 8 - Jan Miller	May 22 - Available
May 29 - Available	

The flower sign up sheet is 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)

We are so blessed! Always so good to see you! Thanks again!



Excitement is building!! Almost feels like the first time! We have not had the Children's Carnival since 2018. Seems hard to believe but rain and Covid19 put us on hold. Saturday, May 14<sup>TH</sup> is almost here! YEA, now we are back and ready to enjoy a day of fun, excitement and sharing God's love with children and their families. We will have some new games and activities this year. Rebuilding Hope is providing two trailers for our use. Snow cones will be added to our menu. Nine square is a new game. There will even be a moon walk inflatable experience provided by parents from the John 3:16 Center. We still need your help with manning the games, being a greeter, fixing food and drinks as well as giving smiles. Your help is also needed to stock our drink booth. Pick up a 2 or 3 liter bottle of soda when you are out shopping. Fruit flavors are popular-orange, grape, tropical punch. Mountain Dew, Sprite and colas are popular. Diet drinks are needed. At least 72 bottles will be emptied into cups and served during the Carnival. Most importantly is your prayers as we prepare and produce the event. There is a job for everyone, see you on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May.

In June we will be hosting Vacation Bible School. Come join us on the train as we share the LOVE of Jesus through music, stories, crafts, games and snacks. Conductors are needed to get children from one activity to another. Crossing guards and registration workers are needed. The week of June 20<sup>th</sup> will be a special time. Bring your children and grandchildren. You will be able to register online. More information will be shared in the June newsletter.



#### A BIG THANK YOU!

Last month we had two workdays and quite a bit of work was done. At the Annex the ramp was replaced, doors were repaired, screens were repaired, and some of the outside was painted. The church building's baseboards, doors, thresholds, and window sills were cleaned. The kitchen cabinets were cleaned and reorganized. The area around the storage building was cleared and a swing set was installed. We need to thank all the workers that gave their time to give our facilities a much needed facelift.

Unfortunately, we did not finish all the jobs needed to be done. Therefore, if you want to help even for a short time, see Sid Shearin for a list of jobs as we have a job for you! Our maintenance goals are to finish painting/repairing the Annex and the storage building.

THANK YOU!!!!



**SPRING MISSIONS INITIATIVE  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
May 13 & 14, 2022**

On **May 13<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 A.M. we will begin set up for the Carnival. All volunteers should meet at the church.

On Saturday, **May 14<sup>th</sup>** Littleton Baptist Church will host this Spring Missions Initiative Children's Free Carnival. The event begins at 8:30 A.M. with breakfast in our fellowship hall.

Please be in prayer for this "**BIG EVENT**".

Goodie Bags will be provided for each child.

A Health Screening will also be a part of this event which will include cholesterol, blood pressure, and blood sugar checks.

Volunteers are essential to the success of this mission. If you have not signed up yet we will still be able to use your help! Please come help us!



**FREE KIDS CARNIVAL**

**John 3:16 Center**

**407 East End Avenue**

**Littleton, North Carolina**

**Saturday, May 14, 2022**

**11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**



**Preschool Games, Crafts, Bounce House, Face  
Painting, Health Screenings for Children and  
Adults, Free Hot Dogs, Drinks, Cotton Candy,  
Popcorn & Goodie Bags**



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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
2 Dale Meyer 4 Bennett Pulliam (2 yrs) 6 Sandra Lynch 7 Davidson Crawley (2 yrs) 8 Robbie King 8 Indie Parks 10 Mike Currin 18 Josephine Myrick 21 Memphis Crews (12 yrs) 21 Bella Pitchford (2 yrs) 26 Margaret Neville 27 Greg Fussell 28 Gerleen Pitchford 29 Billy Blanton	17 Mike & Betty Blanton (31 yrs) 17 Robbie & Beth King (14 yrs) 19 Al & Carol Spraker (50 yrs) 21 Nicolas & Emily Pulliam (6 yrs) 23 David & Kay Tripp (35 yrs) 24 Daniel & Stephanie Iles (14 yrs)	Roman Lopez