

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

I love a good story. Stories make the world go round. And ever since the dawn of time, humans have told stories. Stories to make us laugh. Stories to make us cry. Stories to make us a little scared. Stories to make us feel something. Stories to teach us a lesson. There is never a bad time to tell a story.

Throughout history, the way we tell stories has evolved. Stories began as oral tales passed down from generation to generation. We have had cave drawings. Eventually we figured out how to write and stories were written down. We were able to have those tales that our ancestors told and have them forever.

Then eventually these stories were put on the airwaves on the radio. Stories became movies. Stories became television shows. We still held onto the past by telling stories around camp fires and writing them down. But now stories can be told in so many different mediums. But the reasons for those stories being told has never changed. We still have stories to make us laugh, cry, scared, and teach us lessons.

Stories are a part of us. And it came as no surprise to anyone that the savior of the world taught best through stories. He would gather the people and teach them through stories called parables. These parables were meant for the people to understand Jesus' message even better. They could understand what he was saying.

So this month, in honor of great storytelling, we are going to spend some time looking at some of Jesus' different parables. Parables such as the lost sheep & coin, the good Samaritan, the seed & the Sower, and the unmerciful servant.

Each of these stories teaches us something different. But as we look at these stories, I want you to ponder the question, what is Jesus trying to teach me through this story?

It's going to be an exciting month. And as we go through this month, I want you to think about your own story. I want you to think about what God has been doing in your life. For your story is the most important story out there. It is the story of how God is moving in you. That is the best story in the entire world, and I can't wait to hear it!

Grace and Peace,

David



September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:00 John 3:16 Center Yard Sale Tent Set-up	2 8:00 Exercise 9:00 John 3:16 Center Yard Sale Set-up	3 8:00 John 3:16 Center Yard Sale
4 8:30 Outdr Wrld 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 5:30 Church Picnic	5 8:00 Exercise	6	7 8:00 Exercise 6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	8	9 8:00 Exercise	10
11 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Deacons Mtg 4:00 Pontoon Boat Party	12 8:00 Exercise	13	14 8:00 Exercise 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	15	16 8:00 Exercise	17
18 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	19 8:00 Exercise	20	21 8:00 Exercise 6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	22	23 8:00 Exercise	24
25 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Youth	26 8:00 Exercise	27	28 8:00 Exercise 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	29	30	



Well, if life isn't crazy enough in my household we have added a puppy, Josie! She is full of energy and it is a lot like having another grandchild, but we can't send her home with her parents! She hasn't been too excited about my piano playing. She will usually leave the room when I start to practice. Maybe I just haven't found the right song for her!

Choir rehearsals got off to a wonderful start! We will begin working on our Christmas Cantata this month! It doesn't seem possible! Please join us on Wednesday nights if you would like to join in on the fun!

Happy Fall!

Laura



Our playground is finally coming together! The fence looks great and will keep our children safe! The rubber mulch will be ordered this week! When the mulch arrives we will need some help in spreading it! An email will be sent out to let you know a date and time! The other main thing left is the electrical work in the picnic shelter! Lights and electrical outlets will be installed. It is an exciting time! When everything is completed we will have a dedication service in memory of Karen Sineath...after all, it is Granny's Playground!

The Playground Committee



The final session of our summer mission Sunday School at Outdoor World is Sunday, **September 4**, 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.



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 4

You Found Me

Luke 15:1-10

Communion/Parable of the Lost Sheep & Coin

SEPTEMBER 11

Only Getting Started

Luke 10:30-35

Parable of the Good Samaritan

SEPTEMBER 18

Here I Go Again

Mark 4:1-9

Parable of the Seed and the Sower

SEPTEMBER 25

Forgiveness Makes A Way

Matthew 18:21-35

Parable of the Unmerciful Servant



Our Deacon's will meet on Sunday, **September 11**, following Morning Worship. Please pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.



WE'RE BACK! After some time off for the summer, our youth will be meeting again regularly. We will be meeting **September 25th** at 5:00 PM for dinner and Bible study. We look forward to getting our youth group back together and the wonderful year that is in store for them.



Thank you for all you have done to help with flowers for Littleton Baptist Church! We appreciate you volunteering to keep the sanctuary beautiful. We are blessed with a wonderful congregation!

The following is the flower schedule for the month of September 2022:

September 4 - The Lord's Supper
September 11 - Laura Kearney
September 18 - Available
September 25 - 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. Let us know what you want to post in the bulletin.

Thanks so much for all you do!



September brings cooler evenings, football games and school activities.

Days are shorter and nights are longer. Take time to refresh your time with God. Missions start with each of us in our hearts. Prayer time is time spent with God. Thank him for the many blessings that are received each day. Thank him for His guidance and love. Ask for courage and direction to do His will. Missions start with each of us. Let it grow in you.

Please pray for the flood victims and helpers/workers in Kentucky. There are so many needs big and small. Look for opportunities where you can make a difference.

Pray, work and love.

Melinda Harris
Missions Committee Chairperson



Young Family
Bible Study

Young Family Bible Study will meet Wednesdays **September 7th** and **21st** at 6:00 PM. It's going to be wonderful to see the children again as they learn and grow in their faith. I look forward to this ministry coming back and growing!



We need your help with the Annual Yard Sale for the John 3:16 Center . If you can give just a few hours it will be appreciated very much: Thursday, **September 1st** at 9:00 A.M. - Put up tents and tables at church. Friday, **September 2nd** at 9:00 A.M. - Display stuff. Saturday **September 3rd** - Yard Sale 8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. We need our helpers to arrive by 7:30 A.M.



On Sunday, **September 4**, 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.



Our church picnic is Sunday, September 4, 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.**

HOMECOMING INVITATION CELEBRATING 149 YEARS

All Members, Former Members, Friends and Family

Are cordially invited to Littleton Baptist Church

On Sunday, November 13, 2022 at 11:00 A.M.

For our Annual Homecoming Services and Lunch.

Rev. Andy Hale will be the speaker.

Rev. Hale is Pastor David's former youth pastor

and has recently returned to North Carolina after serving as

senior pastor at University Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Rev. Hale currently serves as the Associate Executive Director of CBFNC.

We invite everyone to join us after worship for our Homecoming Lunch.

There will be no Sunday School on this day.



We will be taking a church-wide trip to the Carolina Hurricanes vs Toronto Maple Leaves hockey game on Sunday **November 6th**. Game time will be at 5:00 P.M. and tickets will be \$40.00 per person. We have 20 spots available so if you are interested in going, please let Pastor David know. This will be a wonderful time of fellowship as we enjoy a great game.

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
<p>5 Jimmy Felts 6 Charles Parks 8 Christopher Skinner (13 yrs) 9 Sheryl West 13 Betty Blanton 13 J. C. Skinner (16 yrs.) 15 Anna Council (6 yrs) 15 Earl Spivey 21 Virginia Johnston 28 Debbie Sineath 29 Neva Lopez 30 Kent West</p>	<p>6 Greg & Beverly Fussell (63 yrs) 14 David & Sara Little (3 yrs)</p>	<p>Lee Myrick</p>