

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

As we enter into February, we typically think of this as the love month. That is because Valentine's Day surrounds it. Everywhere you go you see all the Valentine's Day decorations with cards, flowers, candy, balloons and all of those cute stuffed bears. And love should be remembered and celebrated. Love is important.

But this year, February brings a new dimension to true love. For this month Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lent season, falls on Valentine's Day. The day that we place ashes on our heads to remember that we came from dust and to dust we shall return and the beginning of the journey to the cross is also the day we celebrate love.

But as we think about that, it is a perfect day. For why did Jesus hang on the cross? Why did God send his son down in the first place? It's all about love. Love for the people that he calls his children. Love surrounds Lent. So, what better way to kick it off than by celebrating the love that we have for each other?

So, as we enter the Lenten season this year, our focus will be on the final 24 hours of Jesus' life. From the Passover meal all the way to his final breath. A lot happened in that final 24 hours, and we will journey with Jesus as he makes that final walk up the hill of Calvary.

But before we get to Lent, we have two special Sundays. The first Sunday of February will be Men's Sunday. Larry Hovis, the Executive Director of CBF NC, will be our guest preacher. He will come and deliver a message on what CBF NC is doing and the missions it is accomplishing across our state, country, and the globe.

The second Sunday of February is Share His Love Sunday. We will come together and remember the love that God has for us but also to remember that God calls us to share that love with all people. It's not enough to be loved, but to love. So let us share the love of God with all people.

We then begin the Lenten season by first looking at Jesus' betrayal by Judas. The second Sunday we will look at Peter's denial. Both of these moments have a lot in common in Jesus' final hours and we will look at what they can teach us.

So, as we gear up for the season of love, let us remember where true love comes from. True love comes from God. And the love that he has given to us, he wants us to spread it across the globe.

Grace and Peace,

David



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“Where words leave off, music begins.” Heinrich Heine

“Music touches us emotionally, where words can’t.” Johnny Depp

“Music can change the world.” Ludwig van Beethoven

“A great song should lift your heart, warm the soul and make you feel good!” Colbie Caillat

These are some of my favorite quotes about music. My love for music remains a big part of my life! There is usually some type of music playing in my house and my car at all times. It all depends on the mood I am in as to which type of music is playing.

I hope you enjoy music as much as I do! If not, try listening to it a little more often! It can really make a difference in your life!

I also want to welcome Nelson Neville to our choir! Nelson is no stranger to Littleton Baptist Church!

“Life is one grand, sweet song so start the music!” Ronald Reagan

Laura



Young Family Bible Study

We invite those families with young children to join us for our Young Family Bible Study on Wednesday, **February 7th**, and Wednesday, **February 21st**, at 6:00 P.M. We will have music, crafts, and a Bible story time. We look forward to seeing how the children continue to grow in their faith.



Deacons Meeting

Deacons will meet on Sunday, **February 4th**, 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 4

Men's Day

Larry Hovis

FEBRUARY 11

Love Not Fear

1 John 4:7-12, 16b-21

Share His Love Sunday

FEBRUARY 18

The Kiss Of Death

Matthew 26:47-50

First Sunday of Lent

FEBRUARY 25

Are You One Of His Followers?

Luke 22:54-62

Second Sunday of Lent



Join us Wednesday, **February 14th** at 7:00 PM for our special Ash Wednesday Service. This will take the place of our normal Prayer & Bible Study. Join us as we begin Lent and have a time of reflection of what this season really

means. At the conclusion of the service we will have a time of placing ashes on our foreheads. This is a great way to remind ourselves of why we celebrate Lent and what this season means for us personally.



We are so excited to announce that this year's Baptist Men's Day will be Sunday, February 4th. The speaker will be Dr. Larry Hovis. Dr. Hovis has been executive coordinator of CBF of North Carolina since 2004. His responsibilities include bringing together the diverse parts of CBFNC (including individual Christians, churches, staff, councils, other volunteer leadership, and ministry partners) into a coherent and efficient whole to accomplish our purpose of "bringing Baptists of North Carolina together for Christ-centered ministry."

Prior to his current position, Dr. Hovis served as pastor of four congregations: The Memorial Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina; First Baptist Church, Mocksville, North Carolina; Bethlehem Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia; and Washington Baptist Church, Washington, Virginia. He has degrees from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia (Doctor of Ministry); Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina (Master of Divinity with Languages), and North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina (Bachelor of Arts).

Dr. Hovis has completed numerous extended professional development programs, including the Pastor as Spiritual Guide through the Center for Congregational Health and advanced studies in Fundraising and Nonprofit Executive Leadership through Indiana University. He is also a Certified Christian Leadership Coach.

While Hovis's particular strengths focus on leadership, stewardship, strategic planning, governance and organizational development, his passion is preaching and relating to Baptist congregations. He has been privileged to preach or speak in more than 300 churches and organizations in North Carolina and beyond.

Larry is married to the former Kimberly Lee. They have one daughter, Lauren, who works as a foreign service officer with the U.S. State Department. In his limited spare time, Larry enjoys cycling, traveling with his family (especially to historic places) and watching sports (primarily ACC football and basketball).

MISSION MOMENTS



February is here. The month of love. Missions are all about sharing God's love. It seems that our world has put love on the back burner. Let's change this. We need to make a difference and share God's Love and our love with everyone.

Working with the Hospitality Committee, some of the women in our church have been preparing meals for homebound and shut-in members. The visit that goes along with delivering a meal is the blessing. Such joy and sharing!! If you would like to be a part of this mission activity, please contact Betty Anne Shearin and sign up to prepare and deliver a meal and more importantly, receive a blessing when you go into someone's home.

The Children's Carnival is coming. The date is Saturday, May 18th. Share your ideas with the committee for a fun-filled day that will be enjoyed by area children. Start collecting colorful children's books that will be given to each child that attends. We need all ages-picture books, to chapter books. Books that can be read to a child or shared with the family are a way to share love and encourage the love for learning. Your help will be greatly appreciated and **NEEDED** to have a successful carnival. Put the 18th of May on your calendar and be ready for a fun, love filled day.

Enjoy the month of love. Share your love and maybe even give or eat some chocolate.

Your Missions Committee

SHARE HIS



LOVE SUNDAY

On Sunday, **February 11th**, "Share His Love Sunday" will focus on demonstrating our Christian love. The worship will be followed by a "Soup and Sandwich Luncheon" served with love by our Hospitality Committee. If you would like to help with the luncheon please contact Betty Anne Shearin. This annual event is always an enjoyable time for all. Consider ways you can share your love with someone - a visit, a card, a gift, or time spent with someone you'd not ordinarily spend time with in the course of your week. 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



Superbowl BASH!

The youth will meet Sunday, **February 11th**, for their annual Super Bowl Bash! The party will start at 6:00 P.M. with dinner before the game. We hope you can join us for this fun time. We will then meet again on Sunday, **February 25th**, for dinner and Bible study at 5:00 P.M. We look forward to growing closer to God through the upcoming year.



The Flower Committee wants to thank you for all of your contributions! No matter what the situation is, you are always willing to help!

The new flower list has been placed on the bulletin board at church. If there is a certain Sunday you want to place flowers in the sanctuary, please 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, or Lydia Lanser - (252) 586-2133. You may also contact the church office by email: office@littletonbaptistchurch.org. Please remember to let us know what you would like placed in the bulletin for the flowers.

All dates for February are available. If you would like to reserve a date, please let us know.

We will be taking orders for Easter Lilies soon. We are waiting for price lists, before we can take orders. Easter is earlier this year. We will let you know as soon as we can.

Throughout all the events, we want to thank everyone for all their hard work and contributions!



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 David will give his sermon over Facebook Live that morning!



This is a good time of year to be thinking ahead to the Appalachian Coalfields Backpack Ministry. Keep your eyes out for those hard to find warm gloves, scarves, hats and socks.

Community Lenten Lunch and Devotion Series
Each Wednesday February 14 - March 20
12:00 Noon - 1:00 P.M.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location*</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
February 14	Roanoke Chapel Missionary Baptist	Rev. Tracy Sexton, LUMC
February 21	Littleton United Methodist Church	Rev. Timothy Edwards, Roanoke Chapel
February 28	TBA	Rev. Robert Faulcon, South Street Baptist
March 6	Littleton Baptist Church	TBA
March 13	South Street Baptist Church	TBA
March 20	TBA	TBA

* Host church will provide music for each luncheon!

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February

<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>
<p>1 Larry Clifton 1 Bob Thompson 10 Al Spraker 11 Don Beaver 20 Jaxon Iles (4 yrs) 24 Sydney Merritt (11 yrs) 27 Roman Martinez</p>	<p>14 Charles & Priscilla Parks (64 yrs) 17 Julian & Indie Parks (73 yrs)</p>	<p>4 Jan Myrick/Sara Council 11 Melinda Harris/Sandra Lynch 18 Paula Burton/Kay Tripp 25 Lynn Skilton/Jim Skilton</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>GARBAGE DETAIL</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Perry Myrick</p>