

# 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

Have you ever wished your church leadership could truly hear what you see, feel, and experience in our congregation? Have you ever thought, “*I wish someone would ask...?*” This is that moment.

As part of our journey through the *Helping Churches Thrive* initiative, we’re inviting every member of our church family to participate in a Congregational Assessment Inventory—an open, thoughtful, Spirit-led reflection on who we are, how we’re doing, and where we might be called to grow. This is more than a survey. It’s a sacred opportunity to tell the truth in love.

### Why is this assessment so important?

Because thriving congregations are honest ones. They take time to reflect, not just react. They ask big questions:

- What are we doing well?
- Where do we feel stuck?
- What is God inviting us to notice or change?

This assessment invites *you* to speak into that reflection. Every voice adds depth. Every perspective gives shape to a clearer, more complete picture of who we are as a church. By completing the inventory, you’re not just filling in boxes—you’re helping form the future of our church’s life and ministry. The results will be prayerfully reviewed by our *Helping Churches Thrive* team and used to help guide discernment, decisions, and direction.

### Who should take it?

Everyone. Young and old. Longtime members and recent visitors. People who serve on every committee and people who’ve been quietly attending without much involvement. If this is your church family, we need your voice. This is your chance to help name what matters most.

### What makes this different?

This assessment is not anonymous—and that’s intentional. We know this might feel vulnerable. But this is a safe and respectful process, where each response will be handled with care and confidentiality by trusted leaders. Your name allows for deeper listening, potential follow-up, and more meaningful action. As we said from the beginning of this journey: *We are listening.* We want to make sure your voice doesn’t get lost in the crowd.

### How do I participate?

**Online:** You’ll receive a link via email and find it in the bulletin.

**Printed Copies:** These will be available in the front of the church and church office for those who prefer pen and paper.

The assessment will be available from **March 1 to 31**, so mark your calendar and make space to participate.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8:00 Deacons Mtg 9:45 S School 11:00 Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 12:00 Lenten Lunch 6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:45 S School 11:00 Worship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 12:00 Lenten Lunch  6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:45 S School 11:00 Worship  5:00 Youth	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 12:00 Lenten Lunch  6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	<b>19</b> CBF Annual Gathering	<b>20</b> CBF Annual Gathering	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:45 S School 11:00 Worship  5:30 Helping Churches Thrive Meal & Conversation	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 12:00 Lenten Lunch  6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:45 S School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Easter Egg Hunt  5:00 Youth	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

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## What happens with the results?

After the deadline, our team will receive a detailed report, and during upcoming cohort gatherings, we'll work together to process the results, celebrate what's strong, and make plans to strengthen what needs attention. Your honest input could be the spark that leads to new ministries, new conversations, and new growth. This is how churches thrive—not through assumptions, but through listening, learning, and loving one another better.

Let's be brave. Let's be honest. Let's listen to one another.

Let's thrive—together.

Grace and Peace,

*David*



One of my favorite children Christian musicians is Ellie Holcomb. She puts the words to her songs in beautifully illustrated books. Addie and Bennett have loved listening to her songs and then reading the books! Hopefully Ethan is going to feel the same way!

Her newest song, Spring Sings, has wonderful words, and the book has the same beautiful illustrations. It is a reminder that the new life of the season retells the story of God's Son. It celebrates the beautiful song we have in our hearts because Jesus is risen.

"So in the dark day when it feels like winter won't end,  
Remember that Spring's song is coming again.  
Every bird, every bloom, every bright butterfly,  
Sings a song of God's love that brings all things to life  
And we're all invited to dance and to sing  
For the joy and the hope in the song of the Spring!"

If you get a chance go to YouTube and pull it up to view. It will put a smile on your face just as it does on my grandchildren's faces! Remember that we are all children at heart!♥

Some days there won't be a song in your heart.  
Sing anyway!

*Laura* 🎵



## **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.

### **MARCH 1**

Tears of Grace

Luke 7:36-50

Second Sunday of Lent/Communion

### **MARCH 8**

Rev. Brenda Thompson

Women's Sunday/Third Sunday of Lent/Thriving Characteristic

### **MARCH 15**

The Adulteress Set Free

John 8:1-11

Fourth Sunday of Lent

### **MARCH 22**

Last Minute Grace

Luke 23:32-43

Fifth Sunday of Lent

### **MARCH 29**

Grace on the Road to the Cross

Luke 19:28-44

Palm Sunday



This year's CBFNC Annual Gathering will take place on March 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> at Hayes Barton Baptist in Raleigh. The gathering starts Thursday afternoon and runs until 1:00 P.M. on Friday. This is not just an event for pastors, anyone can join! There will be times of worship, workshops, fellowship, and times to learn about other ministry partners. This will be a great opportunity for LBC to learn more about CBFNC and how we can partner with them. It's also a great opportunity to learn what other CBFNC churches are doing, and we can take this information back to LBC and our own community. This year's theme is Christ Has Set Us Free Together. The theme comes from Galatians 5:1 & Hebrews 10:24-25. We are encouraged to actively care for and spur one another toward love and good deeds. More information can be found at: [cbfnc.org/annualgathering](http://cbfnc.org/annualgathering).



March is already here! We have to say goodbye to February! We enjoyed our get togethers, but we will get to have many more wonderful times celebrating together! Don't forget that Daylight Savings Time begins March 8<sup>th</sup>. Easter comes early this year. It is April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Don't forget about the flower sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the hallway at church. 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](mailto:sandralynch337@gmail.com), Kay Beaver - (252)586-2014 or [dbeaver10@gmail.com](mailto:dbeaver10@gmail.com), or Christy Wheatley Griffin - (919) 306-1601 or [christiewheatley@yahoo.com](mailto:christiewheatley@yahoo.com). You can contact the church office by email: [office@littletonbaptistchurch.org](mailto:office@littletonbaptistchurch.org).

If you would like to place flowers in church this month, **March 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, & 29<sup>th</sup>** are available

Our congregation is absolutely wonderful! Thanks everyone for always making sure our sanctuary is always beautiful! We are so blessed!



The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, **March 29<sup>th</sup>**, following Morning Worship. If you would like to donate individually wrapped candy to fill the plastic eggs, we would appreciate it! Please get the candy to Amanda Coffman, Sara Council, Nichole Pitchford, or leave them in the kitchen by Sunday, **March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. This is such a fun time for the young and old!



## HOLY WEEK CALENDAR

**EASTER EGG HUNT** - All children 6th grade and under are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, **March 29<sup>th</sup>**, following Morning Worship. The Egg Hunt will be held on the church grounds.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** - Join us on Maundy Thursday, **April 2<sup>nd</sup>**, at 7:00 P.M. in the sanctuary as we celebrate the Lord's Supper and meditate upon our Lord's last hours with his disciples.

**SUNRISE SERVICE** - Our Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 7:00 A.M. on **April 5<sup>th</sup>**, 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. Littleton United Methodist Church is joining us, and we will be serving breakfast in our fellowship hall immediately following the service.

**EASTER WORSHIP** - Join us on Easter, **April 5<sup>th</sup>**, at 11:00 A.M. as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord through worship and our Adult Choir's presentation of the cantata.



On Sunday, **March 22<sup>nd</sup>**, we will hold our fifth churchwide conversation as part of *Helping Churches Thrive*. We'll gather at 5:30 P.M. in the fellowship hall of Littleton United Methodist Church. The evening will begin with fellowship and pizza, followed by a time of discussion and reflection.

Everyone is invited - whether or not you're a member, and no matter your age. Your voice matters, and your insight is vital as we explore this month's theme: *Cultivating new leaders*.

### HANDYMAN EMAIL LIST



Whenever our church has a mission project that involves handyman work, most of the time the project is weather dependent, so we cannot set a date too far in advance. Someone may want to help but was unaware of the project because they missed the announcement on Sunday. We can also email other details such as addresses, starting time, and what to bring. No one expects you to be able to help every time, but if you want to be notified please contact Sid Shearin with your email address. All skill levels are needed, and ladies and youth are welcome to help also.



March is Baptist Women in Ministry Month of Preaching. Churches are encouraged to have women preach. We will have our Women's Sunday on **March 15<sup>th</sup>**. We will be blessed to have Rev. Brenda Thompson who is a pastor, teacher, and curriculum creator through Common Ground Curriculum to bring our message. We will also have our women leading worship. Women are a vital part of our ministry here at LBC, and we look forward to celebrating God's use of women in his ministry. We will also be taking an offering this month for Baptist Women In Ministry .

### Community Lenten Lunch and Devotion Series

Each Wednesday

March 4 - March 25

12:00 Noon - 1:00 P.M.



<u>Date</u>	<u>Location*</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
March 4	Lakeside Lutheran Church	Rev. Timothy Edwards - Roanoke Chapel
March 11	LUMC hosted by Lakeside Lutheran	Rev. David Little - Littleton Baptist
March 18	Littleton Baptist Church	Rev. Robert Faulcon - South Street Baptist
March 25	South Street Baptist	Rev. Keith Porter - Littleton UMC

\* Host church will provide music for each luncheon!

They begin at Noon and conclude at 1:00 P.M. Each person should bring a bagged lunch Dessert and beverage will be provided by the host church. The devotion will begin by 12:30 P.M.

*Come as you are and invite someone to join you for a time of community fellowship and devotion!*



Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on Sunday, **March 8<sup>th</sup>**, so you will not be late for Sunday School or Worship!



Youth will meet on Sundays, **March 15<sup>th</sup>** and **29<sup>th</sup>**, at 5:00 P.M. We look forward to a wonderful time of fellowship and growing in our faith.



We invite those families with young children to join us for Young Family Bible Study on Wednesday, **March 4<sup>h</sup>**, and Wednesday, **March 18<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:00 P.M. We have music, Bible study, and a craft. This is always an exciting time for our children.

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<b><u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u></b>	<b><u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u></b>	<b><u>NURSERY</u></b>
2 Carol West 6 Sandy Burch 9 Connor Pitchford (14 yrs) 15 Sara Council 19 Emily Pulliam 20 Ray Holloman 22 Paula Burton 25 Brandon Stansbury	6 Dale & Tracy Council (28 yrs) 26 Kent & Carol West (32 yrs)	1 Lynne Skilton/Jim Skilton 8 Paula Burton/Kay Tripp 15 Sara Little/Carol West 22 Sara Council/Claire Council 29 Melinda Harris/Sandra Lynch
		<b><u>GARBAGE DETAIL</u></b>
		Jimmy Kearney