

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

In a thriving congregation, generations don't just tolerate one another – they treasure one another.

Too often, churches fall into generational silos. The youth have their wing, the seniors have their circle, the parents with toddlers huddle in survival mode. But thriving churches know that real vitality doesn't come from isolating generations – it comes from weaving them together.

Intergenerational ministry is not simply about putting all ages in the same room. It's about building relationships of shared wisdom, empathy, and belonging. It's about seeing the image of God reflected in both the toddler who dances during worship and the elder who faithfully prays through the church directory each morning.

In Psalm 145:4, we hear the heartbeat of intergenerational faith: “One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.” This is the holy rhythm of church, not just handing down tradition, but holding hands across time.

Scripture is filled with intergenerational moments. Moses passed leadership to Joshua. Naomi mentored Ruth. Paul called Timothy his “beloved child” in the faith. And Jesus? He welcomed children, honored the elderly, and taught in such a way that both could understand—and be transformational.

A thriving church doesn't just include all generations – it empowers them. It invites youth to the table not just to be fed, but to be heard. It honors elders not just for what they have done, but for who they still are. It tells twenty-somethings that they're not the “future of the church,” they *are* the church. It assures the ninety-year-old that there is still purpose and wisdom to share.

Intergenerational churches also understand that discipleship is a shared journey. Children teach adults about wonder. Teenagers teach resilience. Elders model perseverance. Every age holds part of the Gospel – and we're not whole unless we listen to them all.

That's what thriving looks like: a church where age is not a barrier, but a bridge. Because when the church becomes truly intergenerational, it doesn't just reflect the diversity of life – it reflects the kingdom of God.

Grace and Peace,

David



April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:15 Adult Choir No Prayer & Bible Study	2 7:00 Maundy Thursday Ser- vice	3	4
5 7:00 Sunrise Service 9:45 S. School 11:00 Easter Cantata	6	7	8 No Choir or Prayer & Bible Study	9	10	11
12 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Spanish Translation Mtg 5:00 Youth	13	14	15 6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Quarterly Business Mtg	16	17	18
19 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Bible Study Mtg 5:30 Helping Churches Thrive Meal & Conver- sation	20	21	22 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	23	24	25
26 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Church Council Mtg	27	28	29 6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	30		



Over two thousand years ago, our Savior went to the cross in the ultimate act of mercy and sacrifice. Three days later, Jesus rose from the grave victorious, and today, we have hope because of the glory of His Resurrection. He is the one true Champion of Love!

Our Easter Cantata, “*Champion of Love*”, features a blend of classic songs beloved by the church and new worship songs made popular by artists of today. I hope that the music and narration will move you closer to the One who carried our cross, bore our sin, suffered our punishment and then conquered our death.

Join us in this journey Easter morning 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.

I want to thank Mike and Betty Blanton who gave of their time to produce the beautiful cantata programs this year! They have also done the programs in the past. This is very special, and I truly appreciate all of their hard work....I know you do, too!

Happy Easter!

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.

APRIL 5

Easter Cantata
“Champion of Love”

APRIL 12

Peter Back on Mission
John 21:15-20

APRIL 19

Relationships Across Generations
2 Timothy 1:5-7

Thriving Characteristic Sunday

APRIL 26

A Changed Life
Acts 9:1-22

HELPING CHURCHES

THRIVE



A MINISTRY OF CBF NORTH CAROLINA

On Sunday, **April 19th**, 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 Breakfast food, 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: “Nurturing Calling”



Our next Quarterly Business Meeting is Wednesday, **April 15th**, 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.



Our Christian sympathy is extended to
Charles Wilson in the death of his brother, Keith Wilson



HOLY WEEK CALENDAR

MAUNDY THURSDAY - Join us on Maundy Thursday, **April 2nd**, 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 5th**, 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 5th**, at 11:00 A.M. as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord through worship and our Adult Choir's presentation of the cantata, "*Champion of Love.*"



Church Council will meet following Morning Worship on Sunday, **April 26th**. Members of the committee are: Mike Crawley, Paula Burton, Laura Kearney, Betty Anne Shearin, Clyde Johnston, and Sid Shearin.

SPANISH TRANSLATION SUNDAY



Have you ever wanted to communicate with someone who speaks another language? Your cell phone probably has an app that will allow you to speak into it in English and then you push a button. The cell phone translates your message into Spanish. On Sunday, **April 12th**, after church several church members will be available to show you how you can use your phone. Roman has volunteered to be our guinea pig, so you will be able to say a message to him. Come and be a part of this ministry.



Several of our church members recently built a wheelchair ramp for Mr. Ulysses Harvey. He & his wife live just south of town. Mr. Harvey was burned badly from the waist down and has balance issues. His wife, Ruby, despite having back surgery and heart problems, helped carry lumber during the construction. Thanks for sharing God's love with our neighbors.





Congratulations to Perry & Casey Myrick upon the birth of their baby girl, Lynnlee Marie Myrick. She was born on March 11th. She weighed 8 lbs. 13 oz. and was 21 inches long. Congrats also to her big brothers, Myrick & Caden, grandparents, Lee & Jan Myrick, great grandma Josie Myrick, Aunt Megan, Uncle Mike, Eleanor, Elin, Emily and Aunt Sara, Uncle Matthew, Claire, Anna & Jack.



We welcome to our church membership, Mattie Tyner and Jeffrey Flythe. We are so happy they have officially become members of our LBC family!



Youth will meet **April 12th** and **26th** for Bible Study, fun and fellowship. This is always such a wonderful time for our youth as they gather and grow together.



Our families with young children are invited to our Young Family Bible Study on Wednesday, **April 15th**, at 6:00 P.M. There will be music, crafts, and Bible study. This is always such a wonderful time for our children to learn and grow in their faith.



Bible Study

Immediately following Morning Worship on Sunday, **April 19th**, we will have an interest meeting for those interested in a short Bible study discussion led by Ed Atkins. These discussions will be held after worship. We are excited about this new opportunity to continue growing in our faith.



Time sure does fly. April is already here! Special thoughts of all Jesus went through for our salvation are running around in our hearts and heads! God sure does love us!

If you would like to place flowers in church this month, **April 12th**, **19th** and **26th**, are 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
- Christie Wheatley Griffin, (919) 306-1601 or christiewheatley@yahoo.com
- Kay Beaver, (252) 586-2014 or dbeaver10@gmail.com

You can also contact the church office by email: office@littletonbaptistchurch.org. Please make sure you let us know what you would like to place in the bulletin for the flowers.

Thank you again for all you do. Everyone and everything is definitely appreciated! We have such a wonderful congregation!

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>
8 Jan Miller 8 Owen Campbell 9 Wyatt Pegram 12 Claude Lynch 20 Casey Myrick 21 Sara Little 25 Nicholas Coffman 27 Suzanne Pearce 27 Til Tremper 28 Laura Kearney	8 Lee & Jan Myrick (47 yrs) 8 Owen & Carly Campbell (2 yr) 10 Jimmy & Laura Kearney (44 yrs) 10 Jack & Virginia Tant (78 yrs) 19 Eddie & Fern Pitchford (13 yrs) 22 Bryant & Nichole Pitchford (20 yrs) 25 Jim & Lynne Skilton (39 yrs)	5 Sara Council/Claire Council 12 Paula Burton/Kay Tripp 19 Lynne Skilton/Jim Skilton 26 Melinda Harris/Sandra Lynch
		<u>GARBAGE DETAIL</u>
		Al Spraker