

# 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

Thriving churches know discipleship is not a destination—it's a lifelong journey.

Being formed isn't about having all the answers. It's about staying open to transformation. It's about letting God shape us - again and again - through worship, Scripture, prayer, and community. Formation isn't just for new believers or seminary students. It's for everyone, at every stage of faith, because God is never finished with us.

Paul writes, “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds.” This isn't a one-time event - it's a way of life. Thriving congregations understand that Sunday morning isn't the end of spiritual engagement - it's the spark.

Formation happens in circles, not just rows. In small groups and shared meals, in retreats and recovery groups, in book studies, and quiet moments of honest prayer. It happens when someone finally dares to ask, “Does anyone else struggle with this?” - and others respond, “Yes, and you're not alone.”

During churchwide conversations, congregants reflected on three essential aspects of faith development: conversion, discipleship, and lifelong learning. Many shared that their understanding of faith had evolved over time - not because they changed beliefs, but because their relationship with God deepened through experience.

Thriving churches also invest in formation for all ages. Children's ministries don't just teach Bible stories - they nurture wonder. Youth groups don't just entertain - they create space to wrestle with identity and purpose. Adults are challenged not just to serve - but to grow, to ask hard questions, to unlearn what no longer gives life.

Formation is also communal. Paul calls us to “restore one another in a spirit of gentleness” and to “carry each other's burdens.” We are shaped not only by God's Spirit but by one another's presence. When a church becomes a place where vulnerability is welcomed and healing is honored, the Spirit forms something deeper than knowledge: wisdom.

Thriving congregations also embrace learning beyond the church walls. They encourage theological curiosity. They host guest speakers, attend workshops, read widely, and stay open to insights from psychology, justice work, history, and art. They echo Proverbs 4:7: “Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.”

And most importantly - they make space for mystery. They recognize that God is always bigger than our boxes, always more merciful than our judgments, always drawing us toward love.

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# May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10:00 Youth & Children - Medoc Mountain
3 8:00 Deacons Mtg 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	4	5	6 6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	7	8	9 2:00 Bridal Shower
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17 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 2:00 Josie Myrick Birthday Celebration 5:30 Helping Churches Thrive	18	19	20 6:00 Young Family Bible Study 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	21	22	23
24 8:30 Thousand Trails 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	25  Memorial Day	26	27 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study	28	29	30
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To be formed is to say yes - not just once, but again and again - to the hands of the Potter.

Thriving churches are not finished products. They are communities in process. In motion. In grace.

They are being formed.

Grace and Peace,

*David*



What a joy it is to lead our Adult Choir! They outdid themselves on Easter Sunday! I am so incredibly proud of this choir! I want to thank them for their dedication, hard work, and the emotional impact of their performance Easter and every Sunday! I am honored to be their director!

The Junior Singers will be presenting the special music during our service on Mother's Day. They will be singing a favorite of one of our church family members! It's a song that is special to her, and I know she will be happy to hear it!

For those of you who don't know, the ceiling in my church office somewhat "caved in" last fall. Well, I am back home in my office! I want to thank Sid, Jan and Lee, and my hubby, Jimmy, for all of their hard work to get it redone, so I could move back in where I belong! You are always welcome to drop in to visit and see my new beautiful office! I am a happy Minister of Music!!!

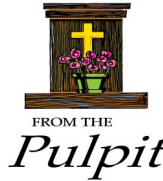
I hope all of our mothers have a wonderful Mother's Day!

*Laura* 



*Thousand Trails*

Thousand Trails Sunday worship leadership begins on Sunday, **May 24<sup>th</sup>**, at 8:30 A.M. and continues through Labor Day weekend. If you would like to participate, either speaking or assisting with special music, please see Mike Crawley.



## **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 3**

You Are My Joy

1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Communion

### **MAY 10**

The Mothers Who Praise the Lord

Genesis 30:1-8

Mother's Day/Baby Dedication

### **MAY 17**

Under Construction

Philippians 1:3-6

Thriving Sunday

### **MAY 24**

Changed Together

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Pentecost

### **MAY 31**

Finishing Well

2 Timothy 4:6-8

Graduate Recognition



Josephine  
Myrick

CELEBRATION HONORING  
HER **100<sup>TH</sup>** BIRTHDAY

Sunday | 17th May | 2026

2-5 pm (floating)

LITTLETON BAPTIST CHURCH  
108 MOSBY AVENUE  
LITTLETON, NC 27850

NO GIFTS PLEASE  
CARDS AND MEMORIES APPRECIATED



We want to congratulate our 2026 graduate. Kat has worked extremely hard and deserves to be recognized for all that she has accomplished. On Sunday, **May 31<sup>st</sup>**, we will honor her during our regular 11:00 A.M. Worship service. Please lift her up in prayer as she seeks God's guidance as she begins the next phase of her life.

**HIGH SCHOOL**

Katherine Sherry Atkins - The Keystone School



*Join us for a Bridal Shower in*

*Honor of*

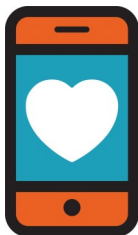
*Mary Beth Labrecque*

*Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>*

*2:00 P.M.- 5:00 P.M.*

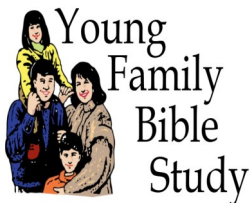
*Fellowship Hall of Littleton Baptist*

*She is registered on Amazon*



**ENGLISH TO SPANISH TRANSLATION**

If you did not get a chance to attend the meeting last month to learn how to use your cell phone to translate a message into Spanish, instructions are available in the church foyer. If you have any questions, contact Paula Burton or Sid Shearin. Be sure to try to send a message to Roman.



Our youth and children are going to be joining together to take a fun trip to Medoc Mountain State Park on Saturday, **May 2<sup>nd</sup>**. We will meet there at 10:00 A.M. We invite our families with young children to join us on Wednesdays, **May 6<sup>th</sup>** and **20<sup>th</sup>** for our Young Family Bible Study. We will have music, look at scripture, and make some type of craft. This is a great way to gather as families to grow together.



The Flower Committee wants to thank the congregation for being willing to keep the sanctuary beautiful! We love our flowers!

May is here! Let us know if you would like to place flowers in church this month. The following is the schedule for May:

- May 3 - The Lord's Supper
- May 10 - Available
- May 17 - Lee Myrick
- May 24 - Available
- May 31 - 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  
 Christie Griffin, (919) 306-1601 or christiewheatley@yahoo.com

You can also contact the church office by email: office@littletonbaptistchurch.org to let them know what you would like placed in the bulletin for the flowers.

Our church is unbelievable! We are so blessed! Thank you for all you do! Don't forget Mother's Day is this month. We need to spoil those fantastic mothers!



On Sunday, **May 17<sup>th</sup>**, we will hold our seventh 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 taco buffet, 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: "Being Formed."



Our youth and children will be taking a fun trip to Medoc Mountain State Park on Saturday, **May 2<sup>nd</sup>**. We will meet there 10:00 A.M. Youth will meet on Sunday, **May 31<sup>st</sup>**, at 4:30 P.M. for dinner out. They are also encouraged to join us on Sunday, **May 17<sup>th</sup>**, at 5:30 P.M. at Littleton United Methodist Church for our seventh churchwide conversation as part of *Helping Churches Thrive*.



On Mother's Day, Sunday, **May 10<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.



On Sunday, **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**, we will celebrate Holy Communion. At the conclusion of worship, you will be given the opportunity to contribute to our church's Fellowship Fund for local benevolent needs.

**Deacons Meeting**



Our deacons will meet on Sunday, **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**, at 8:00 A.M. Please continue to pray for our deacons and their invaluable leadership to our church.

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<b><u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u></b>	<b><u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u></b>	<b><u>NURSERY</u></b>
<p>3 Brandie Kearney  4 Bennett Pulliam (6 yrs)  6 Sandra Lynch  8 Indie Parks  18 Josephine Myrick  21 Ann Jackson  21 Bella Pitchford (6 yrs)  23 Lynne Skilton  24 Kaye Herman  28 Gerleen Pitchford  29 Billy Blanton</p>	<p>5 Nick &amp; Elaine Gildred (50 yrs)  17 Mike &amp; Betty Blanton (35 yrs)  19 Al &amp; Carol Spraker (54 yrs)  21 Nicholas &amp; Emily Pulliam (10 yrs)  23 David &amp; Kay Tripp (39 yrs)</p>	<p>3 Sara Council/Claire &amp; Anna Council  10 Melinda Harris/Sandra Lynch  17 Carol West/Sara Little  24 Paula Burton  31 Lynne Skilton/Jim Skilton</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>TRASH DETAIL</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jim Elam</p>