

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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IN MEMORY

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*For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16*

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

As I write this, we are entering what many people call the "dog days of summer." Summer can be intense for a variety of reasons. The temperatures rise, the grass seems to grow faster than we can cut it, and our calendars often fill up with vacations and family gatherings. After a long, hot day, many of us would rather be floating in the lake, swimming in the pool, or enjoying the cool air conditioning than taking on another task.

There is certainly nothing wrong with rest. In fact, rest is a gift from God. We all need time to recharge physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Yet, as we think about our walk with Christ and our life together as a church, I am reminded that we never want to become spiritually complacent. We never want to "cool off" in our passion for Christ, our commitment to the church, or our desire to serve others.

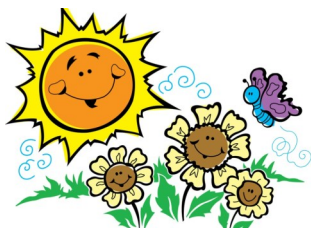
I think about sports teams that gain momentum and build a large lead. Everything seems to be going their way. Then they take their foot off the gas. They stop playing with the same intensity and focus that got them the lead in the first place. Before long, the other team begins to gain ground, and what looked like a sure victory becomes a hard-fought battle. We have all seen games where a team lost, not because they lacked talent, but because they stopped pressing forward.

The same principle applies to the church. God has been doing some exciting things at Littleton Baptist Church. We have much to be thankful for, but now is not the time to become content or assume the work is finished. Now is the time to continue seeking God's direction and faithfully following where He leads.

As we move into July, several important opportunities are before us. The Nominating Committee will soon begin its work, and you will have the opportunity to complete a survey that helps identify your interests, gifts, and areas of service. Every member of the church has something valuable to contribute to the life and ministry of our congregation. I encourage you to prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to serve.

In addition, we will be spending time reviewing and refining our church's mission statement. Our goal is not simply to change words on a page. We want to ensure that our mission clearly reflects what God is doing in and through Littleton Baptist Church, and what He is calling us to accomplish in the years ahead. This is an exciting opportunity to focus our vision and renew our commitment to God's work.

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July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 No Choir or Prayer & Bible Study	2	3	4  Independence Day
5 8:30 Thousand Trails 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Bible Study	6	7	8 6:00 Mission Committee Mtg No Choir or Prayer & Bible Study	9	10	11
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There is a lot happening at Littleton Baptist Church, and I am excited about the future. More importantly, I believe God is not finished with us yet. He continues to call us to grow, to serve, to reach others, and to be faithful witnesses in our community. The excitement has been building, and I believe the best is yet to come. Let's continue the wonderful work that God has already begun in us and see where He leads us next.

Grace and Peace,

David



Happy 250th America! This is a big birthday for our country!

I was reading about 2 of my favorite songs about America and wanted to share some of the interesting facts I learned with you.

"America the Beautiful" was written by Katharine Lee Bates, an English professor at Wellesley College in 1893. After an arduous journey to the top of Pike's Peak, she was inspired by the expansive view she took in, with fertile countryside and never-ending sky. This poem was originally sung to the tune of "Old Lang Syne."

"God Bless the USA" was written by Lee Greenwood. It took him many decades to complete. He was first influenced by the Sousa marches of his high school band, Elvis Presley's patriotic medleys, and the veterans' services he learned about while helping the USO in high school.

Both of these songs can bring tears to my eyes. Some of the most beautiful words are found in Lee Greenwood's song.

And I'm proud to be an American
Where at least I know I'm free.
And I won't forget the men who died who gave
that right to me.
And I'd gladly stand up next to you and defend
her still today.
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land.
God Bless the U.S.A.

Laura



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.

JULY 5

Child of Love

Luke 2:4-7

Christmas in July & Communion

JULY 12

Everytime

Lamentations 3:22-23

JULY 19

Circle of Friends

Proverbs 27:17

JULY 26

Dare You to Move

Acts 4:31



Mark your calendars! Sunday afternoon, **September 6th**, is our annual Church Picnic held at Sid & Betty Anne Shearin's farm. It is always a great time of Christian fellowship!

PRAYERS FOR LEADERSHIP SELECTION



Though decisions are still more than a month away, it's not too early for each of us to begin to pray. During the month of August, our Nominating Committee will be working together to nominate officers and teachers for the new church year. Please be in prayer about these decisions as we seek to discern God's way in these matters.



We had a great time at our first Ice Cream Social this year. We had awesome fellowship, delicious ice cream, and snacks. If you were not able to be there, we hope you can join us for our second one. It is scheduled for Sunday, **July 19th**, at 6:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend with a hungry appetite, and if you can, please bring a freezer of homemade ice cream or snacks to complement the ice cream. Bring a friend to join the Christian fellowship we will enjoy together!



Thousand Trails

Our Thousand Trails services continue each Sunday through Labor Day weekend at 8:30 A.M. Please pray for this ministry and find a way in which you can be involved. Speak, sing, promote, and pray! All are important. For more information, contact Mike Crawley.



This is the time of the season for all kinds of activities. We get to spend time together watching fireworks, going to church activities, and worshipping together! God definitely blesses us and watches over us! Enjoy this precious time together!

Our flower schedule for July is as follows:

July 5 - The Lord's Supper
July 12 - Available
July 19 - Available
July 26 - Jimmy and Laura Kearney

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, Christie Griffin, (919) 306-601 or christiewheatley@yahoo.com.

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

We want to thank you for all you do to help our church! We especially appreciate the beautiful flowers!



The Missions Committee will meet on Wednesday, **July 8th**, at 6:00 P.M. Members of the committee are: Clyde Johnston, Chairperson, Melinda Harris, Mike Crawley, Kristi Atkins, Sandra Lynch, Darlene Kocich, Christie Griffin, Amanda Coffman, and Lynne Skilton.



Youth will not meet regularly during the summer, but we will have some fun fellowship events throughout the summer.

SPECIAL CALLED Business Meeting

On Sunday, **July 19th**, following Morning worship the church will be called into a special Business Meeting to hear and vote on a report from the Nominating Committee. Per the constitution, the Missions Chairperson and Sunday School Director shall be elected in July and then join the Nominating Committee to help fill in the rest of the officers and committees.



There will be no Adult Choir or Prayer & Bible Study during the month of July. We will resume our regular schedule on Wednesday, **August 12th**.



LORD'S SUPPER



On Sunday, **July 5th**, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper during the Morning Worship. It is a special privilege God gives us as believers to faithfully remember the sacrifice our Lord Jesus Christ made for each of us. Additionally, you will be given the opportunity to contribute to our church Fellowship Fund for local benevolence.



The Deacons will not meet this month. They will meet on Sunday, **August 2nd**, at 7:00 P.M.



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

The first Sunday of each month is set aside to bring food items for the John 3:16 Food Pantry. There are many in our area that need help with feeding their family. We can share the abundance of what we have with others!

This month they need the following items: canned soup/ramen noodles, spaghetti & sauce, peanut butter & jelly and canned fruit.



Ten church members and two guests constructed a wheelchair ramp for Ms. Jeanette "Rena" Harris in the Roper Springs Community just a few miles from our church. Rena is having balance issues, and she could not use the front door because of rotten steps. The ramp not only gives her safer access to her home but also a second exit from her house in case of fire.

If anyone would like to be on our church's handyman email list so that you will receive information on any projects we will be doing, please let Sid Shearin know.



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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>
3 Caden Myrick (3 yrs) 7 Jimmy Jackson 7 Eric Hockaday 8 Christie Griffin 8 Edward Pitchford 13 Matthew Council 13 Clyde Johnston 14 Nichole Pitchford 17 David Little 21 Fern Pitchford 22 Lee Myrick 24 Carol Spraker 25 Ethel Hale 28 Jimmy Kearney 28 Nelson Neville	10 Don & Kay Beaver (32 yrs) 14 Earl & Mary Spivey (19 yrs) 19 Sid & Betty Anne Shearin (46 yrs) 20 Jimmy & Ann Jackson (57 yrs) 22 Jordan & Brandi Kearney (3 yrs)	5 Paula Burton/Kay Tripp 12 Need Volunteers 19 Carol West/Sara Little 26 Sara Council/Claire Council
		<u>GARBAGE DETAIL</u>
		Charles Wilson