

# 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."*

*Rev. Michael O. Currin, Pastor*

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## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

Soren Kierkegaard once said, *"A man prayed, and at first he thought that prayer was talking. But he became more and more quiet until in the end he realized that prayer is listening."* We all know listening is hard work. Listening probably demands a lot more of a person than even talking does. A popular wireless phone company had a commercial in which a man with a cell phone continually asked every few feet, "Can you hear me now?" Of course the reason is to prove the point regarding the excellent coverage they give their subscribers. If God didn't already know, I suspect He may be asking a similar question of each of us. One thing for sure, it's a question we need to continually ask of ourselves. Are we hearing God as He continually desires to communicate with us?

Unlike we've been programmed spiritually to believe, I believe a large part of prayer is listening. I think it is crucial in our Christian walk to continue to ask ourselves, just how well am I listening to God? Perhaps the first question you may have is, just where can I hear God speaking? The answer is multifaceted and unlimited.

Let me mention a few as suggested by Marjorie Thompson in the book, Soul Feast.

- We can hear God speaking through the words of Scripture. Read a psalm and open yourself up to the Spirit and allow God to speak to you personally.
- We can hear God speak through His creation around us. One only has to see a butterfly, a mountain, a giraffe, or a sunset to hear God speak His joyful praise and proclamation.
- We can often hear God through words and lives of others — a preacher, a parent, a spouse, a friend, even a stranger can be the voice of God's Spirit.
- We can hear God in the circumstances of our lives. Some circumstances are good, some not so good. Yet in and through them we may hear God slowing us down or calling us to attend to something we might have overlooked or denied.
- We can hear God in the silence when we make room for His still small voice to address us by name. Yes, God is hearable. But we must each give attention, not just with open ears to the many voices God may use to speak to us, but also by using discernment. Not every voice we hear is the voice of God. We must continually be learning the characteristics of God, in order to recognize Him when He is speaking to us.

I'm so thankful we serve a God who loves us personally and longs to speak and hear from each of us. Remember, God continues to ask "Can you hear me?" God longs for us to have "ears to hear" His voice as He speaks. Are you listening? Are we as His church listening? This makes all the difference in our walk with Him.


While you're praying and listening for God this month, please center your prayers on the following needs: VBS, Outdoor World Ministries, our church financial needs, our graduates, our father's and our babies and their families as they are dedicated. God will give us direction in these areas as we pray earnestly seeking Him.

Thanks for the blessing of serving as your pastor and the chance to listen for God with you on behalf of LBC.

*Mike*



# June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Food Box 8:30 Outdr Wrld 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship  5:30 Youth 7:00 Deacons Mtg.	<b>2</b> 8:30 Exercise	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8:30 Exercise  6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8:30 Exercise	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Food Box 8:30 Outdr Wrld 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 6:00 Ice Cream Social 7:00 Church Council	<b>9</b> 8:30 Exercise	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 8:30 Exercise  6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8:30 Exercise	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8:30 Outdr Wrld 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship  	<b>16</b> 9:00 VBS	<b>17</b> 9:00 VBS	<b>18</b> 9:00 VBS  6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	<b>19</b> 9:00 VBS	<b>20</b> 9:00 VBS	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:30 Outdr Wrld 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship  5:30 Youth	<b>23</b> 8:30 Exercise	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 8:30 Exercise  7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 8:30 Exercise	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8:30 Outdr Wrld 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship	<b>30</b> 8:30 Exercise					



I want to thank my Junior Singers for sharing with us on Mother's Day!!! Rehearsals might not always go well....but they get it all together for the real thing!!!

There will be no choir practice on June 25th! It's vacation time once more!

I hope that all dads will have a Happy Father's Day!

*Laura*

## OUTDOOR WORLD

Outdoor World Sunday Worship leadership began Sunday, **May 25**, at 8:30 A.M. and continues through Labor Day weekend. If you are willing to participate, either speaking or assisting with special music, please contact Brenda Hudson at 586-3983 or see Mike Crawley. Thank you for your prayers and support for this valuable ministry that over the past few years has been an inspiration to the campers and beyond.

## CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council will meet at 7:00 P.M. on Sunday, **June 8**, in the annex.

## Deacons Meeting

Our Deacons will meet on Sunday, **June 1**, at 7:00 P.M. in the annex.



## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The first of our Summer Ice Cream Socials will be **June 8**, at 6:00 P.M. in the fellowship hall. If you can bring a freezer of homemade ice cream, it will be appreciated and enjoyed. If you can't, then bring a topping or trimming to go with the cream. If neither is possible, just come and enjoy some old-fashioned LBC fellowship.



On Sunday, **June 15**, we will take time to honor our fathers, past and present, on Father's Day. Be with us as we take time to especially honor Christian Fathers who daily live their faith in the family and world!



The following is the flower schedule for the month of June 2014.

June 1	Josie Myrick
June 8	Jimmy Kearney
June 15	Clyde Johnston
June 22	
June 29	Brenda Hudson & Family

If you would like to place flowers in the church, please contact Priscilla Parks, Josie Myrick or Sandra Lynch. Thank you to all that have helped with flowers this year!



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2014 LBC GRADUATES!

### High School

**Ashby Burton - Halifax Academy**

### College

**Samantha West - East Carolina University - Bachelor of Science in Nursing**



**CHILD DEDICATION SUNDAY  
JUNE 1, 2014  
11:00 A.M.**



Please join these families as the church commits to support them in the training of their children in the way of the Lord. Keep these and all our families in your prayers as we share the love of Christ and seek to build strong and faithful Christian families.

*Mike and Megan Conner as they dedicate their daughter:*

*Elin Myrick Conner*

*and*

*Matthew and Sara Council as they dedicate their daughter:*

*Claire Elizabeth Council*

**JOINT DEACON & FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE**

On May 5, the Deacons met jointly with members of the Finance & Stewardship Committee. The meeting served a two-fold purpose. First, we are continuing to explore the request from the January Quarterly Business Meeting concerning the development of recommendations for a different approach in preparation, presentation and adoption on our annual church budget. During the January Business Meeting several individuals expressed the thought that our current practice of presenting the Budget following a Sunday Worship in the Fall with an open show of hands to approve does not afford an inviting, adequate opportunity for individual comment and input. During the Business Meeting the church voted to revise the procedure and use a "written ballot" to vote on the proposed Budget in lieu of a "show of hands." The church also directed the Deacons to explore methods to develop and present the proposed budget that allow input into the budget prior to the day of adoption. The Finance & Stewardship Committee are to explore possible ways to make the Budgeting process more transparent with greater input by the Congregation that does not involve standing up before the whole church to offer suggestions.

Second, in our May 5 joint meeting we also focused on the general topic of church stewardship. We looked at the wonderful opportunities to express our love and service afforded by giving and financial support of the Lord's work through Littleton Baptist. We explored ideas of how we can all be more aware of minimizing the cost of providing a comfortable, inviting worship and study space for both ourselves and guests by controlling lighting usage and by watching carefully the settings on thermostats. You do not need us to tell you that the costs of utilities are rocketing to historic records, because you see your own bills for propane, oil and electricity telling the story. Clyde shared with the group the disproportionate impact of utility costs on our budget. Perhaps you have some saving ideas to share with us.

Finally, in this May 5 meeting we reviewed the Church Constitution to remind ourselves of the responsibility of the Deacons and the Finance & Stewardship Committee Members. Clearly, these two groups have the assigned objective of "Keeping a careful watch over the church's income and expenditures, and advising the church of any steps it needs to take concerning same." In the meanwhile, if you have any concerns or questions regarding our giving or expenses, you are invited and encouraged to discuss it with me as the Deacon Chairperson, with Mike Currin as Pastor, with Clyde Johnston as Treasurer or Kay Beaver as Stewardship Committee Chairperson. We will work to get an answer for you. We also encourage you to make church stewardship a part of your prayer time. The brothers and sisters at this joint meeting made a personal commitment to pray daily concerning the finances of Littleton Baptist. We will keep you informed on developments.

**Greg Fussell, Deacon Chairperson**



## REGISTRATION FORM

*(kindly complete asap)*

### COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**June 16 - 20, 2014**

**9:00 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.**

The 2014 Community VBS is scheduled for June 16 - 20 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:15 P.M. The theme this year is **Gangway to Galilee: Amazing Grace Adventures!** Each new day invites our children and youth to learn about Christ, and how to grow serving Christ as we serve friends, family, neighbors, community and Jesus. This year we will learn Biblical examples and then practically apply this as we seek to serve others in the name of Jesus while growing in grace and knowledge of Him. The theme verse is: *"For by grace you have been saved through faith, And this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God."* Ephesians 2:8

This year's VBS will take place at the Littleton Baptist Church and Littleton United Methodist Church along side the other sponsoring churches, Lakeside Lutheran and Littleton Presbyterian Church. This community VBS is open to all children, so feel free to encourage your friends, your neighbors, your family and your guests to participate. In order for us to do our best planning, we encourage you to please help us by kindly preregistering your children as soon as possible.

VBS will be offered with age-graded classes for children age three – those having completed grade 6. Youth will serve as our drama team again this year. Each day's activities will include Bible story, crafts, service projects, recreation, with music, drama and large group time. A nursery is provided for children of workers through age 2.

Bring a white t-shirt for your child with the name taped to it for our iron on t-shirt preparation and begin now to pray for a wonderful 2014 Community Vacation Bible School!

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*Clip Registration & return to Littleton Baptist Church, PO. Box 216, NC 27850  
and/or [littletonbaptist@embarqmail.com](mailto:littletonbaptist@embarqmail.com)  
Or you can return to any one of the sponsoring churches above!*

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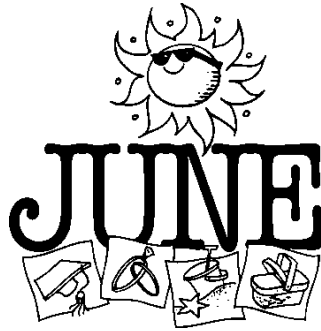
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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
2 Sidney Gibson 3 Daley Ross 6 Margo Rawlings 11 Ray Cole 12 David Tripp 15 Monica Phillis 16 Hannah Skinner 16 Patrick Pegram 21 Sonny Walker 25 Megan Conner 25 Perry Myrick 26 Sarah Neville 27 Ryan Hockaday (17 yrs)	7 Jim & Monica Phillis (6 yrs) 8 Thad & Melinda Harris (45 yrs) 10 Michael & Megan Conner (8 yrs) 14 Roman Martinez & Neva Lopez (11 yrs) 15 Claude & Sandra Lynch (34 yrs) 27 David & Sarah Iles (43 yrs) 27 Jimmy & Sandra Felts (22 yrs) 30 Ray & Brenda Holloman (46 yrs)	1 Sarah Iles/Sandra Lynch 8 Brenda Hudson/Carly West 15 Sara Council/Josie Myrick 22 Melinda Harris/Louise Gibson 29 Sandra Lynch/Eric Hockaday
	<u>YOUTH MEALS</u>	<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
	1 Sheryl West 8 Ice Cream Social 15 Father's Day 22 Ryan Hockaday 29 No Meeting	Kent West