

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

It's hard to believe. VBS is now history. For months we'd been planning for Vacation Bible School in our community. VBS takes a lot of time, energy, and resources. It demands commitments of people to be involved: churches, adults, parents, grandparents. Our 2014 VBS was a good one.

We studied key passages of Jesus with his disciples beside and upon the sea of Galilee as he called them to be his devoted followers. The first day we learned a memory passage from Isaiah 43:1. *"I have called you by name, you are mine!"* Even as we began to know the 35 children by name as they wore their fancy nametags, our leaders found joy in discovering the unique and special creations of God they were created to be and become. As pastor, these children restored hope about the future of God's mission in our world.

These children experienced the joy of worship as they sang songs about God's amazing grace. One favorite of the children was the song and motions to "He's Big." The lyrics say it all about God.

*"He's big on grace,
He's big on mercy.
He's big in might and majesty.
He's big, so big,*

*but yet my God still knows my
name and proclaims He's big
on me.*

*He's big. God's big, big heart
has given you His only son
-it's really true!*

*He's big, so big, but not too big
to know your name and pro-
claim He's big on you.*

*He's big! He's a big, big God!
He's big! With a big, big heart!
He's big!
With big, big blessings just for
you and me.*

They sang and did the motions to celebrate the goodness and greatest of our "BIG" God who loves and cares for them and His great creation.

As lead pastor of this year's VBS I found great joy in hearing the children recite the Bible verses they'd learned and were working to apply to their lives as they learned more and more about God through crafts and music and Bible stories and dramas, and lessons, and recreation and worship. I pray we'll all have such enthusiasm for learning and serving our "great big God."

I celebrate the fact that our VBS, though fewer in number that in some years previous, represented a wide spectrum of children from our community

and beyond. And they listened with all ears when they were spoken too. They played hard, laughed hard, sang loud, and were very obedient children.

I, along with Kevin from the Littleton Presbyterian Church were able to plan, lead and participate in this year's modern day application dramas. Thanks Carly, Mary Beth, and Abigail. You were wonderful and a good example for our children!

And our adult volunteers were awesome too. Arriving early each day filled with energy and enthusiasm (well energy weakened as the days went on), but it never stopped the 100 % + effort to love and care and teach our children. I am so grateful for the participation from LBC and I thank each and everyone of you who committed yourselves to this important educational opportunity.

I left VBS the last day feeling that our children had taken home with them what we desired them to receive and excited that the seeds planted will be sprouting forth in many directions in the days, months and years henceforth.

Thanks for praying. God heard your prayers!

Mike



July 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 8:30 Exercise	5
6 Food Box 8:30 Outdr Wrld 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 5:30 Youth	7 8:30 Exercise	8	9 8:30 Exercise	10	11 8:30 Exercise	12
13 8:30 Outdr Wrld 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 6:00 Ice Cream Social	14 8:30 Exercise	15	16 8:30 Exercise	17	18 8:30 Exercise Mission Team leaves for El Salvador	19 Mission Team in El Salvador
20 8:30 Outdr Wrld 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship Mission Team in El Salvador	21 8:30 Exercise Mission Team in El Salvador	22 Mission Team in El Salvador	23 8:30 Exercise Mission Team in El Salvador	24 Mission Team in El Salvador	25 8:30 Exercise 10:00 Library Summer Reading Program Mission Team returns from El Salvador	26
27 8:30 Outdr Wrld 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 5:30 Youth	28 8:30 Exercise	29	30 8:30 Exercise	31		



Happy 4th of July!

The Adult Choir will not meet during the month of July. We will resume choir rehearsals on August 6th.

Come join us!

Laura



We welcome to LBC our newest member, Fran Cornell. Her address is 632 North Brown Road, Littleton, NC 27850. Her email is fran.cornell12323@gmail.com. We are so happy to have Fran join our church family.



Our second Summer Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Sunday, **July 13** at 6:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend with a hungry appetite, and if you can, please bring freezers of homemade ice cream or snacks to complement the ice cream. Bring a friend to join the Christian fellowship we will enjoy together!



LORD'S SUPPER

On Sunday, **July 6** we will celebrate the Lord's Supper during the Morning Worship. It is a special privilege God gives to us as believers to faithfully remember the sacrifice our Lord Jesus Christ made for each of us. Additionally, we will be given opportunity to contribute to our church Fellowship Fund for local benevolence.



The Deacons will not meet in July. The next meeting will be in August.



2014 COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



GANGWAY TO GALILEE



AMAZING GRACE ADVENTURES



JESUS SAVES OUR SOULS!



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

July 6	Lord's Supper
July 13	Open
July 20	Melanie Hilliard
July 27	Open

If anyone wants to place flowers in LBC for the open dates please contact Priscilla Parks or the Church Office. Thank you for being so faithful in helping with flowers!

The Flower Committee



We will not have a Quarterly Business Meeting in July. Our next meeting will be in October unless business necessitates a special called session.



LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Littleton Library Summer Reading Program has overfilled the Library space again this year, and they have asked to use our Fellowship Hall on Fridays beginning **July 25** and ending **August 15** from 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 noon. We are thankful we can show them our LBC hospitality.



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 Nomination Committee will be working to nominate officers and teachers for the new church year. In addition, the process will begin to elect two persons to serve as Deacon for a four year term to fill the terms being expired by Paula Burton and Clyde Johnston. Please be in prayer about these decisions as we seek to discern God's way in these matters.



Littleton Presbyterian Church Lawn Fridays July 11 - August 22

Games on the lawn start at 6:00 P.M.
Cornhole, Ladder Golf, Bocce Ball
Bring a picnic dinner!
Movie starts at dusk
Family friendly films
Smoke-free & Alcohol-free Environment

Weekly Listing on Church Phone - 252-586-7758



Bring your lawn chairs and blankets!



Our Outdoor World 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, pray! All are important. For more information, contact Brenda Hudson or Mike Crawley.



El Salvador Mission Team

July 18 - July 25

Ahuachapán, El Salvador

Team Members

**Mike and Ann Currin, Brenda Hudson,
Clyde Johnston, Debbie Keeter,
Claude and Sandra Lynch and Jan Miller.**

Mission Projects

**Construction, Painting, Medical Missions,
And Food Distribution
in extreme poverty areas.**

Ways To Support This Ministry

Pray for our team members. Remember your financial support for the projects to help with food for the poor and medications make a BIG difference for the people. One hundred percent of your contributions go for this effort. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
6 Jim Phillis 7 Eric Hockaday (16 yrs) 13 Clyde Johnston 13 Matthew Council 17 Bonnie Currin Stallings 21 Collin Merritt 22 Lee Myrick 25 Ethel Hale 28 Jimmy Kearney 30 Mary West (Tommy)	1 James & Virginia Kearney (64 yrs) 10 Don & Kay Beaver (20 yrs) 19 Sid & Betty Anne Shearin (34 yrs) 20 Jimmie & Elizabeth Hockaday (56 yrs)	6 Carol West/Carly West 13 Sarah Iles/Brenda Hudson 20 Brenda Hudson/Jan Miller 27 Elizabeth Hockaday/Ryan Hockaday
	<u>YOUTH MEALS</u>	<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
	6 Youth (Ann Currin) 13 Ice cream Social 20 No youth 27 Youth (Betty Anne Shearin)	Matthew Council