

# 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

Having served as a church pastor now for over 32 years, I have always been firmly convinced that to each local church God appropriates the unique spiritual gifts and designated skill sets to fulfill the God given purposes of the congregation at the given time. Therefore, what we do with those gifts and skills becomes the overarching question as we discover God's call and then commit both individually and collectively to that respective mission we've been entrusted.

The Bible offers a number of lists of such gifts in the New Testament. In three different letters the Apostle Paul gives differing lists of particular spiritual gifts. In 1 Corinthians we read of gifts like administration, apostle, discernment, faith, healing, knowledge, miracles, prophecy, teaching, tongues and tongues interpretation, and wisdom. In Romans his list included exhortation, giving, leadership, mercy, prophecy, service, and teaching. In Ephesians we find apostle, evangelism, pastor, prophecy, and teaching. As you can see none are exactly alike nor are they exhaustive regarding spiritual gifts.

The truth is that while the mission of the church to reach the world with Christ's good news of eternal life and to disci-

ple believers to grow in faith and knowledge with Christ has not changed, many others certainly have. Times have changed, people have changed, our culture continues to change, and the needs of people in our community have changed. No one would have ever known to think in Jesus day we'd need someone gifted in computer technology and sound skills but they are necessities for today's church. And the list goes on! God is continuing to give to His called people Spiritual gifts He desires to be used for His Kingdom purposes. For a simple test to help better understand your spiritual gifts go to [www.spiritualgiftstest.com/test/adult](http://www.spiritualgiftstest.com/test/adult) or go to this link on our church webpage.

Serving one's Lord through the local church is one of the special ways Christians not only grow in Christ, but are able to strengthen our shared ministry in the Kingdom of God. How we each serve is a significant decision. This Christian decision is not to decide if I serve, but rather, in what ways can I best serve and how committed am I to this responsibility?

Our Church Nominating Committee is charged with a significant responsibility. That responsibility is first and foremost to prayerfully consider the membership of our congregation and the

areas of service needed for the coming year. These areas of service vary widely as does our congregational membership.

They have key questions to consider. What are the primary needs in our church? What persons are the best available to help fulfill this ministry service in this coming year? Then when mutually agreed by the committee, they contact these people and ask them to prayerfully consider this area of service.

I now invite and encourage you to begin now to prayerfully consider your gifts and call of God to serve through your church and beyond. Listen to the Spirit of God! Where are my gifts? In what way am I being called to grow in my gifts to better serve and enable my church to fulfill her divine mission in the upcoming months?

God definitely has a divine purpose for LBC and it will take each of us using that which He is equipping to fulfill this mission. I'm praying for you, our committee and the year before us. God is preparing for a great work to be done in His name.

Just what might your spiritual gifts be and will you wholeheartedly commit them to Him as you serve God through Littleton Baptist Church?

*Mike*



# AUGUST 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<i>10</i> Food Box 8:30 Outdr Wrld 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 6:00 Ice Cream Social 7:00 Deacons Mtg	<i>11</i> 8:30 Exercise  7:00 Nominating Committee Mtg.	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> 8:30 Exercise  6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>16</i>
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Congratulations to Dan, Stephanie & Bentley Iles upon the birth of their baby boy, Wyatt Lee Iles. He was born on June 30 & weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. Congrats also to the grandparents, David and Sarah Iles.



It seems like the summer is flying by! I want to thank the special guests we had in July who brought us our Sunday specials! There is so much talent in our community!

Speaking of talent....choir rehearsals resume on August 6th at 6:00 P.M. We will begin our new choir season with a cookout at church! Now would be a great time to come join us if you would like to become a part of our choir family!!!

*Laura*

### DEACONS MEETING

Our Deacon's will meet on Sunday evening, **August 10** at 7:00 P.M. in the annex.



Our third Summer Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Sunday, **August 10** 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!

### Deacon Nominations



On Sunday, **August 3**, we'll be distributing the Resident Membership list so you can begin to prayerfully consider your deacon nominations for the coming year. Nominations will take place on **August 17**. You will be asked to nominate four persons to serve a four-year term. In September the top four nominees agreeing to serve will then be placed on a ballot to elect two persons to serve a four-year term.



### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee begins their work on the 2014 - 2015 Officers and Teachers on Monday, **August 11** at 7:00 P.M. and will continue their work this month. You are asked to prayerfully consider your places of service as you are contacted and seek to discern God's way. If you have a particular interest or area of giftedness, contact a member of the committee and make them aware of that interest. Members of this committee include: Greg Fussell, Mike Blanton, Kay Beaver, Carolyn Price, Louise Gibson & Jimmy Kearney. Ex-officio members include Melinda Harris & Mike Crawley.



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

August 3	Susan Conger
August 10	Lollie Johnston
August 17	David & Sarah Iles
August 24	Roy Spain
August 31	Claude & Sandra Lynch

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!

The Flower Committee

Our Pastor's  
19th Anniversary



**On THURSDAY, August 14, Rev. Mike Currin will celebrate his 19th anniversary as pastor of Littleton Baptist Church. Thank you, Pastor Mike, for the many ways you show your love to us. We love you for all you do for us and our Lord!**



August 4 - 6 our youth will be traveling to a beach location for a spiritual retreat and several days of fun and adventure. Our theme this year will be "Digging Deeper into God's Word." Last year was a special time for our youth and we need your prayers as preparations are made for this time of spiritual growth and refreshment.

Thanks for encouraging our youth as they grow in their faith in Christ. It means so much to them that others offer spiritual support by word and example! See the pastor if you'd like to discover a way you can help our youth in this endeavor!

We look forward to sharing some of our story when we return!

Thanks for praying!!!



Did you know that our church website is a useful tool for church and beyond? The address [www.littletonbaptistchurch.org](http://www.littletonbaptistchurch.org) links you to so much.

Some of the information to be found includes our current church calendar, schedules, current and upcoming events, tools to share who we are as a church, how to become a devoted follower of Christ, sermons, archived newsletters, a host of suggested and related links, lots of photos and even a direct link to our church Facebook page, and so much more.

This website is designed for your use and for you to share with others regarding Littleton Baptist Church. I hope you will use it often.



## **HOMECOMING**

**Our Church Homecoming Service is scheduled for October 12 at 11:00 A.M. We will be celebrating 141 years of ministry! We hope you will make every effort to join us for this special day!**



The John 3:16 Center

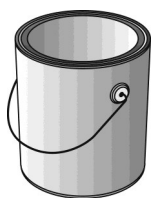
**August 30 (Labor Day Weekend)**

**8:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**at Littleton Baptist Church**

Cleaning out your attic or storage building? The John 3:16 Center is accepting donations of furniture, appliances, electronics, tools/equipment, useful household items, sporting equipment, etc. for their yard sale. Proceeds benefit the community through programs offered at The John 3:16 Center. In order to avoid interrupting their programs donations will be received Monday – Friday through August 8 between 3:00 – 5:00 P.M. and Saturdays 9:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M. Donations will be accepted Monday – Friday, August 8 – 28 from 9:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M. If this time poses a problem for you, please contact Shannon or Brittany at (252) 586-1800 to work out an alternative.

In order to receive a donation receipt, federal tax laws require that all donated items be in working order and in “good” or better condition. No clothing will be accepted for yard sale purposes.



### **DONATE OLD PAINT FOR MISSIONS**

Our church has quite a few cans of paint that have been kept for many years. It is cluttering areas and can be a fire hazard. You may have the same problem at home. Here's a great way to get rid of old paint that has been taking up storage space in your shed or house for years and support local missions at the same time. On Saturday morning, August 23, at 9:00 A.M. at Sid's Shop we will be removing the can lids and stirring the paint to see if it is still usable. If we think someone may want it, we will paint the lid so folks can see the color. Then we will sell the paint at the John 3:16 yard sale the next weekend at our church. Unusable paint will be taken to the landfill and any paint not sold at the yard sale will be donated to Habitat for Humanity in Roanoke Rapids.

If you do not have any old paint we still need your help on this workday to help build and repair tables for the John 3:16 yard sale.

Thank you.

Sid Shearin, Maintenance Committee Chairman

### **SUPPORT UNION MISSION WITH CARDBOARD, CLOTHING AND RAG MATERIALS**

While serving as your pastor and serving on the Board of the Union Mission it is clear the needs are great and the ministry invaluable to those in need. The Union Mission continues to offer ministry to homeless men and struggling individuals through it's kitchen ministry which serves a daily meal for the community, feeds the resident men 3 meals a day and offers housing, counseling and life skills. Additionally, it's food pantry serves over 700 food boxes per month. Emergency home items and clothing is a huge part of their ministry. Additionally, it is looking to offer a shelter for homeless women in the very near future. None of this happens without community and church support and prayer. When the needs are greatest is most often when the economy is down and financial support is at its lowest. Of course contributions great and small are appreciated, but not possible for everyone.

But there is something you can do. During the Littleton/Lake Gaston festival in our parking lot we'll also be collecting cardboard and clothing, good clothes which can be sold and not so good which will be sold for rags. All three of these sources help support the ministry of the Mission. You can bring these to our church anytime. A special station will be set up during the concurrent yard sale for the John 3:16 Center. Your help makes a huge difference! Spread the word!

Thank you!

*Mike*

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
4 Eleanor Conner (3 yrs.) 6 Jordan Kearney 9 Melinda Harris 9 Elin Conner (1 yr) 11 Kay Tripp 12 Ann Mathieson 14 Treva Neville 20 Daniel Iles 20 Tom Tremper 21 Virginia Tant 25 Beverly Fussell 25 Roy Spain 29 Willie Felts	No Anniversaries	3 Kay Tripp/Paula Burton 10 Josie Myrick/Sara Council 17 Betty Blanton/Billy Blanton 24 Brenda Hudson/Eric Hockaday 31 Sandra Lynch/Sarah Iles
	<u>YOUTH MEALS</u>	<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
	3 No Meeting 10 Ice Cream Social 17 Lisa Adkins 24 Sheryl West 31 No Meeting	Thad Harris