

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

Prayer is vital to the life of every believer. We all know that, yet putting this into practice is not so easy on a sustained basis. Unfortunately, far too often we are "hit or miss" with our prayer pilgrimage. We believe in it, we know its value, yet time, attention, and other things can sidetrack us from allowing prayer to be the valuable spiritual resource it can serve. Most of us need constant reminders and tools to help us stay focused.

This past summer, two experiences helped me discover another way to keep prayer central. With my I-phone I take lots of pictures. I look at them often. It is an opportunity for enjoyment, but I have discovered it is also an opportunity for prayer. I discovered this first while planning for our youth beach retreat as we focused on prayer. The idea came to watch for prayer opportunities, then take a picture of something to remind you, then to spend time praying concerning the matter. Since we just about all have tiny cameras on our phones it was not that difficult. Take the photo and as you view your pictures, pray as God leads. Maybe it was the beautiful ocean to thank God for his creation, or a person in need, a fellow youth, a waitress, or some concern that captures our attention along the way.

I revisited this method as we traveled to El Salvador this summer. Every scene was a photo op turned prayer opportunity. Each church, each house, and each ministry we visited. Observing people and getting to know them provides opportunities galore. Taking a picture and viewing them not only let me remember the people but also to pray about the needs they shared. As I continue to review the pictures I am reminded of the many places we visited and the many needs we discovered where life is hard and people are dependent upon God and his goodness to sustain them.

A few of the many pictures and requests I continue to view and pray for are shared below.



- One was the scene of a yard of children and the teenage daughter who asked us to pray for her mother who was not a Christian, and grandmother who was seriously ill in the hospital.
- Another was of a Salvadoran family of four, three pictured, which were obviously malnourished with many needs of food, shelter and support.
- On Monday, September 16, I traveled to Washington for a baseball game only to learn as I traveled of the tragic situation that had just happened a few blocks away from the stadium at the Navy Yard near the Anacostia River. On Tuesday, just outside the stadium I took a picture, which is a beautiful scene, but also serves as my reminder that evil can turn any place into a place of horrific horror. I view this picture to remind me that every scene is a prayer opportunity. And we must pray for the families of victims of the horror in our violent society.

Whether you actually take a literal picture or not, my hope and desire is that our minds and hearts will see the needs around us and that these will serve as our invitation from God to pray faithfully for the needs we encounter each and every day. I know it will make a spiritual difference for those prayed for, and for the person who is praying.

Prayerfully on the Journey,
Mike



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
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<i>20</i> 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 5:30 Youth	<i>21</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>22</i> 5:30 Cullom Baptist Association Fall Session	<i>23</i> 8:30 Exercise 6:30 Adult Choir 7:30 Prayer & Bible Study	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> 8:30 Exercise	<i>26</i> 11:00 Stone Soup Lunch
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Our Christian sympathy is extended to:
Jan Miller in the death of her mother: **Pat Carroll**



Just in case you did not know....the letters in the word choir stand for:

- C - Christians....we all sing for our God!
- H - Humor....you have to have this to put up with me as a director!
- O - Open ...for all who would like to join us!
- I - Important...we play an important part in our worship services!
- R - Rehearsals...every Wednesday night at 6:30!

Come join us...you might be pleasantly surprised!!!

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Laura



Our Deacon's will meet at 7:00 P.M. on Sunday evening, **October 6**, in the Annex Conference Room. We will welcome our two newest deacons, Mike Blanton & Greg Fussell. Special thanks to Sidney Gibson and Sid Shearin who completed their terms of service in September.



Spread Christmas Cheer

Our church will be sending Christmas Cheer in the way of a Christmas card to members of overseas military personnel you provide us. These cards from our church family will cheer them in their distant service. We are also asking you to provide names, addresses, rank, relationship to you (i.e family, friend, neighbor etc.). (Note: If you have family or friend serving in missions somewhere, we will also extend this request for names to include them as well.) Sid Shearin is heading up this project. See him if you have further questions. You can give this info to him or the church office.



Our next Quarterly Business Meeting is Wednesday, **October 9** at 7:30 P.M. These quarterly meetings are vital to the church and her ministry as we report, discuss, plan and consider the ongoing needs that will strengthen us as the people of God. You are encouraged to be present and to always be prayerful about our church's ministries!



MAINTENANCE
COMMITTEE

The Maintenance Committee will meet on Monday, **October 7** at 7:00 P.M. in the church annex.

CULLOM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FALL SESSION

The Cullom Baptist Association Fall Session will be held on Tuesday, **October 22** at North Henderson Baptist Church, Henderson, NC. Dinner will be at 5:30 P.M. and the meeting will be at 7:00 P.M. See the pastor if you can attend.

HOMECOMING INVITATION CELEBRATING 140 YEARS

All Members, Former Members, Friends and Family

Are cordially invited to Littleton Baptist Church

On Sunday, November 10, 2013 at 11:00 A.M.

For our Annual Homecoming Services and Dinner.

Rev. Charles Wilson, son of Mabel Wilson, will be the speaker.

After lunch there will be a historic slideshow and a time for remembrances.

There will be no Sunday School on this day.



CHRISTIAN SONG FEST

Hosted by Littleton United Methodist Church
at Littleton Baptist Church
Saturday, October 19

Two gospel singing groups are coming to Littleton on October 19, 2013! They are:

The Ambassadors from Selma, NC. Our pastor's son-in-law, Tyler Stallings, is the lead singer. The Ambassadors are a trio of singers celebrating 40 years in Southern Gospel Music this year! The website for The Ambassadors is http://theambassadorsqt.com/fr_schedule.cfm.

The Crist Family from Tennessee. They have ministered in 42 states and Canada. The group began as a part-time ministry in 1987. In 2004, after seventeen years in ministry on the West Coast, God called them to full-time ministry. They stepped out in faith by quitting their jobs, selling all they had and relocating across the country from Seattle, Washington to just north of Knoxville, TN. Their music is presented with powerful and intricate harmonies, high energy and moving testimonies. You may visit their website at: <http://cristfamilymusic.com/about>.

This outdoor event will be at our church (LBC). Bring your lawn chair. Singing will begin at 11:00 A.M. And continue until 2:00 P.M. Hot dogs will be provided for lunch. Canned goods will be accepted for the community food pantry of **ACTS**, Area Churches Together Serving. A love offering will be received. In case of rain, the event will be in the fellowship building of Littleton UMC. For more information call (252) 586-5385 or www.littleton-umc.org.

Make your plans to hear great singing with food, fellowship and experience a faith infusion. Bring your family and friends for this community gathering!



MR. & MRS. FRANK DOUGLAS HEARNE
REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE
AT THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR DAUGHTER

MADISON LYNN

to

MICHAEL ANDREW CRAWLEY

SATURDAY, THE TWELFTH OF OCTOBER

TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN

FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

BEECHWOOD ACRES FARM

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WAXHAW, NORTH CAROLINA

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW



The following is the flower schedule for the month of October, 2013.

October 6	Jeff & Paula Burton
October 13	Jim Sineath
October 20	Thad & Melinda Harris
October 27	Open

Flowers are needed for our Sanctuary on October 27. If you would like to place flowers on this date, please contact Priscilla Parks, Josie Myrick or Sandra Lynch.

Thank you.

The Flower Committee



Union Mission of Roanoke Rapids October 26, 2013

"When we all come together, everyone can eat."

That's the moral to the wives' tale Stone Soup and the inspiration for our first Stone Soup Lunch hosted by the Board of Directors at Union Mission on Saturday, October 26, from 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. I'm not quite sure when I first heard this story. Perhaps in Mrs. Furlow's first grade class, or even Captain Kangaroo, my preferred early morning television show in the 1960s. But in recent times, it was while I was reading to some children The Children's Book of Virtues. As the story goes, a group of hungry strangers came to a village with nothing but an empty cooking pot and tried to persuade locals to give them food. They started out with a pot of water and a stone which would serve as the base for a delicious soup. One villager passed by and provided carrots; another seasoning; another potatoes and so it went until the pot was full of a delicious soup for all to enjoy. This story has stayed with me over the years and we have decided, in the spirit of giving and cooperation, we too can have a Stone Soup event by bringing canned goods and enjoying a meal. The first 100 participants will enjoy a nice bowl of soup and bread. The bowl will be a gift to you; a handmade pottery bowl. It is a work of art made by Dan Finch Pottery just for us. (www.danfinch.com) While participants enjoy homemade desserts they will also take a short tour of Union Mission.

LaCount Anderson, Executive Director

What Can You Bring?

1. Yourself and your family.
 2. A canned food item.
 3. Minimum donation of \$10.00 and family minimum of \$25.00.
- First 100 participants receive a free handmade pottery bowl.

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>
2 Elizabeth Neville 3 Gladys Pegram 3 Ashby Burton (18 yrs) 7 Opal Brown 8 Mike Crawley 12 Jan Myrick 12 Larry Thomas West (15 yrs) 15 Jeff Burton 18 Louise Gibson 25 Jack Tant 27 Mary Beth Labrecque (13 yrs) 29 Amanda Milton	27 Jeff & Paula Burton (23 yrs)	6 Melinda Harris/Eric Hockaday 13 Brenda Hudson/Ryan Hockaday 20 Betty Blanton/Billy Blanton 27 Carol West/Carly West
	<u>YOUTH MEALS</u>	<u>TRASH DETAIL</u>
	6 Sheryl West 13 No Youth 20 Paula Burton 27 Nora Labrecque	Thad Harris