

First Baptist News

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"I'm In" signs, commitment cards and prayer guides are available. We invite you to take a picture with your "I'm In" sign as you go about the many activities of your summer. Send the picture(s) to the church office or any of the ministers. We'll share these photos on Facebook and in the church newsletter.

"I'm In!" Testimonial by Catherine Lee

When I say "I'm In!" at First Baptist Church, there are many reasons why. First, I want to do my part in praying at least one hour a week for our church. Prayer is important to me as a Christian because it is a way I can enjoy fellowship with God each day, knowing that He hears my prayers. There are so many needs: we have many friends, members and others who are sick or in nursing facilities, missionaries here in our state and around the world who depend on our prayers, a community recovering from a terrible hurricane, and dedicated ministers who need to be lifted up daily in prayer. Prayer support is especially important as I think of the many lost souls here in Lumberton and around the world. So, "I'm In!" for praying.

Then, "I'm In!" by committing to give more than my tithe to support the church so that our staff can minister and do the work they are called to do and so that our congregation can move forward with the work God has called us to do. I give so that mission work here in Lumberton and around the world will continue. I also give because it is an act of worship to sacrificially give so that others will be blessed.

Finally, "I'm In!" because I want to serve God by serving others. Right now I am serving my husband by staying with him each day and fulfilling our vows of "in sickness and in health." It is my privilege to visit others at Glen Flora and to send cards in times of bereavement, sickness and celebration. "I'm In!" because I love to study God's Word each day as I prepare to teach on Sunday and as I prepare mission programs for the Glen Flora Circle. I am committed to serving as God calls me and in whatever circumstances life brings.

Let's all join together and be a part of "I'm In!" There is still hope for God's church because Christ died for it and we need to continually grow in loving Him and each other.

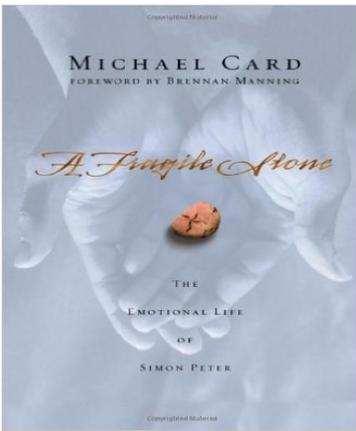


The ECM & Church Offices will be closed Tuesday, July 4th. There will be no Wednesday evening services or meal on July 5th. Have a safe and happy Independence Day!

Preparing for Sunday— "Resolved!"

Romans 6:12-23

Two hundred and forty one years ago the founders of our nation declared their independence from Great Britain. A nation was born, but the struggle to break free from their former allegiance was just beginning. In his letter to the church at Rome, Paul writes of our struggle for freedom from a tyrannical "governor." In Sunday's text, Paul thanks God that having once been slaves of sin we have become slaves of righteousness. We have been set free from sin and while our spiritual liberty is a gift of God, fulfilling its value requires determination and discipline on our part. We, like the founders of our nation, must be **Resolved!** as we live into our freedom.



Join us Wednesday Nights this Summer as we study the life of Peter. Dr. Elks will be drawing from the book, A Fragile Stone: The Emotional Life of Simon Peter, by Michael Card.



**Lumberton Family 4th
Celebration
July 3, 2017
Lumberton High School**

Local entertainment, free fall parachute team demonstration and fireworks by Zambelli Internationale. Event is Free!

For more information call 910-671-3869.
Gates open at 6pm
Entertainment at 7:30 pm



Music Day Camp
July 31-August 4, 9:00 am-3:00 pm
For children who have completed
1st-6th grade
\$55 (\$50 if paid early) per child

**Servants this Sunday
July 2, 2017**

ETC—8:45 a.m.— Amanda Evans, Becky Thompson
11:00 a.m.— Amanda Evans
Welcoming—Tony & Becky Thompson, Billie Dail
Collection—Glenn Walker
Entrance Greeters
 Children’s Building—Judy Driscoll
 Walnut Street—Jim Driscoll
 6th Street—Jimmy & Billie Dail
 Senior Entrance—George Lawson
Security Monitor—Ross Driscoll
Sound— Greg Gibson
Video— Nate Cribb

This Week . . .

Sunday, July 2
Communion Sunday
 8:45 **Worship Service**
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 **Worship Service**

Monday, July 3
 9:00 Staff Meeting

Tuesday, July 4—
Independence Day
ECM & Church Offices Closed

Wednesday, July 5
No Evening Services or Meal

Thursday, July 6-Wednesday, July 12
Wilderness Trail

Person of the Week

Joan Rabon
5506 Simmons Drive
Lumberton, NC 28360

Send a card, letter, or other remembrance to our special person this week.

First Sunday Food Drive

Our next food drive is Sunday, July 2!
The first Sunday of each month we collect canned and non-perishable foods for local food charities. Items may be placed in the collection bins near the church entrances.

Donation ideas: canned vegetables, canned fruit, Vienna sausages, bottled water, rice, dry beans, pasta, sugar, etc.
Thank you for helping to feed hungry people in Robeson County!

For the Record

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| Budgeted 2017..... | \$685,000.00 |
| Weekly Need (2017) | \$12,924.53 |
| Received June 25, 2017..... | \$15,434.82 |
| Need to date | \$336,037.74 |
| Received to date | \$304,264.11 |
| Over (Under) Budget | (\$31,773.63) |
| Sunday School Attendance — | 192 |