

# First Baptist *News*

a family of faith



## **Congratulations, Graduates!**

### Lumberton High School

Abby Elizabeth Britt  
Bryleigh Alexis Davis  
Hunter Troy English  
Quinton Heath Frederick  
Ellen Margaret Kinlaw  
Robert Matthew Maring  
Morgan Ann Miller  
Emily Anne Rust  
Cameron Rae Williamson  
Ivey Grace Wilkerson

### University of Georgia

Megan Grace Elks,  
B.A. in Music Performance

### The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Jack Frederick,  
B. A. in History, B. A. in Journalism

### The University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Casey Rae Williamson,  
B.S. in Nursing

Susan Martin,  
B.A. in Studio Art

### North Carolina State University

Brittany Alexandria Hubbard,  
B.S. in Chemistry

### Methodist University

Breanna Gore,  
M.S. in Medical Science

### Marshals

Daniela Barrios  
Nate Cribb  
Stacey Gore

We will honor our graduates at a  
combined worship service in the Sanctuary at  
11:00 a.m. on June 9th.



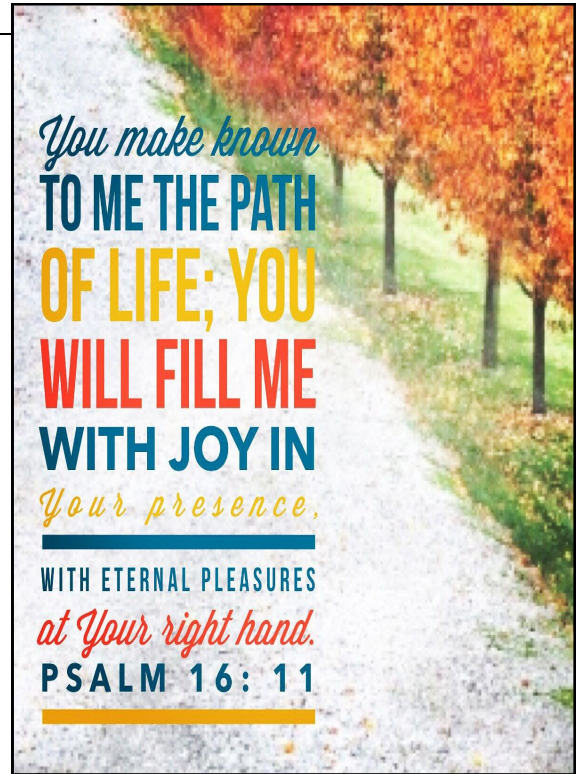
This year's graduation season is especially meaningful for my family as we celebrated Megan completing her Bachelor's degree at the University of Georgia last month. I am proud of Megan and all of our graduates and am looking forward to honoring them in this Sunday's worship service. This service is a significant moment in the church's commitment to giving our children the spiritual nurture needed to live well-grounded, spiritually vibrant lives. Please come to worship Sunday proud of what our young men and women have accomplished and for how the church has invested in their success.

As we hum along to "Pomp and Circumstance" and turn tassels, many churches will be marking what could be considered a graduation of sorts. In the church year, this Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, the day referenced in Acts 2 when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and prompted them to begin their ministries. Many pastors and churches celebrate Pentecost as the birth of the church, and that is appropriate, but it can also be regarded as a commencement in that the disciples have been on a three year "course of study" with Jesus and are now "graduating" to share the gospel.

I may be stretching the graduation metaphor a bit too far, but I think the analogy fits well. The disciples have learned from Jesus and even had an internship (Matthew 10) and at Pentecost they are sent as spirit-empowered messengers. The big difference is in that, while our graduates will be leaving their schools, teachers and professors, the disciples' teacher never leaves them. The Spirit goes with them (and us) to guide their decisions, words and actions.

I hope our graduates remember this as they move into the next chapter of their lives. They have passed exams, written papers and completed projects. They are prepared for success, but life will test not only what they know, but who they are and as they walk into their futures and answer life's questions I hope they will remember that the Holy Spirit is within to teach and empower them with the truth of God's love.

*Peace,  
David*



## Camp Puzzle Piece Volunteer Meeting

June 11th at 6 pm  
Activity Building

Camp Puzzle Piece is a 2-day special needs camp—July 1st & 2nd.

Contact Quinton Frederick or Morgan Miller for more information.

## For the Record

Budgeted 2019 .....	\$700,000.00
Weekly Need (2019).....	\$13,461.54
Received June 2, 2019 .....	\$10,139.61
Need to date.....	\$296,153.85
Received to date .....	\$255,225.88
Over (Under) Budget .....	(\$40,927.97)

Sunday School Attendance, June 2—168



On June 2nd, we celebrated the baptisms of Landon Walters and Grayson Branch in our 11:00 a.m. service!  
Please continue to pray for Landon and Grayson as they grow in their faith!



## Vacation Bible School June 17-19, 5:30-8:00 pm

Join us for 3 nights of interactive learning and fun as we explore the Bible and what it means to be a good neighbor. Children age 4-6th grade are eligible to attend, and there is no cost.

Register for Vacation Bible School at [www.fbclumbertonnc.org](http://www.fbclumbertonnc.org) or in the church office.



- June 12th**— Spaghetti, String Beans, Toast, Salad, Apple Pie
- June 19th**— **Vacation Bible School—No Family Night Supper**
- June 26th**— Hamburgers, Baked Beans, French Fries, Salad, Banana Pudding
- July 3**— **No Family Night Supper**

### *Flower Calendar*

Contact the church office at 739-4336 or [daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org) to place flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one.

#### 2019

- June 16, 30
- July 7, 14, 21, 28
- Aug. 4
- Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29



### *Coming up . . .*

- June 15—Community Café hosted by the Circle of Friends Class
- June 16—Father's Day
- June 17-19—Vacation Bible School
- June 17-18—Friends of Jesus VBS
- June 21-25—Youth Music Retreat
- June 24—Deacons & Finance Committee Meetings
- June 24-27—River Road Baptist Literacy Camp
- June 30—5th Sunday Fellowship
- June 30-July 3—PassportKids!
- July 1-2—Camp Puzzle Piece
- July 3—No Wednesday Evening Activities or Meal
- July 4—Independence Day, ECM & Church Offices Closed
- July 14-21—M-Fuge
- July 16-18—Art Mini-Camp
- July 20—Community Café
- July 24—Quarterly Church Conference
- July 28-30—Friends of Jesus Happiness Retreat
- July 29-Aug. 2—Music Day Camp
- July 30-Aug. 6—Wilderness Trail
- August 2—ECM Staff Development Day

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## Art Mini Camp July 16-19, 9:30 am-12:00 pm

This half-day camp combines art and faith to provide a creative camp experience. For children who have completed K-3rd grade; \$15 per child.



## Music Day Camp July 29-August 2, 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Join us for a week full of crafts, games, field trips, and lots and lots of music! Children will learn the musical *Rescue in the Night* and present it at a closing concert on August 2 at 5:00 pm. For children who have completed 1st-6th grade; \$55 per child.

Register for Art Mini-Camp and/or Music Day Camp at [www.fbclumbertonnc.org](http://www.fbclumbertonnc.org) or in the church office.

### Community Café Volunteers Needed!

Groups are needed to host our Community Café on the 3rd Saturday each month. Host groups provide a meal, devotion and fellowship for Community Café guests.

If your Sunday School Class, Mission Group, etc. would like to host please contact the church office (739-4336 or [daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org)).

### **CHURCH STAFF**

Contact us at 739-4336 or  
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[www.fbclumbertonnc.org](http://www.fbclumbertonnc.org)

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Rev. Erin Collier — Associate Pastor of Families and Worship

Dr. David Elks — Pastor

Mrs. Daphne Fletcher — Administrative Assistant

Rev. Tim Little — Minister of Music and Facilities

Mrs. Kandace Ramsey — Administrative Assistant

Rev. Doug Reedy — Associate Pastor of Youth, Young Adults and Missions

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## 5TH SUNDAY

# FELLOWSHIP

June 30th

Cherry Fellowship Hall

8:45 a.m. Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Worship

All are invited.  
Communion will be observed.