

# First Baptist News

a family of 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.

# CLASS OF 2019

Baccalaureate Sunday

June 9, 2019

We will honor our graduates at a combined worship service in the Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. (Sunday School—9:45 a.m.)

## 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; \$50 per child (cost goes up after June 1!).



### **Graduation is approaching!**

If you know someone in our membership who is graduating from high school or college, we would like to include them in our June newsletter. Please contact the church office (739-4336 or [daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org)) by May 28th, with the full name of the graduate, school where they completed the degree and type of degree received.



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

# MEMORIAL DAY



**May 27, 2019**

The ECM & Church Offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

Community Memorial Day Service has been cancelled.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

There have been a lot of conversations about safety at First Baptist recently. Lighting, emergency plans, locked doors...we've talked about a variety of ways to do our best to keep our congregation physically safe, and I'm thankful for those who have put together plans and preparations for the unthinkable.

There's another side to physical safety, though, that can't really be put into an emergency preparedness binder: physical boundaries with each other. In light of the #MeToo movement, the concepts of consent and boundaries have been an important conversation. Regardless of how you may feel about some of the individual situations that have been highlighted in the media, I hope we can all agree that consent is important and a crucial aspect of how we interact with others.

Conversations about consent shouldn't wait until the teenage years and romantic relationships, though. They have to start with children and bodily autonomy, and they go beyond "private parts" to all aspects of physical touch. Researchers are advocating more and more for teaching children of all ages that they are the boss of their bodies, that they get to decide if/when they want to hug or high five someone, and that the adults in their lives have to listen and respect when they say no. The philosophy is that, by respecting the "no" of children now, they learn that their no matters, and that the no of someone else matters. As they grow older, that understanding translates into healthier and safer physical boundaries in relationships (and interactions with others in general).

We want to raise our children to become adults who are empowered to establish boundaries and also respect the boundaries of others. In addition, we as a congregation have a responsibility to offer a safe space for all, and part of that includes appropriate physical boundaries, especially when it comes to our children. Here are a few tips for how to interact with children at church:

- If you see a child you know and want to offer a hug, ask first. If they say no, offer a high five or fist bump. If they still say no, accept and affirm their no. Even if last time it was a yes, that does not cancel out the current no. Avoid using guilt or bribery.
- If you have a child's permission to hug, and in the middle of it, they pull away with a "stop" or "no," stop immediately. Don't take it as a challenge to continue.
- Read the child's body language. If they child is shrinking away or cowering, that is also a no.
- Before you reach out to interact with a child, compare the situation to how you would act with an adult acquaintance (i.e. not a family member or close friend). Would you reach out and tickle them? Would you play with their hair? Would you start rubbing their back? Would you force them into a hug? I hope your answer to all of those questions is a resounding no! The same rules of bodily autonomy apply to children.

When we dedicate children in our congregation, we promise to help raise and support them. Reinforcing rules of bodily autonomy are another way we can help live into that commitment. Let's continue to strive to make First Baptist a safe and welcoming place for children and their families.

*Erin*

## Preparing for Sunday . . .

“Reason to Boast”  
Romans 5:1-11

In last week’s text from Romans 1, Paul encouraged us to not be ashamed of the gospel. In this Sunday’s text he tells us that we can boast in our hope and even in our suffering. Our **Reason to Boast** is in what God has done for us and is doing in us. God has not treated us the way we have treated God or other people. While we were weak (v.6), sinners (v.8) and enemies (v.10) Christ rescued us and is now working through the hardships we face in life to build endurance and character. We do not boast of our own abilities and morality. We boast in the sacrificial love of God that gives us a hope that will not disappoint.

## 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 2, 16, 30

July 7, 14, 21, 28

Aug. 4

Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29



**The Lumberton Christian Care Center** is in need of men’s clothing (pants & shorts—sizes 32, 34, & 36, medium & large shirts). Please drop off donations of these items at their facility at 220 E. 2nd Street or see Barbara Andrews for more details.

### 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)).

## This Week. . .

**Sunday, May 26, 2019**

8:45 a.m. **Worship**  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. **Worship**

**Monday, May 27—Memorial Day**  
**ECM & Church Offices Closed**

**Tuesday, May 28**

7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group  
3:45 p.m.. Tuesday Coffee Shop (Youth)  
4:00 p.m. 4th-6th Grade Bible Study

**Wednesday, May 29**

5:15 p.m. Family Night Supper  
6:00 p.m. Family Night at Prayer  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

## For the Record

Budgeted 2019 .....	\$700,000.00
Weekly Need (2019).....	\$13,461.54
Received May 19, 2019.....	\$10,748.62
Need to date .....	\$269,230.77
Received to date.....	\$232,93.67
Over (Under) Budget.....	(\$36,317.10)

Sunday School Attendance,  
May 19, 2019—144

**ACT** justly  
**LOVE** mercy  
**WALK** humbly  
-MICAH 6:8-

**Servants this Sunday, May 26, 2019**

**ETC**—8:45 a.m.—Alyssa Weibe

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**Entrance Greeters**

Children's Building —Dean Kinlaw

Walnut Street— Shirley Hickman

6th Street — Mildred Kinlaw

Senior Entrance — Jim Driscoll

**Welcoming Committee**— Lewis Lytch, & Dianne Britt

**Security Monitor**— Jim Driscoll

**Sound**— Amy Gibson

**Video**—Greg Gibson

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<http://fbclumbertonnc.org/giving>



**May 29th**— Baked Potato Bar

**June 5th**— Salad Bar

**June 12th**— Spaghetti, String Beans, Toast, Salad, Apple Pie

**June 19th**— Chicken Alfredo, Sweet Peas, Rolls, Salad, Chocolate Cake

**June 26th**— Hamburgers, Baked Beans, French Fries, Salad, Banana Pudding

**Coming up. . .**

June 2—Worship Committee (4 pm)

June 4—Coffee Shop (4 pm)

Youth Council (6 pm)

June 9—Graduation Sunday

June 11—Pre-K Graduation

Camp Puzzle Piece Volunteer Meeting

June 14—Last Day of School (Robeson Co.)

June 15—Community Café hosted by the Circle of Friends Class

June 16—Father's Day

June 17-19—Vacation Bible School

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  
Music Day Camp Concert

August 13—Senior Adults to Greensboro  
Dinner Theater

**CHURCH STAFF**

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**Person of the Week**

Elizabeth Hungate

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Send a card, letter, or other remembrance to our special person of the week!