

First Baptist News

a family of faith



I am so excited to be sharing with you. The days ahead will be filled with hard work, deep prayer, and spirit-filled imagination! I'm honored to accept your call and walk with you and minister among you! God is guiding! Gail and I are rejoicing!
—Bo Prosser

Introducing Our Interim Pastor—Dr. Bo Prosser!

Dear Family of Faith,

Prior to our first committee meeting, I shared by email with my fellow Interim Pastor Search Committee members that I was honored to be a part of the team who will discerningly support our family of faith by finding the right transitional leader for our church body. I shared with them that I strongly believed our committee was blessed with an opportunity to find someone who could help us heal and rejuvenate us, so when our new permanent pastor does arrive, we would be refreshed and revitalized with open hearts and arms.

In preparing for our first meeting, I had a lovely and informative conversation with Mike Queen. Mike started by telling me our committee and the work that we would do would be the first chapter of the book *The Best Is Yet to Be* that we are writing together here at FBC. It is in this conversation I was able to find out more about a possible candidate who is already a friend to First Baptist Church of Lumberton: Bo Prosser.

I'm sure many of you remember Bo most recently as one of our supply pastors, as well as the leader of our 2017 Spiritual Renewal Weekend. Bo has served the Cooperative Baptist

Fellowship in many roles and still does today as the Director of the Ministerial Excellence Initiative. He also serves as the President of the Center for Christian Education, which he and his wife, Gail, founded. He has served as Interim Pastor and Associate Pastor at numerous churches. He studied at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and has studied at Georgia College and NC State. He also has recently moved from Atlanta, Georgia to Raleigh, North Carolina.

On October 2nd, our committee had a wonderful and exciting conversation with Bo. He shared his excitement to help during our interim, his love for our church, and his desire to help us build and prepare. All those present felt blessed and energized just discussing some of the plans Bo already has for us. We feel Bo Prosser will lead us, support us, stretch us, makes us stronger, and most importantly prepare us in ways that will result in us being a stronger, larger, and more flexible church body. After our conversation, all members present voted unanimously to recommend Bo as our Interim.

As Chair of the Interim Pastor Search Committee and on behalf of our committee we are thrilled to announce Bo Prosser as our Interim Pastor, as approved by the Deacons and presented to the Church in Conference on October 23rd.

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During the days Bo is with us (Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday of each week), he will perform all pastoral responsibilities including but not limited to: planning and leading Sunday worship, leading and mentoring staff, visitation, and visioning and consulting on all aspects of the church. Bo will be 'open to all' during onsite days. In addition, bereavement service days (if requested) may be substituted or added in consultation with the Interim chair. While Bo will not be with us on Wednesday evenings, he, along with our ministers, interim committee, and church body will establish a new normal during the interim for Wednesday evenings.

Although we have secured our Interim Pastor, our duties do not end. Our committee is responsible for supply pastors until Bo's arrival as well as when the need arises. We are also responsible for finding a suitable and comfortable living arrangement for Bo and Gail when she is able to visit. If you have an idea for the perfect space, please share it with a committee member.

We hope you feel our church body will be as blessed as our committee does with Bo Prosser leading us through this season of transition. He has been praying for us, has plans for us, and is excited to come to Lumberton and lead us. God is good all the time!

Sincerely,
Heather Walters
Interim Pastor Church Committee Chair

A colorful poster for a 'Trunk or Treat' event. At the top, three jack-o'-lanterns in orange, green, and purple are arranged horizontally. Below them, the text 'JOIN US FOR...' is in purple, followed by 'TRUNK OR TREAT' in large orange letters, and 'AT FIRST BAPTIST' in large green letters. The date 'October 30, 2019' is in orange. The event times are listed: '5:15 pm - FREE hot dog dinner (First Baptist Fellowship Hall)' and '6-7 pm - Trunk or Treat (6th Street parking lot)'. At the bottom, smaller text says 'More Halloween fun will also take place at First Presbyterian (Trunk or Treat, 6-7 pm) and Chestnut Street UMC (costume contest, 6:15 pm)'. The poster has a decorative border of diagonal stripes in purple, orange, and green.

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Prizes will be awarded at Trunk or Treat for most creative car, funniest car, and people's choice. We will need plenty of cars and plenty of candy. Please bring individually wrapped candy to the church office.

Dr. Andy Jung is our guest preacher this Sunday, October 27th!

Dr. Jung is the Associate Executive Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina. He has served churches in North Carolina for 15 years, most recently as pastor of First Baptist Church of Albemarle.

The Pastor Search Committee would like to take this opportunity to bring you up to date on our work. As a reminder, our committee members are myself serving as Chair, Pattie Ramsaur, Vice Chair and Katie Davis will serve as Secretary. The remaining committee members are Jeff Frederick, James Gore, Glenda Taylor and Chris Walters.

We have reached out to Rev. Seth Hix who serves on the Ministerial Transition Team with Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina and have an orientation scheduled for the group. Our work with Seth will help our process begin to take shape and give us direction as we begin our work.

We look forward to the guidance that Rev. Hix and Bo Prosser will give in the coming days, weeks and months ahead. We will be working toward developing a plan to keep the congregation as informed as possible at every step in the process. We thank you for your trust as we move forward in our work and covet your prayers.

Christy Strickland
Pastor Search Committee Chair

Baptist Women's Luncheon

November 4th at 11:45 a.m. in the Activity Building
Speaker: Rev. Drew Collier, Director of Robeson County
Church & Community Center
Please bring a sandwich.

The Glen Flora Group will meet at 10:45 a.m.

**Bible Study #3 will meet in the Activity Building,
November 5th at 11:45 a.m.**

Knit Wits will meet Wednesday,
November 6th at 10:30 a.m. in the
church parlor. Bring your current
project. Anyone who enjoys knitting
or crocheting is welcome to join us.



This Week. . .

Sunday, October 27, 2019

8:45 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Adult Bells

Monday, October 28

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, October 29

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group

Wednesday, October 30

5:15 p.m. Free Hot Dog Supper
6:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

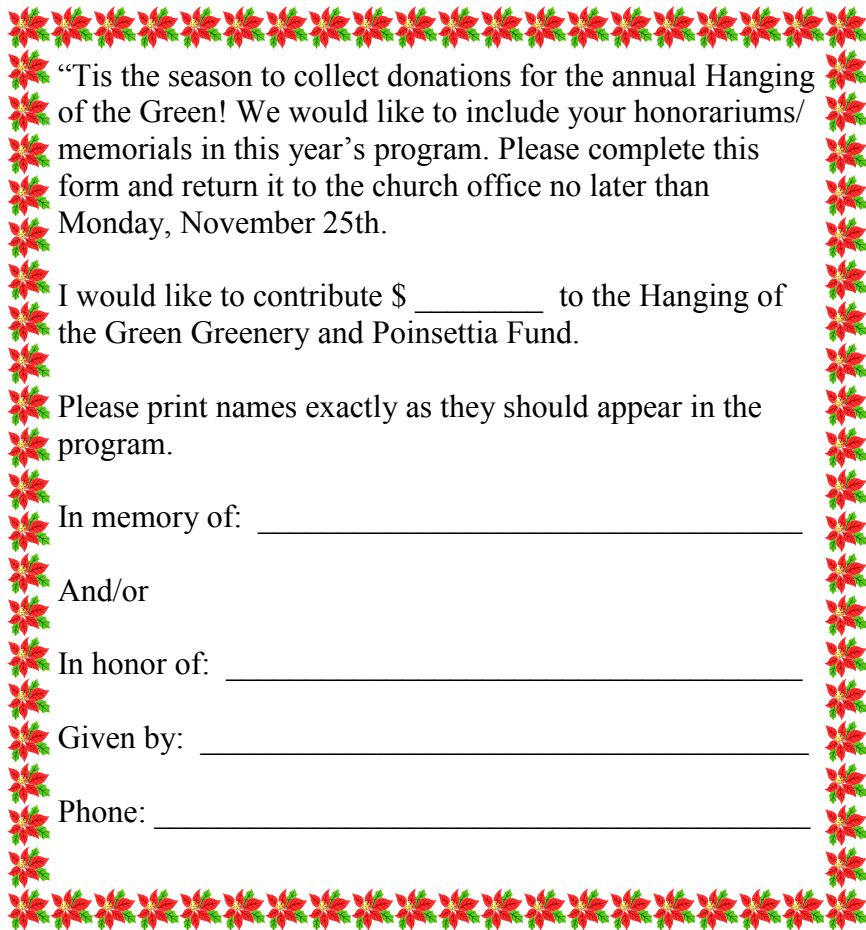
For the Record

Budgeted 2019	\$700,000.00
Weekly Need (2019).....	\$13,461.54
Received October 21, 2019.....	\$3,923.00
Need to date.....	\$565,384.62
Received to date	\$472,694.62
Over (Under) Budget	(\$92,690.00)

Sunday School Attendance—170

Coming up. . .

November 3—All Saints Sunday
November 4—Baptist Women's Luncheon
November 5—Senior Adults to Carolina Opry
Bible Study #3
November 10—Sanctuary Choir Bonus
Rehearsal
November 11—Veteran's Day
November 14—Fun & Fellowship
November 16—Community Café hosted by
Deacon Team #5
November 17—Sanctuary Choir Bonus
Rehearsal
November 18—Finance & Deacons Meetings
November 22—Youth Barbecue Sale
November 24—Community Thanksgiving
Service at First Presbyterian
November 27—No Wednesday Evening
Activities or Meal
November 28—Thanksgiving Day
November 28-29—ECM & Church Offices
Closed
December 1—Hanging of the Green



“Tis the season to collect donations for the annual Hanging of the Green! We would like to include your honorariums/memorials in this year's program. Please complete this form and return it to the church office no later than Monday, November 25th.

I would like to contribute \$ _____ to the Hanging of the Green Greenery and Poinsettia Fund.

Please print names exactly as they should appear in the program.

In memory of: _____

And/or

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Phone: _____



Fun & Fellowship

November 14th at 11:00 a.m.
in the Activity Building
We will be celebrating
Thanksgiving,
Bring a sandwich and a friend!

**Servants this Sunday,
October 27, 2019**

ETC—8:45 a.m.—Greer Thorndyke &
Glenda Osborne

11:00 a.m.—Greer Thorndyke &
Sara Benson

Entrance Greeters

Children's Building — Judy Driscoll
Walnut Street— Margie Cockrell
6th Street — Mickey & Johnny Johnson
Senior Entrance — Jim Driscoll

Welcoming Committee—Dale &
Tommy McVicker, Shirley Hickman

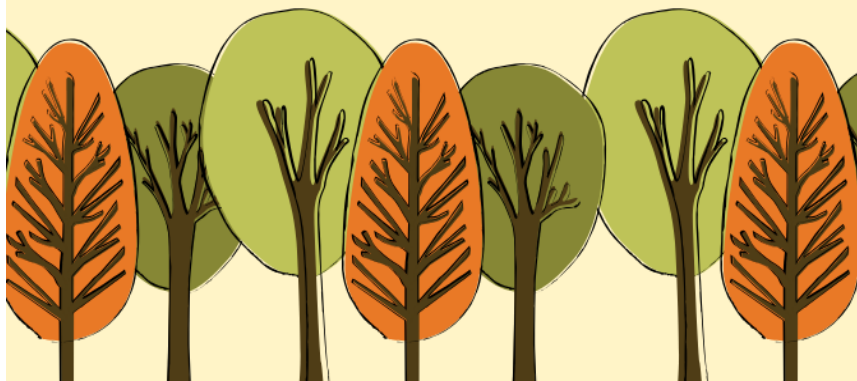
Security Monitor—Ron Smith

Sound— Amy Gibson

Video— Greg Gibson

Community Thanksgiving Service


Sunday, November 24th at 7:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church
Combined Choirs will rehearse at 5:00 p.m.



First Baptist's 
Plate Sale

Friday, November 22nd
\$7.00 each

 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

 Plates include wood-fired BBQ,
beans, slaw, bread, dessert.

Boston Butts can be purchased in advance—
\$30 (\$35 day of sale.)

Tickets are available from any FBC Youth or in the church
office. Proceeds go to support FBC Youth.



Family Night Supper Menus

October 30, 2019—Hot Dogs, French Fries,
Cookies

November 6, 2019—Red Ticket: Baked Potato
Bar

Blue Ticket: Chicken Nuggets, Chips, Fruit

November 13, 2019—Red Ticket: Stew Beef,
Rice, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad,
Blueberry Dump Cake

Blue Ticket: Hot Dogs, Chips, Fruit

November 20, 2019—Spaghetti, String Beans,
Toast, Salad, Peaches

November 27, 2019—*No Family Night
Supper*

Persons of the Week

Wayne & Elizabeth Tyner
502 W. 32nd St.
Lumberton, NC 28358

Send a card, letter, or other remembrance
to our special persons this week!

CHURCH STAFF

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