

First Baptist News

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It Happens!

Youth Week 2020



Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. —Deuteronomy 31:6

- ♦ *Youth Lock-In— March 13th — 7 pm, meet at the church for Laser tag at Battle Zone, Krispy Kreme, Games, T-shirt— \$50 (pay in the church office, Shirt only—\$20) Questions? Contact Doug.*
- ♦ *Youth Week— March 15th-22nd*
- ♦ *Youth Sunday— March 22nd —Youth will teach Sunday School classes and lead in a combined worship service at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.*

YOUTH WEEK OFFICERS 2020:

Youth Week Co-Pastors:
Daniela Barrios, Nate Cribb, Stacey Gore

Youth Week Children & Education Minister:
Kallie Watts

Youth Week Worship Minister:
Ashlynn Cox

Youth Week Youth Ministers:
Seth Adams, Jacob Conner,
Jackson Davis

Youth Week College Ministers:
Luke English & Ian Evans

Youth Week Music Minister
Ruby Moseley

Youth Week Co-Deacon Chairs:
Dixon Davis & Ethan Stevens

Youth Week Publicity Officer:
Emily Cribb

Youth Week Assistants:
Ivy Moseley & Noah Paige

Week 2

Scripture Focus:
John 15:4

Prayer Focus:
Pray for our church and the Pastor Search Committee to abide in Christ and hear the Spirit's leading clearly throughout the pastor search process.

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We hope you picked up a Pastor Search prayer guide to pray for and with the Pastor Search committee. Extra copies are available in the church office. We'll share the weekly prompts on Facebook and each week in the newsletter as well.



Senior Adults Lunch & Learn

March 23, 2020 at Noon

Senior Adults will learn about the variety of resources available through the Lumber River Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging. Bring a covered dish to share!

Wednesday Nights in March

On Wednesday nights in March, we're hearing from some of our community partners!

March 18— Rev. Bonnie Reedy, Clinical Chaplain,
Southeastern Hospice House

March 25—Clementine Thompson-McCormick, Director of
Lumberton Christian Care Center

Children and youth activities will take place per usual.

Young Adult Retreat—May 29th-June 1st

Lenoir, NC

1 day hiking/1 day rafting

Cost: \$75 per person due March

31st. Pay in the church office.

Contact Doug for more information!



This Week. . .

Sunday, March 15

- 8:45 a.m. **Worship**
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. **Worship**
 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study
 Adult Bells
 7:00 p.m. Youth Week Officers Meeting

Monday, March 16

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
 5:45 p.m. Finance Committee
 6:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, March 17

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

Wednesday, March 18

- 12:00 Community Lenten Service
 at Chestnut St. UMC
 5:15 p.m. Family Night Supper
 5:45 p.m. Music Makers Choir
 (1st-3rd Grade)
 Young Musicians Choir
 (4th-6th Grade)
 6:00 p.m. Family Night at Prayer
 Youth Doing Missions
 (7th-12th Grade)
 6:30 p.m. 1st-3rd Grade Bible
 Study
 4th-6th Grade Handbells
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
 Rehearsal

Saturday, March 21

- 10:00 a.m. Community Café hosted
 by the Fellowship Class
 5:00 p.m. *A Night at the Circus*—
 Robeson County
 Partnership for Children
 Fundraiser

Servants this March 15, 2020

ETC—8:45 a.m.—Alyssa Weibe & Lisa Ivey

11:00 a.m.— Alyssa Weibe & Heather Walters

Entrance Greeters

Children's Building —Mickey & Johnny Johnson

Walnut Street— Dianne & Layton Britt

6th Street —Dean Kinlaw

Senior Entrance — Jim Driscoll

Welcoming Committee— Jayne & Bruce Huggins,

Laura Nance

Security Monitor— Lewis Lytch

Sound— Ross Driscoll

Video— Greg Gibson

For the Record

Budgeted 2020.....	\$700,000.00
Weekly Need (2020).....	\$13,461.54
Received March 8, 2020.....	\$13,501.23
Need to date	\$130,769.23
Received to date.....	\$131,800.30
Over (Under) Budget.....	\$1,031.07

Attendance—March 8

Sunday School—110

Friends of Jesus Ministry—66

Worship— 148

A Message from the Ministerial Staff—

As we read different news sources, there's a variety of predictions and takes on the COVID-19 situation. Some sources are screaming panic, while others say it's no big deal. Others are carefully watching how things are developing in other countries and wondering if the same numbers are heading our way. And, with the flu also flying around and the arrival of pollen season, it's hard to know what those sneezes and coughs around us mean!

We're neither scientists nor medical professionals, but as the ministerial staff, we have a responsibility to pay attention to and consider how a local outbreak might affect our congregation. Current stats show that, for a large part of the population, COVID-19 is not dangerous. However, as the Body of Christ, we can't just think of ourselves, especially when it comes to widespread sickness. As Paul's letter to the Philippians challenges us, "Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others" (2:4). While COVID-19 may present just as a cold for some of us, it could be life-threatening to those who are older, immunocompromised, or have serious long-term health problems. All of us know and love people who fall into the higher risk category, and we have a responsibility to look to their interests and help protect them as best we can by staying healthy and keeping our germs to ourselves.

This is not a time to fear, but it is a time to be alert and aware. Here are some things to consider in the days and weeks to come (and really things to think about during any time of year when sickness is rampant):

- Wash your hands often, and for 20 seconds each time. If you need help keeping track of the time, you can sing the Doxology or recite the Lord's Prayer while you wash!
- Pay attention to what the CDC says. Any advisories or warnings they issue are not political or alarmist, but are based in scientific predictions and observations.
- When at church, replace your standard hugs and handshakes with waves or elbow bumps.
- If you feel sick, please stay home. We love you, but we'd prefer you not share your germs.
- If you fall in the higher risk category and feel like it is best for you to stay home, please do so. Let someone in your Sunday School class or in the church office know so that we can stay in touch!
- If you find yourself needing to stay home, it's a great time to catch up on worship videos on our YouTube channel and sermons on our podcast.

If at some point sickness spreads to the point that we feel the need to alter schedules and activities, please know that we do so out of an abundance of caution and out of care and concern for the entire congregation. We hope and pray that doesn't need to happen, of course.

As we said earlier, this is not a time to panic, but it is a time to be alert and aware. May we walk forward in faith together, embracing facts over fear, and washing our hands at every chance we get!

Palm Sunday — April 5th



8:45 a.m. Communion Service

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. "Shadows of Sacrifice" (A Holy Week Cantata) will be presented by the Sanctuary Choir. The service will include communion.

3:00 p.m. Family Easter Festival—families are invited to join us for a creative walk through Holy Week! Activity stations will provide opportunities to learn about this important week in preparation for Easter, as well as provide resources for additional conversations at home. Be sure to bring a basket to collect eggs at the stations, too!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT Suppers

Family Night Supper Menus

March 18—Red Ticket: Stew Beef, Rice & Gravy, String Beans, Rolls, Salad, Banana Pudding

Blue Ticket: Hot Dogs, Chips, Fruit

March 25—Spaghetti, Toast, Green Beans, Salad, Apple Pie

April 1—Red Ticket: Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes, String Beans, Rolls Salad, Blueberry Pie

Blue Ticket: Pizza, Chips, Fruit

Easter — April 12th

8:45 a.m. Worship in the Fellowship Hall

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

The Early Childhood Ministry and Church Offices will be closed Easter Monday, April 13th.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

Noon services will be hosted by churches in our community Wednesdays during the Lenten Season. A light lunch will be served following each service.

March 18— Chestnut St. United Methodist, Clarence Page, proclaimer

March 25— Godwin Heights Baptist Church, Doug Reedy, proclaimer

April 1— First Baptist Church, David Ruth, proclaimer

Maundy Thursday Service
7:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church
Erin Collier, proclaimer

Good Friday Service
Noon at Trinity Episcopal
Eva Ruth, Proclaimer

Baptist Women's Luncheon

April 6, 2020 at 11:45 a.m. in the Activity Building. Bring a sandwich.

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

Bible Study #3 will meet at 11:45a.m. on April 7th.

CHURCH STAFF

Contact us at 739-4336 or daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org
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Mrs. Nancy Bass — Financial Coordinator

Rev. Erin Collier — Associate Pastor of Families and Worship

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Mr. Len Power — Building Superintendent

Dr. Bo Prosser — Interim Pastor

Mrs. Kandace Ramsey — Administrative Assistant

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

Person of the Week

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