

First Baptist News

a family of faith

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 20

TITHING TIME

April 20, 1:00-2:30 pm

Bring your offering envelope to church! Park at the 6th St. entrance, and a staff member will meet you at your car. Checks only, please.

MONDAY SCHOOL

April 20 at 7:00 pm

Dr. Bo Prosser will teach from the Formations Sunday School literature via Zoom. The lesson will also be livestreamed on Facebook.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DEVOTION

April 22 at 6:30 pm

A brief devotion offered by David Ramsaur will be live-streamed on Facebook.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

April 26 at 10:00 am

Worship with us on Facebook Live or YouTube!

This Week. . .

Sunday, April 26

- 10:00 a.m. **Worship (Facebook Live & YouTube)**
- 3:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study (Zoom)
Fellowship Class (Zoom)

Monday, April 27

- 1:00-2:30 p.m. Tithing Time
- 7:00 p.m. Monday School
(Facebook Live & Zoom)

Wednesday, April 29

- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night
Devotion (Facebook Live)
- 7:00 p.m. Bridge Class (Zoom)

For the Record

Budgeted 2020	\$700,000.00
Weekly Need (2020).....	\$13,461.54
Received April 13, 2020	\$13,242.50
Need to date.....	\$196,153.30
Received to date	\$169,721.30
Over (Under) Budget	(\$26,432.55)



We have many ways you can continue giving to FBC. We offer bank draft, you can mail in contributions, or you can give on-line. We have tithing time each Monday between 1:00 and 2:30 p.m. A staff member will be at the 6th Street entrance each Monday and will meet you at your car to receive your gift. We cannot accept cash at this time—checks only, please.

Tips for Worshiping at Home Together

We've officially been worshipping together via the internet for a month now...wow! And while this way of going to church has its advantages (wearing PJs! eating breakfast while watching!), it also has some challenges as well.

Rev. Rachel Willoughby Sciretti (Associate Pastor of Discipleship at Chapelwood UMC - Houston, TX) put together these tips for families in her congregation, and I definitely plan to utilize some of them! I hope they are helpful for your family as well!

PREPARE—MAKE IT SPECIAL. MAKE IT YOURS.

DESIGNATE A SACRED SPACE IN YOUR HOME.

- Clean up the area.
- Position the furniture so you can see the screen.
- Silence your devices. Declare it a “device-free” zone (except of course for the one on which you are using to watch the service).

CREATE AN ALTAR.

- Use a table or fireplace.
- Light a candle as worship begins. Snuff it out when worship ends.
- Display meaningful objects such as a cross, flowers from your yard, a special rock or shell, a purple cloth for Lent/black for Good Friday/white for Easter.
- Don't forget your Bible!
- Set out an empty bowl or plate as a symbol of giving your offering.

WONDERING WHAT TO WEAR?

- That's up to you, but make a conscious decision. Pajamas? Great! Jeans? Go for it. Sunday best? More power to ya. Make sure everyone in your family knows.

WORSHIP IS FOR CHILDREN TOO!

- Remind children to bring their Bibles and Bible storybooks.
- Invite them bring an offering they can place in the bowl or basket.
- Make your own clipboards like the ones we have in the sanctuary! [Print out these activity sheets](#) (mazes, word searches, crossword puzzles, coloring sheets) that connect to the week's scripture. Gather up pencils or crayons too.

PARTICIPATE—DON'T JUST SIT THERE. THIS ISN'T TV.

JOIN IN THE RESPONSES.

- Sing along. Find the Scripture in your Bible. Stand for its reading. Kneel for prayer. Clap. Dance. Take notes.
- When Pastor L.M. shares a word for children, encourage the children to pay attention. Invite children to participate in the rest of the service as they are able, but young children might just need to play with quiet toys on the floor.
- Don't be afraid to pause the service to take care of personal needs or the needs of those with whom you are worshipping.
- Set up a Facebook “Watch Party” to include your Facebook friends. It's sort of like inviting your friends to your church. (Obviously if you do this, then you will need your device.)

AFTER THE SERVICE—TALK ABOUT IT.

ENGAGE IN DISCUSSIONS.

- “What's your takeaway?” “What was most meaningful to you?”
- Call a friend who worshipped too and talk about it.
- Create a tradition around this time like enjoy Sunday brunch or special meal

<https://www.chapelwood.org/sanctuary/tips-for-worshipping-online-at-home/>

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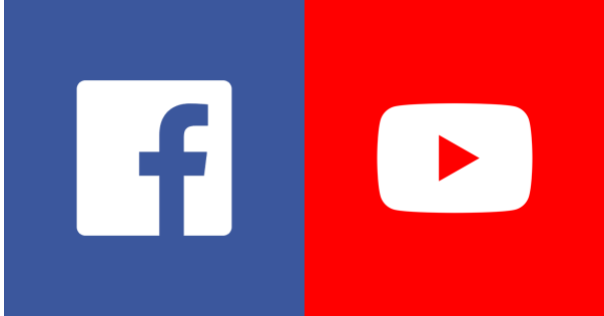


Your stories needed!

We're putting together a photo montage for a future worship service.

What is a photo that represents a great thing God has done in your life, either in the past or during this current season? You could even write your testimony on a sign and take a picture of yourself holding it.

Send your digital photo and a one sentence explanation to: erincollier@fbclumbertonnc.org

Sunday Mornings and Wednesday Nights on Facebook Live & Youtube

**Sunday worship at 10:00 am
Wednesday devotion at 6:30 pm**

All on the church Facebook page or YouTube:

<https://www.facebook.com/firstbaptistlumbertonnc/>

or <https://www.youtube.com/user/lumbertonfbc>

We'll share the weekly prompts from Pastor Search Prayer Guide on Facebook and each week in the newsletter as well.



Week 7

Scripture Focus:
Jeremiah 29:11-13

Prayer Focus:
Pray for the Search Committee and our church to hope in God and seek God wholeheartedly. Help us to realize that God is in control of our church's future.



BLESSED ARE THOSE
WHO HAVE
NOT SEEN
YET
Believe
JOHN 20:29



Graduation Information Requested

Commencement exercises may be put on hold for awhile, but we still want to celebrate anyone who is graduating from high school or college this year! If you know someone in our membership who is finishing a degree this year, please email Daphne— daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org by April 30th with the full name of the graduate, school where they completed the degree, and type of degree received.

The Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument
of your peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith
Where there is despair, hope
Where there is darkness, light
And where there is sadness, joy

O Divine Master, grant that I may
Not so much seek to be consoled
as to console
To be understood, as to understand
To be loved, as to love
For it is in giving that we receive
And it's in pardoning that we are
pardoned
And it's in dying that we are born to
Eternal Life

AMEN.



Person of the Week

Tom Barker
Wesley Pines Room A-138
1000 Wesley Pines Rd.
Lumberton, NC 28358

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

Office Hours and Administration

Our office is physically closed, but our staff is working remotely as they are able. Committees are still doing their administrative work as needed. Remote meetings via technology are strongly suggested during this time.

Staff email addresses:

Nancy Bass: nancybass@fbclumbertonnc.org
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Zoom Meetings for Children!

Preschool and School-Age Zoom Calls
are ongoing. Contact Erin—
erincollier@fbclumbertonnc.org— for the latest
details and log on information!

