

# First Baptist News

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## Maundy Thursday Service-- April 9th

A guided worship video will be posted on our Facebook Page. We invite you to find a time on this day when you can prayerfully watch and reflect on this important story.

### *From the Interim Pastor*

#### **Christ is Risen! Easter Sunday, 2020!**

Easter is the most high and holy day in the Christian calendar. We live for this day and for the reassurance that we get year after year. That is certainly the case in these days of Coronavirus. This Easter, God shows us that God is bigger than any virus...bigger than any crucifixion...bigger than any economic downturn...bigger than any grave. Christ is Risen...He is Risen Indeed!

#### **Your Responses have been so Encouraging!**

Thank you for your many emails and texts of encouragement. Your responses to our worship broadcasts have been so affirming. What a joy to continue to share with you in worship, in communion, in celebration, and in community. God continues to guide!

#### **Called Business Meeting after the worship event Sunday.**

Don't be alarmed. The church is in good standing and we are in a good position. And, we want to take advantage of the Paycheck Protection Program being offered through the CARES Act from our government. And, we need your permission for us to do so. Don't panic, rest assured that all is well. Participation in this program gives us more stability and assurance.

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***Join us on Facebook Live at 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning as we celebrate the resurrection together!***

- ◆ Words of Welcome - Doug Reedy
- ◆ "He is Risen" -- First Baptist Families
- ◆ Congregational Song - Tim Little
- ◆ Children's Message - Erin Collier
- ◆ Scripture reading (Luke 24:1-8)& Morning prayer with the Lord's Prayer- Landon & Rustin Walters
- ◆ Congregational Song - Tim Little
- ◆ Sermon - Bo Prosser
- ◆ Benediction - *Blest Be the Tie*



***Our tradition of placing fresh cut flowers on the cross in front of the sanctuary will continue this year. Please bring your flowers on Easter Sunday morning, practicing social distancing guidelines will you do so.***

*From the Interim Pastor*, continued from page 1.

The Bylaws require two things...

1. That any loan be approved by the church in conference. While most if not all of this will be a grant, it is still considered a “loan” and to meet the letter of the law, we need church approval.
2. That a physical church conference must take place. There are no provisions in the bylaws for a totally virtual meeting. So, there will be less than ten people in a physical meeting (which meets the bylaws) and the rest of you will discuss and vote virtually.

Again, we just need to have guidance from the church in an official capacity as we move forward. All is well! Thanks be to God!

***God is bigger than anything!!!***

***Dr. Bo***

**Week 5**  
**Scripture Focus:**  
**John 13:34**  
**Prayer Focus:**  
**Pray for the Search Committee  
and our church to love one  
another just as Christ has  
loved us.**

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

## **Person of the Week**

Earline Cranfill  
1901 N. Rowland Ave.  
Lumberton, NC 28358

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

**FBC MONDAY SCHOOL**

Join us online as Dr. Bo Prosser teaches from the Formations Sunday School curriculum!

**Mondays at 7:00 pm**  
on Zoom & streaming on Facebook Live

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## **For the Record**

Budgeted 2020.....	\$700,000.00
Weekly Need (2020) .....	\$13,461.54
Received March 30, 2020.....	\$13,501.17
Need to date .....	\$170,000.00
Received to date.....	\$147,263.80
Over (Under) Budget.....	(\$22,736.20)



*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.*



*Thank you to everyone who worshiped with us this morning! Enjoy these pictures from some of our church family as they prepared communion for their households. What a beautiful picture of diversity and creativity as we observed communion together...virtually!*



**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](mailto:daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org) by April 30th with the full name of the graduate, school where they completed the degree, and type of degree received.

**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](mailto:nancybass@fbclumbertonnc.org)
- Erin Collier: [erincollier@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:erincollier@fbclumbertonnc.org)
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- Tim Little: [funddevdir@rcpartnership4children.org](mailto:funddevdir@rcpartnership4children.org)
- Bo Prosser: [bprosser@cbf.net](mailto:bprosser@cbf.net)
- Kandace Ramsey: [kandaceramsey@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:kandaceramsey@fbclumbertonnc.org)
- Doug Reedy: [dougreedy@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:dougreedy@fbclumbertonnc.org)



**Zoom Meetings for Youth!**

Each Sunday until we are able to meet in person again, the youth will meet via Zoom.

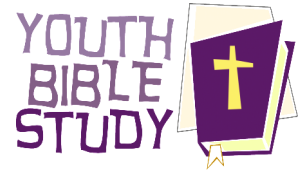
7th-12th Graders will meet each Sunday at 3 p.m.

Contact Doug at [dougreedy@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:dougreedy@fbclumbertonnc.org) for your log on information so that you don't miss anything!

**And . . .**

**Zoom Meetings for Children!**

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



**Sunday Mornings and Wednesday Nights on Facebook Live**

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

All on the church Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/firstbaptistlumbertonnc/>

# HELP US MAKE A CHURCH FAMILY VIDEO FOR EASTER!

We want to include as much of our FBC Lumberton family as possible!



## 1 GATHER EVERY FAMILY MEMBER IN YOUR HOME

Please, don't break stay-at-home orders for extended family videos! Just include those in your home. Pets are welcome, too!



## 2 HOLD YOUR PHONE HORIZONTALLY TO RECORD

And make sure you can see everyone in the frame!

*He is risen!*

## 3 HIT RECORD, THEN TOGETHER SAY "HE IS RISEN!"

That's all you need to record!



## 4 SEND THE VIDEO TO ERIN BY THURSDAY AT 5 PM

You can text or email (erincollier@fbclumbertonnc.org).



## 5 JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON EASTER SUNDAY AT 10 AM ON FACEBOOK LIVE

We'll debut our family Easter video then!

**THANKS FOR HELPING - WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOUR VIDEOS!**



Each Thursday, First Baptist asks for folks to share what they are thankful for on our Facebook page. Here are some of the responses.

*Thankful for Lisa bringing meals and Sydney. Thankful for Kenneth buying groceries and medicines when needed. Thankful for friends who keep in touch. Thankful for technology that brings worship into my home!* —Catherine Lee

*Thankful for doing just fine and getting another day behind us. God is good and we all will get through this.* —Ann Cain

*I am thankful for the blooming dogwood trees and azaleas. Thankful for the grass turning green again and for all that spring has to offer. The birds are very happy early in the morning. Enjoy!* —Michele Fanning

*I am thankful for technology so we can still be in touch and have worship services.*—Judy Driscoll

*I'm thankful for the beautiful weather that has allowed us to play outside and take lots of walks!* —Erin Collier

*I am thankful for the opportunity to be with both of my girls all day!*—Liz Lytch

*I am thankful for a flexible workplace that still allows us to work and get paid.*—Wendy Allen

*I am thankful to remain in contact with friends and family through various modes of technology.* —Bonnie Reedy

*Thankful for technology that allows us to stay in touch with our friends and family. Thankful for my church family more than ever.*—Phyllis Gibson