

First Baptist News

a family of faith

From the Interim Pastor

Not how I had it planned!!!
 If you wanna hear God laugh, tell God your plans! No, this is nothing like what I thought I'd be doing when we signed on to walk with you. No, this is not the way I had my days and weeks planned out. No, pastoring long-distance and socially distanced is not my preferred way of ministry.

BUT...I love the NOW!
 Right now, we are in the middle of creativity and opportunity. Right now, we are experiencing some of the most fun ways of communicating and staying in touch ever. Right now, we are learning a new normal and leaning into the days to which God has called us. I loved most of my yesterdays and I hope I'll love the days to come; but today, I love the NOW! It's all we've got!

So grateful for our Staff and Leadership!
 Everyone has stepped up to another gear. I'm so proud of the creativity and caring that I see and hear about. I'm so blessed by each of you being church to the rest of you. I'm so confident that the future is bright with the work y'all are doing right now.

Being the Church!
 You are all doing such good work. You are all giving generously to the church. You are all living into the generosity of God. I hope you've got your signs ready for display. Let Lumberton know that the First Baptist Church is being deployed and we are up to the challenge.

When will we return???
 The short answer is, "We don't know yet." The Leadership is listening to health care professionals, the CDC, and the Governor to share broad guidelines. We will take all the information we have as well as what other churches may be experiencing to guide us. **WE WILL NOT ACT HURRIEDLY!** We will be safe, and we will be slower. Your safety is foremost in our decision-making.

Keep praying please. This is still a dangerous time. Please keep praying!

And remember, God is guiding! I miss you and I love you!

Dr. Bo

This Week. . .

Sunday, May 17

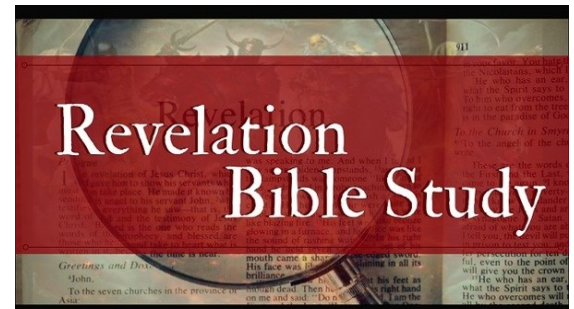
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship (Facebook Live & YouTube)**
- 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Class (Zoom)
- 3:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study (Zoom)

Monday, May 18

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

Wednesday, May 20

- 6:30 p.m. Revelation Bible Study
(Facebook Live)
- 7:00 p.m. Bridge Class (Zoom)



This Wednesday, Doug Reedy will be leading the 2nd part of his Bible Study on the Book of Revelation. The study will be live-streamed on Facebook at 6:30 p.m.

YOU ARE
 loved
 forever
 ROMANS
 - 8:38-39 -

A few years ago, we did a church-wide summer emphasis titled "God is Here." The concept was simple: take a sign that said "God is Here," and wherever your summer leads you, recognize that God is with you, and take a picture with the sign to remember it. The diversity and creativity from those pictures was a beautiful reminder of God's presence with us wherever we go.

This year, we find ourselves scattered as we stay home and social distance. But even though we can't be together AT church, we are still BEING the church through how we worship, serve, love, and learn together (while physically apart). In that spirit, we are introducing a new church-wide emphasis with a new sign: "Being the Church." As you find creative ways to BE the church during this time, take a picture with your sign and send it in to us! We'll compile and share your pictures as a way to celebrate and encourage one another. You can pick up your sign during tithing time, or print your own from the weekly email. We look forward to seeing your pictures—and more importantly, seeing the many ways we all are being the church.



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.



Sunday Mornings on Facebook Live & Youtube. Wednesday devotions on Facebook Live.

**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>



For the Record

Budgeted 2020.....	\$700,000.00
Weekly Need (2020)	\$13,461.54
Received May 4, 2020	\$5,886.00
Need to date	\$235,384.62
Received to date.....	\$204,219.67
Over (Under) Budget.....	(\$31,164.95)

Person of the Week

Karon Prince
1109 Spanish Oak Ln.
Lumberton, NC 28358

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



Help us celebrate the Class of 2020!

While our official Grad Sunday is postponed until we can worship together in person, we're making a video to honor our graduates now! We need videos from our family of faith. Please follow the instructions below:

- 1.) Hold your phone horizontally to record.
- 2.) Record yourself/your family saying "Congratulations!"(That's it! Nothing else!)
- 3.) Send the video to Erin (erincollier@fbclumbertonnc.org) by May 13.

Thanks for your help!

