

First Baptist News

a family of faith



From the Interim Pastor

We are Being the Church!

I am so proud of this congregation. Our ministries have never stopped. Our worship is engaging and meaningful. While social distancing is still necessary; ministry and worship abound!

We are Being the Church!

The Staff is praying for our new normal. We are researching best practices from ministry partners and other resources. We are talking to colleagues. Please know that we are daily in conversations planning for a strategic and safe return. There is NO simple solution! God's generosity has been so evident in these days.

The Deacons have authorized our ECM ministry to explore a slow "re-open" so we can minister more effectively to working families in our community. This will be strictly dictated by State requirements and strictly managed within our building. But, again, safety is the baseline. Please pray for our leadership and staff as they minister to our children and community. The re-opening of the ECM will not mean that the church will soon follow, but we are actively exploring our options.

We are Being the Church!

We are still worshipping well together. We are still ministering effectively to one another and our community. We are still a vital voice in Lumberton and around the world. We are still Being the Church!

And, God is still guiding.

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This Week . . .

Sunday, May 24

- 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 25—Memorial Day

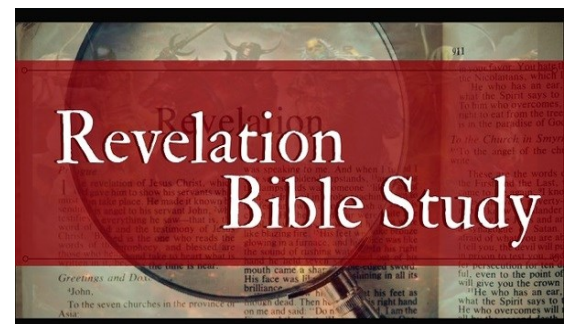
- 7:00 p.m. Monday School (Facebook Live & Zoom)

Tuesday, May 26

- 1:00-2:30 p.m. Tithing Time

Wednesday, May 27

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



This Wednesday, Doug Reedy will be leading the 3rd part of his Bible Study on the Book of Revelation. The study will be live-streamed on Facebook at 6:30 p.m.

Scholarship applications are available now! E-mail Daphne at daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org for an application. Completed applications are due by May 31st.

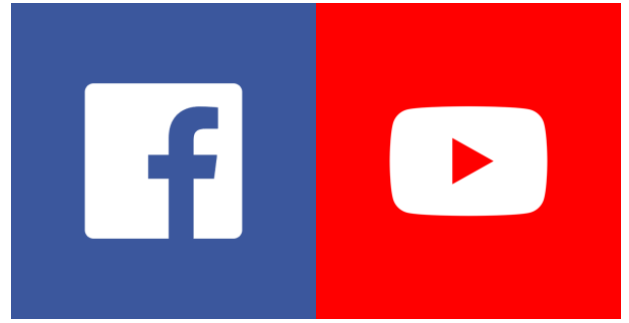


A few years ago, we did a church-wide summer emphasis titled "God is Here." The concept was simple: take a sign that said "God is Here," and wherever your summer leads you, recognize that God is with you, and take a picture with the sign to remember it. The diversity and creativity from those pictures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



Thanks to everyone to who helped to prepare, pack & serve to-go lunches at our Community Café this past Saturday!



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 11, 2020.....	\$13,172.50
Need to date	\$248,461.54
Received to date.....	\$217,492.37
Over (Under) Budget.....	(\$30,969.37)

Person of the Week

Rosa Britt
1000 Wesley Pines Rd.
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Send a card, letter, or other remembrance to our special person this week!