

# First Baptist News

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## ***This Week. . .***

### **Wednesday, August 19**

7:00 p.m. Bridge Class (Zoom)

### **Thursday, August 20**

3:00 p.m. Circle of Friends Class  
(Zoom)

### **Sunday, August 23**

10:00 a.m. **Worship (Facebook  
Live & YouTube)**

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Class  
(Zoom)

### **Monday, August 24**

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

7:00 p.m. Monday School  
(Bo's Facebook Page)

### **Tuesday, August 25**

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group  
(Zoom)

## ***From the Interim Pastor***

I thought by now that we would surely be sharing "elbow bumps" and smiles with one another. I can't believe that we've been through Spring and Summer in the throes of this pandemic. The days ahead continue to be troubled with uncertainty and more health warnings. We continue to pray. Our ministers continue to do wonderful pastoral care, and our Deacons have been excellent in keeping in touch. Yet, we all miss seeing one another!

### **Prayer Meeting Returns, September 2, 6pm – ZOOM**

I hope you'll join me virtually on Wednesday nights at 6pm beginning September 2 at 6pm! We will have a time of sharing concerns and announcements and praying together. We will also have a time of devotion based on my sermons. So, I'll preach on Sunday and we'll talk about the sermon on Wednesdays. It will be fun!

### **Four Fragile Freedoms – Sermon Series**

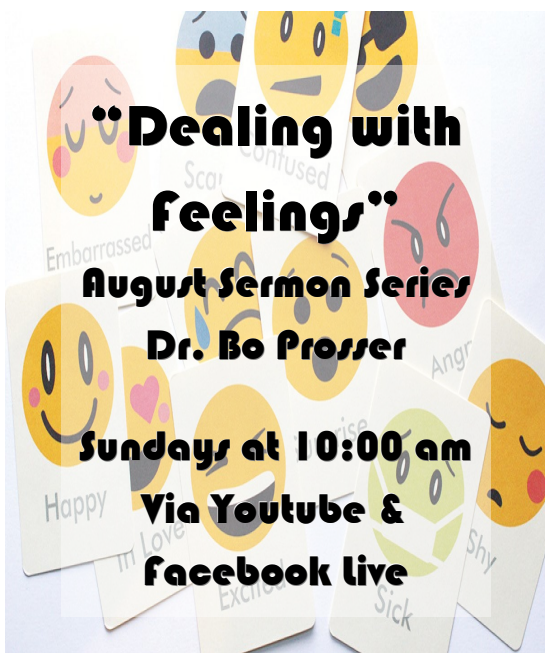
I'll begin a new series for September, looking at the four basic distinctives of our faith. These are important for living out our faith in the midst of these pandemic days. God is preparing us for a new day. We have to rebuild upon this foundation of our faith and reimagine who God is calling us to be. I'm so looking forward to preaching on these and then discussing them on Wednesdays.

### **Prayers for Pastor Search**

Please pray for the Pastor Search Committee as they continue their good work. They are meeting and setting some parameters around what the next installed pastor will look like. I'm excited about where God is leading them. So, continue to pray for the Committee as they search and for the person whom God is already preparing. These pandemic days will not deter the Spirit of God!

*Fear NOT! God is guiding!*

*Dr. Bo*



## Deacon Nomination

The Deacons of First Baptist serve in two major capacities: administrative and ministerial. As an administrative body, they help lead and guide our congregation. As a ministerial body, they participate in the care of our congregation through the deacon care team plan, building relationships with and offering support to our church family. Please prayerfully consider your nominations for deacon, write their names below, and return to the church no later than August 31, 2020. You may nominate as many as you would like and turn in as many nominations as you would like during the month of August. (There is no need to nominate the same person more than once.) In accordance with our bylaws, those eligible must be at least 21 years of age and resident members of First Baptist Church for at least one year.

Listed below are the names of persons elected in 2015-2019 as Deacons of this church. **Do not** nominate any of these persons. They are ineligible for re-election at this time.

Barbara Andrews (2020)	Drina Hedgpeth (2019)	Mary Anne Rust (2020)
Allison Branch (2022)	Bruce Huggins (2021)	Kenneth Sasser (2022)
Margie Cockrell (2020)	Liz Lytch (2019)	Johnny Smith (2022)
William Davis (2020)	Jerry Long (2023)	Lynn Smith (2020)
Judy Driscoll (2019)	Regg McIntyre (2023)	Ron Smith (2023)
Jim Driscoll (2021)	Malcolm McLean (2023)	Christy Strickland (2019)
Phyllis Gibson (2022)	Colin Osborne (2020)	Johnny Strickland (2023)
James Gore (2021)	Eddie Prevatte (2019)	Tony Thompson (2021)
Donna Hardee (2022)	David Ramsaur (2022)	Chris Walters (2021)
Keith Hardee (2019)	Lisa Rust (2021)	Heather Walters (2023)

Nominees will be reviewed for eligibility according to the bylaws of First Baptist Church. Eligible nominees will be contacted by the elections committee to assure their willingness to serve if elected. Deacon Election will take place the 1st Sunday of October 2020. You may fax (739-7858) e-mail ([daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org)), or mail (Attn: Daphne Fletcher, 606 N. Walnut St., Lumberton, NC 28358) nominations to the church office. Forms are also available during Tithing Time—Mondays, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

## Person of the Week

Mary Holcomb

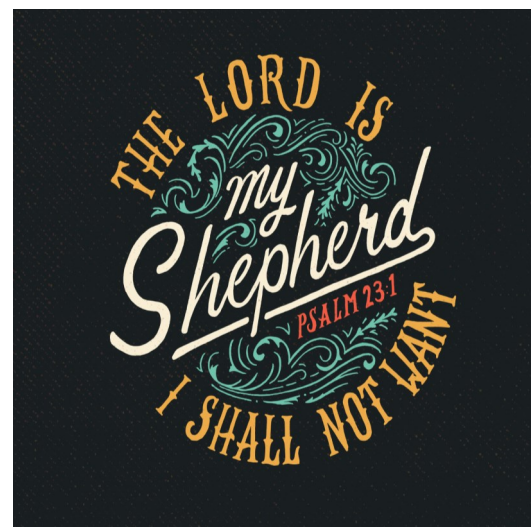
500 Robin Rd.

Lumberton, NC 28358

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

## For the Record

Budgeted 2020 .....	\$700,000.00
Weekly Need (2020) .....	\$13,461.54
Received August 10, 2020 .....	\$6,841.00
Need to date .....	\$418,461.54
Received to date .....	\$331,621.17
Over (Under) Budget .....	(\$86,840.37)



## Give to First Baptist Church!

Here are some ways to donate to our ministry:

- Drop by during Tithing Time!—Mondays from 1:00-2:30 p.m.
- Scan our QR code with your cell phone to go to our giving page.



- Go to our website ([www.fbclumbertonnc.org](http://www.fbclumbertonnc.org)) to complete a draft form.
- Send us your contribution by mail— 606 N. Walnut St., Lumberton, NC 28358



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