

# First Baptist News

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## Deacon Election Procedures 2020

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the membership is encouraged to vote for deacons by absentee ballot the week prior to October 4. The nominees for deacon will be announced in First Baptist News on Tuesday, September 22. Members are urged to come to the 6<sup>th</sup> Street entrance and submit their absentee ballots during Tithing Time on Monday, September 28, between 1:00 and 2:30 p. m. This is the preferred time for early voting. Otherwise, members may call the church office to make arrangements to come to the 6<sup>th</sup> Street entrance between 9 a. m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday, September 28 through Friday, October 2, to receive and submit absentee ballots. A church employee or their designee will provide an absentee ballot to the member during these hours, obtain a signature of the voting member on a list, and receive the completed ballot back in a sealed envelope. These sealed envelopes will be collected and kept together with a list of signatures of those persons who submit absentee ballots.

A church conference will be held on Sunday, October 4, 2020, at 12 noon at the 6<sup>th</sup> Street entrance to the church (weather permitting), otherwise under the breezeway behind the Margie Cockrell Children's Building. The meeting will be attended in person only by the Deacon Chair, the Deacon Election Committee, and those persons who have been unable to submit absentee ballots the week prior due to work obligations or other

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

#### ***Wednesday, September 23***

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting (Zoom)  
7:00 p.m. Bridge Class (Zoom)

#### ***Thursday, September 24***

1:00 p.m. Circle of Friends Class  
(Zoom)

#### ***Sunday, September 27***

10:00 a.m. ***Worship (Facebook Live & YouTube)***  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Class  
(Zoom)  
5:00 p.m. Youth Bells  
6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

#### ***Monday, September 28***

1:00-2:30 p.m. Tithing Time  
7:00 p.m. Monday School  
(Bo's Facebook Page)

#### ***Tuesday, September 29***

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

extenuating circumstances. At this meeting, the members attending who have not previously submitted an absentee ballot to the church office will be called upon to cast their ballots for deacon. Masks will be required and social distancing will be practiced. The ballots submitted at this meeting will be added to the absentee ballots submitted to the church office during the week prior to the deacon election, and will thereafter be counted by the Deacon Election Committee. The results of the election will be reported first to the nominees and then will be posted on the church website.



### **Give to First Baptist Church!**

Here are some ways to donate to our ministry:

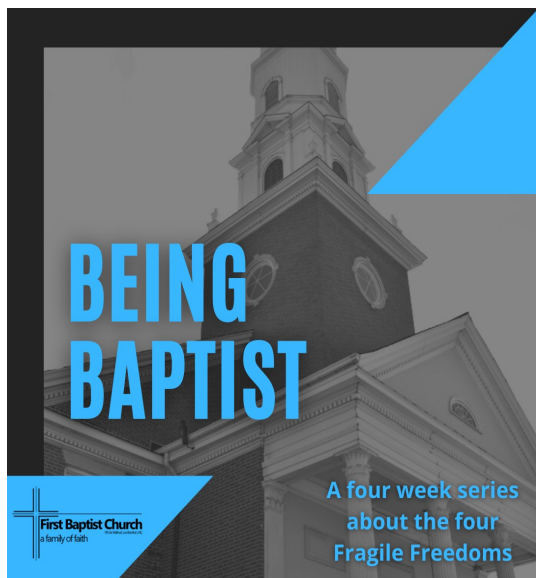
- Drop by during Tithing Time!— Mondays from 1:00-2:30 p.m.
- Scan our QR code with your cell phone to go to our giving page.



- 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**

### **For the Record**

Budgeted 2020 .....	\$700,000.00
Weekly Need (2020) .....	\$13,461.54
Received September 15, 2020 .....	\$3,120.00
Need to date .....	\$483,846.15
Received to date .....	\$379,871.81
Over (Under) Budget .....	(\$103,974.34)



Sept. 27  
*Personal Freedom*  
I Corinthians 10:23-24, 31

## **Deacon Nominees 2020**

Deacon Election is Sunday, October 4, 2020.

### **Danny Cook**

Joined First Baptist in 1993.

Spouse: Kim

Children: Ashley Cook, Lauren Cook

Occupation: Insurance Agent

Positions held at FBC: Deacon, Personnel Committee, Youth Committee, Early Childhood Ministry Committee, Finance Committee, Collection Committee, Insurance Committee, Sunday School Teacher

### **Betty Graham**

Joined First Baptist in 1978.

Spouse: Danny

Children: Meredith Britt, Orrum; Scott Graham, Morrisville

Occupation: Retired High School Teacher

Positions held at FBC: Committee on Committees, Baptist Women, Wednesday Night Serving Committee, Baptism Committee, Communion Committee, Senior Adult Committee

### **Teague Little**

Joined First Baptist in 2002.

Spouse: Lauren

Children: Ayden, 10; T. J., 7; Annagail, 3

Occupation: Teacher, Lumberton High School

Positions held at FBC: Sound Committee, Scholarship Committee, Friends of Jesus Worker

### **Lewis Lytch**

Joined First Baptist in 2015

Spouse: Liz

Children: Lottie, 4; Lainey, 10 months

Occupation: Production Tech, Corteva Agriscience

Positions held at FBC: Sunday School Teacher, Transportation Committee, Security Team

### **Katherine C. Martin**

Joined First Baptist in 1961

Spouse: Danny

Children: Caroline M. Warren, Raleigh; Susan C. Martin, Lumberton; Joseph D. Martin, Lumberton

Occupation: Retired Teacher

Positions held at FBC: ECM Committee, Nominating Committee, Sunday School Teacher, Youth Leader & Youth Committee Member, Scout Leader & Pack Master, G.A./R.A. Leader, Children's Christmas Party, Chaperone for Youth Trips

**Susan Phelps**

Joined First Baptist in 2002  
Spouse: Greg  
Children: Abby Rust, Emily Rust, Alex Phelps, Tyler Phelps  
Occupation: Nurse  
Positions held at FBC: Personnel Committee

**Summer Prevatte Pittman**

Joined First Baptist in 2005  
Spouse: Ryan  
Children: Harper (age 2)  
Occupation: Teacher, Tanglewood Elementary School  
Positions Held at FBC: Children’s Committee, Growing Young Team

**Nancy Britt Wagner**

Joined First Baptist in 2011  
Spouse: Mark  
Children: Ashley Campbell, Woodbridge, VA; Meghan Inman, Lumberton, NC; Lauren Galvan, Fayetteville, NC  
Occupation: Retired District Instructional Coach K-5  
Positions Held at FBC: Endowment Trustee, Music Committee, Building & Grounds Committee, Hospitality Committee, Flowers & Altar Committee, Sanctuary Choir  
Positions held at other churches: 4th Grade Sunday School Teacher, G. A. Leader, Choir



Each Wednesday night 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 Bo’s sermons.

Email Daphne in the church office to get the Zoom link for these meetings—[daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org).



*Sunday night, our youth officially (and in a socially distant way) welcomed the new seventh graders into the group! Each seventh grader received a new Bible as part of the welcome. Join us in celebrating these new youth group members!*



*Our children's ministry kicked off virtual Compassion Camp (our fall curriculum) this week! Parents, be sure to take pictures as your kids engage the activities and share them with us!*

# *Pray for the Pastor Search Team*

Update from the Pastor Search Team:

When our church had to make the difficult decision to stop in-person church services due to COVID, it seemed as if time stood still. The whole world paused. Your pastor search team took a pause as well. Like many of us, we thought the restrictions would be short lived and life would return to normal. As we have all learned, that was not the case. As we began to evaluate how to move forward as a pastor search team in this new COVID world, we continued to pray and seek God's guidance. We met with Dr. Bo, the COVID leadership team and also sought guidance from CBF for input as we made a plan to continue the search process.

In order to move forward, we added Keith Hardee to our team to fill the position left vacant by Dr. Jeff Frederick. Once that decision was made we began meeting again in August. We have made great progress using the tools available to help us meet virtually and safely. Working with CBF our church profile has been updated and we are now in a position to be matched with potential candidates for our Pastor. There is still much work to be done as we prepare to consider the candidates God is leading to apply for Senior Pastor of FBC.

Thank you for your continued prayers during this time in the life of our church. We have felt your support and God's hand at work during the last few months. We will continue to keep you updated as we move forward into the next steps in the process.

Your Pastor Search Team  
Christy Strickland, Chair  
Pattie Ramsaur, Vice Chair  
Katie Davis, Secretary  
James Gore  
Keith Hardee  
Glenda Taylor  
Chris Walters

On behalf of the ECM Committee and First Baptist Church, I am pleased to announce that Michelle Prevatte has been named Director for the ECM effective immediately. Michelle came to us in 2018 with almost 20 years of experience in day care and day care administration.

Our church and staff are extremely grateful for the ease of transition as Michelle has stepped into the role of Director during this challenging time to provide excellence in every facet of our program. The ECM Committee and First Baptist Church assure you that we will maintain the highest of standards as we move forward and will continue to provide safe, quality childcare for our families.

Christy Strickland, Chair  
FBC Early Childhood Ministry Committee

## **CHURCH STAFF**

Contact us at 739-4336 or [daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org)  
[www.fbclumbertonnc.org](http://www.fbclumbertonnc.org)

**Rev. Erin Collier — Associate Pastor of Families and Worship**

**Mrs. Daphne Fletcher — Administrative Assistant**

**Rev. Tim Little — Minister of Music and Facilities**

**Mr. Len Power — Building Superintendent**

**Dr. Bo Prosser — Interim Pastor**

**Mrs. Kandace Ramsey — Administrative Assistant**

**Rev. Doug Reedy — Associate Pastor of Youth, Young Adults and Missions**

## **Person of the Week**

Marguerite Branch  
Wesley Pines Room A-162  
1000 Wesley Pines Rd.  
Lumberton, NC 28358

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