

# First Baptist News

a family of faith

## This Week . . .

### Wednesday, October 21

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

### Thursday, October 22

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

### Sunday, October 25

- 10:00 a.m. **Worship (Facebook Live & YouTube)**
- 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Class (Zoom)
- 3:00 p.m. Family Pumpkin Carving Party
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Bells
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

### Monday, October 26

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

### Tuesday, October 27

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



## Cake Raffle!

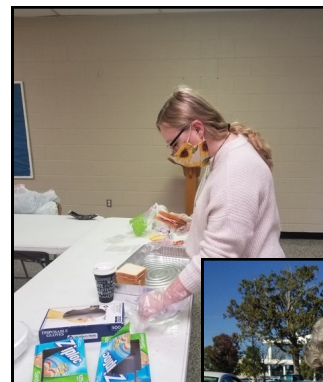
**\$5 = 1 ticket**

Tickets may be purchased on Monday during Tithing Time (1-2:30 pm at the 6th Street entrance).

Winners will be drawn on Friday, November 20.



All proceeds benefit FBC youth missions and trips.



*Volunteers, Emily Cribb and Brittany Ward prepared and distributed meals at Community Café last Saturday. Helen Odom also made keepsake crocheted pumpkins to give out to our Café guests. Included with the pumpkins was a story reminding us of how Jesus puts his light within us to share with the world. Thank you, ladies for Being the Church!*



*Sunday,  
November 1st*

**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 October 12, 2020 .....	\$7,980.00
Need to date .....	\$536,153.85
Received to date.....	\$417,886.45
Over (Under) Budget.....	(\$118,267.40)



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).

It is time to begin collecting donations for the annual Hanging of the Green! While our service will be virtual this year, families and individuals will be provided a to-go box with items to help prepare for Advent in your own home as we worship together (including an Advent wreath)! Donations will offset the cost of these boxes, but you do not have to give to receive a box. Forms & donations will be collected at tithing time each week until Monday, November 23rd.

I would like to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Hanging of the Green Fund.

Please print names exactly as they should appear in the program:

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

And/or

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Children's Christmas Party Donations Welcomed!**

We will still be offering some care and help for families in need during the holidays this year through a different/scaled down/socially distant version of the Children's Christmas Party. We have already begun working with area schools to establish a list of families we can assist. Monetary donations are needed to make this missions opportunity a reality.

**Friends of Jesus Christmas Care Packages**

Our Friends of Jesus Christmas Party has been a long-standing, well-loved tradition at First Baptist. Our special needs adults look forward all year to a visit from Santa, gifts and this special time of fellowship together. Even though they are unable to gather for this event this year, First Baptist wants our Friends of Jesus to know that they are appreciated and loved. In that spirit, leaders of the class will be preparing care packages for the class members for Christmas. Please donate to the Friends of Jesus Christmas Fund, so that we may purchase and distribute these gifts.

Please designate "Children's Christmas Party" or "Friends of Jesus Christmas" on the memo line of your check. Donations will be accepted by mail—606 N. Walnut St., Lumberton, NC 28358— or at tithing time—1-2:30 p.m. each Monday.

## Proposed Amendments to Bylaws October 19, 2020

Amend Article V, Section 2, by adding the following sentence at the end: “Any conference or church meeting may be held and conducted virtually or in person, at the discretion of the Pastor and Deacon Chair.”

Amend Article VII, Section 5., A., to reduce the number of deacons from twenty-four (24) to sixteen (16). In order to effectuate that change over a four (4) year period, while honoring the terms of deacons already elected to serve, the following words in that section will be changed as follows:

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>New Wording</u>
2005	2020
2006	2021
thirty-two (32)	twenty-four (24)
twenty-four (24)	sixteen (16)

Amend Article VIII to change word “Six (6)” to “Four (4)” as to the number of deacons to be elected each year.

**A Called Church Conference will be held on Sunday, November 22nd at 12 noon via Zoom to vote concerning these amendments to the Bylaws. Zoom information will be provided to the congregation in an email prior to the conference.**



**Communion will be observed during Wednesday Evening Prayer Service (via Zoom) on November 4th. Please gather your communion elements at home before joining the meeting on that evening.**

### Person of the Week

Gracie Davis  
196 Kensington St.  
Lumberton, NC 28358

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

### Cherry Legacy of Religious Education Continues at Campbell University

Several years ago, The Russell T. Cherry, Jr. Chair of Divinity was established at Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond through donations from First Baptist Church, Lumberton and First Baptist Church, Bladenboro. Last year, the seminary at Richmond closed due to financial difficulties.



*Russell T. Cherry met Jewell Jones in college and the two dedicated their lives to ministry. Dr. Cherry served as pastor of First Baptist Church from 1970 to 1992.*

The Cherry Family has worked to redirect the funding provided by the chair to be used for scholarship opportunities for religion and divinity students at Campbell University. Through this funding, Dr. Cherry's legacy of support for religious education will continue.




Robeson County Partnership for Children, Inc.  
**SMART START DAY & DRIVE THROUGH FESTIVAL**  
 OCTOBER 24, 2020  
 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Join us for a safe, socially-distanced celebration of the contributions of Smart Start funded activities in Robeson County. Due to Covid-19 safety precautions, we will be hosting a drive-through event to provide resource materials, food, and activity bags for children and families. Extra goodies for children who dress up in their favorite costume! **FREE FOOD!**

**ROUTE: EAST ON 2ND ST IN LUMBERTON (DOWNTOWN PLAZA ON LEFT), RIGHT ON WALNUT, RIGHT ON 1ST ST, RIGHT ON CHESTNUT (LIBRARY ON LEFT, EXPLORATION STATION ON RIGHT)**

For more information, contact:  
 Robeson County Partnership for Children  
 210 E. 2nd St  
 Lumberton, NC 28358  
 910-738-6767

 a partner in the Smart Start network.



**HALLOWEEN CANDY CRAWL**  
 OCTOBER 30, 2020 | 6:00 - 8:00  
 MAIN LIBRARY GARDEN | AGE 0 - 12  
 101 N. CHESTNUT ST., LUMBERTON, NC 28358 | 910-738-4859



REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED | BEGINNING OCTOBER 19  
 MAXIMUM GROUP OF 6 PER REGISTRATION

**FAMILY FRIENDLY COSTUMES ARE ENCOURAGED!**

\*COVID-19 GUIDELINES WILL BE FOLLOWED.  
 MASKS ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN EVENT.\*

**CHURCH STAFF**

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[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



*Pastoral care looks a little different in the age of COVID! Both Doug and Erin have been visiting our children and youth in their driveways and front yards (often with a sweet treat in hand). The visits are socially distant, but still provide opportunity for conversation and connection. Here are some recent pictures from Erin's visits with children and their families!*