

# First Baptist News

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## This Week . . .

### Wednesday, October 28

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

### Thursday, October 29

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

### Sunday, November 1—All Saints' Day

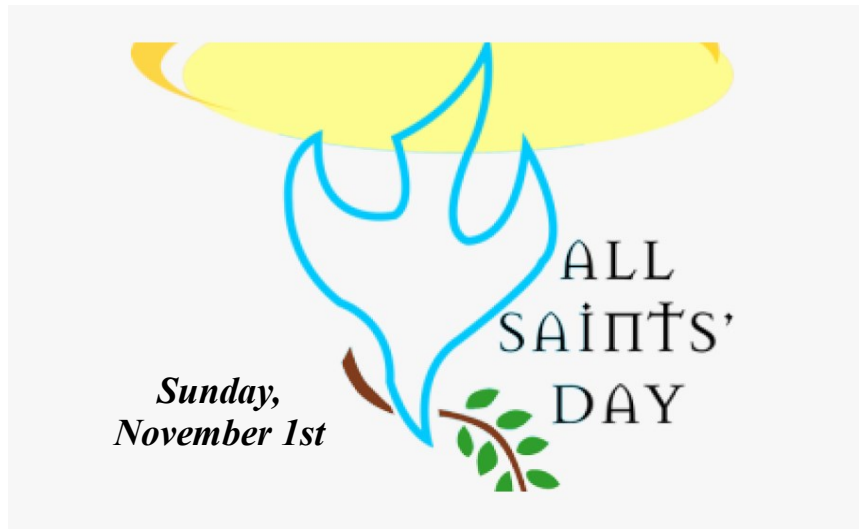
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship (Facebook Live & YouTube)**
- 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Class (Zoom)
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Bells
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

### Monday, November 2

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

### Tuesday, November 3

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



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.

Don't forget our 1st Monday Food Drive next week! We will collect canned goods and staple items during tithing time—Monday, November 2nd—1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

## 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.



### **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 19, 2020 .....	\$7,307.50
Need to date .....	\$549,230.77
Received to date.....	\$425,193.95
Over (Under) Budget.....	(\$124,036.82)



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.



## Pumpkin Carving Party—October 25th!

It's been a while since the FBC families have all gotten together in person. This past Sunday, it was finally able to happen with a socially distant pumpkin decorating party! Pumpkins were painted and carved, candy was eaten, air hugs were given, and great fun was had by all. A huge thank you to all of our families who attended!

## 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.**





**We're collecting notes for a (socially distant) ordination for our new deacons!**



Write a note of encouragement and/or prayer for each new deacon and bring it to the church office.  
New deacons are:

- Betty Graham
- Summer Pittman
- Lewis Lytch
- Nancy Wagner
- Katherine Martin




**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.\*

Part of our ordination tradition at First Baptist is to have a laying on of hands, where the church family says prayers of encouragement and blessing over each candidate for ordination. It is a beautiful and meaningful tradition...but doesn't fit with current social distancing measures!

So, like so many things in 2020, we are adjusting. We are asking you to write down your words or prayers of blessing and encouragement and bring them to the church office (preferably during Tithing Time). The notes will be bundled together and presented to each new deacon in lieu of a traditional laying on of hands. **We need all the notes by November 9th.** Our adapted deacon ordination service will be shared in worship on November 22.

Thank you for your prayerful support of our deacons!

### Person of the Week

Catherine Lee  
1008 Pine Run Dr.  
Lumberton, NC 28358

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

*30 Days of Thankfulness*

Day 1: Person	Day 16: Recipe
Day 2: Animal	Day 17: Store
Day 3: Cozy Place	Day 18: Quote
Day 4: Favorite Snack	Day 19: Clothing
Day 5: Place	Day 20: Keepsake
Day 6: Pair of Shoes	Day 21: Disappointment/Fear
Day 7: Scent	Day 22: Book
Day 8: Restaurant	Day 23: Feeling
Day 9: Blog/Website	Day 24: Photo
Day 10: Time of Day	Day 25: Luxury
Day 11: Tradition	Day 26: Charity
Day 12: Gadget	Day 27: Song
Day 13: Something Old	Day 28: Gift
Day 14: Something New	Day 29: Something at home
Day 15: Experience	Day 30: What are you MOST thankful for?




**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS THIS SUNDAY!**