

# First Baptist News

a family of faith

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

### ***Sunday, January 10***

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

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

### ***Monday, January 11***

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

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

### ***Tuesday, January 12***

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

### ***Wednesday, January 13***

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

### ***Saturday, January 16***

10:00 a.m. Community Café

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

### ***Happy New Year Church!***

I'm heading into 2021 with optimism and confidence. However, the events of this week also remind me that courage will be required. You have proven yourselves to be courageous. The storms you have endured in your history are a testimony of your courage and God's guidance. I'm expecting nothing less as we move into this new year.

### ***You are a Generous People!***

In spite of the pandemic, you gave almost 89% of our budget requirements. You are courageous and you are generous. You understand that the work of the church continues regardless of the pandemic. You have cared for your staff, you have met the challenges with generosity and celebration. God loves cheerful givers! I think God is smiling on us in these days. Thank you!

### ***The 2021 Budget***

There are new challenges ahead for us in 2021. The new budget has very little in it for programming. We will probably be virtual for a while and some programs will not be meeting. However, we are the church deployed right now. Our fixed costs continue. Some of our programs will continue. So please continue your generous nature as we move into this new budget. I'm so grateful to Kenneth Rust and James Gore for leading this.

### ***God is Guiding!***

This has been my mantra for you since I began 13 months ago.

- ◆ God is guiding your Pastor Search Committee. Pray for them as they seek your next pastor.
- ◆ God is guiding your Deacons. Pray for David Ramsaur and our Deacon leaders.
- ◆ God is guiding your minsters. Pray for us as we pivot, as we make decisions, as we care for you.

I'm so grateful for you all!  
Dr. Bo

*Happy New Year*



Each Wednesday night at 6 pm 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).

### **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**

**Our College Students need your prayers! To become a prayer partner please contact Doug Reedy.**  
[dougreedy@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:dougreedy@fbclumbertonnc.org)

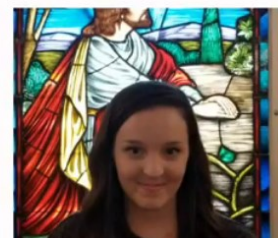
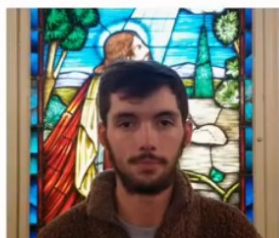
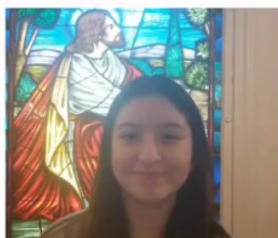
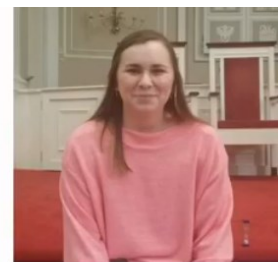
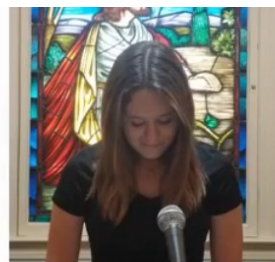
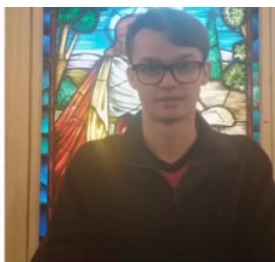
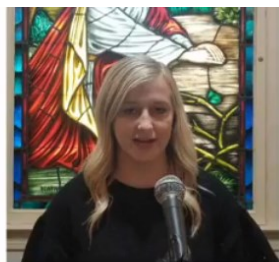
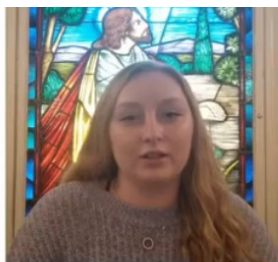


In the Baptist tradition, a family/child dedication is a time for a young child's family and the church family to promise to be present and support the child on his or her faith journey. We recognize each child to be a special gift from God, and as a church, we pledge to be Christian examples, good teachers, and to help the family as they guide their child in faith.

In December, we held a small dedication for Laine Lytch as her family promised to support Laine as she grows in faith. Footage from that dedication was included in the December 20th worship service, which is still available to view on Facebook or Youtube.

As a family of faith, we ask you to pray for the Lytch family and all our First Baptist families as they teach and nurture their children.

**Special thanks to the students who led in worship on  
College Sunday, December 29th!**







January 10- "What Really Is Essential" - Matthew 6:25-34

January 17- "Tomorrow Is Not Promised" - James 4:13-17

January 24- "Do No Harm" - John 1:1-9

January 31- "God Is Always Doing Something New"- Isaiah 43:15-19

## January Sermon Series

# WHAT WE'VE LEARNED FROM THE PANDEMIC



## Vaccine Now Available for ages 75 and up!

UNC Health Southeastern has begun administering vaccines for individuals ages 75 and older as recommended in Phase 1B Group 1 by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

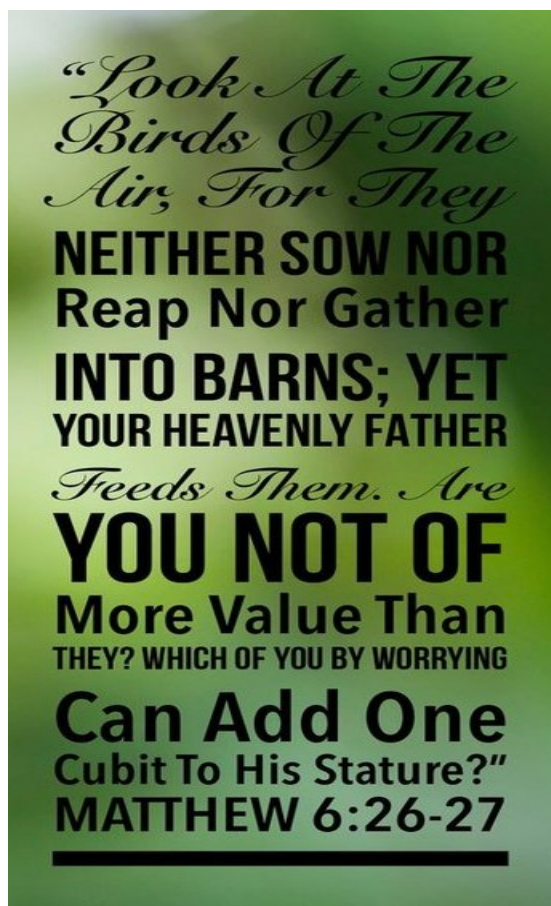
Individuals ages 75 and older who are residents of Robeson County and/or established patients of UNC Health Southeastern may call **910-671-5395** to schedule appointments to receive their vaccination at the Southeastern COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic located at 2901 N. Elm St., Lumberton. The clinic will be open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A *season*,  
AND A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN:  
A TIME TO BE BORN,  
AND A TIME TO DIE;  
A TIME TO PLANT,  
AND A TIME TO PLUCK UP THAT WHICH IS PLANTED;  
A TIME TO KILL,  
AND A TIME TO HEAL; A TIME TO BREAK DOWN,  
AND A TIME TO BUILD UP;  
*a time to Weep*  
AND A TIME TO LAUGH;  
A TIME TO MOURN, AND A TIME TO DANCE;  
A TIME TO CAST AWAY STONES,  
AND A TIME TO GATHER STONES TOGETHER;  
A TIME TO  
*Embrace*  
AND A TIME TO REFRAIN FROM EMBRACING;  
A TIME TO SEEK, AND A TIME TO LOSE;  
A TIME TO KEEP, AND A TIME TO CAST AWAY;  
A TIME TO REND, AND A TIME TO SEW;  
A TIME TO KEEP SILENCE, AND A TIME TO SPEAK;  
A TIME TO LOVE, AND A TIME TO HATE;  
A TIME FOR WAR, AND A TIME FOR *Peace*

- ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8

## For the Record

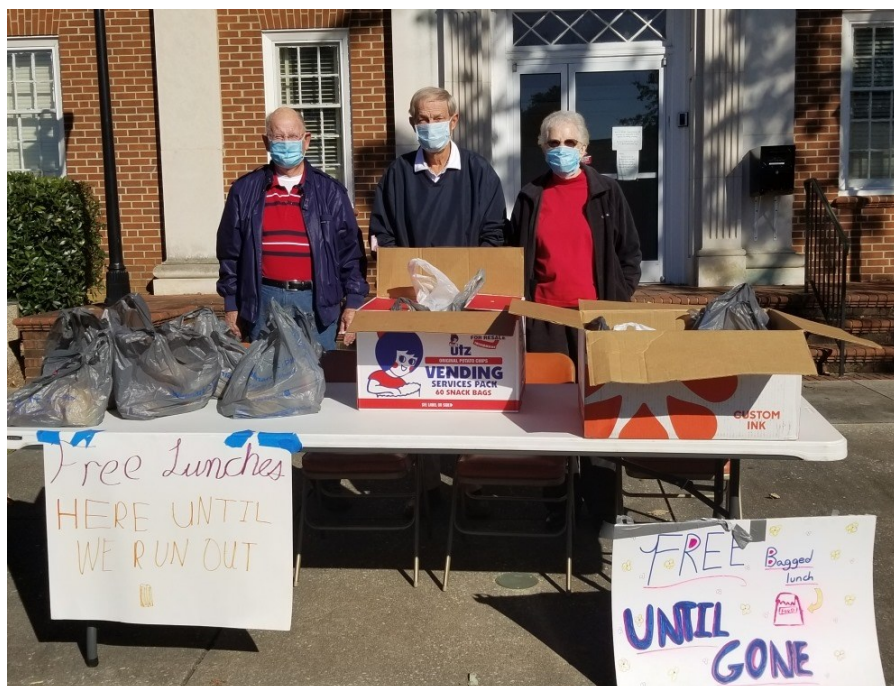
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Weekly Need (2020) .....	\$13,461.54
Received December 29, 2020 .....	\$21,935.07
Received December 31, 2020 .....	\$7,990.87
Need to date .....	\$680,000.00
Received to date .....	\$561,956.06
Over (Under) Budget .....	(\$118,043.94)



## Persons of the Week

David Nicholson  
206 Tartan Rd.  
Lumberton, NC 28358

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



## Community Café Volunteers Needed for 2021!

Groups are needed to host our Community Café on the 3rd Saturday each month. Host groups provide a meal to be picked up by our Community Café guests. We have dates available from March through the end of the year!

If your Sunday School Class, Mission Group, etc. would like to host please contact the church office (739-4336 or [dougredy@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:dougredy@fbclumbertonnc.org)).

## CHURCH STAFF

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[www.fbclumbertonnc.org](http://www.fbclumbertonnc.org)

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