

# First Baptist News

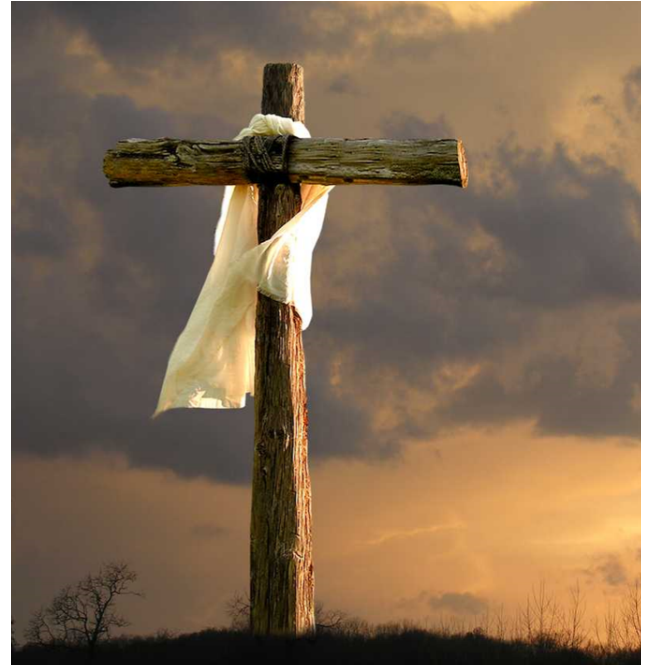
a family of faith

## *Easter Sunday — April 4, 2021*

Worship online at 10:00 a.m.  
(Facebook Live and YouTube)

Worship in-person at Stephens Park at  
10:00 a.m. The park is located at 716  
Riverside Drive. Bring your own chair.

Congregants are invited to place live  
flowers on the cross at First Baptist any  
time on Easter Sunday.



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

#### ***Sunday, April 4***

#### ***Easter Sunday***

- 10:00 a.m. **Worship (Facebook  
Live & YouTube)**  
10:00 a.m. **Worship at Stephens Park**  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Class (Zoom)

#### ***Monday, April 5***

#### ***Offices & ECM Closed***

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

#### ***Tuesday, April 6***

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

#### ***Wednesday, April 7***

- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Service (Zoom)

#### ***Thursday, April 8***

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

### ***Directions to Stephens Park***

Pass through the round-a-bout on Water Street, then  
take the exit for Carthage Road. Continue on Carthage  
Road. Turn left on Glenn Street. Turn right on  
Riverside Drive. Arrive at 716 Riverside Drive.

### ***First Sunday Food Drive***

The first Sunday of each month we collect non-  
perishable foods for local charities. Bring your donations  
to Tithing Time on Monday, April 5.

Donation suggestions: Canned  
vegetables, canned fruits, Vienna  
sausages, canned meats (such as  
chicken breast), pork & beans, rice,  
dried beans, boxed meals, baby  
foods, bottles of water and juices.



Have you heard the big news? We are tentatively returning to having in person worship services in our sanctuary on May 2! We will of course be taking plenty of precautions and will continue to offer an online option as well. Look for more details in the coming weeks.

Meanwhile, we have an amazing run of special Sundays coming up. April 4<sup>th</sup> is Easter in Stephens Park and online. April 11<sup>th</sup> is Bo's last Sunday. The 18<sup>th</sup> is Children's Sunday and Youth Sunday is April 25<sup>th</sup>. We hopefully reopen on May (if the numbers continue to improve). May 9<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day. It goes on and on...

On behalf of the entire staff, I want to think you for the patience you have shown. Thank you for your spirit of volunteerism as well. You have stepped up to be the hands and feet of Christ. Please remember we will need that even more in the coming weeks.

We have survived many storms over the last few years. Keep the faith. Houses built on rock seldom fall. I'll leave you with a quote from Methodist minister, professor, and author Leonard Sweet:

*"The future is not something we enter. The future is something we create."*

Grace & Peace,  
Doug



Parents, contact Liz Lytch (ela0605@gmail.com or text 919-669-6855) for more information.

## *Coming up. . .*

**April 11** — Interim Pastor, Bo Prosser's last Sunday

**April 18** — Children's Sunday

**April 25th** — Youth Sunday  
Theme: Goggles  
Luke 6:42

**May 2** — In-person Worship resumes at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. An option to view services online will be available.

**July 11-16** — Youth trip to Black Mountain Veterans Mission and Rafting Trip

**July 25-29** — Youth Music Retreat

## ***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 camera to go to our giving page.



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

### **Parting Thoughts...**

Approaching my final Sunday with you has me somewhat emotional. You are such a fine congregation and I am already missing you. But, the call of God continues to move among us and just as God is guiding you, God is also guiding me. We all must pay attention to God's leadership.

### **"Thank you"...just barely expresses my feelings...**

There should be other words that more deeply express my appreciation. You all have answered every challenge from me. There is much that we didn't get to do together. Covid ruined a lot of people's plans this past year. But, you have a road map of what needs to be done and you have the leadership to keep getting ready. Many thanks to your staff and your Deacons. You've been so eager to work and to get ready for your next chapter.

### **Your next pastor...**

I am so excited for your next pastor, whomever God is preparing. Your next leader will inherit a wonderful group of leaders, of givers, and of praying people. This new pastor will be different from you. The new pastor will not believe everything like you believe. The new pastor will be more open on some ideas and more reluctant on others. You will have to be patient and loving with one another. Just as you've been patient with my Jimmy Buffett and Mexican food references, I know you'll be patient with your new leader. Social interactions are different and you'll grow together. What may be "taboo" in Lumberton may be totally acceptable to your next leader. And, the next pastor will have to learn about grape ice cream!! So, let love be your guide. Christ loved us so that we might live to please God.

### **I'm not good with "goodbye"...**

So my words to you are "I'll see you when I see you!" And I will see you again. Until then, be open and accepting. Allow your next pastor room to grow with grace. And, know that above everything else, God is guiding!

Grateful!

Dr. Bo

**Cards and letters of appreciation to Dr. Bo may be mailed to:**

*Dr. Bo Prosser  
20 Settlers Ct.  
Youngsville, NC 27596*

## **RETURN TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP SUNDAY, MAY 2**

Look for more details in the coming weeks. An option to view services online will be available.



Due to changes in office staffing, we need your help with our mailing list!

If you would like to continue receiving a monthly newsletter by mail, please call the church office (739-4436) and leave a voicemail by Friday, April 23rd.

We encourage you to view the newsletters on our website or sign up to receive them by email. One benefit of getting the newsletter by email: it arrives a lot faster! To be added to the email list, contact Kandace (kandaceramsey@fbclumbertonnc.org).

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# YOUTH SUNDAY-APRIL 25TH



**HOW CAN YOU SAY TO YOUR BROTHER, 'BROTHER, LET ME TAKE THE SPECK OUT OF YOUR EYE,' WHEN YOU YOURSELF FAIL TO SEE THE PLANK IN YOUR OWN EYE? YOU HYPOCRITE. FIRST TAKE THE PLANK OUT OF YOUR EYE, AND THEN YOU WILL SEE CLEARLY TO REMOVE THE SPECK FROM YOUR BROTHER'S EYE. --LUKE 6:42**

**Youth Week T-shirts may be purchased for \$15.00.**

## Community Café Volunteers Needed!

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 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 [dougreeedy@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:dougreeedy@fbclumbertonnc.org)).

*Thinking  
of you*

## **Person of the Week**

Stephania Noncil  
207 Charmant Road  
Lumberton, NC 28358

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

## **CHURCH STAFF**

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

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**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**