

# First Baptist News

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The Interim Pastor Committee is happy to introduce our new Interim Pastor, Dr. Jennifer Bashaw. Dr. Bashaw joins us from Campbell University's Department of Christian Studies where she is an Assistant Professor in the College of Arts & Sciences. Dr. Bashaw is an ordained minister in the American Baptist Churches, USA. She is passionate about ministering in the church and has served as Children's minister, Youth minister, and Associate Pastor in various Baptist churches over the last fifteen years.



While with us, Dr. Bashaw will lead worship in-person on Sunday morning and lead our Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting remotely. If you will remember, Dr. Bashaw joined us as a guest pastor in the Fall of 2019.

The Interim Pastor Search Committee invites you to join us in giving Jennifer a warm welcome this Sunday, May 2.

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

**Sunday, May 2**  
 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary  
 10:00 a.m. Worship Online  
                   (Facebook Live &  
                   YouTube)  
 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Class (Zoom)

**Monday, May 3**  
 1:00—2:30 p.m. Tithing Time

**Tuesday, May 4**  
 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group  
                   (Zoom)

**Wednesday, May 5**  
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Service (Zoom)

**Thursday, May 6**  
 1:00 p.m. Circle of Friends Class  
                   (Zoom)

## ***Preparing for Sunday***

**Sunday, May 2, 2021**  
**"The Trailblazing, Barrier-breaking  
 Power of the Gospel"**  
**— Acts 8:26-40**

**Worship In-Person or Online**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday, May 2**  
**First Baptist Sanctuary**

An option to view services online via Facebook Live and YouTube will be available.

Please enter the sanctuary at the vestibule. A greeter will direct you to inside for a temperature screening and to the self check-in table for the service. Pews will be marked to allow for social distancing. A face covering or mask will be required and social distancing will be observed.

## From the Interim Pastor



Hello, FBC Lumberton!

My name is Jennifer Garcia Bashaw and I am excited to be able to serve as your interim pastor starting May 2<sup>nd</sup>. I want to introduce myself to you and then let you know what we have to look forward to in the coming months.

I was a Baptist from birth and I come from a military (and predominantly Mexican) family. I grew up in various army bases around the states (in Kansas, Arizona, Hawaii, and Texas), and spent most of my childhood in Fort Hood, Texas. I felt a call to ministry in high school but as a young woman in the Southern Baptist tradition, I did not know where I fit in or what I would be able to do. Eventually, I went to Baylor University and then Truett Seminary and married a great man named Kerry Bashaw, all the while trying to figure out how I could use my gifts and education to serve God and the Church. Pastoral ministry was an impossible road to take as a Baptist woman in Texas, so as much as I felt a call in that direction, I decided that the more open road for me was

an academic one. I love the Bible so much and teaching it is life giving for me, so I went to Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, CA for my doctoral studies in New Testament. Throughout my educational career, I worked in various Baptist churches (Southern Baptist and American Baptist) as children's minister, youth minister, and associate pastor. When I graduated, my greatest desire was to enter full-time pastoral ministry and adjunct teach as well but the barriers for women pastors were still high and hard to hurdle. I ended up teaching in a Baptist university in East Texas and then eventually came to Campbell University in 2017. I have loved teaching Bible and ministry classes these last several years but I have also missed serving in churches. That is why I am overjoyed to be able to come to minister at FBC Lumberton as you await your new pastor.

I mentioned my husband Kerry already, who is the head of a non-profit in Sanford, but we also have three amazing sons, Noah, Riley, and Isaac. They will be joining us from time to time in the worship service so you will be able to meet them. I will be preaching and leading worship in person every Sunday for the next three months and I will be zooming in for Wednesday night prayer meetings. On Wednesday nights, starting on May 5, I will be teaching a series on the Spiritual Traditions of the Church. This is part Bible study, part Church History, part Spiritual Formation and I think it is going to be informative and transformative for anyone who can participate. I cannot wait to meet all of you and worship with you starting this Sunday. See you soon!





## ***News from Your Pastor Search Team***

As you may have heard, exciting things are happening at FBC Lumberton! If you were not able to join us for the church conference Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, you may have missed the news. Your Pastor Search Team presented a candidate for the Senior Pastor position. We shared information about the process over that last 18 months as well as information about the candidate.

In the Pastor search process it is important to be discreet to ensure that the candidates current ministry is not compromised. For that reason, we are not yet prepared to publish detailed information in the newsletter. Although there are a few hours between us and the candidate, we don't want to take any chances. We are preparing a document that will include specifics about the candidate that will be available to share with everyone very soon.

Please reserve May 14-16, 2021 as Call Weekend. We hope you will make plans to participate in the events available as well as being present for Worship, Sunday May 16, 2021. This is the opportunity for the congregation to meet the candidate and hear him preach his trial sermon. To quote our candidate, in his ministry he feels that "being present is important... presence matters". So your presence will matter to the Pastor Search Team and especially for our candidate and his family.

The events for the weekend include:

Friday, May 14

6:30pm—Dinner with the Pastor Search Team and spouse

Saturday May 15

2:00pm—Drive through meet and greet under the breezeway

6:00pm—Dinner with Deacons and spouses

Sunday May 16

10:00am—Candidate preaches

Called Church Conference at the end of the service for the purpose of a ballot vote

Thank you for trusting us with this process and for your prayers. Please continue to lift our candidate in prayer.

*Your Pastor Search Team*

***What does the Lord require of you,  
but to do justice, love kindness and  
walk humbly before your God.***

**Micah 6:8**

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

The first Sunday of each month we collect non-perishable foods for local charities. Bring your donations to Worship on Sunday, May 2 or during Tithing Time on Monday, May 3.

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.





## Grad Sunday May 23, 2021

If you or someone in your family has graduated in Fall 2020 or will graduate in Spring 2021, please call the church office and leave a voicemail.



A Seniors Luncheon will be held immediately following the service on May 23rd. Invitations are being mailed. RSVP to Doug no later than May 7th.

Scholarship Applications are now available! Contact Doug Reedy for an application. Applications are due May 31st.

### *Coming up...*

**May 7** — Seniors Luncheon RSVP, Graduate information and pictures due (contact Doug)

**May 9** — Mother's Day

**May 16** — Pastoral candidate's trial sermon, 10:00 am, with Called Church Conference following

**May 23** — Grad Sunday

**May 31** — Scholarship Applications due (contact Doug for more information)

**June 3** — Scholarship Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

**June 6-13** — College Summer Retreat

**June 20** — Father's Day

**June 28** — ECM registration opens to the public for Afterschool care for the 2021-22 school year

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

### ***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](http://www.fbclumbertonnc.org)) to complete a draft form.
- Send us your contribution by mail—**606 N. Walnut St., Lumberton, NC 28358**

*Thinking  
of you*

### **Person of the Week**

Jeanne Stevens  
1203 N. Walnut Street  
Lumberton, NC 28358

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

### **CHURCH STAFF**

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**Dr. Jennifer Bashaw** — Interim Pastor

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