

First Baptist News

a family of faith



Dear FBC Lumberton Family,

This is a moment that I have been looking forward to with great anticipation over the last several weeks. Now, I finally get the opportunity to connect with you all and meet more of the great people who make the First Baptist Church, Lumberton family so special. I have been praying for your church for some time now. Long before your fabulous committee extended the invitation to join you as your next pastor, I have been praying that the ministry of FBCL would be blessed, no matter who had that opportunity to serve as your next senior pastor. As I told your committee early on in our conversations, I want the ministry of FBCL to succeed because I know the work you

have done up to this point matters. It matters to the city of Lumberton, our partners across the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in North Carolina and around the world, and it matters to the Kingdom of God. The good work you have done and are doing is a necessity to bringing the fullness of God's Kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven.

My wife, Lindsay, our two-year-old daughter, Quinn, and newborn son, Carter, are extremely excited by the possibility of being able to share in ministry alongside of you. As we have learned about your community, heard the amazing stories of not only the ministry, but even more, the people who make up your fellowship, we cannot help but to envision what it would be like to be able to serve alongside each of you.

I look forward with great anticipation to having the chance to hear more of your stories in our time together. What drives you, what excites you, what you love, and how God has impacted your lives individually as well as collectively. I trust that you are praying for us as much as we are praying for you and the church. I believe something special awaits us all, and I cannot wait to be a part of what God is wanting to do through the people of First Baptist Church, Lumberton!

In Christ,

Rev. Joshua K. Owens



Carter William Owens

May 9, 2021
9 pounds 1 ounce
21.25" long

This Week. . .

Sunday, May 16

10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Worship Online

(Facebook Live)

***Called Church Conference
immediately following service***

Monday, May 17

1:00—2:30 p.m. Tithing Time

5:45 p.m. Finance Committee

Meeting (Activity Building)

**7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting
(Fellowship Hall)**

Tuesday, May 18

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

Wednesday, May 19

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

Thursday, May 20

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

Introducing...

Rev. Joshua K. Owens and Family—Lindsay, Quinn, and Carter

Your Pastor Search Committee wishes to thank you for your patience and prayers during this long process. We have felt your prayers and God's guidance.

Your Pastor Search Committee and Deacons unanimously recommend that First Baptist Church Lumberton call as pastor, Rev. Joshua K. Owens. Rev. Owens is now serving as Associate Minister for Community and Faith Development at First Baptist Church, Monroe, NC.

A called church conference will be held during the morning worship hour on Sunday, May 16, 2021, for the purpose of voting to extend a call to Rev. Owens. Please review the following biographical and personal information and prayerfully consider calling Rev. Owens as senior pastor.



Biographical sketch of Rev. Joshua K. Owens

Born December 16, 1988

Eagle Scout, BSA

Ordained by Roseboro Baptist Church, Roseboro, NC

EDUCATION

- PhD in Organizational Leadership, Eastern University (2020-present) St. Davids, PA
- M.B.A in Project Management (2020), Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC
- M.A. in Practical Theology (2018), Pfeiffer University, Misenheimer, NC
- Master of Divinity w/ Languages (2014), Campbell University Divinity School, Buies Creek, NC
- Bachelor of Science (2011) *Sport Management, Minor-Religion*, Campbell University, Buies Creek, NC

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

- Director of Youth Ministry, Roseboro Baptist Church, August 2006-July 2013
- Graduate Assistant for Campus Ministry, Campbell University Campus Ministry Department, Buies Creek, NC, June 2011-May 2014
- Youth Ministry Intern, First Baptist Church, Greensboro, NC, May 2014-August 2014
- Associate Minister for Community and Faith Development, First Baptist Church Monroe, NC, September 2014-Present

SECULAR EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Instructor-Dept. of Religion, Wingate University

Inter-Scholastic Sports Official

NCHSAA (Football & Basketball), August 2013-Present

NCAA Division II (South Atlantic Conference, Football), August 2018-Present

Head Coach (Girls Basketball)-Health Sciences Academy at Monroe Middle School, August 2016-July 2018

Graduate Assistant for Athletic Development

Campbell University Dept. of Athletics, August 2011-May 2013

Intern for Marketing and Promotions

Campbell University Dept. of Athletics, Jan 2011-May 2011

DENOMINATIONAL INVOLVEMENT

CBF Fellow, 2016-2018 Cohort
Baptist Women in Ministry of North Carolina Leadership, Board Member, 2019 – Present
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina Faith Formation Council, 2018 –Present
CBF Youth Ministry Network, 2015 – Present
CBF Children's Ministry Network, 2015 – Present

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Founding Board member, Pastors for NC Children
Middle School Math Tutor
Activity Bus Driver
Community Theater Productions

PERSONAL

Married to Lindsay Daughtry Owens. Lindsay is a graduate of Appalachian State University and is employed as a Speech Language Pathologist with Monroe Public Schools. Josh and Lindsay have a two-year-old daughter, Quinn, and newborn son, Carter, who made his grand arrival on Mother's Day.

PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Mrs. Christy Strickland, Chair
Mrs. Pattie Ramsaur, Vice Chair
Mrs. Katie Davis, Secretary
Dr. Jeff Frederick
Mr. James Gore
Mr. Keith Hardee
Mrs. Glenda Taylor
Dr. Chris Walters

Work unto the Lord, work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

—Colossians 3:23



Josh Owens is wise beyond his years. He is an excellent leader and a wonderful team player. He has a sense of what needs to happen and the integrity to lead with purpose. He is deep in thought, he digs beneath the surface to really get to solutions. I'm so excited for what he brings to Lumberton.

—Dr. Bo Prosser

Worship In-Person or Online 10:00 a.m. Sunday 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.

As we transition to in-person worship, Tithing Time on Mondays will end mid-May. You may give during in-person worship, mail your contribution, or drop it in the dropbox at the 6th Street entrance of the church.

CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE ***May 16, 2021***

At the conclusion of the 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning service on May 16, the church will be called into conference to vote by ballot on the calling of a pastor. You must be present to vote.

Call Weekend Events

Friday, May 14

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

Saturday May 15

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

6:30pm—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

MAY 23, 2021
GRAD SUNDAY



Seniors Luncheon immediately following the service in Cherry Fellowship Hall.

Scholarship Applications are due May 31.
Contact Rev. Doug Reedy for more information.

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**

Thinking of you

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

Person of the Week

Rev. Joshua Owens
512 E. Talleyrand Ave.
Monroe, NC 28112

CHURCH STAFF

Contact us at 739-4336 or office@fbclumbertonnc.org
www.fbclumbertonnc.org

Dr. Jennifer Bashaw — Interim Pastor

Rev. Tim Little — Minister of Music and Facilities

Mr. Len Power — Building Superintendent

Mrs. Kandace Ramsey — Administrative Assistant

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