

# First Baptist News

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## *This Week. . .*

### *Sunday, July 4*

10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Worship Online (Facebook Live)

### *Monday, July 5*

*ECM and Offices Closed in observance of  
Independence Day*

### *Tuesday, July 6*

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

### *Wednesday, July 7*

*No Wednesday Night Prayer Service*  
7:00 p.m. Bridge Class (Zoom)

## Sunday, July 4, 2021 "No Idols"

**Isaiah 6:1-4**  
**Luke 10:25-42**



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Monday, July 5th in observance of  
Independence Day.

***Happy Fourth of July!***

**The Fellowship Class will not meet via  
Zoom on Sunday, July 4 or Sunday,  
July 18.**

**A class meeting will be held Sunday,  
July 11 at 11:15 am in the Chapel to  
discuss plans to meet in-person.**

Leaders of Sunday School Classes and Small Groups, as you meet to determine the relaunch of your class or group, please notify the church leadership of your plans. We will work with your group to set up and clean classrooms, order literature, advertise your meeting time and place, and help with other requests as needed.

## From the Pastor Search Team

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this it will officially be July, 2021! For many of us it is hard to believe that half of 2021 is already gone. Along with 2020, this year will be remembered as a historic year for FBC Lumberton. It's been a year to remember for many reasons and we are still navigating many of those challenges. As you think about the rest of the year you may also like to know there are only 148 days until Thanksgiving and 178 days until Christmas! I'm sure you appreciate these little tidbits of information.

But the most important date coming soon is the arrival of our Senior Pastor and his family. Your Pastor Search Team would like to inform you that when this newsletter officially hits the press, there will only be 12 days to wait for the arrival of Rev. Josh Owens to begin his ministry as our Senior Pastor! His first day will be July 12, 2021.

Josh and his family have had an eventful few months as they have worked to prepare for this transition. He has said goodbye to his ministry at FBC Monroe, as well as a church family that has loved his family for almost seven years. Josh and Lindsay have worked to secure housing in Lumberton and if all goes well they will close on their new home in just a few days. They have a contract on their current home in Monroe and will hopefully proceed with that sale in the near future. Before their arrival in Lumberton, they will squeeze in a short family vacation and then return home to pack up and make the move somewhere around July 9<sup>th</sup>. All of this with a new baby and a two year old and all of the adjustments that go along with a growing family.

Please make plans to be in attendance July 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am as Rev. Owens will officially fill the pulpit at FBC Lumberton as our Senior Pastor. To celebrate his arrival, the Hospitality committee and your Pastor Search Team would like to invite you to join us at 11:30am for a catered lunch and a time to visit with our pastor and his family as well as each other. This is a long awaited event and we look forward to celebrating with each of you.

To help us with planning and to ensure we have enough food, please call the church office at 910-739-4336 or email [emilyrust@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:emilyrust@fbclumbertonnc.org) by Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> to let us know if you plan to attend and how many family members will be with you.

With great anticipation,

Your Pastor Search Team

## FBC NEEDS YOU!

Our 2021-2022 Nominating Committee has met and has begun working on its 2021-2022 report. Several positions are traditionally challenging to fill, but are absolutely necessary to the future of our church. We need Sunday School teachers for all ages, greeters, WMU, and Wednesday night leaders. Please be in prayerful consideration of where you feel God is leading you to serve. If you have any interest in teaching or helping, please call the church office or contact any staff member. A committee member may call you in regard to an open position, so please keep an open mind as to what God is capable of doing through you. First Baptist has a bright future ahead, and you can be a part of it!



***You are invited to share your testimony during worship. Contact the church office—739-4336.***

## CHURCHWIDE LUNCHEON

On Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 AM (shortly after our 10:00 service), the Pastor Search Committee and Hospitality Committee invite you to a churchwide luncheon in honor of our new pastor, Rev. Joshua Owens, and his family. Please call the church office at 910-739-4336 or email [emilyrust@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:emilyrust@fbclumbertonnc.org) by Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> to let us know if you plan to attend and how many family members will be with you. Please see Christy Strickland's article for more details concerning Rev. Owens' first Sunday at FBC.



### **Afterschool Care at First Baptist Early Childhood Ministry Apply Now!**

For Kindergarten through 6th Grade

Afterschool care allows your child to attend after school hours and all day during school closures (such as during teacher work days and remote learning days.)

Openings are also available in our younger classes as well (ages 2—4).

Call Michelle Prevatte, Director, at 738-6608 or visit [fbclumbertonnc.org](http://fbclumbertonnc.org) to apply.

## *Coming up. . .*

**July 12** — Rev. Josh Owens' first day in the church office

**July 13-16** — Youth trip to Black Mountain.

**July 17** — Community Café

**July 18** — Rev. Josh Owens' first Sunday Worship service. Luncheon to be held at 11:30 am.

**July 19** — Finance Committee Meeting and Deacons Meeting

**July 25-29** — Youth Music Retreat. \$100 due July 1.

**July 28** — Quarterly Church Conference

**There will be no Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting on Wednesday, July 7.**

## **Youth Black Mountain Trip July 13—16, 2021**

### **A few changes to note:**

We will travel on the 13th, participate in team building on the 14th, then raft on the French Broad on the 15th. The trip is open to all Youth who participated in Sunday nights this year.

## **Youth Music Retreat July 25—29, 2021 \$100.00 due July 1**

We will be staying at Tim Little's house in Lenoir. We will practice bells, ride the gravity coaster, and visit the waterfall to swim. Youth must have (1) either performed bells for Hanging of the Green or any music for Youth Sunday or (2) be entering the 7th Grade.

To sign up, contact Doug Reedy:  
(910) 739-4336 or [dougreeedy@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:dougreeedy@fbclumbertonnc.org)

Emily Rust is helping in the office Monday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. She will be available to assist you by phone (739-4336) or email ([emilyrust@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:emilyrust@fbclumbertonnc.org)).

### ***Give to First Baptist Church!***

Here are some ways to donate to our ministry:

- Give during Sunday worship service.
- 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**

Betty Pleasant  
401 Roslyn Drive  
Lumberton, NC 28358

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

### **CHURCH STAFF**

Contact us at 739-4336 or [office@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:office@fbclumbertonnc.org)  
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**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**

**Miss Emily Rust — Administrative Assistant**