

First Baptist News

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Preparing for Sunday August 1, 2021

“Picking Up The Pieces Pt. 1: Acknowledging that Which Was Lost ”

Nehemiah 1

The last year and a half have left many of the things we love in shambles. It may be a bit of an extreme description, but as we continue to come out of the pandemic pause, there are many elements of our lives that were left unattended, significantly altered as a result. Our faith journeys and our churches are no different. What we knew before may not look the same going forward. For the next four weeks in August, we will connect with the Israelite people who went through a similar experience of having to pick up the pieces of the lives they once knew as recorded in the OT book of Nehemiah. Our Wednesday prayer meetings will offer corresponding studies of accompanying stories in scripture. I invite you to join us as we explore this series together, asking tough questions, and sharing in the hope for brighter days ahead.

Rev. Josh Owens

This Week. . .

Sunday, August 1

Deacon Nomination Begins

10:00 a.m. **Worship in Sanctuary**

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

11:00 a.m. **Fellowship Class (Chapel)**

Tuesday, August 2

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

Wednesday, August 3

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

7:00 p.m. **Bridge Class (Zoom)**

First Sunday Food Drive

The first Sunday of each month we collect non-perishable foods for local charities. Bring your donations on Sunday, August 1. A collection bin will be available in the vestibule.



Welcome, New Members!

On Sunday, July 25, Rev. Josh and Lindsay Owens joined the First Baptist Church family.

Coming up. . .

August 6 — Emily Rust's last day in the office

August 16 — Finance Committee meeting & Deacons meeting

August 19 — ECM Open House, 6-8 p.m.

August 20 — Early Childhood Ministry closed for staff development

August 21 — Community Café

August 23 — First day of the Early Childhood Ministry 2021-22 school year

August 25-28 — CBF General Assembly, virtual and in-person regional events.

September 6 — Labor Day, ECM and offices closed.

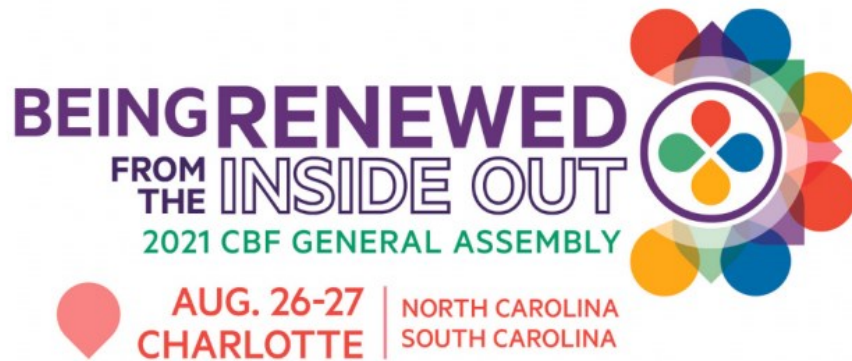
Join Us IN Worship

Childcare is available during 10:00 am Worship!

The ECM entrance will be open from 8:45—9:55 a.m. and the Sanctuary doors will open at 9:45 a.m. to the end of worship. Other doors will remain locked. This will likely change in September.

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.

THE CAROLINAS REGIONAL GATHERING
OF THE CBF GENERAL ASSEMBLY



Providence Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC
Register at <https://cbf.net/charlotte2021>



Mark your calendar
In preparation of the new
year, the ECM will be
closed to students on
Friday, August 20.

More information coming soon!
Info packets & class assignments will be distributed.
For more information, call 910-738-6608.

First Baptist Early Childhood Ministry has a few spaces remaining for the 2021-22 year. Apply now!

Childcare is available for children ages 2 through 13 (6th grade). We also have NC PreK for 4-year-olds for the 21-22 school year. Apply for PreK at the Partnership for Children or call 738-6767.

Questions: Call Michelle Prevatte, Director, at 738-6608 or michelleprevatte@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) 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

Margaret Wilson
2004 N. Walnut Street
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
www.fbclumbertonnc.org

Rev. Tim Little — Minister of Music and Facilities

Rev. Josh Owens — Senior Pastor

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

Deacon Nomination

The Deacons of First Baptist serve in two major capacities: administrative and ministerial. As an administrative body, they help lead and guide our congregation. As a ministerial body, they participate in the care of our congregation through the deacon care team plan, building relationships with and offering support to our church family. Please prayerfully consider your nominations for deacon, write their names below, and return to the church no later than August 31, 2021. You may nominate as many as you would like and turn in as many nominations as you would like during the month of August. (There is no need to nominate the same person more than once.) In accordance with our bylaws, those eligible must be at least 21 years of age and resident members of First Baptist Church for at least one year.

Listed below are the names of persons elected in 2015-2020 as Deacons of this church. Do not nominate any of these persons. They are ineligible for re-election at this time.

Barbara Andrews (2020)
Allison Branch (2022)
Margie Cockrell (2020)
Danny Cook (2024)
William Davis (2020)
Jim Driscoll (2021)
Phyllis Gibson (2022)
James Gore (2021)
Betty Graham (2024)
Donna Hardee (2022)
Bruce Huggins (2021)

Jerry Long (2023)
Lewis Lytch (2024)
Katherine Martin (2024)
Regg McIntyre (2023)
Malcolm McLean (2023)
Colin Osborne (2020)
Summer Pittman (2024)
David Ramsaur (2022)
Lisa Rust (2021)
Mary Anne Rust (2020)
Kenneth Sasser (2022)

Johnny Smith (2022)
Lynn Smith (2020)
Ron Smith (2023)
Johnny Strickland (2023)
Tony Thompson (2021)
Nancy Wagner (2024)
Chris Walters (2021)
Heather Walters (2023)

Nominees will be reviewed for eligibility according to the bylaws of First Baptist Church. Eligible nominees will be contacted by the elections committee to assure their willingness to serve if elected. Deacon Election will take place the 1st Sunday of October 2021. You may drop off forms in the church office, fax (739-7858), e-mail (office@fbclumbertonnc.org), or mail (606 N. Walnut St., Lumberton, NC 28358) nominations.