

First Baptist News

a family of faith

This Week . . .

- Sunday, October 10**
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Classes:
 Circle of Friends Class
 Collins Class
 Susan Welsh Class
 10:00 a.m. **Worship in Cherry Fellowship Hall**
 10:00 a.m. **Worship Online via Facebook Live**
 11:15 a.m. Sunday School Classes:
 Fellowship Class (Fellowship Hall & Zoom)
 Bridge Sunday School Class
 Children’s Sunday School Classes
 Youth Sunday School
 5:00 p.m. Youth Bells
 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study
- Tuesday, October 12**
 7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group (Zoom)
- Wednesday, October 13**
 6:00 p.m. **Prayer Service in Cherry Fellowship Hall & Zoom**
 6:00 p.m. Youth Doing Missions
 Wednesday Night Live &
 Children’s Music Activities
- Thursday, October 14**
 6:00 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting
- Saturday, October 16**
 10:00 a.m. Community Café
 11:30 a.m. CBFNC Welcome Ride

Wednesday Prayer Service, Youth, and Children’s Activities to meet in-person October 13.

An option to join prayer service via Zoom will be available. Childcare is available.



Congratulations to our 4 new deacons, elected this past Sunday, October 3rd. They are:



Bruce Davis

Drina Hedgpeth

Eddie Prevatte

Jeanne Stevens



This is a time when you can minister to your ministers! Cards of appreciation, gift cards, and expressions of affirmation are all appropriate. This is an opportunity to give them a boost of love and show your support for the good work they are doing.

A Note from the Pastor's Desk

This month marks the beginning of our fourth month together in ministry. The time has flown by, and in our first quarter of a year together, we have experienced a little bit of everything together. One of the greatest things I have experienced is the overwhelming sense of welcome that so many of you have bestowed upon not just me, but my family. Whether it was cards in the mail, dropping off peaches or other items, helping unload boxes, sharing meals, or just your smiling faces expressing your appreciation for our being here, Lindsay, Quinn, Carter, (and yes even our dog Creek), have been so blessed by the warm welcome we have received from you all.



Being warmly welcomed when you are arriving in a new place can go a long way in helping you overcome the anxieties, fears, and challenges of adjusting to life in a new place. There are many in our world today that because of circumstances not of their own making, from everything to domestic violence to war-torn nations, have had to uproot everything they have known and move to a new place in an attempt to not only reach safety but to start a new way of life. That is why Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC partnered a few years ago with a program started by Marc and Kim Wyatt, CBF Field Personnel. This new missions program is called the Welcome House Community Network (WHCN). The emerging network seeks to extend Christian hospitality in the form of temporary housing and community outreach to vulnerable people in every NC city and town.



In an effort to raise awareness and funds for this mission, CBFNC Executive Coordinator Larry Hovis will be conducting a bike ride from the “capital to the coast.” Larry, an avid cyclist, along with a small team will ride from Raleigh to points east over a four-day period (Oct. 14-17), ending up in Wilmington. On Saturday (the 16th), Larry and the team will be making a stop right here in Lumberton at First Baptist! We are inviting all who can to come out and be a part of the welcome party for Larry, who will stop and make a short talk about the importance of this ministry. This day also happens to be a Community Cafe service, so CBFNC reps will be on sight early to record the work being done and to highlight this hospitable effort that coincides with the theme and work of the Welcome House mission.

I encourage all that can to be here Saturday, Oct. 16 at 11:30 AM to be a part of this exciting time as we invite others to join us in the mission and the mandate of holy welcome and embracing our vulnerable neighbors.

Proceeds raised will be used to provide seed grants to churches throughout the state to start new Welcome House ministries. Last year's inaugural Welcome Ride raised over \$20,000! To learn more about Welcome Ride visit <https://cbfnc.org/embrace/welcome-ride/> and be sure to follow CBFNC's Facebook and Instagram pages to keep up with Larry's journey.

Autumn has arrived! Although the weather hasn't quite caught up, pumpkin spice everything is available, Halloween decorations are popping up, and football season has already produced many disappointments and surprises. For FBC this year, that means some of our beloved seasonal activities our back. There are several ways to help:

- Bring canned food to worship or call the church to let us know you intend to leave canned food on your porch the evening of Wednesday October 13th. Our youth will pick up food from your house between 6-7 PM that night, provided you have given us at least a two day notice.
- Bring bags of candy to donate for Trunk or Treat.
- Buy BBQ tickets from any youth or at the church office (\$8 plate or pint, see ad). You may pre-order slow cooked, dry rubbed, goodness injected Boston Butts by paying \$40 in advance at the church office. Butts must be purchased in advance.
- Purchase cake raffle tickets for \$5 in advance at the church office. We have some amazing bakers in our congregation and your odds of winning something wonderful are quite good. Drawing will be held the day of the BBQ sale.
- Give to the general budget.
- Volunteer to read scripture or pray as part of an upcoming worship service.
- Prayerfully consider any request from Committee on Committees to serve.
- Pray, pray, and pray some more!

There are many other ways to serve God, both at First Baptist and in our community. Above are just a few suggestions. Most of you are of course already involved. Thank you for all you do!

Grace & Peace,
Doug

Youth Doing Missions — Food Drive

Youth will collect canned goods during Wednesday Night Youth Doing Missions on October 13. Please call the church office by Monday, October 11 (739-4336) with your address so we can plan a van route to pick up your donations on October 13. The Youth will deliver and sort donations at Lumberton Christian Care on October 20.



Wednesday, October 27

We need lots of candy and lots of cars decorated!
Contact the church office for more information.

Servants this Sunday

9:00 Sunday School Entrance Greeters

*6th Street Ramp 8:30—9:00 am
Brenda and James Britt

10:00 Worship Entrance Greeters

The 6th Street entrance & 6th Street ramp entrance will be locked.

Fellowship Hall Lobby 9:30—11:00 am

Dianne and Layton Britt

*ECM Entrance 9:30—10:00 am

Shirley Hickman

Nursery

Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

Extended Session

Alli Branch

*Handicap Accessible entrance

11:00 am to 7:00 pm, Take out only (no inside dining). Plates include wood-fired BBQ, beans, slaw, bread, dessert. Tickets may be purchased in advance from any FBC Youth or in the office.



**First Baptist's
BBQ Plate Sale
Friday, November 19th
\$8.00 each
Plate or Pint**



Coming up...

October 18 — Finance Committee Meeting and Deacons Meeting

October 26-27 — ECM Fall pictures, parlor

October 27 — Trunk or Treat

November 1 — Young Adult Ski trip payment is due (\$100)

November 3 — Quarterly Church Conference, Youth Ski trip deposit is due (\$100)

November 19 — BBQ Sale

November 28 — Hanging of the Green

Join Us IN Worship

Worship service will be held in-person and via Facebook Live at 10:00 a.m. in Cherry Fellowship Hall. Childcare is available in the regular nursery classrooms during 10:00 am worship and during 11:00 am Sunday school.

Persons attending Sunday School and Worship will wear masks in all indoor settings. This applies to those who have been vaccinated and those who have not been or cannot be vaccinated.

Sunday School classes meeting in-person this Sunday at 9:00 am:

- Circle of Friends — Parlor
- Collins Class — Conference Room
- Susan Welsh Class — Room D-113

Sunday School classes meeting in-person this Sunday at 11:15 am:

- Fellowship Class — Fellowship Hall and Zoom
- Bridge Class — Room D-202
- Youth Sunday School — Youth Sunday School Hall, Room 203
- 1st-5th Grade — Room D-206
- Preschool — Room C-101

Give to First Baptist Church!

Here are some ways to donate to our ministry:

- Give during Sunday worship.
- Scan our QR code with your cell phone camera to go to our giving page.
- Give through our [secure online giving portal](#).
- Go to our website (www.fbclumbertonnc.org) to complete a draft form.
- Send us your contribution by mail — **606 N. Walnut St., Lumberton, NC**



*Thinking
of you*

Person of the Week

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

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