

First Baptist News

a family of faith

This Week...

Sunday, November 21

Christ the King Sunday

- 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. Hanging of the Green Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service at Godwin Heights Baptist Church

Tuesday, November 22

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

Wednesday, November 24

No Wednesday Night Prayer Service, Children's or Youth Activities

Thursday, November 25

Happy Thanksgiving! The offices and ECM will be closed November 25—26.

Preparing for Sunday, November 21

Christ the King Sunday



“A Tale of Two Kings” John 18:28-40



Advent Services to be held in Sanctuary

Advent Services to be held in the Sanctuary starting Sunday, November 28 for Hanging of the Green! Sunday morning worship service will start meeting in the Sanctuary on December 5. You will be able to enter at the vestibule or at the ECM for Worship service.



First Baptist's BBQ Plate Sale

Friday, November 19th
\$8.00 each
Plate or Pint

11:00 am to 7:00 pm

Take out only (no inside dining).

Plates include wood-fired BBQ, beans, slaw, bread, dessert. Plates or pints of BBQ for \$8.00 each. Boston Butts are \$40.00 and available by pre-order ONLY in the church office.



Coming up. . .

November 28 — Hanging of the Green, 6 pm, Sanctuary

November 29 — Finance Committee meeting 5:45 pm in Activity Building.

This is a budget meeting.

December 2 — Games & Fellowship at Pine St. Senior Center, 1:30 p.m.

December 5 — Worship services will meet in the Sanctuary starting December 5.

December 5 — Memorial Service, 5 pm

December 9 — ECM Christmas Party, 6-8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

December 11 — Children's Christmas Party

December 18 — Community Café

December 20 — Finance and Deacons Meetings

December 23, 24, 27 — Church offices and ECM closed for Christmas.

December 24 — Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5 pm

December 25 — Christmas Day

December 26 — College Sunday

December 31 — Contributions for 2021 placed in the mail must be post-marked by this date.

December 31 — Church offices and ECM closed in observance of New Years' Day.



Give to the Children's Christmas Party & Friends of Jesus Fund!

Beginning in October each year, we work with local schools to gather names of children in need. The Youth of First Baptist then invite these children to our annual Children's Christmas Party. The Youth and their families shop for necessities and a toy on the child's wish list, then send a ham home for the whole family. We hope to spend \$125.00 per child.

The Friends of Jesus Ministry is also accepting donations to buy gifts for their annual Christmas party.

Please give generously to help make these gifts possible. The Children's Christmas Party is December 11th. The Friends of Jesus Christmas Party will be a drive-thru event on December 5th.



First Baptist Church
Lumberton, NC

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

NOV. 21 | 7 PM

GODWIN HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH
704 GODWIN AVE, LUMBERTON, NC

REV. JOSH OWENS WILL BE PREACHING

Servants this Sunday

9:00 Sunday School Entrance Greeters

*6th Street Ramp 8:30—9:00 am
Kenneth Sasser

10:00 Worship Entrance Greeters

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

Fellowship Hall Lobby 9:30—11:00 am
Jimmy & Billie Dail

*ECM Entrance 9:30—10:00 am
Gene Horne

Nursery

Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

Extended Session

Pattie Ramsaur

*Handicap Accessible entrance

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

On Wednesday, November 24, there will be no Wednesday Night Services, Children's or Youth activities.

Persons attending Sunday School, Worship services, and activities 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.

OFFICE *hours*

& Network Update

You may have heard that our server was a victim of a ransomware attack on November 10. As a result, our computer network and WIFI has been out of service. Alex Collins, our IT person, is working diligently to install a new server and get everyone back online. As a result, office staff and the ministers may be working off-site so we can have internet access instead of relying on using cell phones as hot spots. Livestreaming of worship services and Zoom meetings are still available at this time. Since we are having to replicate our lost files and get creative with new ways in which to accomplish goals, this is going to be a lengthy process. As we learn more about the ways this affects the church, we will communicate that to you.

We encourage you to call the office (910-739-4336) to ensure someone will be at the church to greet you before you stop by.

For the month of December, Kandace will be working in the church office on Wednesdays and Fridays, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. An exception to this is during the week of Christmas - she will be in the office on Monday, December 20 and Wednesday, December 22. She will be working from home the days she will not be in the office. You can reach Kandace via email (kandaceramsey@fbclumbertonnc.org) or in the office on days she is on-site.

We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we navigate office staffing during the holiday season.



We need your help! We need people who have an eye for capturing photos or videos of the life of our church. All you need is a smartphone, and no professional experience is required. Please send your photos to us by email (office@fbclumbertonnc.org) or text them to one of our ministers.



In this time of worship, we will make space to acknowledge grief, to remember loved ones, and to be reminded of the compassion and hope we find in God. Our hope is to provide an opportunity to rest from the commotion of the holidays and a reminder that those who grieve during this season are not alone. Everyone is invited to the Memorial Service on December 5 at 5:00 p.m. in First Baptist Sanctuary.



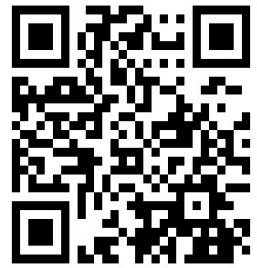
Thank you!

We appreciate the donations of pound cakes and time spent helping prepare for our the BBQ sale. After Wednesday Night Prayer Service on November 17th, we had a time of "service in action" and cut pound cakes that were donated. We appreciate the donations of pound cakes and time spent helping cut cakes!

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](https://www.fbclumbertonnc.org/giving).
- 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

Jim Driscoll
4900 Willow Oak 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
www.fbclumbertonnc.org

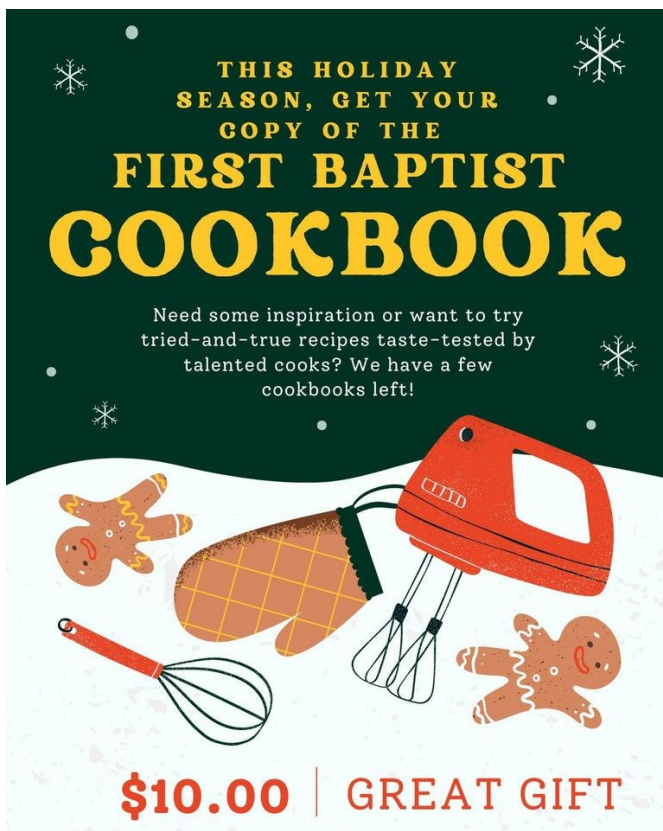
Rev. Tim Little — Minister of Music and Facilities

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



Are you a part of the social media trend requesting Christmas cards with a recipe inside? Do you want to add some tried-and-true recipes to your supper rotation? Then, we have good news! We still have a limited number of First Baptist Cookbooks still available in the church office for just \$10 each. Stop by the church office (see Kandace) to claim a copy for yourself and for a friend before they run out.



You are invited to a time of fellowship and games at the Pine Street Senior Center! Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 2 at 1:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee will meet on Monday, November 29 at 5:45 p.m. in the Activities Building for the purpose of budget planning. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing.



The Early Childhood Ministry extends a special thanks to Kaitlyn Deal, Miss Indian NC, for coming out to help our 4 year old classes celebrate Native American Heritage Month!

