

First Baptist News

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This Week. . .

Sunday, November 7

Deacon Ordination and Installation

- 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 Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

Tuesday, November 9

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

Wednesday, November 10

- 6:00 p.m. **Wednesday Night Prayer Service**
Children's Activities
Youth Doing Missions
- 7:00 pm. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 11—Veteran's Day

Coming up. . .

- November 10** — BBQ Delivery Forms Due
- November 11** — Veteran's Day
- November 14** — Knit Wits will meet in the Parlor at 3 pm
- November 15** — Hanging of the Green memorials and honorariums due.
- November 15** — Finance Committee Meeting and Deacons Meeting
- November 17** — BBQ sale money due
- November 19** — BBQ Sale
- November 20** — Community Café hosted by Collins Class
- November 21** — Community Thanksgiving Service at Godwin Heights.
- November 25** — Thanksgiving Day
- November 25-26** — Church offices & ECM closed
- November 28** — Hanging of the Green, 5-6 pm



This Sunday, we will have a Deacon Ordination and Installation service. As you feel led, congregants may come to the front to lay hands on the newly ordained deacons and offer a word of prayer or blessing. Likewise, you may extend a word of blessing and affirmation to our reappointed deacons. If you prefer, you may remain at your seat and extend your hands towards the appointees in offering your prayers of blessing.

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.



***Sunday, November 7
Don't forget to set
your clocks back one
hour.***

A Note from the Pastor's Desk

The CEO of Mandalay Entertainment and owner of multiple professional sports franchises, Peter Guber, once said that “purposeful storytelling isn’t show business, it’s good business.” Now while I typically push back wholeheartedly against viewing church leadership as operating as a business, there are certainly principles of traditional business management that can inform and guide what we do as we operate as a unique nonprofit organization, one that serves a higher authority entirely. One such principle Mr. Guber is alluding to in this statement is good marketing. However, I very much affirm his use of the word “storytelling” to describe the act of communication between an organization and its audience.



Storytelling is something that we as people of God should be very familiar with, as our scriptures are deeply rooted in the act of storytelling. Often times when we share the good news of Jesus Christ, our communication is not just rattling off facts and figures, but it is the story of how Jesus has changed our lives, has changed the world, and how he can change the life of others too. When Jesus sent out the disciples (Matt. 10), he knew they had a great story to tell, but there would be difficulties in making that story cut through all of the distractions and challenges of their day. The same is true for us today. We have more resources and tools to communicate the Gospel message than ever before, but we also have more challenges in making that story stand out. It is not enough to make use of these tools, but it must be done in a manner of excellence.

This month begins a new partnership between our church and Creative Church Marketing, a multi-media marketing firm that will help us tell the story of First Baptist Lumberton better. They will be assisting us in communicating the ministry of our church through generating content for our Facebook, Youtube, and soon-to-be-created LinkedIn pages. They will also be updating and managing our website, as well as creating video content to be used digitally and potentially in worship, facilitating advertisements for upcoming events online, and managing the church’s viewership in the Google search engine.

This partnership also provides the opportunity for new components of our church, particularly in worship. With the growing digital worship presence, CCM can help us in the creation of elements to enhance the connection for those participating in worship virtually. This means we will need those who are willing to help facilitate camera operations, music slides, and other manner of computer-related functions. We also 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. This investment leads to other future opportunities for service and leadership such as being a digital greeter or digital deacon, a person who is tasked with specifically engaging and fostering a sense of welcome for those online through comment management, replies, or direct messaging. The possibilities are endless!

The great story of our Lord and Savior Jesus and of the great ministry that has been done through First Baptist Lumberton is never changing, but the way in which we go about telling that story is inevitably going to need to change. This has happened before (anyone remember a time without printed books?), and will no doubt happen again. Yet as the often sung hymn reminds us, the story of Jesus is the sweetest that was ever heard, and we have the chance to write every word on the hearts of our neighbors right here in Lumberton. Let us commit to discovering how we might continue to tell this unchanging story in new and fresh ways.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joshua Owens". The script is fluid and cursive.

Rev. Joshua K. Owens, *Senior Pastor*

It's almost time for the BBQ Sale! There are so many reasons why I enjoy it, but one of my favorite things is watching everyone come together as a church. We could look at it like a group project school assignment (we would have gotten an A+ on Trunk or Treat), but I prefer to see it as the next game on the schedule. Teamwork is the key to victory.

Tommy is our quarterback - he will do his part smoking the hogs. All of our other supplies are either ordered or already here. We do need pound cakes and we do need volunteers to cut cakes. We could use some more help making plates, and we definitely need a few more delivery drivers. Just let me know if you are willing to help and where you would like to.

Most of all please purchase tickets! We offer pints or plates. You may also purchase butts (\$40, ordered in advance). You may also make a donation to help pay for BBQ for our Community Café guests. Just let us know! Thank you for all of your contributions to FBC! We make a good team.

Grace & Peace,
Doug



First Sunday Food Drive

The first Sunday of each month we collect non-perishable foods for local charities.

Bring your donations on Sunday, November 7. A collection bin will be available in the Fellowship Hall lobby. Donation suggestions: Canned vegetables, canned fruits, canned meats (such as chicken breast), pork & beans, rice, dried beans, boxed meals, baby foods, bottles of water and juices. Pop-top cans are preferred.



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. Pre-order a plate or pint of BBQ for \$8.00 each from any FBC Youth or from the church office. Boston Butts are \$40.00 and available by pre-order ONLY in the church office.

Due supply chain issues getting pre-packaged bakery items, we need donations of pound cakes to slice and include as dessert in BBQ plates. Cakes may be delivered to the church November 15-17. Contact the church office if you are able to donate a pound cake — (910) 739-4336 or dougreedy@fbclumbertonnc.org.

Sunday 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.

Wednesday Night Prayer services is held in-person and via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday. Contact the church office for the Zoom meeting information. Childcare is available. Here is the schedule for Children's and Youth Activities:

6:00	Wednesday Night Live (Grades 1-5)
6:00—7:00	Music Munchkins and Mission Friends (ages 3—K)
6:00—6:30	Music Makers (Grades 1-3)
6:30—7:00	Young Musicians Choir (Grades 4-5)

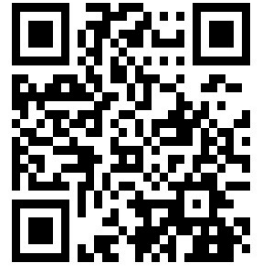
Youth will be participating in Youth Doing Missions at 6:00 p.m. Meet at the Activity Building and wear your mask.

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.

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

Mickey Johnson
402 Sandlin Drive
Lumberton, NC 28358

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

CHURCH STAFF

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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

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 date is to be announced.



HANGING OF THE GREEN

Sunday, November 28

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

It is time to begin collecting donations for the annual Hanging of the Green! We would like to include your honorariums and memorials in this year's program. Please complete this form and return it to the church office no later than Monday, November 15, 2021.

I would like to contribute \$ _____ to the Hanging of the Green Fund.

Please print names exactly as they should appear in the program.

In memory of:

And/or

In honor of:

Given by:

Phone:
