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First Baptist News

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This Week...

Sunday, February 27

Transfiguration Sunday

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Worship Online

via Facebook Live

4:30 p.m. Youth Bells Rehearsal Youth Bible Study

Tuesday, March 1

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group (Zoom) 6:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesdays Pancake Supper

(Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, March 2

12:00 p.m. Walk to the Cross

(FBC Parking Lot)

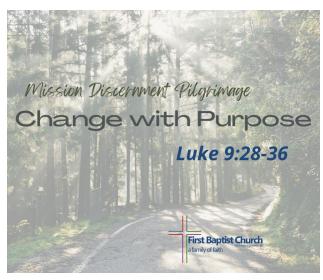
6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

(Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 3

10:00 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

(Panera Bread)

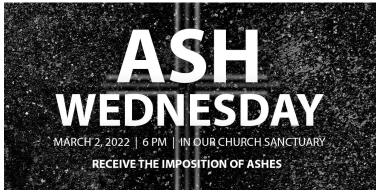


Preparing for Sunday, February 27
"Mission Discernment Pilgrimage:
Change with Purpose"
Luke 9:28-36 (NLT)

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Join us for Worship in-person in the Sanctuary or on Facebook Live.

https://www.facebook.com/firstbaptistlumbertonnc





All are invited to our Ash Wednesday service at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary or online via Facebook Live.

Coming up. . .

March 11 — Youth Lock-In

March 13 — Daylight Savings Time Ends ("Spring Forward"). Mission Discernment Pilgrimage third gathering, 3:00-4:30 pm, Cherry Fellowship Hall.

Missions Committee will meet at 4:30 pm.

March 19 — Community Café (hosted by Young Adults)

March 21 — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the

Activities Building and Deacons will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

March 25 — No school for PSRC.

March 26 — Mission Discernment Pilgrimage fourth gathering, 8:00 am—12:00 pm. Limited to 20 participants.

April 3 — Youth Sunday

April 10 — Palm Sunday

April 14 — Maundy Thursday

April 15 — Good Friday

April 16 — Community Café (hosted by Youth)

April 17 — Easter Sunday

April 18 — Church offices and ECM closed. No school for PSRC 18-22.

April 20 — No Wednesday Night Prayer service.

April 22-24 — Churchwide Spiritual Retreat, Camp Rockfish

April 25— Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Activities Building and Deacons will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

April 27 — Quarterly Church Conference, 6:00 pm.

April 29-May 1 — High School Senior Retreat

May 1 — Children's Sunday. Mission Discernment Pilgrimage final gathering, 3:00 –4:30 pm, Cherry Fellowship Hall.

May 4 — Children's Concert (tentative)

May 5 — Youth Committee meeting, 6:00 pm.

May 21 — Community Café (host needed)

May 22 — Grad Sunday

May 30 — Memorial Day; Church office and ECM closed.

June 3 — Last day of school for PSRC.

Servants this Sunday

9:30 Sunday School Entrance Greeters

*6th Street Ramp 9:00—9:30 am
Dianne and Layton Britt
*ECM Entrance 9:00—9:30 am
Gene Horne

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

Sanctuary Vestibule 10:00—11:30 am Barbara Andrews, Shirley Hickman

Nursery

Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

Extended Session

Betty Graham, Katherine Martin

*Handicap Accessible entrance



Saturday, February 26 9:00—11:00 a.m. Meet in the parking lot across from Adelio's Restaurant

We invite volunteers to help in ways they are comfortable doing, whether that be as trash pick-uppers, snacks distributors, or both! We need a volunteer to be in charge of snack distribution. Please contact the office if you are able to fill this need.



All ages in our First Baptist Lumberton family are invited to join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and growing spiritually, together!

Sign-up online:

https://fbclumbertonnc.org/retreat



At their meeting on Monday, February 22, our church's deacon board voted to modify our congregation's mask policy in regards to the ongoing nature of the COVID-19 reality. Beginning on Tuesday, March 1, masks will now be recommended to those entering the church's facilities (previously masks were required upon entry). There was a thorough discussion amongst our church's leadership, along with a range of opinions shared. The decision was not unanimous but was the overwhelming majority. As always, we continue to encourage everyone to make the decision(s) that are best for them and for others in our faith community. We also ask that in response to the command of our Lord to love others, that we continue to respect each other's personal choices as we continue learning to live in light of this virus. Thank you all for your commitment to each other's safety, and the ways in which you have continued to work within these guidelines. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our ministry staff or one of your deacons.

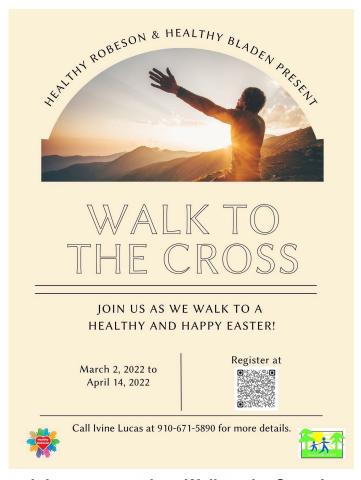
Pastor Josh



Person of the Week

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

Elouise Bullock 210 Village Walk E Lumberton, NC 28358



Join us as we take a Walk to the Cross!

Walk to the Cross is a community-wide program that will help increase the health of the body, mind, and spirit. Participants may walk/run/bike the 65 miles Jesus traveled from Nazareth to Jerusalem OR walk every day for 40 days. This may be done in different ways.

- If a person can do 65 miles go for it!
- Exercise as a group. For example, if there are five people in a group, each person is responsible for walking 13 miles during the 40 days, and as a group, they have completed the 65 miles.
- For a person who has not been active, the goal is to do something every day for 40 days. Walk a block at work, walk around the house, or ride the bike with the kids. However you choose to stay active, just keep moving.

We are inviting folks to participate in any way they would like, whether that be individual, as a Sunday School Class, or other group within with the church. For those who would like, each Wednesday from March 2—April 13 at noon, you can meet us at the church. We will walk together either in our parking lot or take a short walk around downtown.

You may register by contacting Ivine Lucas at 910-671-5890 or scan the QR code on the flyer.



Gatherings will be held in Cherry Fellowship Hall and via Zoom.

Third Gathering:
Sunday March 13th, 3:00-4:30 pm
Facilitated by Dr. Kendall Latham, PhD,
Senior K-12 Education Strategist,
Dell EMC Technologies

Fourth Gathering:
Saturday March 26, 8 am - 12 pm*
Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Daynette Snead Perez, Founder/CEO of Diaspra, LLC
*Limited to 20 participants

Fifth Gathering: Sunday May 1, 3:00-4:30 pm

Coffee and Conversation

Thursdays in Lent

You are invited to join Rev. Josh Owens and others for a conversation and reading through Jesus' sermon on the mount (Matthew 5-7). There will not be a specific curriculum or outline, we will simply read sections of verses each week, and talk through what we see and hear and learn from each other, together. Feel free to invite friends or others to join us, and jump in anytime during the schedule of meetings. We will meet on Thursdays in Lent (except for March 17) at 10 AM at the Panera Bread.

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 (<u>www.fbclumbertonnc.org</u>) to complete a draft form.
- Send us your contribution by mail
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