

First Baptist News

First Baptist, Lumberton is a community of faith committed to living out the love of Christ by serving God and all people.

This Week. . .

CBF Week of Prayer — October 16—21

Sunday, October 16

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Online
via Facebook Live & YouTube
- 4:45 p.m. Youth Bells Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

Monday, October 17

- 5:45 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
(Act. Bld.)
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting
(Fellowship Hall & Zoom)

Wednesday, October 19

2023 Youth Ski Trip Deposits Due

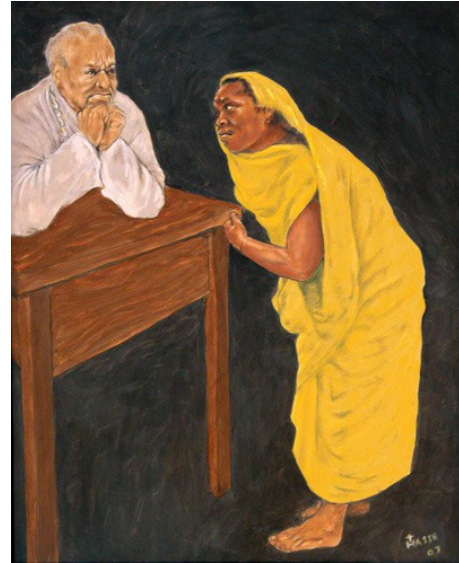
- 6:00 p.m. Quarterly Church Conference
(Rm. D-113)
Children's Activities
Youth Doing Missions
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 20

- 1:30 p.m. Games & Fellowship at
Pine St. Senior Center

Saturday, October 22

- 10:00 a.m. Hispanic Ministry Bible Study
(Act. Bld.)



Preparing for Sunday, October 16

**“Wearing Down God”
Luke 18:1-8 (NLT)**

**9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship**

**Join us for Worship in-person in the Sanctuary
or online on Facebook Live**

facebook.com/firstbaptistlumbertonnc

or online on YouTube

youtube.com/c/lumbertonfbc/



Discover FBC

We are inviting local residents who are interested in FBC in 2022 to come meet Josh, chat with our ministerial staff, enjoy coffee and donuts, ask questions, and tour our facilities in an informal setting during Sunday School time, 9:30 a.m., October 30th in the Fellowship Hall. If you know someone who has expressed interest in our church, please let them know and let us know if they plan to attend. If you have questions or want to help, please contact Doug.



Coming up. . .

October 23 — Friends of Jesus Sunday. A meal for the class will be in the Fellowship Hall following Worship.

October 26 — Trunk or Treat, 6:00 p.m.

October 30 — All Saints' Sunday

October 30 — Discover FBC

November 1 — Baptist Women's Bible Study, 11:45 a.m., Activities Building

November 6 — Deacon Installation

November 7 — WMU meeting, 11:45 a.m., Activities Building

November 8 — Senior Adult trip to Alabama Theatre Christmas Show

November 10 — Fun & Fellowship, 11:00 am, Activities Building; Autism Society meeting, 6:30 pm, Activities Building.

November 11 — Veteran's Day

November 13 — Senior Adult Sunday

Coming up later this year...

November 18 — BBQ Sale

November 19 — ECM float in Christmas Parade

November 24-25 — Office & ECM Closed

November 27 — Hanging of the Green

December 4 — Memorial Service

December 5 — Friends of Jesus Christmas Party

December 6 — ECM Christmas Party

December 10 — Children's Christmas Party

December 23, 26, 27 — Office & ECM Closed

December 24 — Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 25 — Christmas (falls on Sunday)



**TRUNK
OR
TREAT**

6TH STREET PARKING LOT
**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 26**
6:00 - 7:00 PM

WE NEED LOTS OF CANDY DONATIONS &
LOTS OF CARS DECORATED!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DECORATE YOUR
CAR OR HAND OUT CANDY

PLEASE CONTACT REV. DOUG REEDY
739-4336

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Friends of Jesus
SUNDAY

OCTOBER 23

THE FRIENDS OF JESUS MINISTRY WILL LEAD US IN WORSHIP

A MEAL FOR THE CLASS WILL BE HELD AFTER WORSHIP
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

CHECK THE CHURCH NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFORMATION!

My dear church family,

I have not stopped smiling since October 2, the day of my ministry ordination service and celebration. Having your sweet words of blessing fall over me that afternoon is a memory that will undergird my service to the Lord for years to come. Your love and support shown to me that day was reflective of this congregation's tremendous influence on my spiritual journey throughout the years, and I am grateful for you all.

I deeply appreciate Rev. Owens' guidance and support throughout the ordination process, the Hospitality Committee's gifts of service, and the beautiful, handwoven stole presented to me by the church. I certainly look forward to using it for special services in the future.

Thank you for the wonderful way in which you acknowledged God's work in my life! I look forward to seeing what God has in store for me as I walk alongside others in need of spiritual formation and ministry support.

In Christ,
Lisa Rust



A Note from the Pastor's Desk

A few weeks ago, I was at First Baptist Raleigh for the annual Baptist Women in Ministry of North Carolina symposium. BWIMNC is an organization designed to advocate, resource, and support women who are Baptist clergy across our state, and this annual symposium is a time to bring all those who support this work together for worship, fellowship, and learning. The theme for the symposium was REST, and for the first in-person gathering since the pandemic shutdown, it was an appropriate theme to be sure.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Kimberlee Johnson, interim dean of Palmer Theological Seminary at Eastern University in St. Davids, PA. Of the many great things Dr. Johnson said, the statement she made that has continued to resonate with me regarding rest was,

**"Rest was not designed to be a response to tiredness,
but a natural rhythm of our lives!"**

This mantra runs counter to all that we see and know about our lives today does it not? We often see rest as something we will engage in AFTER everything else is completed, not while we are in the midst of checking off our to-do lists. But rest is important because it restores us, renews us, so that we can present the best possible version of ourselves to our families, our jobs, and to God. Rest should be an integral part of who we are and how we allocated our time and physical capacity.

Now you all know I am a pretty busy person, and one of the questions I get asked a lot is, "how do you do all that you do?" For one I have learned the power of saying no when necessary, but the biggest help to me has been discovering those things which bring restoration to my soul. I have identified and intentionally integrated small moments in my daily activity, weekly practices, and occasional moments of disconnection and respite away from home that serve as moments of "rest" for me. I try to not waver in those if I can, and I actively seek to integrate those into my scheduling.

How are you integrating rest not just as a response to the demands on your life, but making it a regular occurrence in your day and week? Doing so will help all of us become more of the people we desire to be. May we allow rest not to be just a response to our tiredness, but a natural rhythm of our lives.

In the Love of Christ,

Rev. Joshua K. Owens, *Senior Pastor*

Josh will be traveling to Washington, D.C. Thursday-Saturday to participate in the International Leadership Association (ILA) Global Conference. He will be leading a roundtable discussion based on a paper he wrote in his PhD program at Eastern University entitled "Assessing Change Readiness in Congregations: Steps To Nurture Change in Faith Communities". He will be available by phone/email in case of an emergency.



Joyful Travelers to Lancaster Show Trip & the Dutch Country

May 1—5, 2023

Cost: \$650.00 with a \$75.00 deposit due upon signing up. The price is per person, based on double occupancy. Final trip payment is due Feb. 22, 2023. We need at least 40 people to make the trip possible.

The trip includes transportation, lodging, most meals, admission to several shows, and guided tours. See the flyer posted on the bulletin boards for a full list.

Contact Phyllis Gibson to sign up.

We need hosts for Community Café!

Community Café is hosted on the third Saturday of each month at the Activities Building. A light lunch is served. If your Sunday School class, small group, or group of friends are willing to host Community Café, please contact Rev. Doug Reedy or the church office. We have dates available in 2022 and 2023.



We have a waiting list started for this trip. ***If you have signed up and have not paid, please do so ASAP.***

Call the office or contact Phyllis Gibson to be added to the waiting list. The show is November 8, 2022. Tickets are \$60.00 each and include transportation, meal, taxes and tip.

BBQ
BENEFITTING FBC YOUTH

\$10 per plate or pint

NOV 18
11 AM - 7 PM
OR UNTIL WE RUN OUT!

PLATE INCLUDES:
WOOD-FIRED BBQ, BEANS,
SLAW, BREAD, AND DESSERT.
TAKE OUT ONLY | NO INDOOR DINING

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED
IN ADVANCE FROM ANY FBC YOUTH
606 N. WALNUT STREET
LUMBERTON, NC 28358
(910) 739-4336

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**Youth
Ski Trip**

January 25 - 29, 2023
Canaan Valley, WV

\$400.00 includes
lodging, lift tickets,
transportation, and
most but not all meals.

\$100.00 deposit due
October 19

Sponsor a Student

College Student Sponsorship
As our students are starting college this semester, we have some who need a sponsor. Please contact Rev. Doug Reedy for more information.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Deeper Faithfulness

Bold & Positive Witness

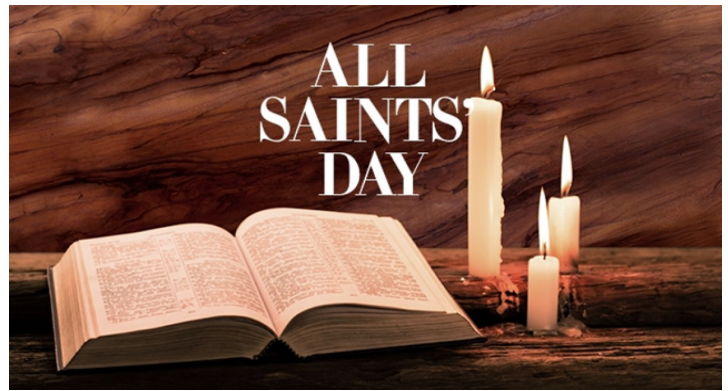
Co-labor With God

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Wednesdays this Fall
6 PM - Room D-113



SEEING THROUGH THE EYES OF JESUS

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During worship Sunday, October 30, we will observe All Saints' Sunday. We will call the names of those who have passed away over the past year as a way of honoring the impact their lives have had on the church body.

Wednesday Nights at FBC

Adult Bible Study meets in-person at 6:00 p.m. in room D-113 (Susan Welsh Sunday School Class).

Children's Activities Schedule:

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

Youth will be participating in Youth Doing Missions at 6:00 p.m. Meet at the Activities Building.



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 Friends of Jesus Christmas Party is Monday, December 5th. The Children's Christmas Party is Saturday, December 10th.



FBC LUMBERTON

WAYS TO GIVE


>>>>>

IN PERSON
During Sunday Worship Service

MAIL IN
606 N Walnut St. Lumberton, NC 28358

BANK DRAFT
Forms are Available in the Office

ONLINE
fbclumbertonnc.org/give



Hanging of the Green Sunday, November 27

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 14, 2021.

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

Please print names as they should appear in the program.

In memory of: _____

And/or
In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Phone: _____

Additional Notes:

*Thinking
of you*

Person of the Week

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

Charles Kinlaw
403 W 34th St
Lumberton, NC 28358



Servants this Sunday

9:30 Sunday School Entrance Greeters

*6th Street Ramp, 9:00—9:30 am

Barbara Andrews

*ECM Entrance, 9:00—9:30 am

Sue O'Tuel

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

Sanctuary Vestibule, 10:00—11:30 am

Brenda and James Britt

Nursery — Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

Extended Session — Kim Gore, Pattie Ramsaur

*Handicap Accessible entrance

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