

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 . . .

Sunday, November 6

Deacon Installation

- 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, November 7

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 11:45 a.m. WMU Meeting (Act. Bld.)
- TBD Scouts Meeting

Tuesday, November 8

Snr. Ad. Trip to Alabama Theatre Christmas Show

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

Wednesday, November 9

BBQ delivery forms due

- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (Room D-113)
- Children's Activities
- Youth Doing Missions
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 10

- 11:00 a.m. Fun & Fellowship (Act. Bld.)
- 6:30 p.m. Autism Society Meeting
(Act. Bld.)

Friday, November 11—Veteran's Day

Saturday, November 12

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



Preparing for Sunday, November 6 Deacon Installation

“A Season of Gratitude and Praise” Psalm 145 (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/



**Don't forget to
“fall back”
Sunday,
November 6.**



A Note from the Pastor's Desk

It happened this year on October 21. The first Christmas-related commercial I saw aired on television. In the last few years, I have made a mental note of when I recognize my first December holiday-themed commercial. Unsurprisingly, it seems to come earlier and earlier each year.

I certainly understand the excitement and rush to celebrate Christmas. The lights, the decorations, the food, the presents... I totally get it. It is a joyous time, and who wouldn't want to squeeze as many days of it in as possible? However, the pastor-cynic in me wants to criticize liturgically-minded Christians for failing to acknowledge Advent, and the food-lover in me wants another month to enjoy "all the fall things". The day after Halloween shouldn't mark the end of pumpkin-spice and the beginning of gingerbread and lights!

Even more than the food, the abrupt turn from Halloween to Christmas negates an entire month of a season that our American history and culture has established, Thanksgiving. Yes, it seems to me that the rush to celebrate Christmas pushes Thanksgiving to become more of a sidekick in the holiday season, or at worse, a slight bump in the road on the way to the "real fun." I think that intentionality on thanksgiving is an important practice for all of us as citizens of our great country, but it is especially important for people of faith everywhere!

There is so much to be grateful to our God for not just this month, but every day of our lives. Yet, one of the benefits of following the liturgical or church calendar is the intentional days and seasons where we give our collective attention to components of our faith. So this month, I'd like to invite you to join me in giving some intentional thought to what God has done in our lives. If we would stop and become aware of all that God has done for us, that gratitude would and should certainly compel us to respond with praise.

So to help us do that this month, I want to challenge each of us to use Psalm 145 as a way to journey through this month. We will be using a verse-a-day, beginning on Friday, November 4 through Thanksgiving Day, where I challenge you to be reading through Psalm 145. The Psalm is structured as a list of proclamations for what God has provided, or, the writer's recognition of their need to extend gratitude towards God. Each day, as you read the verse, spend your day reflecting on the words of the verse, and how it is directing you to be more aware of what God has done, is doing, and wants to do in and through your life. Spend time thinking about the ways your intentional focus on gratitude maybe changes your attitude, your awareness of things in your life, and the way you engage others. Let us spend this month, this season of thanksgiving, in gratitude and praise together! We have much to be thankful for.

In the Love of Christ,

Rev. Joshua K. Owens, Senior Pastor



Coming up in November. . .

- November 13** — Senior Adult Sunday
November 13 — Knit Wits meeting, 3:00 pm, Parlor
November 14 — Hanging of the Green Fund memorials and honorariums are due to the office.
November 16 — BBQ ticket sale money is due.
November 18 — BBQ Sale
November 19 — Community Café hosted by Youth
November 19 — ECM float in Christmas Parade
November 20 — Christ the King Sunday
November 20 — Hanging of the Green rehearsal, 6:00 pm., Sanctuary
November 20 — Community Thanksgiving Service, 7:00 pm, Chestnut St. UMC
November 21 — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in Room D-113. Deacons will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
November 24-25 — Office & ECM Closed
November 27 — Sunday morning worship will be held in the Fellowship Hall
November 27 — Hanging of the Green, 6:00 p.m, Sanctuary. Light refreshments will follow.
November 30 — Called Church Conference for budget presentation (tentative)

Coming up in December...

- December 2** — Kiwanis Christmas Event in Fellowship Hall, 10 am —2 pm (tentative)
December 4 — Budget vote following Worship (tentative)
December 4 — Memorial Service, 5:00 pm, Sanctuary
December 5 — WMU meeting, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.
December 5 — Friends of Jesus Christmas Party, Fellowship Hall
December 6 — Baptist Women, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.
December 6 — ECM Staff Christmas Party, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
December 7 — Youth Christmas at Wesley Pines, 6 pm
December 8 — Fun and Fellowship, 11:00 am, Act. Bld.
December 9 — ECM in Fellowship Hall for Polar Express Party (morning)
December 10 — Children's Christmas Party
December 11 — Friends of Jesus Singing during Sunday School hour, Fellowship Hall
December 14 — Youth Progressive Dinner
December 15 — ECM Christmas Breakfast for Families, 7:00-9:00 am, Fellowship Hall
December 18 — Sanctuary Choir Cantata
December 19 — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in Room D-113. Deacons will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
December 23, 26, 27 —Office & ECM Closed
December 24 — Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:00 pm, Sanctuary
December 25 — Christmas (falls on Sunday)

Wednesday night Bible study, Children's activities, and Youth Doing Missions will not meet Dec. 14—Jan. 4.



The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Chestnut Street United Methodist Church (200 E. 8th Street) on Sunday, November 20, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Dr. Leslie Sessoms from Godwin Heights will be preaching. This is a joint service amongst downtown Lumberton churches.

All are welcome!



Spend each day reflecting on the verse, and how you can engage a thankful spirit to God in your living.

Friday, Nov. 4 - Psalm 145:1
Saturday, Nov. 5 - Psalm 145:2
Sunday, Nov. 6 - Psalm 145:3
Monday, Nov. 7 - Psalm 145:4
Tuesday, Nov. 8 - Psalm 145:5
Wednesday, Nov. 9 - Psalm 145:6
Thursday, Nov. 10 - Psalm 145:7
Friday, Nov. 11 - Psalm 145:8
Saturday, Nov. 12 - Psalm 145:9
Sunday, Nov. 13 - Psalm 145:10
Monday, Nov. 14 - Psalm 145:11
Tuesday, Nov. 15 - Psalm 145:12
Wednesday, Nov. 16 - Psalm 145:13
Thursday, Nov. 17 - Psalm 145:14
Friday, Nov. 18 - Psalm 145:15
Saturday, Nov. 19 - Psalm 145:16
Sunday, Nov. 20 - Psalm 145:17
Monday, Nov. 21 - Psalm 145:18
Tuesday, Nov. 22 - Psalm 145:19
Wednesday, Nov. 23 - Psalm 145:20
Thursday, Nov. 24 - Psalm 145:21

First off, thank you to everyone who helped with Trunk or Treat! Although our guests were fewer in number than last year, we still had 300+ folks come through our parking lot. You helped not only provide kids a good, safe place to receive a treat, but you also planted 300 seeds of goodwill toward FBC here in Lumberton.

Our next similar opportunity will be working the 2022 FBC Youth BBQ Sale on November 18th! Just like Santa on Christmas Eve, Tommy Stevens will again, along with his helpers, be at work through the night to provide us all with the most delicious pork you will ever consume. Last year was intense. It was the first time in 20 years that we ran out before closing time.

It takes a lot of us to do everything necessary to maximize not only our profits, but also our goodwill in the community. We need delivery drivers, plate makers, bean cookers, pork rotators, slaw scoopers, and lots more for this year to be a success. Please let me know if you can help. There is a special need for delivery drivers this year, even if you can only go on one run.

Working the BBQ Sale is challenging, but also surprisingly fun. It is a good feeling to provide something special for a fair price, while doing so for a worthy cause. If you can't work with us that day, please purchase tickets for yourself or someone else. If you like, feel free to purchase plates to help feed our community café guests the following morning. Thank you in advance!

Grace & Peace,

Doug

BBQ for Community Café—Nov. 19

Youth will be hosting Community Café this month (Nov. 19.) This is the day after the BBQ sale, so if your Sunday School class, small group, or group of friends are willing to purchase plates for community café, please contact Rev. Doug Reedy or the church office.



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

BBQ tickets may be purchased from any FBC Youth or in the church office.

Upcoming Youth Activities

Sunday Mornings—Sunday School & Worship

Sunday Nights—Bells Rehearsal at 4:45 p.m. and
Bible Study at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Nights—Youth Doing Missions at 6:00 p.m.

November 9 — All BBQ delivery forms due! Remember that deliveries have a 15 plate minimum.

November 16 — We will be doing BBQ sale prep. All BBQ sale money is due.

November 18 — BBQ SALE!

Plan to be here 7 am to 9 pm. The sale is open to the public 11 am to 7 pm, but we need help before and after.

November 19 — Youth hosting Community Café

November 20 — Hanging of the Green practice, 6:00 p.m.

November 23 — No Youth Doing Missions (Wed. before Thanksgiving)

November 27 — Hanging of the Green, 6:00 p.m.



DOWNTOWN CLEAN SWEEP

Saturday, November 5
9:00—11:00 a.m.



Meet in the parking lot across from Adelio's. Gloves and trash bags will be provided.



KNIT WITS

will meet
Sunday, November 13
at 3 pm in the Parlor



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.



SENIOR ADULT Sunday

10:30 AM
NOVEMBER 13, 2022

SPEAKER
REV. MARGIE COCKRELL

606 N Walnut St. Lumberton, NC



The Alabama Theatre Christmas Show trip is Tuesday, November 8. We plan on leaving the church at 10:30 a.m. Please pack a sandwich or snacks for lunch. The dinner reservation is at 4:30 p.m. We hope to see you then! If you have questions, call the office at 910-739-4336 or contact Phyllis Gibson.



FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE FOODS FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

Our next Food Drive Sunday is this Sunday (Nov. 6)! Please place your donations in the bins at the 6th Street entrance or in the vestibule.

FBC LUMBERTON

WAYS TO GIVE


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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



Thinking of you

Person of the Week

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

Amanda Hunt
1700 Preston Road
Maxton, NC 28364



Servants this Sunday

9:30 Sunday School Entrance Greeters

- *6th Street Ramp, 9:00—9:30 am
Tony and Becky Thompson
- *ECM Entrance, 9:00—9:30 am
Barbara Andrews

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

- Sanctuary Vestibule, 10:00—11:30 am
Sue O'Tuel and Shirley Hickman

Nursery — Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

Extended Session — Pattie Ramsaur and Kim Gore

*Handicap Accessible entrance

CHURCH STAFF

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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, 2022.

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:
