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First Baptist News

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This Week...

Sunday, March 6

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. **Worship in Sanctuary** 10:30 a.m. Worship Online

via Facebook Live

4:30 p.m. Youth Bells Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

Tuesday, March 8

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group (Zoom) Senior Adult Committee Meeting 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 9

12:00 p.m. Walk to the Cross

(FBC Parking Lot)

Prayer Service 6:00 p.m.

> **Children's Activities Youth Doing Missions**

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

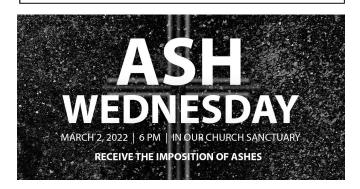
Thursday, March 10

10:00 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

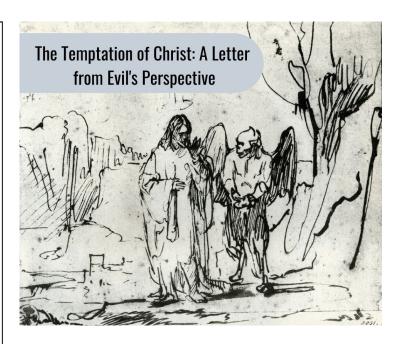
(Panera Bread)

<u>Friday, March 11</u>

Youth Lock-In



All are invited to our Ash Wednesday service at on March 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary or online via Facebook Live.



Preparing for Sunday, March 6 "The Temptation of Christ: A Letter from Evil's Perspective" Luke 4:1-13 (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

First Sunday Food Drive—March 6

The first Sunday of each month we collect nonperishable foods for local charities. Our next collection date is Sunday, March 6. A collection bin is available in the Sanctuary vestibule and inside the 6th street entrance of the church.

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.



Prayers and Support for Ukraine

Many churches and individuals within CBFNC are well aware of our partnership mission effort with Mina and Gennady Podgaisky, CBF field personnel serving in Kyiv in Ukraine. Thankfully they have been positioned here in North Carolina for an off-field assignment for the last several months but they remain in close communication with brothers and sisters in Ukraine. For those that are interested, you may follow their ministry's Facebook page to stay up-to-date with information they are sharing at: https://www.facebook.com/Podgaiskys

If you wish to help financially, CBF Global has established a Ukraine Relief Fund. You may give in-person during worship and designate your gift to the Ukraine Relief Fund, or give online: https://www.classy.org/give/394080/#!/donation/checkout

Please continue to pray for Ukraine.

Servants this Sunday

9:30 Sunday School Entrance Greeters

*6th Street Ramp 9:00—9:30 am *To be announced**ECM Entrance 9:00—9:30 am

Tony and Becky Thompson

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

Sanctuary Vestibule 10:00—11:30 am Jimmy and Billie Dail

Nursery

Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

Extended Session

Nancy Wagner, Pattie Ramsaur

*Handicap Accessible entrance







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 vour deacons.

Pastor Josh



Person of the Week

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

Mildred Kinlaw 1000 Wesley Pines Road Room A-124 Lumberton, NC 28358



We are excited to be joining with Healthy
Robeson for their "Walk to the Cross" opportunity this Lenten season. We want everyone to engage their bodies, minds, and spirits! We invite our neighbors to come together with others for a weekly meet-up and walk in the parking lot in front of our activities building (corner of 6th and Walnut). Join others for a brief prayer followed by a self-directed walk based on your comfort level. Some may walk the parking lot, the block, or a downtown loop! We hope to see you there!



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



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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