

First Baptist News

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This Week. . .

Sunday, July 10

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
 10:30 a.m. Worship Online
 via Facebook Live & YouTube
 3:00 p.m. Mission Statement Writing
 Gathering
 6:00 p.m. Meet 'n Eat at Your Pie

Monday, July 11

- 2:00 p.m. Arts Camp Organizer Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 12

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group (Zoom)
 7:00 p.m. Book Study (Parlor & Zoom)

July 13—17

Youth Music Retreat

Thursday, July 14

Senior Adult Trip to State Farmer's Market

Saturday, July 16

- 10:30 a.m. Community Café
 hosted by the Missions
 Committee (Activities Building)

Quarterly Church Conference
 Wednesday, July 27, 2022
 6:00 p.m.

WELCOME IN
WORSHIP

SUNDAY JULY 10

Rev. Faithe Beam

*Vice President for Student
 Life and Christian Mission,
 Campbell University*



Preparing for Sunday, July 10
"We Have Seen Strange Things"
Luke 5:17-26

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

**Join us for Worship in-person in the
 Sanctuary**

or on Facebook Live

[**facebook.com/firstbaptistlumbertonnc**](https://facebook.com/firstbaptistlumbertonnc)

or on YouTube

[**youtube.com/c/lumbertonfbc/**](https://youtube.com/c/lumbertonfbc/)

Welcome, Rev. Faithe Beam!

Rev. Faithe C. Beam is the Vice President for Student Life & Christian Mission at Campbell University. She has served at Campbell for twenty years including roles in the Divinity School and Campus Ministry. Before coming to Campbell, she served for nine years as Minister of Music and Education at Zion Baptist Church in Shelby, North Carolina. Faithe's husband, Tom, is Disaster Relief Coordinator for Baptists on Mission of North Carolina. They have one son, Patrick.

A Note from the Pastor's Desk



The traditional first-anniversary gift for young couples is paper. If I am honest, for the life of me I could not fathom where this tradition stems from. Some critiques might say that paper seems a little informal, a little simple, and requires minimal effort, I've seen some of my peers make fun twists on this traditional practice, giving some creative gifts involving paper. Having my curiosity piqued, I did a quick Google search and one site I found says the gift of paper is symbolic. According to internet blogger Jessica Wilkeson, "Paper represents a blank page. It's the beginning of all great ideas, however, it needs to be added to, written on, held. Maybe even folded and creased a bit to give it some interest and make it unique...paper represents your future being written together."

It may not seem like it, but this month marks the completion of our first year together. In many ways, it seems like we just unpacked the last box, and then in other ways, it feels like this has been our home for years. As a church family, this year has seen us successfully navigate many changes, challenges, and celebrations. You navigated the welcome and transition of a new senior minister, receiving me with open arms and warm hearts. We continued to manage and respond responsibly to the ebbs and flows of the COVID-19 pandemic, even having to respond to my own contraction of the virus after my first week with you (you just can't make this stuff up). We completed a shift from two worship gatherings to one, as well as adopted a new Sunday morning schedule in January. We created a church missions committee to continue to increase our focus on serving beyond our walls. We called and ordained new deacons and will soon complete the ordination process of one of ours to the gospel ministry. We successfully completed our Mission Discernment Pilgrimage to reflect on our mission, and this month a team will come together to put pen to paper and craft a draft statement based on the conversations had in that process. Over the year, we have said goodbye to beloved saints, welcomed back familiar faces not seen in a while, and been able to introduce ourselves to new visitors. What a year it has been. But we are just getting started.

Upon further consideration of the traditional first-anniversary gift of paper, it seems profoundly appropriate for us. In our journey together with me as your pastor, we still have much left to be written. The pages of our story have many blanks left to fill in. We still have many opportunities to fold and mold these pages together into the beautiful images God is leading us to through our church and community. I am beyond grateful every day to be your pastor and give thanks to God for bringing us together. Yet I am equally excited by what is still to come. So please friends, accept this metaphorical first anniversary gift of paper from me, and let us continue to write the beautiful story of ministry and fellowship together with God as our guide.

In the Love of Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joshua Owens". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Joshua K. Owens, *Senior Pastor*

References

Wilerson, J. (2022). Why is paper the 1st anniversary gift?

<https://jessicawilkeson.com/2019/01/06/why-is-paper-the-first-wedding-anniversary-gift/>

**Our July Book Study begins Tuesday,
July 12th at 7:00 p.m.!**

We'll be reading and discussing Radiant Church: Restoring the Credibility of Our Witness by Tara Beth Leach. Be sure to purchase the book in advance.

Reading Plan

Week 1 (July 12): Introduction—Ch. 2

Week 2 (July 19): Ch. 3–4

Week 3 (July 26): Ch. 5-6

Week 4 (August 2): Ch. 7-9

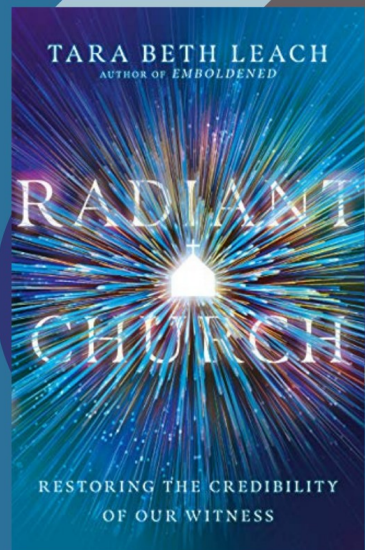
Location: Church Parlor or via Zoom

If you prefer to join via Zoom, the meeting information is available through the church office and will be included in the weekly newsletter email.

JULY BOOK STUDY

"Radiant Church: Restoring the Credibility of Our Witness" by Tara Beth Leach

Tuesdays, 7 PM
(July 12, 19, 26, Aug 2]



**GATHER IN CHURCH
PARLOR OR ONLINE**

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 Street, Lumberton, NC 28358



SUMMER IN THESSALONIANS

**Journeying Through Paul's Letters
to the Church in Thessalonica**



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This Summer, we have been studying Thessalonians during worship. In the series, we will be working our way through the Apostle Paul's two letters to the church in Thessalonica (1 & 2 Thessalonians). Throughout the series, we will be engaging with the letters' themes of Love, Holiness, and Hope.

July 17: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12
July 24: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
July 31: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
August 7: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22
August 14: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
August 21: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17
August 28: 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18

³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. —Matthew 6:33-34

The summer calendar at FBC tends to stay full and this year is no exception. We have one event after another to plan and prepare for. This is for the most part a good thing. Things are happening in the world right now that also command our attention and perhaps cause us to worry. Some of these things we have no control over, while other things we can at least try to help with. We are busy and we are distracted.

At times like this, we may want to focus entirely on the future or constantly relive the past. Neither of these options are healthy. In the latter part of the sixth chapter of Matthew, Jesus reminds us to live in the present. We should listen.

Don't panic. Don't worry about things you cannot fix. Pray. Fast. Remember the past, plan for the future, but live in the present. God bless.

Grace & Peace,

Doug



Our Flower Calendar is Back!

If you would like to provide an arrangement in honor or in memory of someone to be displayed in the Sanctuary, we have dates available on the 2022 and 2023 flower calendar. Call the office (910-739-4336) or email Kandace (kandaceramsey@fbclumbertonnc.org) with your desired dates and dedication information.



We want to continue to allow our worship gatherings to be reflective of the diverse community that forms up our family of faith. We want to invite any and all people who would like to participate in leading our worship services. If you would be interested in helping bring our worship to life each week, please fill out the form at fbclumbertonnc.org/worshipleadership or contact the church office (910-739-4336).

Regular Rate
after June 30
\$50



Discounted Rate
by June 30
\$45

FIRST BAPTIST

ARTS CAMP

JULY 25-29 | 9 AM - 3 PM
FOR RISING 1ST-RISING 6TH GRADERS

Register Online by July 15th!

<https://forms.gle/7vaorNTPeANQqwcZ8>

Space is limited to 40 registrants. The cost for Arts Camp is now \$50.00 and is due by July 15th.

The week will culminate in a performance on Friday afternoon at 5:00 p.m.. The program campers will be performing is called, "Imagine God!"

If you are able to help with Arts Camp, please contact Rev. Doug Reedy.
910-739-4336
dougreedy@fbclumbertonnc.org

Coming up. . .

July 17 — Movie Gathering in afternoon

July 18 — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Activities Building and Deacons will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

July 20 — Bowling Night, 5-7 pm

July 21 — Meet 'n Eat, 12:00 noon, Village Inn

July 25-29 — Arts Camp, 9 am — 3 pm. Concert on Friday, July 29 at 5 pm.

July 27 — Quarterly Church Conference, 6 pm

July 28 — Meet 'n Eat, 6 pm, San Jose

July 31-August 2 — Friends of Jesus Happiness Retreat

August 8-12 — Senior Adult Trip to Fort Caswell

August 11 — Youth Committee Meeting

August 13 — Downtown Lumberton Clean Sweep, 9:00 - 11:00 am. Meet across from Adelio's.

August 15 — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Activities Building and Deacons will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

August 16 — Youth R.A.T.S.

August 20 — Community Café (host: Fellowship Class)

August 26 — ECM closed to students for Staff Development and Open House

August 28 — Youth Fall Kick-off

August 29 — 2022-23 PSRC & ECM School Year Begins
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September 8 — Fun & Fellowship Resumes, 11:00 am



Join us Wednesday, July 20th at Lumberton Bowling Center at 6:00 p.m. Look for more information in the next edition of *First Baptist News*.



First Baptist Early Childhood Ministry is seeking part-time and full-time, highly-qualified early education teachers. Staff may be asked to drive a van for afterschool pick-up. If you are interested in joining the ECM family, please apply!

- *Must have or obtain a qualifying letter from the state.
- *Must have or willing to obtain NC childcare credentials and/or BSAC.
- *Criminal background check required.

For more information, contact Michelle Prevatte, Director, at 910-738-6608 or michelleprevatte@fbcclumbertonnc.org. Resumes accepted in the ECM office by appointment.

The Friends of Jesus Sunday School Class will be participating in Happiness Retreat July 31—August 2! Happiness Retreat is a two night camp experience for individuals with Developmental Disabilities and their caregivers. The camp is sponsored by the Baptist State Convention of NC in partnership with Caraway Conference Center. A specially trained volunteer staff will lead all four camp sessions. The retreats are filled with fun classes, activities, recreation times and a talent show. Happiness is a blast! Please be in prayer for this group as they travel to camp later this month.

Upcoming Senior Adult Trips



Senior Adult Trips to

RALEIGH FARMER'S MARKET

Cost: \$10.00 per trip

Don't forget to bring spending money for food and shopping! We'll leave around 8 am and return around 4 pm. Sign up for the trip at the bulletin board or contact Phyllis Gibson.

Thursday, July 14—Peaches Day

Thursday, September 22—Apples Day

*Thinking
of you*

Person of the Week

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

Carolyn Kirby
603 W. 32nd Street
Lumberton, NC 28358

Servants this Sunday

9:30 Sunday School Entrance Greeters

*6th Street Ramp, 9:00—9:30 am

Gene Home

*ECM Entrance, 9:00—9:30 am

Jimmy Dail

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

Sanctuary Vestibule, 10:00—11:30 am

Tony and Becky Thompson

Nursery — Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

Extended Session — Dustin and Alli Branch

*Handicap Accessible entrance

Fort Caswell's Summerfest

August 8-12, 2022

\$350.00 per person

Summerfest is Fort Caswell's premier five-day, four-night retreat for retired and semi-retired adults. The speaker will be Mike Cogdill, Professor and Dean Emeritus of Campbell University Divinity School. Contact the church office or Phyllis Gibson to sign up.

fortcaswell.com/project/summerfest-2022/



Cost: \$60.00 per ticket

Only 20 tickets are available! Contact the church office (910-739-4336) to sign-up.

CHURCH STAFF

Summer Schedule - Please call the office to make sure someone is in before stopping by.

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