

# First Baptist News

a family of faith

## This Week . . .

- Sunday, August 7**  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
 10:30 a.m. Worship Online  
 via Facebook Live & YouTube
- Tuesday, August 9**  
 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group (Zoom)
- Wednesday, August 10**  
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday, August 13**  
 10:30 a.m. Hispanic Bible Study Ministry  
 (Activities Building)

### *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, Sharon Prevatte
- \*Handicap Accessible entrance



**Our next Food Drive Sunday is this Sunday (August 7th)!** Due to rising food costs, our local food banks are running on short supply. If you are able, please place your donations in the bins at the 6th Street entrance or in the vestibule.



## Preparing for Sunday, August 7 “Prescription for a Healthy Church” 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 (CEB)

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](https://facebook.com/firstbaptistlumbertonnc)  
 or online on YouTube  
[youtube.com/c/lumbertonfbc/](https://youtube.com/c/lumbertonfbc/)

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.



## A Note from the Pastor's Desk

As I write this, I still have the refrain of “Imagine... imagine” and “rock, and light, and wind” being sung by the sweetest of voices reverberating in my mind’s ear. These were just a portion of some of the selections from our recently completed Arts Camp and the student’s performance of the musical, “Imagine God!” Over thirty campers spent five full days with us enjoying Bible stories, recreation, and learning to use the bodies God have given them to make beautiful creations through song, instruments, visual art creations, and dramatic performances. It was a joy not only to have this time with these students and church volunteers but also to connect with many of their families throughout the week and in the culminating performance on Friday. And this was just one highlight of many over the last two months.

We have just wrapped up our “Summer at FBC Lumberton” series that offered opportunities for our community of faith to engage in fellowship, and just plain fun, in and around Lumberton. We enjoyed everything from a minor-league baseball game to a night at the bowling alley. An afternoon in a cool movie theater to an evening of games for all ages in our fellowship hall. We broke bread together in a variety of local businesses and shared countless laughs along the way. In addition to these events, our various ministries have remained active. Our youth returned once again to a week of camp with Passport Camp at Greensboro College among other events this summer. Our senior adults have enjoyed a few gatherings and outings such as to the state farmer’s market in Raleigh. Our Friends of Jesus ministry is spending a few days this week at beautiful Camp Caraway at Happiness Retreat. Our community of faith at FBC Lumberton has been vibrant these last few months and as summer begins to wind down (hopefully the heat anyway), and school returns along with other fall activities, there is yet more to look forward to in our church.

The theme of the Arts Camp performance challenged all of us to imagine the variety of ways God is made known in our lives, the diversity of experiences we can have with our heavenly parent, and the wonderful mix of how we all reflect the image of God. As we enter into this month, let’s be thankful to God for all that has been and all that is yet to be. Let us continue to broaden our minds and imagine all the ways God may want to continue to use this church, and even more, how God wants to use you. Let’s imagine the possibilities together, and continue to give God the glory as we pursue the call of God in each of our lives together.

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*

After two years off, Arts Camp was back this year and it was wonderful! The energy and excitement of the children and the youth helpers carried the rest of us through what seemed like the longest week of the year. I'm kidding of course, but the first day was quite the challenge. The rest of week turned out to be quite fun. Hope all of you got to see the concert!

Major events like this require so many folks who are willing to sacrifice and commit in order to achieve success. Thank you to everyone who played a role in planning and executing Arts Camp 2022. The children learned about drama, visual arts, scripture, and of course music. It was a true team effort.

As the summer winds down and the new school year approaches, we should continue to focus on teamwork. All of us working together can do mighty things for the kingdom of God. As the Apostle Paul said in I Corinthians, *There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ.*

Josh has a vision and has us pointed in the right direction. The entire church staff is on board and I sense the same with both our membership and church community. Let's do this for God and neighbor! God bless.

Doug



### **Youth R.A.T.S. (Random Action Tuesdays)**

Our next adventure will be to Myrtle Waves Water Park on August 23. The cost is \$25 per person, plus money for food inside the park. Please sign up with Rev. Doug Reedy.

## **YOUTH EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

**Youth Committee Meeting  
Thursday, August 18  
6:00—8:00 pm  
At the home of Scott Billingsley  
This is our annual planning  
meeting.**

**Youth Doing Missions resumes  
meeting Wednesday, August 31.  
Look for more information from  
Doug soon.**

**Fun and Fellowship will resume  
meeting Thursday, September 9 at  
11:00 am in the Activities Building.**

### **CHURCH STAFF Summer Schedule -**

***Please call the office to make sure  
someone is in before stopping by.***

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Website: [www.fbclumbertonnc.org](http://www.fbclumbertonnc.org)

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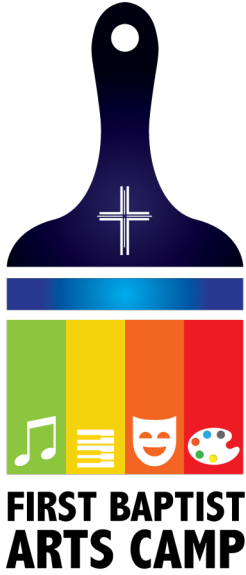
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# First Baptist Arts Camp — July 25—29



## Coming up . . .

**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. This is also the first day of school for Southeastern Academy.

**August 18** — Youth Committee Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm at Scott Billingsley's house.

**August 20** — Community Café (host: Fellowship Class)

**August 23** — Youth R.A.T.S. to Myrtle Waves

**August 25** — Robeson County Church and Community Center's Annual Meeting, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall.

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

**August 28** — Promotion Sunday

**August 29** — 2022-23 PSRC & ECM School Year Begins; 2022-23 ECM Year Begins

**August 31** — Deacon Nominations are due; Youth Doing Missions Resumes; Fall Kick-off Church Social (more info coming)

**September 5** — Labor Day; Offices and ECM closed.

**September 7** — Wednesday Night Prayer Service Resumes, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

**September 8** — Fun & Fellowship Resumes, 11:00 am, Activities Building

**September 17** — Community Café

**September 18** — Church Luncheon following Worship

**September 19** — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Activities Building and Deacons will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**September 22** — Senior Adult trip to the State Farmer's Market in Raleigh for Apples day.



We have a waiting list started for this trip. Call the office (910-739-4336) 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.



First Baptist Church  
Early Childhood Ministry  
606 N. Walnut Street  
Lumberton, NC 28358

## Our 2022-2023 Year Starts August 29!

- 4 Star Center
- Highly Qualified Staff
- Structured Classes
- Instruction of Good Morals
- Outdoor & Indoor Play
- Balanced Meals
- Increased Sanitation



Open House is August 26, 2022

910-738-6608  
fbclumbertonnc.org

First Baptist Early Childhood Ministry is seeking part-time and full-time, highly-qualified early education teachers. If you are interested in joining the ECM family, please apply! For more information, contact Michelle Prevatte, Director, at 910-738-6608 or michelleprevatte@fbclumbertonnc.org. Resumes accepted in the ECM office by appointment.

## SUNSET SLUSH OF LUMBERTON



Every-other Wednesday  
10:30 - 11:30 am  
June 29, July 13, July 27, August 10, August 24

### Sunset Slush Sponsorship Opportunity

The ECM students have been enjoying the visit from Sunset Slush of Lumberton this summer. We have two more dates they will be coming— August 10 and 24. If you are interested in sponsoring a class or the entire center on either date, please contact Kandace in the church office. Slushes are \$2.00, cash, for each child and we have approximately 90 children.

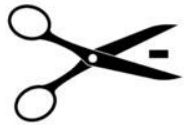
*Thinking  
of you*

## Person of the Week

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

**Ruth Britt**  
1000 Wesley Pines Road, Room 181  
Lumberton, NC 28358

Wednesday Night Prayer Service resumes  
meeting in person on Wednesday,  
September 7 at 6:00 pm in Cherry  
Fellowship Hall.



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](https://fbclumbertonnc.org/give)

## Deacon Nomination

The Deacons of First Baptist serve in two major capacities: administrative and ministerial. As an administrative body, they help lead and guide our congregation. As a ministerial body, they participate in the care of our congregation through the deacon care team plan, building relationships with and offering support to our church family. Please prayerfully consider your nominations for deacon, write their names below, and return to the church no later than August 31, 2022. You may nominate as many as you would like and turn in as many nominations as you would like during the month of August. (There is no need to nominate the same person more than once.) In accordance with our bylaws, those eligible must be at least 21 years of age and resident members of First Baptist Church for at least one year.

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Listed below are the names of persons elected in 2016-2021 as Deacons of this church. Do not nominate any of these persons. They are ineligible for re-election at this time.

Allison Branch (2022)  
Danny Cook (2024)  
Bruce Davis (2025)  
Jim Driscoll (2021)  
Phyllis Gibson (2022)  
James Gore (2021)  
Betty Graham (2024)  
Donna Hardee (2022)  
Drina Hedgpeth (2025)  
Bruce Huggins (2021)

Jerry Long (2023)  
Lewis Lytch (2024)  
Katherine Martin (2024)  
Regg McIntyre (2023)  
Malcolm McLean (2023)  
Summer Pittman (2024)  
Eddie Prevatte (2025)  
David Ramsaur (2022)  
Lisa Rust (2021)  
Kenneth Sasser (2022)

Johnny Smith (2022)  
Ron Smith (2023)  
Jeanne Stevens (2025)  
Johnny Strickland (2023)  
Tony Thompson (2021)  
Nancy Wagner (2024)  
Chris Walters (2021)  
Heather Walters (2023)

Nominees will be reviewed for eligibility according to the bylaws of First Baptist Church. Eligible nominees will be contacted by the elections committee to assure their willingness to serve if elected. Deacon Election will take place the 1st Sunday of October 2022. You may drop off forms in the church office, fax (739-7858), e-mail ([office@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:office@fbclumbertonnc.org)), or mail (606 N. Walnut St., Lumberton, NC 28358) nominations.