

# 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 20** ***Christ the King Sunday***

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Online  
via Facebook Live & YouTube
- 6:00 p.m. Hanging of the Green Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service (Chestnut St. UMC)

### **Monday, November 21**

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:45 p.m. Finance Meeting (D-113)
- 6:30 p.m. Scouts Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting (Fellowship Hall & Zoom)

### **Tuesday, November 22**

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

### **Wednesday, November 23**

*No Adult Bible Study, Children's Activities, or Youth Doing Missions*

### **Thursday, Nov. 24 — Friday, Nov. 25**

*The offices and ECM closed for Thanksgiving*

### **Saturday, November 26**

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



## **Preparing for Sunday, November 20 Christ the King Sunday**

**“A Royal Mockery”  
Luke 22:33-43 (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](https://facebook.com/firstbaptistlumbertonnc)**

**or online on YouTube**

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

**COMMUNITY Thanksgiving**

**SERVICE**

SPEAKER | DR. LESLIE SESSOMS | GODWIN HEIGHTS

**20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

**7:00 PM**

**CHESTNUT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

200 E. 8TH STREET | LUMBERTON | NC

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!***

## Coming up in November. . .

**November 27** — Sunday morning worship will be held in the Fellowship Hall

**November 27** — Hanging of the Green, 6:00 pm, 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

**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 8** — Staff Christmas Party (Elizabethtown)

**December 9** — ECM in Fellowship Hall for Polar Express Party (morning)

**December 9** — Gift bag assembly for FOJ class, Activity Building, 9:00 am

**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 December 14, 2022—January 4, 2023.*



**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



*Verse-a-day story posts will be posted on our Facebook and Instagram pages! Scan the QR code to access our social media pages, website and YouTube channel.*

## **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 per child.

The Friends of Jesus Ministry is also accepting donations to buy gifts for their annual Christmas party. The goal is to spend \$125 per person and 60+ students will be participating. The gifts will include a combination of needs and wants.

The Friends of Jesus Christmas Party is Monday, December 5th. The Children's Christmas Party is Saturday, December 10th. Please give generously to help make these gifts possible.

# *Advent at First Baptist*



November 27 is the first Sunday in Advent, which marks the start of the spiritual period of preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth on Christmas Day.

During Hanging of the Green, children and Youth help decorate the Sanctuary. The tree is decorated in chrismons. "Chrismon" is a combination of the words "Christ" and "monogram," and means "symbols of Christ." Chrismons are gold and white, representing majesty and purity. So, the primary colors used are green, gold, and white.

We include honorariums and memorials made to the greenery fund in the printed program.

On Sunday, November 27, Sunday Morning Worship will be held in Cherry Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. as we prepare for Hanging of the Green that evening.

## **Sunday, December 4 Memorial Service**

Our annual Memorial Service will be held Sunday, December 4 at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary. This is a special service that is designed not only for those who have lost a loved one recently, but for anyone grieving a loss no matter how much time has passed. Candles of Hope will be lit during the service and a crochet snowflake ornament will be available to those who have had a loved one pass away within the past year as a reminder of the blessings of God's presence and peace.

## **Sunday, December 11 Friends of Jesus Singing & Church-wide Christmas Party**

During the Sunday School hour (9:30 am) Sunday, December 11, bring your favorite Christmas treat to share as we listen to the Friends of Jesus Class sing in the Fellowship Hall.

## **Sunday, December 18 Sanctuary Choir Cantata during 10:30 am Worship**

## **Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held December 24, 2022 at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary. During the service, the Christ Candle will be lit, we'll sing carols, read the account of the birth of Jesus, and then share the light of Christ.

## **Sunday, December 25**

Worship with us at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary, on Facebook Live, or on Youtube.  
No Sunday School classes will meet.

## 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 cafe, please contact Rev. Doug Reedy or the church office.



*Thinking  
of you*

## Person of the Week

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

**Marguerite Branch**  
1000 Wesley Pines Rd, Room N-177  
Lumberton, NC 28358

THANK YOU FOR FAITHFULLY  
SERVING OUR CHURCH.

# 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



The Church Offices and  
Early Childhood Ministry will be

# CLOSED

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24  
& FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

## CHURCH STAFF

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