

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 27

The First Sunday in Advent

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship in Cherry Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Online
via Facebook Live & YouTube
- 6:00 p.m. Hanging of the Green (Sanctuary)

Monday, November 28

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Scouts Meeting

Tuesday, November 29

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group (Zoom)
- 5:45 p.m. Finance Meeting (D-113)

Wednesday, November 30

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

Thursday, December 1

- 1:30 p.m. Games & Fellowship
(Pine St. Snr. Center)

Friday, December 2

- 10:00 am Kiwanis Christmas Event
(Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, December 3

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



Preparing for Sunday, November 27 The First Sunday in Advent

**“An Advent Journey:
Unexpired Hope”
Matthew 24:36-44 (NLT)**

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

**Join us for Worship in-person in
Cherry Fellowship Hall
or online on Facebook Live
facebook.com/firstbaptistlumbertonnc
or online on YouTube
youtube.com/c/lumbertonfbc/**



Advent at First Baptist

Sunday, 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.

Sunday, November 27 Hanging of the Green

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.



Scan the QR code with your cell phone camera to access our social media pages, YouTube Channel, and our website.

Coming up in December...

- December 2** — Kiwanis Christmas Event in Fellowship Hall, 10 am — 2 pm
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.*

Upcoming Small Group Gatherings

Monday, December 5 — WMU meeting will be held at 11:45 am in the Activities Building. Sargent Rodney Herring, Chief of Safety, Lumberton Police Department, will be our speaker.

Tuesday, December 6 — Baptist Women's Bible Study group will meet at 11:45 am in the Activities Building.

Thursday, December 8 — Fun and Fellowship will meet at 11:00 am in the Activities Building.



Sunday, December 11 Church-wide Christmas Party Fellowship Hall

During the Sunday School hour (9:30 am), bring your favorite Christmas treat to share as we listen to the Friends of Jesus Class sing!

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. Our goal is to spend \$125 per person and 60+ students will be participating. The gifts will include a combination of needs and wants.

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.

Looking for a way to engage your mind, spirit, and body this Advent season? We invite you to join us and our friends at Healthy Robeson in participating in this year's Walk to Bethlehem. Register to receive a collection of daily devotionals which will feature a few of familiar names from our FBCL community. This program will begin Friday, November 25th, and end Saturday, December 24th. Participants may walk/run/bike the 90 miles Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem OR walk every day for 30 days. There is no one right way to complete the walk. It can be done individually, shared amongst a group, or just commit to moving each day for 30 days! For more info and to register, scan the QR code on the flyer below, or call 910-671-5890.

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



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 Billy Dail

Nursery — Ashlynn Cox and Jenna Davis

Extended Session — Christy Strickland

*Handicap Accessible entrance



Healthy Robeson & Healthy Bladen present

Walk to Bethlehem



A church and community wide program to increase the health of body, mind, and spirit.

Daily Devotional
 Nov. 25 -
 Dec. 24, 2022

Register at:

For more information and to register, call Ivine Lucas at 910-671-5890.

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Christmas

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DECEMBER 24 | 5 PM