

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.

Coming up this week. . .

Sunday, December 4

The Second Sunday in Advent

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Online
via Facebook Live & YouTube
- 5:00 p.m. Memorial Service (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

Monday, December 5

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 11:45 a.m. WMU Meeting (Act. Bld.)
- 12:00 p.m. I.D.D. Training (D-113)
- 5:00 p.m. Friends of Jesus Christmas Party
- 6:30 p.m. Scouts Meeting

Tuesday, December 6

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group (Zoom)
- 11:45 a.m. Baptist Women's Bible Study
(Act. Bld.)
- 6:00 p.m. ECM Staff Christmas Party
(Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting (D-113)

Wednesday, December 7

- 6:00 p.m. Called Church Conference
D-113)
- Youth Doing Missions—Wesley
Pines Christmas
- Children's Activities—Caroling
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 8

- 11:00 a.m. Fun & Fellowship (Act. Bld.)
- 5:30 p.m. FBC Staff Christmas Party
(Elizabethtown)
- 6:30 p.m. Autism Society Meeting
(Act. Bld.)

Friday, December 9

- 9:00 am FOJ Gift Bag Assembly
(Act. Bld.)
- ECM Polar Express Day
(Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, December 10

- 10:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Party
- Hispanic Ministry Bible Study
(Act. Bld.)



Preparing for Sunday, December 4 The Second Sunday in Advent

**“An Advent Journey:
Unsuspecting Peace”**
Matthew 3:1-12 (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/

Called Church Conference

Wednesday, December 7 at 6 pm, Room D-113
Purpose: The budget will be presented and discussed. The Committee on Committees Report will be discussed and voted upon.

Called Church Conference

Sunday, December 11 following Worship
Sanctuary
Purpose: Budget vote

Advent at First Baptist

Sunday, December 4 Memorial Service 5:00 p.m.

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

SCAN ME

Give to the Children's Christmas Party & Friends of Jesus Fund!

Please give generously to help make these gifts possible. Our goal is to spend \$125 per child or student. The Friends of Jesus Christmas Party is Monday, December 5th. The Children's Christmas Party is Saturday, December 10th.

The Friends of Jesus Christmas Party has the greatest need of contributions at this time.

Coming up in December...

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.*



During the Sunday School hour December 11th, bring your favorite Christmas treat to share as we listen to the Friends of Jesus Class sing!

There is excitement in the air this week as the Friends of Jesus class anticipate our Christmas party. We know Santa will be there with gifts for everyone thanks to your generous donations. We have 67 students who will receive gifts this year.

Thank you so much for your generosity every year. We have been blessed to fulfill many needs for our students. I would like to take a moment to let you know where the money goes that you so freely give. Each student is given a list to fill out so that Santa will know exactly what to buy. The list has spaces for sizes of clothing and other necessities. You see, our students depend on our help to provide basic items like dresses for the ladies to wear to church and shirts and pants for the men. This year Santa has purchased 67 packs of underwear and socks in addition to shoes. Some have families that provide everything they need but most do not.

Let me give you an example of a student who truly needs what Santa brings. Last Sunday one of my students came in with a pair of shoes that looked like they had seen better days. They were blue and made of a plastic material that was not meant for cold weather because they had holes all over the tops. I asked him where his winter shoes were. He told me that was the only pair he had and he couldn't wait for Santa to come because he knew he would have a new pair of winter shoes to wear. Did I mention he wears a size 18? Santa had to special order those!

I have lots of other folks just like the student above who depend on our generosity to help provide basic necessities every Christmas. One group home has asked for duffel bags this year so the students who go to camp won't have to pack their clothes in plastic bags. Santa will be bringing colorful duffel bags to those 6 students all because our church cared enough to provide for them.

The Friends of Jesus is so much more than a Sunday School class. They are our family. And as the hands and feet of Christ, we take care of them as He would. Thank you again for your continued generosity. We cannot do this without your help.

In closing, the theme for our class has always been Share the love of Jesus. Our class does that every time they get the opportunity and I'm thankful our church family does the same!

Love in Christ,
Lynn Smith





Scan for Order of Worship

Access our Order of Worship online!

Scan the QR code with your cell phone camera for a direct link to the Order of Worship on the church's website. You can also visit fbclumbertonnc.org/order-of-worship

Thinking of you

Person of the Week

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

Elouise Bullock
210 Village Walk E
Lumberton, NC 28358

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.



Servants this Sunday

9:30 Sunday School Entrance Greeters

*6th Street Ramp, 9:00—9:30 am
Dale and Tommy McVicker
*ECM Entrance, 9:00—9:30 am
Kenneth Sasser

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

Sanctuary Vestibule, 10:00—11:30 am
Dianne and Layton Britt

Nursery — Ashlynn Cox and Jenna Davis

Extended Session — Pattie Ramsaur, Heather Walters

*Handicap Accessible entrance



Kandace out of office

Kandace's children are out of school Thanksgiving through New Years. She will be in the office most days of the week from 8:30 am to at least 2:30 pm, but will be working from home on Fridays and will be out a few other days for appointments. We encourage you to call the office to make sure someone is in before you stop by (910-739-4336).

CHURCH STAFF

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

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