

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 18

The Fourth 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
 3:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

Monday, December 19

- 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, December 20

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

Wednesday, December 21

- 6:00 p.m. Caroling Night

December 23—27

Church offices and Early Childhood Ministry
 closed for Christmas

Saturday, December 24

- 10:00 a.m. Hispanic Ministry Bible Study
 (Act. Bld.)
 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight
 Service (Sanctuary)



Preparing for Sunday, December 18 The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Repeat the Sounding Joy!

Performed by Sanctuary Choir

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://www.facebook.com/firstbaptistlumbertonnc)

or online on YouTube

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

Give to First Baptist Church!

Here are some ways to donate to our ministry:

- Give during Sunday worship.
- Scan the QR code to the right with your cell phone camera to go to our secure, online 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



**Contributions for 2022 must be post-marked by
 December 31st!**

Children's Christmas Party 2022



A lot of time and work went on behind the scenes to prepare for this year's Children's Christmas party, which was hosted Saturday, December 10th.

The Youth "adopted" local children in need, shopped for gifts on their wish list, wrapped them with care, then distributed them during the party. Each family also received a gift bag, which included a ham to prepare for Christmas. The families were very appreciative of the gifts, but most importantly, the families left knowing they were loved and cared for by God and by the church. We appreciate the generous contributions made to this year's event!



Flower Calendar 2023

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 2023 flower calendar!

Call the office (910-739-4336)

or email Kandace

(kandaceramsey@fbclumbertonnc.org)

with your desired dates and dedication information.

You will need to contact your preferred florist (most use Flowers by Billy) to purchase flowers and have them delivered to the church. We will list the dedication information in the Order of Worship on the Sunday flowers are given.

Wednesday night Bible study, Children's activities, and Youth Doing Missions will not meet December 14-28, 2023. Only Youth Doing Missions will meet January 4 (no Bible study or Children's Activities).

Coming up in December...

December 25 — Christmas (falls on Sunday). Sunday School and Extended Session will not meet.

December 31 — Contributions for 2022 must be post-marked by this date.

Coming up in January...

January 1 — New Year's Day (falls on Sunday). Sunday School and Extended Session will not meet.

January 2 — Office & ECM Closed

January 3 — Baptist Women's Bible Study Group, 11:45 am, Activities Building

January 4 — Youth Doing Missions will meet at 6 pm for Valentine Banquet Prep.

January 9 — WMU Meeting, 11:45 am, Activities Building

January 11 — Wednesday Nigh Adult Bible Study, Youth Doing Missions, and Children's Activities Resume. Youth Ski trip final payments due.

January 12 — Fun & Fellowship, 11:00 am, Activities Building

January 15 — Knit Wits, 3:00 pm

January 16 — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in Room D-113. Deacons will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

January 21 — Community Café hosted by Sanctuary Choir

January 26-29 — Youth Ski Trip

January 31 — 2022 Contributions Statements will be mailed (or emailed, if preferred) around this date.

Kandace out of office—Dec. 13 Update

My three children attend a charter school and are out Thanksgiving through January 2, 2023 for winter break. My middle son broke his leg during an accident on the playground right before Thanksgiving. He's doing well now and is out of his cast, but we still have lots of follow-up visits coming up within the next month. I had arranged for childcare during school break, but it had to close starting today for the rest of the year due to an increase in illnesses. As a result, I will be working from home until January 3. We encourage you to call the office to make sure someone is in before you stop by (910-739-4336). You can also email me directly (kandaceramsey@fbclumbertonnc.org).

Advent at First Baptist

Sunday, December 18
Christmas Cantata performed by Sanctuary Choir
Repeat the Sounding Joy!

Wednesday, December 21
Caroling Night

We'll meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. and travel around the community to sing carols to our homebound members. We will conclude around 8:00 p.m.

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.
Sunday School and Extended Session will not meet.



Can't make it our services in-person? We stream most of our services on Facebook Live and on YouTube!

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

To be added to our email list, contact Kandace
(kandaceramsey@fbclumbertonnc.org).



Access our Order of Worship online!
Scan this 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

Scan for Order of Worship



We are still accepting donations for our monthly food drive. Donations are sent to Lumberton Christian Care and/or Robeson County Church and Community Center. Please place your donations in the bins at the 6th Street entrance or in the vestibule.



Thinking of you

Person of the Week

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

Lois Johnson
1000 Wesley Pines Road, Villa 202
Lumberton, NC 28358



Servants this Sunday

9:30 Sunday School Entrance Greeters

- *6th Street Ramp, 9:00—9:30 am
Gene Horne
- *ECM Entrance, 9:00—9:30 am
Jimmy and Billie Dail

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

- Sanctuary Vestibule, 10:00—11:30 am
Brenda and James Britt

Nursery — Ashlynn Cox and Jenna Davis

Extended Session — Katherine Martin, Heather Walters

*Handicap Accessible entrance

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