

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, January 1, 2023

Happy New Year!

- 10:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Online
via Facebook Live & YouTube

Monday, January 2

The offices and Early Childhood Ministry
Closed

Tuesday, January 3

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group (Zoom)
- 11:45 a.m. Baptist Women's Bible Study
Group (Act. Bld.)

Wednesday, January 4

- 6:00 p.m. Youth Doing Missions
(Act. Bld.)

Saturday, January 7

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



Preparing for Sunday, January 1

**“Anyone Know What Time it Is?”
Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 (NLT)**

10:30 a.m. Worship

Join us for Worship in-person in the Sanctuary
or online on Facebook Live

facebook.com/firstbaptistlumbertonnc

or online on YouTube

youtube.com/c/lumbertonfbc

Sunday School, nursery care, and Extended
Session will not meet.

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!**

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE FOODS FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

DONATION SUGGESTIONS: CANNED VEGETABLES, CANNED FRUITS, CANNED MEATS (SUCH AS CHICKEN BREAST), PORK & BEANS, RICE, DRIED BEANS, BOXED MEALS, BABY FOODS, BOTTLES OF WATER AND JUICES. **POP-TOP CANS ARE PREFERRED.**

**A COLLECTION BIN IS AVAILABLE IN THE
SANCTUARY VESTIBULE AND INSIDE THE
6TH STREET ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH**

Dear Church,

I want to make sure everyone is aware of an unfortunate building issue that occurred this week. Our offices and the Early Childhood Ministry (ECM) were closed Monday and Tuesday for the Christmas holiday. When ECM staff arrived to open the center on Wednesday morning, they discovered that a water heater serving second-floor bathrooms in the Cockrell Children's Building had burst causing water to leak through the floor and down to the first floor. This left standing water in all but the infant hallway (nursery and 2s classes) of the first floor of the children's building. We had to close the center for the remainder of the week. It caused significant damage to ceiling tiles, light fixtures, supplies, rugs, and ECM office equipment. Thank to Tim Little's persistence and dedication, we have been able to secure great work from PuroClean Restoration Services who are already hard at work cleaning up the space, but the work is quite extensive.

This means that the entirety of the first and second floor of the children's buildings are unusable for the foreseeable future. In the meantime, our church's facility staff (Len Power, Dakota Eddings, Denise Knight), our ECM Director (Michelle Prevatte) and our teachers have done an absolutely remarkable job in first helping in the initial cleanup of the facility, and then spending most of the day on Thursday and Friday moving what furniture and items could be salvaged to other rooms in the Durham building. Things seem to be in place for the center to reopen on Tuesday following the New Year's holiday. There will be other impacts as well to church activities, such as children's nursery and Sunday School classrooms needing to move to new locations for the time being. Also, at least one Sunday School class's meeting location and Wednesday Adult Bible Study location are impacted. We are working with those representatives to find a suitable workaround.

While the recent building incidents like the parlor fire and now this water leak have been stressful, as all difficult times do, they provide an opportunity for the best in people to shine through. I can tell you that all of our staff, from ministers to administrators, to facilities and ECM, and our church's lay leaders have done a tremendous job in responding to these crises. You have much to be proud of, and it has made me all the more grateful to have a great team of people to work alongside each day. In the weeks ahead, I ask that you continue to keep these matters in prayer, and the people responding to them, too. We will not waver in our goal of providing holistic childcare in a faith-centered environment, but with this challenge also comes the opportunity to consider new avenues of living toward that goal. We will keep you updated in the weeks ahead.

In Christ,



Rev. Joshua K. Owens

ATTENTION:

The ECM Entrance is temporarily
CLOSED due to repairs. Please enter for
Worship at the Sanctuary.



Lunch and Learn

Monday, January 23, 2022
12:00 p.m.

Our speaker will be Pattie Ramsaur. Lunch will be provided so please RSVP to the church office by January 19th so we can plan the meal (910-739-4336). A sign-up sheet will be placed on the bulletin board near the Info Table next week.

We need hosts for Community Café!
Community Café is hosted on the third Saturday of each month at the Activities Building. A light lunch is served. If your Sunday School class, small group, or group of friends are willing to host Community Café, please contact Rev. Doug Reedy or the church office. We have several dates available in 2023.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Wednesday Night Prayer Service, Youth Doing Missions, and Children's Activities resume meeting Wednesday, January 11 starting at 6:00 pm. We will announce our new meeting locations soon. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal will follow at 7:00 pm.



Youth Ski Trip

January 25 - 29, 2023
Canaan Valley, WV

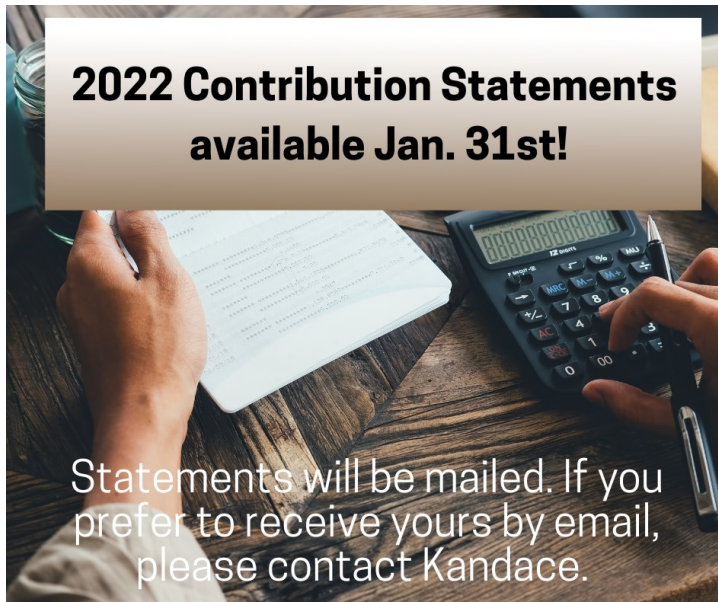
\$400.00 includes lodging, lift tickets, transportation, and most but not all meals.

\$100.00 deposit due October 19

FINAL PAYMENT DUE JANUARY 11

Ski trip chaperones should plan to meet January 17 at 6 p.m.

We will leave the evening of Wednesday, January 25 and stay near Fredericksburg on the way up. Thursday will be travel and ski rentals, and Friday and Saturday will be skiing/tubing. Please bring money for few meals (lunch on the 27th and 28th is covered). We will return Sunday, January 29. Questions? Contact Doug—739-4336.



2022 Contribution Statements available Jan. 31st!

Statements will be mailed. If you prefer to receive yours by email, please contact Kandace.

Youth Doing Missions will meet Wednesday, January 4 at 6 pm in the Activities Building. We will be planning Valentine Banquet.

Adult Bible Study and Children's Activities will not meet.

Coming up in January...

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

January 10 — Youth Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm

January 11 — Wednesday Night 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 17 — Youth Ski chaperone meeting, 6:00 pm

January 21 — Community Café hosted by Sanctuary Choir

January 22 — Communion during Worship

January 23 — Lunch and Learn

January 25 — Quarterly Church Conference, 6:00 pm

January 26-29 — Youth Ski Trip

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

Coming up in February...

February 6 — WMU Meeting, 11:45 am, Activities Building

February 7 — Baptist Women's Bible Study, 11:45 am, Activities Building

February 9 — Fun & Fellowship, 11:00 am, Activities Building

February 10 — Valentine Banquet rehearsal, 5 pm- until, Fellowship Hall

February 11 — Valentine Banquet, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

February 18 — Community Café hosted by Fellowship Class

February 19 — Worship Committee Meeting, 3:00 pm

February 20 — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in Room D-113. Deacons will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

February 21 — Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 22 — Ash Wednesday

February 22 — Lancaster, PA trip final payments due

Thinking of you

Person of the Week

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

Sara Henry
59 Arboretum Lane, Suite 111
Greenville, SC 29617

CONTACT US

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

Office Phone: 910-739-4336

Website: www.fbclumbertonnc.org

Servants this Sunday

9:30 Sunday School Entrance Greeters

*6th Street Ramp, 9:00—9:30 am
Dianne and Layton Britt

The ECM Entrance is temporarily CLOSED due to repairs. Please enter at the Sanctuary.

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

Sanctuary Vestibule, 10:00—11:30 am
Tony and Becky Thompson

Nursery care and Extended Session will not meet this Sunday.

*Handicap Accessible entrance

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

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



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