

# First Baptist News

*FBC Lumberton is a community of faith committed to living out the love of Christ by serving God and all people.*



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## Coming up this week. . .

### Sunday, April 9

#### Easter Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary  
10:30 a.m. Worship Online  
via Facebook Live & YouTube

### Monday, April 10

Offices and Early Childhood Ministry Closed

### Tuesday, April 11

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

### Thursday, April 13

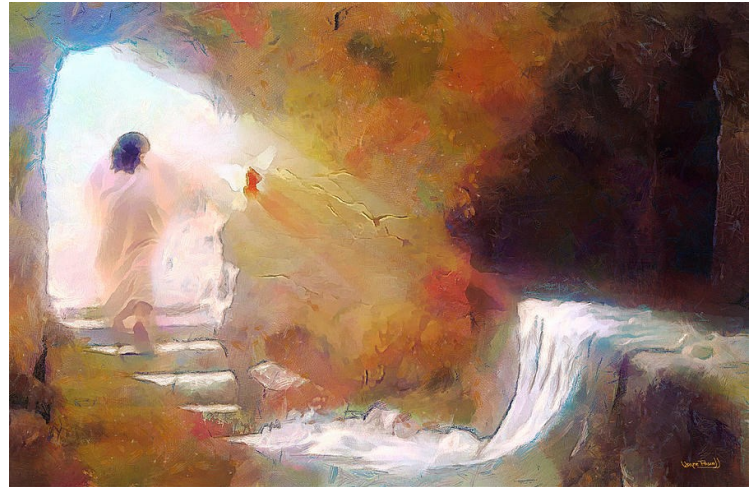
- 11:00 a.m. Fun & Fellowship (Act. Bld.)

### Friday, April 14

Senior Adult trip to Ideal Home Show, Raleigh

### Saturday, April 15

- 10:00 a.m. Community Café, hosted by  
Reedy Family (Act. Bld.)



"Hallelujah, He Has Risen" by Wayne Pascall

## Preparing for Sunday, April 9 Easter Sunday "The Fear & Joy of Easter" Matthew 27:62—28:15 (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/)

We invite you to place  
flowers on the cross outside  
the Sanctuary this Sunday.



## LAUNCHING A NEW YOUNG ADULT CLASS

Open to all persons in their 20s & 30s

SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM

ROOM D-209

(SECOND FLOOR OF DURHAM EDUCATIONAL BUILDING)

We are excited to be launching a new discipleship gathering for adults during the Sunday School hour. Adults who are in their 20s and 30s are invited to participate in our new Young Adult Class launching Easter Sunday morning at 9:30. The class will gather in room D-209 on the second floor of the Durham Educational Building. The class will be facilitated by Donna Hardee and others going forward. We look forward to this new opportunity!



## **A Note from the Pastor's Desk — April 2023**

As you have driven around town the last few weeks, hopefully, you have noticed that there are quite a few businesses and properties experiencing either new construction or renovation. On Roberts Ave. there is the promise of a new Tex-Mex place (looking at you Laredo Tacos), a renovated gas station and restaurant up by Hobby Lobby, the demolition of the former Village Station restaurant (and the promise of something special coming in its place), and the movie theater has FINALLY opened this week! There seems to be a lot of “new”, a lot of life, bustling around our city and I think we should be excited about that.

While made-to-order Tex-Mex may not be everyone's favorite, and the promise of an expanded parking lot at Chic-fil-a is not everyone's cup of tea, the reality is that these new opportunities mean something to someone, somewhere in our community, and for that, we should be grateful. New opportunities, or dare I say, resurrection may not always look the same for everyone, but by golly, resurrection is something we should celebrate, whether it happens in our lives, or in the life of another.

For our church, hopefully, you have caught glimpses of some of the things that have been happening lately. We kicked off the Lenten season with a raucous Fat Tuesday/Shrove Tuesday fish & jambalaya whose flavor was spicy to some, but to others, just the way they like it. We celebrated a wonderful Youth Sunday where our young people, many of whom you may not know or recognize, did a wonderful job of planning and executing our worship. That same day, hopefully, you saw the social for adults in their 20s and 30s (“ish”) at Your Pie, where almost 20 individuals in this age range along with family and supporters joined what was a soft launch ahead of a new discipleship group that begins meeting on Easter Sunday. Then this past Sunday, our Palm/Passion Sunday saw a Baptism of a teenager, the sanctuary platform and aisles full of bustling children, and a meal served to a full Cherry Fellowship Hall. It was deliciously prepared by a new local family business here in town (Southern Comforts Cafe on 5th St. Be sure to check them out!). Yes, there are signs of new life all around our little corner of 7th & Walnut if you know where to look.

Admittedly some of these new things that are springing up around us may not touch everyone, but may we give thanks that they are touching someone's life. And I am prayerfully anticipating other new things to come down the road. It may not always be to our preference or persuasion, but it will be to someone in our community. Resurrection may not always look the same to everyone, but resurrection has come indeed. Thanks be to God!

In the Love of Christ,

Rev. Joshua K. Owens, *Senior Pastor*

### **Quarterly Church Conference**

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

6:00 p.m.



### ***Coming up in April...***

**April 16** — Rev. Ron Hinson will be our guest preacher.

**April 17 & 18** — Partnership for Children's EC Make & Take Art Sessions, 9-11 am, Fellowship Hall

**April 19** — Friends of Jesus Softball Game, 6:00 pm, Godwin Heights Park. We need volunteers to help with food. Contact Lynn or Johnny Smith.

**April 22** — Local Missions Day

**April 24** — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Chapel. Deacons will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**April 26** — Admin. Professionals Day

**April 26** — Quarterly Church Conference, 6:00 pm

**April 30** — Youth to Raven Rock

### ***Coming up in May...***

**May 1-5** — Joyful Travelers' Lancaster, PA trip

**May 1** — WMU Meeting, 11:45 am, Activities Building

**May 2** — Baptist Women's Bible Study, 11:45 am, Activities Building

**May 7** — Children's Sunday

**May 11** — Fun & Fellowship, 11:00 am, Activities Building

**May 14** — Mother's Day

**May 19-21** — Young Adult Hiking Trip

**May 20** — Community Café, hosted by Monteiro family

**May 22** — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Chapel. Deacons will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**May 24** — Year-end Fellowship Celebration. Wednesday night service will pause until August 30th.

**May 25** — Senior Adult trip to Buc-ee's

**May 28** — Pentecost Sunday

**May 29** — Memorial Day. Offices and ECM closed.

### **Upcoming Senior Adult Trips**

**Ideal Home Show  
at State Fairgrounds**

**Friday, April 14**

**Departing around 8:30 am**

**Buc-ee's — Florence, SC**

**Thursday, May 25**

**Departing around 10 am**



If you are interested in going, sign up at the bulletin board or contact Phyllis Gibson. Once we have enough people interested in going, we will contact you with the trip cost.

## Local Missions Day

### Saturday, April 22

Projects include:

- ✓ Firewood
- ✓ Lumberton Christian Care
- ✓ Children's Project

Contact Rev. Doug Reedy or the church office for more information!  
910-739-4336

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### ***Sign-ups for Local Missions Day are open!***

On April 22, 2023 we will participate in various mission events as part of our Local Missions Day. This ministry will include an opportunity for small groups of adults, youth, and children to visit areas in our community that we can serve. You can sign up for the project of your choice [online](#) or pick up a

## FRIENDS OF JESUS SOFTBALL GAME

• Hot dogs will be served •

WEDNESDAY <b>April 19th</b>	START <b>6:00 PM</b>
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JOIN US AT  
**Godwin Heights Park**

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*We need volunteers to help with food! Contact Lynn or Johnny Smith if you are willing to help.*

At the time of this writing, we are roughly half way through Holy Week. We had a large crowd, a baptism, children waiving palms, a tasty lunch, and an overall wonderful Palm Sunday, followed by three downtown church services each day this week. The weather is beautiful and I'm heading out to see a few of our middle schoolers play softball today (I was able to see our talented tennis players yesterday). Spring weather has brought us not only sunshine, but plenty of fresh strawberries.

In short, all is well. However, Holy Week however is about to turn much darker. Maundy Thursday includes the last supper, betrayal, and arrest. Good Friday deals with torture and execution.

This year, it appears the weather will reflect the scriptures. Today is sunny and hot. Tomorrow through Saturday are cold and wet. It may be raining as you read this. Change is the only constant. Things are never as good or bad as they seem in the moment. Throughout these changes though, God is with us.

Your path may feel crooked now, but may prove to be straight and narrow. We all may be walking the very road God laid out for us. Sometimes we may feel we are walking in a straight line when we are in fact walking in circles (which always happens if you keep turning in the same direction). Keep heading toward Jesus, and you'll end up where you need to be.

Wherever you are in life or whatever path God has put you on, please know God loves you. While the second half of Holy Week is a difficult path to walk, we all know Easter is coming. Be assured that the victory is all the sweeter when you have tasted the bitterness of darkness, rain, and suffering.

God bless.

Grace & Peace,  
Doug



### ***Welcome!***

This past Sunday (April 2) in worship we celebrated the baptism of Ruth Diehl with her family and friends. Blessings on you Ruth as you continue your faith walk. We look forward to seeing you grow and live into all that God has created you to be.

**Ruth Diehl  
2601 Riverwood Ave.  
Lumberton, NC 28358**

### **We welcome Dr. Ronald Hinson Sunday, April 16th!**



Dr. Ron Hinson resides in Chadbourn, NC and retired after 40 years of pastoral ministry having served churches in Kentucky, Georgia and North Carolina. Most recently, he served as Senior Pastor of LaFayette Baptist Church in Fayetteville, N.C. Dr. Hinson is a graduate of the University of Georgia and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Ron has been married for 47 years to his wife Jan, who is a 2nd grade teacher for Cumberland County Schools. They have 3 married children and eight grandchildren. He enjoys writing, history, photography and preaching.



## Palm Sunday — April 2, 2023



We hope everyone enjoyed our celebration with our Palm/Passion Worship, Palm Sunday luncheon and children's egg hunt on April 2nd! We appreciate those who donated eggs to our egg hunt, decorated the Fellowship Hall, and helped serve the meal.





### ***Servants this Sunday***

*The ECM Entrance remains closed due to repairs. Please enter for Worship at the Sanctuary.*

#### **9:30 Sunday School Entrance Greeters**

\*6th Street Ramp, 9:00—9:30 am  
Kenneth Sasser

#### **10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters**

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

**Security Monitor** — *volunteer needed*

**Nursery** — Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

**Extended Session** — Katherine Martin, Pattie Ramsaur

*Thinking  
of you*

### **Person of the Week**

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

**Elizabeth Hungate**  
**403 W. 32nd Street**  
**Lumberton, NC 28358**

### ***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 portal — [fbclumbertonnc.org/give](http://fbclumbertonnc.org/give)
- Go to our website ([www.fbclumbertonnc.org](http://www.fbclumbertonnc.org)) to complete a draft form.
- Send us your contribution by mail: 606 N. Walnut Street, Lumberton, NC 28358
- **NEW!** Text FBC606 to 73256 to give using your mobile device.



### **CONTACT US**

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Rev. Josh Owens and Rev. Doug Reedy will be out of the office the week of April 10th.



### **Children's Sunday**

**May 7, 2023**  
**10:30 a.m.**

Children's choirs and bells are rehearsing and working on pieces for Children's Sunday. In addition to music, children will lead in worship elements such as welcome and announcements, prayers, reading scripture, and sermons. If your child would like to participate, please contact Doug Reedy ([dougreedy@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:dougreedy@fbclumbertonnc.org)).



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## *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.

**Canned goods are preferred at this time. Please make sure donated items have unopened packaging and are not expired.**