

First Baptist News

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



SCAN ME

Coming up this week. . .

Sunday, May 28 **Pentecost Sunday**

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Worship Online

Monday, May 29 **Memorial Day**

Offices and Early Childhood Ministry Closed

Tuesday, May 30

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

Wednesday, May 31

- 6:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting (Conf. Rm.)
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 1

Arts Camp Registration Opens

- 6:00 p.m. Meet-n-Eat at Cracker Barrel

Saturday, June 3

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



"The Spirit of Pentecost" by Neil Thorogood

Preparing for Sunday, May 28 **Pentecost Sunday** **"An Activating Spirit"** **1 Corinthians 12:1-13 (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

or online on YouTube

youtube.com/c/lumbertonfbc/

Sunday, June 4th—Sunday, September 4th

10:30 a.m. Worship

will be held in the Fellowship Hall

MAY 28, 2023
**PENTECOST
SUNDAY**

WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE
TO WEAR RED.





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Sundays
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 Worship in Fellowship Hall

Starting Sunday, June 4th
10:30 a.m. Worship
will be held in the Fellowship Hall

JUNE

- Sundays at 5 pm: Book Study
- 1st: Meet-n-Eat at Cracker Barrel, 6 pm
- 8th: Sea Glow Mini Golf, 6:30 pm
- 13th: Meet-n-Eat at Your Pie, 6 pm
- 20th: Lunch Meet n Eat at Cakes & Pastries, 12 pm
- 23rd: Drive-in Movie in Parking Lot, 7 pm We'll be viewing "Jesus Revolution."
- 26th: Lunch Meet-n-Eat at Malecio's, 12 pm

JULY

- Wednesdays at 9 am: Coffee & Bible Study at Panera Bread (July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2)
- 11th: Meet-n-Eat at Chic-fil-a, 6 pm
- 16th: Lumberton Bowling Center, 5 pm
- 19th: Blake's Ice Cream Parlor on Elm St., 6:30 pm
- 21st: Kids/Families at Fun City, 12 pm
- 25th: Fay. Woodpeckers Baseball Game, 6 pm. Leave from church at 5 pm for those who need a ride. Tickets: fevogm.com/event/Firstbaptist7

We'll pause our Wednesday night gatherings for the summer starting May 31st and will resume meeting August 30th. Until then, we have many exciting activities planned. Make plans to join us!

AUGUST

- 2nd: Meet-n-Eat at Buc-ee's, Depart church at 5 pm
- 6th: Meet-n-Eat at McDonald's (Liberty Hill location), 6 pm
- 21st-23rd: Arts Camp, 9 am - 3 pm
- 30th: Fall Kick-off

Tuesday, July 25

FAYETTEVILLE WOODPECKERS
Baseball Game

TUESDAY | JULY 25 | 06:00 P.M.

PLAN TO LEAVE FROM CHURCH AT 5 PM

PURCHASE TICKETS BY 7/18 \$11 EACH

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A Note from the Pastor's Desk

May 2023

Memorial Day Weekend is here, marking the unofficial beginning of summer! The return of summer brings the excitement of a couple of months filled with fun and fellowship opportunities here at First Baptist Lumberton. We tried this special calendar of events for the first time last summer and it was loads of fun. Once again this summer, our goal is to take the joy of our church community beyond the walls of our gathering spaces here at the corner of 7th & Walnut streets!

This summer we once again have a packed list of opportunities to enjoy, highlighted by events like the drive-in movie in June (showing Jesus Revolution), the return to a Fayetteville Woodpeckers baseball game in July, and the multiple options for our beloved "Meet n' Eats" at local restaurants. There are also opportunities for engaging your mind and spirit with a book study in June and a mid-day Bible study gathering in July. We hope that there is something for everyone! We also will be gathering for worship a little differently this summer as beginning with the Sunday after Memorial Day, through Labor Day weekend, we will hold worship services in Cherry Fellowship Hall. We are energized by the various elements of worship and fellowship this different venue offers during the summer months, and we hope that you will be as well.

With that said, it has been fun but also a bit of a challenge putting together a schedule because there are so many great options to choose from in and around Lumberton. This is truly a special place for us all to live, work, worship, and enjoy together. It is in that mindset that we have chosen a theme of sorts to guide our summer: "Living-Loving-Lumberton". You may have seen this wording recently on a promo for t-shirts that we are ordering for all who want one (just \$15 per shirt, no money due now, just order by the end of May). We feel it is a blessing for us to be able to live in this wonderful community of Lumberton, and we want others to love living here too. We also see it as carrying out the mission God has given us here at FBCL by living in our community and showing love to all of Lumberton. So, we believe that these ideas are captured in our "Living-Loving-Lumberton" mantra, and we hope that you will enjoy living and loving our town too!

I look forward to seeing you out and about around town this summer!

In the Love of Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joshua Owens". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Rev. Joshua K. Owens, *Senior Pastor*

Upcoming Senior Adult Trip

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.

What is Buc-ee's? Visit www.buc-ees.com to find out more.



Coming up in June...

Sundays in June — Book Study, 5:00 p.m.

June 1 — Arts Camp registration opens at 9 am.

June 1 — Meet-n-Eat at Cracker Barrel, 6 pm

June 4 — Worship will be held in the Fellowship Hall for the summer months.

June 7 — ECM graduation program for 4-year-olds and NC PreK students, 10 am, Fellowship Hall.

June 8 — Sea Glow Mini Golf, 6:30 pm

June 8 — NC PreK Provider Appreciation event, 6-8 pm, Fellowship Hall

June 9 — Last day of school for PSRC

June 12 — NC PreK Provider Appreciation event, 9 am—4 pm, Fellowship Hall

June 12 — ECM Summer care begins

June 13 — Meet-n-Eat at Your Pie, 6:00 pm

June 17 — Community Café, hosted by WMU

June 19 — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Chapel. Deacons will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

June 20 — Lunch Meet-n-Eat at Cakes & Pastries, 12:00 noon

June 21 — ECM school-aged children to Exploration Station

June 23 — Drive-in Movie in the Activities Building Parking Lot, 7:00 p.m. We'll be viewing "Jesus Revolution."

June 25-29 — Youth Music Retreat

June 26 — Lunch Meet-n-Eat at Malecio's, 12:00 noon

June 28-30 — CBF Gathering, Dallas, TX. Rev. Josh Owens will be attending.

Coming up in July...

July 3-4 — Church Offices closed

July 4 — ECM closed

July 9-14 — Youth Passport, Converse College

July 10-14 — Kandace on vacation (camping)

July 11 — Meet-n-Eat at Chic-fil-A, 6 pm

Wednesdays (July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2) — Coffee and Bible Study at Panera Bread, 9 am

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June Book Study

DIANA BUTLER BASS

REVISED BY
CRAIG FLETCHER

FREEING JESUS

REDISCOVERING JESUS AS
FRIEND, TEACHER, SAVIOR, LORD,
WAY, and PRESENCE

Sundays in June at 5 pm
Conference Room

ORDER YOUR BOOK IN ADVANCE

Our June Book Study begins Sunday, June 4th at 5:00 p.m. We'll meet in the conference room to discuss the book "Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence" by Diana Butler Bass. We encourage you to purchase your book in advance

(Amazon link - <https://a.co/d/cl23aS0>).

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GET READY FOR ARTS CAMP

**AT FIRST BAPTIST,
LUMBERTON**

AUG. 21-23, 2023
9 AM - 3 PM

**FIRST BAPTIST
ARTS CAMP**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT US :
910-739-4336
OFFICE@FBCLUMBERTONNC.ORG

**606 N. WALNUT STREET
LUMBERTON, NC 28358**

Lumberton Christian Care is one of our most important local charities. Since the onset of COVID, LCC has been fighting hunger and homelessness locally with one hand behind their back. The rooms that provide temporary shelter have been operating at single occupancy, while the lunchroom has provided to go plates only.

Finally, they have received the good news that they can consider fully open the dining room and house more guests. Yet, they are limited by the same practical concern that limits what we are able to do as a church...lack of volunteers. Once they have enough people willing to help serve lunch (from 10:00-11:30 AM weekdays), they will reopen the building. Per Barbara Andrews, FBC member and LCC Board Member, the greatest need for help is on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

This is a wonderful opportunity to fulfill the expectations Jesus set for us in Matthew 25. Another way to be a sheep is volunteering to help with our Friends of Jesus class. Our Friends of Jesus are a wonderful ministry that we can do extremely well (if we have the workers we need).

Please pray about where God would have you be salt and light. The Nominating Committee may be in touch soon. We have openings for folks to help leading worship this summer. Great things are happening for God's kingdom through First Baptist. It is much more fun to be an active participant than a spectator. Let us know if you are ready to join in.

Grace & Peace,
Doug



Kaitlyn Reedy painted this beautiful painting and recently donated it to Lumberton Christian Care.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Scholarship applications are now available in the church office! All applications must be submitted by May 31, 2023. For more information, contact the church office (910-739-4336) or Rev. Doug Reedy (dougreeedy@fbclumbertonnc.org).



Are you a recent graduate? We would like to include your achievements in an upcoming edition of First Baptist News! Contact the Church Office by May 31st.



Pre-order by May 31st!

We invite you to order a t-shirt to show your love for the community of Lumberton. Adult sized shirts will be \$15 each, due when our order arrives. Please pre-order your preferred size online by May 31st at (<https://forms.gle/1RePA7e9EPPrFHxbr6>) or call the church office (910-739-4336).

*Thinking
of you*

Person of the Week

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

Tom Barker
1000 Wesley Pines Road, N-147
Lumberton, NC 28358

9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classrooms

Nursery — Room D-107 (former TEL/Ladies'
Fellowship Class room)

Preschool Sunday School Class — Room D-111A
(use entrance across from Nursery)

1st-5th Grade Sunday School Class — Room D-206

Youth Sunday School Class —
Youth Sunday School Hall, Room 203

Young Adults — Room D-209

Bridge Sunday School Class — Room D-202

Circle of Friends Class — Pastor's Study
(outside Parlor)

Collins Class — Conference Room

Susan Welsh Class — Room D-207

Fellowship Class — Chapel & Zoom

Friends of Jesus Class — Activities Building

Nursery Care & Extended Session available during Worship

Nursery care is available for birth—age 2. Nursery
will meet in Room D-107 (former TEL/Ladies'
Fellowship Class room).

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 (Handicap)
Shirley Hickman

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

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

Security Monitor — *volunteer needed*

Nursery — Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

Extended Session — Alli & Dustin Branch

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
- 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

- **NEW!** Text **FBC606** to **73256** to give
using your mobile device.

CONTACT US

Going into the end of the school year and
into summer, our office staff will be in-and-
out of the office. We will be taking family
vacations, attending conferences, going on
church trips, etc. so our schedules on-site in
the office will vary from day to day. Please
call the office to make sure someone is in
before stopping by.

Kandace will be out of the office but working
from home May 24–June 9.

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