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First Baptist News

FBC 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, September 3

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Chapel

10:30 a.m. Worship Online

Monday, September 4

The offices and Early Childhood Ministry will be closed in observance of Labor Day.

Tuesday, September 5

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

Wednesday, September 6

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (Act. Bld.)

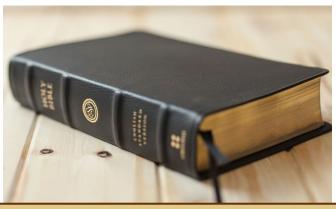
Children's Activities

Youth Doing Missions

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, September 9

9:00 a.m. Mental Health in Today's Church (Fellowship Hall)



Children's Bible Presentation Sunday, September 10

Bibles will be presented to 1st graders during Worship on September 10th. If your child will be present and hasn't received a Bible from us yet, please contact the church office so we can have a Bible ready for them that Sunday.



Preparing for Sunday, September 3

"The Witness of Relationships" Hebrews 13 (NLT)

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship

Join us for Worship in-person in the Chapel or online on Facebook Live facebook.com/firstbaptistlumbertonnc or online on YouTube youtube.com/c/lumbertonfbc/

We'll gather in the Chapel for 10:30 am Worship on Sunday, September 3.

Worship will resume gathering in the Sanctuary on Sunday, September 10.

Adult Bible Study, Children's Activities, and Youth Doing Missions resume Wednesday, September 6 starting at 6 pm. Sanctuary Choir will rehearse Wednesdays at 7 pm.



There are a couple of opportunities to help feed the needy of Robeson County coming up! Our First Sunday Food Drive for September will focus on collecting cereal and peanut butter. As school is back in session, these items are on the list as must desired. Bring your donation with you Sunday, September 3rd. If you can't make it, Youth will be collecting items during Youth Doing Missions on Wednesday, Sept. 13th. Contact Rev. Doug Reedy or the office if you would like Youth to pick up your donations.

Secondly, we have openings for your Sunday School Class, small group, family, or group of friends to host Community Café on Saturday, Sept. 16 or Saturday, Oct. 21st. Your group will provide a bagged lunch starting at 10:00 am at the Activities Building. If you are willing to host, please contact Rev. Doug Reedy or the office.

Community Cafe

providing a meal for the less fortunate

We have an urgent need for hosts for September 16th and October 21st!

10:00 am - until food runs out Activities Building

Call the office if your Sunday School class, small group, family, or group of friends can host. 910-739-4336

Coming up...

Sept. 10 — Worship will resume gathering in the Sanctuary. Bibles will be presented to 1st Graders.

Sept. 10 — Youth Bells (4:45 pm) & Bible Study (6 pm) resume.

Sept. 11 — WMU meeting, 11:45 am, Activities Building

Sept. 11 — Public Hearing concerning closure of 6th Street, between Pine and Walnut.

Sept. 12 — Youth Council Meeting

Sept. 13 — CBFNC Beach Retreat money is due.

Sept. 14 — Fun & Fellowship, 11:00 am,

Activities Building

Sept. 16 — Community Café

Sept. 25 — Lunch & Learn

Sept. 25 — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Chapel. Deacons will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Sept. 25-29 — Deacon Election Absentee Voting in the church office, 9:00 am—2:30 pm.

Oct. 1 — World Communion Sunday

Oct. 1 — Deacon Election during Called Church Conference, immediately following the conclusion of worship.

Oct. 2 — WMU meeting, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.

Oct. 3 — Baptist Women's Bible Study, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.

Oct. 12 — Fun & Fellowship, 11:00 am, Act.

Oct. 13-15 — CBFNC Youth Beach Retreat

Oct. 19 — PSRC's Elementary Honors Chorus

Oct. 21 — Community Cafe

Oct. 22 — Friends of Jesus Sunday

Oct. 23 — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Chapel. Deacons will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Oct. 23-28 — Joyful Travelers Trip to Kentucky

Oct. 25 — Trunk or Treat

Oct. 29 — All Saints Sunday

Person of the Week

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



Jo Stogner 1601 N. Walnut St. Lumberton, NC 28358





At our most recent church business meeting, it was shared how our church's leadership has recently begun the process of requesting our city officials to close the portion of 6th Street that runs between our two properties (Walnut to Pine). This would mean this section would no longer be a maintained city street and would cut out general traffic on this busy pedestrian walk for our church and ECM. It also opens up opportunities for us to reimagine accessibility and church grounds to best use our combined properties. The city council approved our request for evaluation with the city's planning department at their August 7th meeting. At the next meeting, on Sept. 11, there will be a public hearing on our request, where residents can speak in support or against our request. It would be great if those from our church were present for a visible show of support. If you are interested in attending, the meeting is on Monday, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m. at City Hall, upstairs in the council meeting room. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to me. — Pastor Josh

Servants this Sunday

The ECM Entrance remains closed due to repairs. Please enter for Worship at the Fellowship Hall lobby.

9:30 Sunday School Entrance Greeters

6th Street Ramp, 9:00—9:30 am (Handicap) Tony & Becky Thompson

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

Fellowship Hall Lobby 10:00—11:30 am Jimmy & Billie Dail

Security Monitor — PJ Monteiro

Nursery — Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

Extended Session — Christy Strickland

Contact Us

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Contact Rev. Doug Reedy to sign up.

\$100.00 due Sept. 13th!

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 (<u>www.fbclumbertonnc.org</u>) to complete a draft form.
- Send us your contribution by mail:
 606 N. Walnut Street, Lumberton, NC 28358
- Text FBC606 to 73256 to give using your mobile device.



We'll announce the new date for the ice cream social soon!

Starting Back in September...

First Monday of the Month

WMU will meet at 11:45 am in the Activities Building starting Sept. 11th.

First Tuesday of the Month

Baptist Women's Bible Study Group will meet at 11:45 am in the Activities Building starting Sept. 5th.

Second Thursday of the Month

Fun & Fellowship will meet at 11:00 am in the Activities Building starting Sept. 14th. The program will be presented by Mark Wagner about beekeeping. Lunch will be provided.