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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, October 22

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Worship Online 10:30 a.m.

Youth Bells Rehearsal 4:45 p.m.

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

# Monday, October 23

Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm.) 10:30 a.m. 5:45 p.m. Finance Committee (Chapel)

6:30 p.m. Scouts Meeting 7:00 p.m. **Deacons Meeting** (Fellowship Hall)

October 23-27
Senior Adult Trip to Kentucky

# Tuesday, October 24

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

# Wednesday, October 25

6:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat

(6th St. Parking Lot)

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

# Saturday, October 28

10:00 a.m. Hispanic Ministry Bible

(Act. Bld.)

We welcome Rev. Brian Caldwell, interim Pastor at Lemon Spring Baptist Church in Sanford, as our quest preacher for Friends of Jesus Sunday, Rev. Caldwell is a graduate of UNC Wilmington and Campbell University. He has been a leader for Happiness Retreats at Camp Caraway for more than 30 years, where he prepares worship services, arranges music, and leads the band as pianist. In addition, he teaches middle school at Lee County Schools, serves on school committees, is a mentor/advisor, and is scorekeeper for sports. He previously has served at Providence Independent Methodist Church in Bonlee and at First Baptist of Sanford.



# Preparing for Sunday, Oct. 22 Friends of Jesus Sunday

"Getting Up, Getting Over, and Getting On" 1 Corinthians 1:20-31 Rev. Brian Caldwell

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

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

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for Worship this Sunday.

A meal for the Friends of Jesus Class will be held in the Fellowship Hall following Worship.

# You are invited!



Wednesday, Oct. 25 6 pm 6th Street Parking Lot



We are excited for this year's Trunk or Treat! We anticipate a great turnout and need your help making this a great event for our community. Costumes are welcome, and don't forget your bucket or bag to haul your

treats.

We are still accepting donations of individually-wrapped candy (or non-candy treats, if preferred). Drop your donations off in the church office.

Our greatest need right now is for folks to sign up to decorate a car and pass out candy. Call the church office or Rev. Doug Reedy if you are willing to help (910-739-4336).

### There are Prizes!

- Best Youth Decorated Car
- Best Adult Decorated Car
- Plus everyone who decorates a car will be entered in drawing to win a prize as well!

# Please invite your family and friends!

Here is the Facebook event link you can share fb.me/e/ZYTo3FE9

Visit the Calendar on our Website fbclumbertonnc.org/calendar

Pick up an invite flyer at the church. We'll have some available with the Order of Worship this Sunday!



# What's Happening at the ECO













Here at the ECM, we're welcoming all things fall! We're heading to the pumpkin patch, making pumpkin muffins, planting pumpkin seeds, and making our own pumpkins! What a fun time!!



Combined Children's Sunday School Class for ages 4-12 will meet in Room D-110. This room is downstairs and near the nursery, which makes it more convenient for parents of young children. Let us know if you need help finding the new class location!





# For Children During Worship

# **Nursery Care**

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

#### Extended Session

Children age 3—K are invited to attend Extended Session after the children's sermon. We meet in Room D-111.

Children in 1st grade and older attend the full worship service. Worship bags containing books, Bibles, crayons, and quiet toys are available for those who wish to use them.

# Coming up...

Oct. 29 — All Saints Sunday

Oct. 31 — ECM Children Trick-or-Treating inside the church and in the community

Nov. 1 — Quarterly Church Conference, 6 pm

**Nov. 5** — Daylight Savings Time Ends ("fall back")

Nov. 6 — WMU meeting, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.

Nov. 7 — Election Day

Nov. 7 — Baptist Women's Bible Study Group, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.

Nov. 9 — Fun & Fellowship, 11 am, Act. Bld.

Nov. 11 — Veteran's Day

**Nov. 12** — Senior Adult Sunday. Larry Sawyer will be preaching.

Nov. 12 — Deacon Ordination & Installation Service during Worship

Nov. 14 — Carolina Opry Christmas Show Trip

Nov. 17 — BBQ Sale

Nov. 18 — Community Café, hosted by Youth

**Nov. 18** — Lumberton Christmas Parade. The ECM will have a float, so be sure to show your support if you attend.

**Nov. 19** — Community Thanksgiving Service, hosted at FBC

**Nov. 20** — Finance meeting at 5:45 pm in the Chapel. Deacons meeting at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Nov. 20** — Hanging of the Green greenery fund memorials/honorariums due. Forms are available in the newsletter and online.

**Nov. 23** — Thanksgiving! The offices and ECM will be closed Nov. 23 and 24.

**Nov. 26** — Christ the King Sunday; Hanging of the Green Rehearsal that evening.

## Servants this Sunday

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

## 9:30 Sunday School Entrance Greeters

6th Street Ramp, 9:00—9:30 am (Handicap) Gene Horne

# **10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters**

Fellowship Hall Lobby 10:00—11:30 am Ann & John Underwood

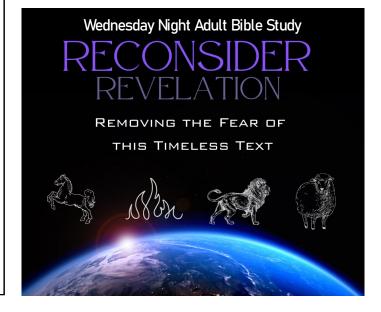
Security Monitor — Johnny Strickland

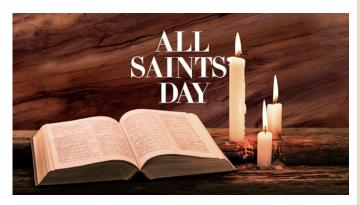
Nursery — Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

**Extended Session** — Kim Gore



Tickets are available NOW! Purchase them from any FBC Youth or in the church office.





During worship Sunday, October 29, we will observe All Saints' Sunday. We will call the names of those who have passed away over the past year as a way of honoring the impact their lives have had on the church body. Please contact the office to have your loved one added to the program.

As an element of Worship, we invite you to light The Christ Candle. This invitation is open to all ages, individuals or families. The Christ Candle is lit at the beginning of Worship and stays burning through the service as a visual reminder of God's presence and light in our lives. Contact the Church Office or any of the ministers if you would like to light the candle.



If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one, we have several dates available in 2023 and 2024. Call the church office to reserve a date. Once your date is reserved, we encourage you to contact your florist to arrange delivery of the flowers (most use Flowers by Billy—738-2279).



# Give to the Children's Christmas Party & Friends of Jesus Fund!

## Children's Christmas Party Goal = \$6,000 Date of Party: December 9th

Beginning in October each year, we work with local schools to gather names of children in need. The Youth of First Baptist then invite these children to our annual Children's Christmas Party. The Youth and their families shop for necessities and a toy on the child's wish list, then send a ham home for the whole family. We hope to spend \$125.00 per child.

## FOJ Christmas Party Goal = \$6,000 Date of Party: December 11th

The Friends of Jesus Ministry is also accepting donations to buy gifts for their annual Christmas party.

Please give early and generously to help make these ministry opportunities possible!

If you prefer, you may complete this form online. A link to the form is available in emails from the church. Contributions are accepted in cash, check, or online. Please contact Kandace about online giving options.

# Hanging of the Green Sunday, December 3, 2023

It is time to begin collecting donations for the annual Hanging of the Green! We would like to include your honorariums and memorials in this year's program. Please complete this form and return it to the church office no later than Monday, November 20, 2023.

I would like to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Hanging of the Green Fund. Please print names as they should appear in the program. In memory of: And/or In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_ Given by: Phone:

# Community Cafe providing a meal for the less fortunate

Thank you for hosting! Oct. 21 — Collins Sunday School Class

Nov. 18 — Youth

Additional Notes:

Dec. 16 — Bridge Sunday School Class

# **Person of the Week**

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



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

# Give to First Baptist Church!

Here are some ways to donate to our ministry:

- Give during Sunday worship.
- Give through our secure online portal fbclumbertonnc.org/give
- Send us your contribution by mail: 606 N. Walnut Street, Lumberton, NC 28358



 Text FBC606 to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

#### **Contact Us**

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

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