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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 17

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Worship Online

4:45 p.m. Youth Bells Rehearsal Youth Bible Study

Monday, September 18

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm.)

6:30 p.m. Scouts Meeting

Tuesday, September 19

7:00 a.m.
Men's Prayer Group (Zoom)
7:00 p.m.
Committee on Committees
Meeting (Conf. Rm.)

Wednesday, September 20

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

Children's Activities Youth Doing Missions

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, September 23

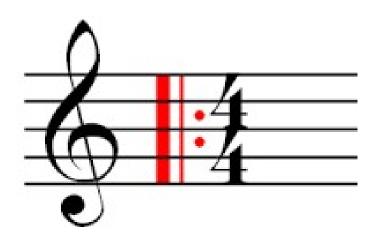
10:00 a.m. Hispanic Ministry Bible Study (Act. Bld.)



Deacon Election Absentee Voting will take place Sept. 25-29, 2023 in the Church Office from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm.
Other times available by appointment.

Deacon Election will take place Sunday, October 1, 2023 during Called Church Conference immediately following Worship.

Biographical information for each candidate will be published with the Sept. 21st edition of <u>First Baptist News</u>.



Preparing for Sunday, September 17

"Forgiveness on Repeat" Matthew 15:21-35 (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/

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.





THE CHRIST a visual reminder of God's presence



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.

910-739-4336

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Join us on Monday, September 25th as we welcome one of our own here at First Baptist, Bruce Davis, mayor of Lumberton. Mayor Davis will share an update about recent things happening in the city, as well as report on what might be coming on the horizon. Be sure to sign up by September 15th so we can prepare accordingly for the catered lunch, and bring a friend for this time of fellowship.

Community Caf providing a meal for the less fortunate

Thank you for hosting!

Sept. 16 — Rev. Owens & Rev. Reedy Oct. 21 — Collins Sunday School Class Nov. 18 — Youth

Dec. 16 — Bridge Sunday School Class

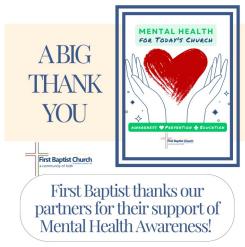


Our Trunk or Treat last year was a huge success. We anticipate the need for lots of candy and treats again this year! We know it's a tad earlier than we usually start asking for donations, but Halloween candy sold out quickly last year. Donations may be dropped off in the office.

We also need people to sign-up to decorate their vehicle and/or hand out candy. Call the church office or Rev. Doug Reedy if you are willing to help (910-739-4336).

Saturday morning we held our Mental Health for Today's Church workshop. We welcomed Terry and Phillip Lee, leaders of a ministry called Overflow to discuss the impact of mental illness in our families, community, and church. We were so joined by local health and mental health professionals who contributed to resources and the Q&A. Thanks to all those who participated.





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Coming up...

Sept. 25—Lunch & Learn at 12 noon. Please RSVP by Sept. 15th.

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. We will observe the Ordinance of Communion during Worship.

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. 4 — Youth 2024 Ski Trip deposit due (\$100). The ski trip is scheduled for Jan. 12-16, 2024.

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

Oct. 13-15 — CBFNC Youth Beach Retreat

Oct. 19 — PSRC's Elementary Honors Chorus

Oct. 21 — Community Café (host needed)

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

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; 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

Nov. 13 — Hanging of the Green greenery fund memorials/honorariums due.

Nov. 14 — Carolina Opry Christmas Show Trip

Nov. 17 — Youth BBQ Sale

Nov. 18 — Community Café, hosted by Youth

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. 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 Sanctuary Vestibule.

9:30 Sunday School Entrance Greeters

6th Street Ramp, 9:00—9:30 am (Handicap) Jimmy & Billie Dail

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

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

Security Monitor — Johnny Strickland

Nursery — Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

Extended Session — Nancy Wagner, Kim Gore

Contact Us

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

Kandace will be out of the office October 2-6, 2023 (Fall break/vacation).

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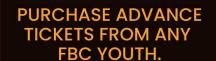
Person of the Week

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



Lois Johnson of you 1000 Wesley Pines Road
Villa 202 Lumberton, NC 28358







40th Anniversary BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY ANNUAL GATHERING

October 2-4, 2023

Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, KY



Rev. Josh Owens will be attending the NC Baptist Women in Ministry's Symposium on Thursday, Sept. 14 in Chapel

He will also be attending BWIM's 40th Anniversary Annual Gathering Oct. 2-4, 2023 in Louisville, KY. You can find more information about the national gathering by visiting bwim.info/2023-annual-gathering/.

He will be out of the office during those times, but will be available by phone or email.