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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 24

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

September 25-29

Deacon Election Absentee Voting 8:00 am-2:30 pm

Monday, September 25

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm.) 12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn (Act. Bld.) 5:45 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

(Chapel)

6:30 p.m. Scouts Meeting Deacons Meeting

(Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, September 26

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

Wednesday, September 27

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

Children's Activities Youth Doing Missions

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, September 30

Senior Adult Trip to Northwood Temple's

Dinner Theatre

10:00 a.m. Hispanic Ministry Bible Study

(Act. Bld.)

A Called Church Conference will be held Sunday, October 1, 2023 immediately following Worship for the purpose of Deacon Election.



Preparing for Sunday, Sept. 24

"What is it?" Exodus 16:1-15 (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 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.

606 N. Walnut Street, Lumberton, NC 28358

• Text FBC606 to 73256 to give using your mobile device.



Nominees for Deacon

Deacons will be elected to serve 2024-2027.

Absentee voting will take place September 25-29 in the church office from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm.

A Called Church Conference will take place immediately following Worship on Sunday, October 1, 2023 for the purpose of Deacon Election.

Sandra Cox



Joined First Baptist in 2010.

Positions held at FBC: Sanctuary Choir; Youth Choir; Youth Hand bells; Children's Choir helper; Volunteer for several VBS and Summer Music Camps; Volunteer for the Youth Group; Worship Committee; Former two-year-old teacher for the ECM.

Judy Driscoll



Joined First Baptist in 1968. Spouse: James T. Driscoll, Jr.

Children: Jimmy Driscoll (Hope Mills), Ross

Driscoll (Lumberton)
Occupation: Homemaker

Positions held at FBC: Sanctuary Choir, Music Makers Choir leader, Adult Hand bells, Hospitality, Building and Grounds, Music, WMU Hospitality, Bible Study Group, Deacon, Secretary to Deacons.

James Gore



Joined First Baptist in 1994. Spouse: Kimberley Gore

Children: Breanna Gore Jones (29, Spivey's

Corner), Stacey E. Gore (21, Raleigh)

Occupation: Banker

Positions held at FBC: Deacon, Finance Committee Chair, Endowment Committee Chair, Pastor Search Committee, Interim

Pastor Search Committee

Positions held at other churches: RA

Leader

James W. (J.W.) Lawson



Joined First Baptist in 1970. Spouse: Angie Lawson

Children: Amanda Capel (Pinehurst), Allison

Hilburn (Clayton)

Occupation: Retired Teacher from PSRC &

administrator with RCC

Graduate of NC State with BS and Masters Degree in Education. Licensed General Contractor in NC/SC. President of Robeson Co. Home Builders Assn.

Tony Thompson



Joined First Baptist in 1952.

Spouse: Becky Helms Thompson Children: Tonya and Tony, Jr.

Seven Grandchildren

Positions held at FBC: Kitchen, Greeting, Transportation, Endowment, Sunday School Teacher, Previous Deacon.

John Underwood



Joined First Baptist in 2022. Spouse: Ann Underwood

Occupation: Retired from NCDMV. Now

Part-time at Crossroads Ford.

Positions held at FBC: Greeter, Security Monitor, Men's Prayer Group member Positions held at other churches: Deacon,

Chairman of Deacons, Trustee, Treasurer, Finance Committee,

Moderator, Pastor Search Committee.

Chris Walters



Joined First Baptist in 2009.

Spouse: Heather Walters

Children: Landon (14), Rustin (12)

Occupation: Physician

Positions held at FBC: Deacon, Deacon Vice Chair, ECM Committee, Finance Committee, Bridge Class Teacher, Nominating Committee, Pastor Search

Committee.



THE CHRIST CANDLE a visual reminder of Sod'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.

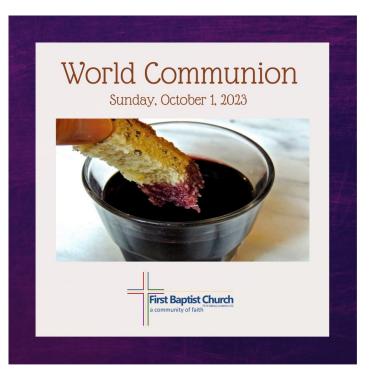
The Christ Candle is lit at the beginning of Worship and stays burning through the service as a visual reminder of God's presence and light in our lives.

Contact the Church Office or any of the ministers if you would like to light the candle.



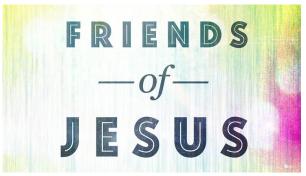
Altar Flowers Reservations

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).





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!



Friends of Jesus Ministry will meet for Sunday School on October 8, 22, and 29.

Friends of Jesus Sunday is October 22nd!





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).

Coming up...

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, Fort Caswell.

Oct. 21 — Community Café, hosted by Collins Sunday School Class.

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, 6 pm

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. Forms will be available in the Oct. 12th edition of *First Baptist News*.

Nov. 14 — Carolina Opry Christmas Show Trip

Nov. 17 — 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) Gene Horne

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

Sanctuary Vestibule 10:00—11:30 am Dianne & Layton Britt

Security Monitor — P.J. Monteiro

Nursery — Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

Extended Session — Heather Walters, Alli Branch

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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Rev. Doug Reedy — Associate Pastor of Youth, Young Adults and Missions; dougreedy@fbclumbertonnc.org

Person of the Week



Send a card, letter, or other remembrance to our very special person this week. She has a birthday coming up on Oct. 4th!

Gracie Davis 196 Kensington Street 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 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/2023annual-gathering/.

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