

First Baptist News

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



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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
- 6:00 p.m. 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
- 7:00 p.m. 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.)



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,
Lumberton, NC 28358
- Text FBC606 to 73256 to give using your mobile device.



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

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.

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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
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.



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).

CHILDREN'S *Sunday School*

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!

World Communion

Sunday, October 1, 2023



FRIENDS —of— JESUS

**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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Person of the Week

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

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



606 N. Walnut Street
Lumberton, NC 28358
910-739-4336

BBQ SALE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2023
11 AM - UNTIL WE RUN OUT
\$10 FOR PLATE OR PINT

Plates include wood-fired BBQ, beans, slaw, bread, and dessert.
Take-out only.



**PURCHASE ADVANCE
TICKETS FROM ANY
FBC YOUTH.**



40th Anniversary
BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY
ANNUAL GATHERING
October 2-4, 2023
Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, KY **BWM**

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/2023-annual-gathering/.

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