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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 1

World Communion Sunday

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Worship Online

A Called Church Conference will be held immediately following Worship for the purpose of Deacon Election.

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

Monday, October 2

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm.) 11:45 a.m. WMU Meeting (Act. Bld.)

6:30 p.m. Scouts Meeting

Tuesday, October 3

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

Wednesday, October 4
Youth Ski Trip Deposit Due

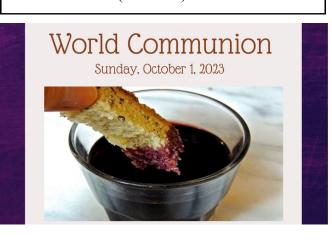
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (Act. Bld.)

Children's Activities Youth Doing Missions

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 7

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





### Preparing for Sunday, Oct. 1

"Don't Forget to Remember" Exodus 17:1-7 (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/

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### DEACON ELECTION



We encourage you to attend Worship on Sunday, October 1, 2023 to place your votes for Deacons during a Called Church Conference immediately following Worship. We will elect six (6) Deacons, four (4) of which will serve 2024-2027 and two (2) will serve vacant terms.





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. 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 — BBO Sale

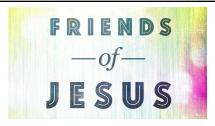
Nov. 18 — Community Café, hosted by Youth

Nov. 19 — Community Thanksgiving Service, hosted at FBC

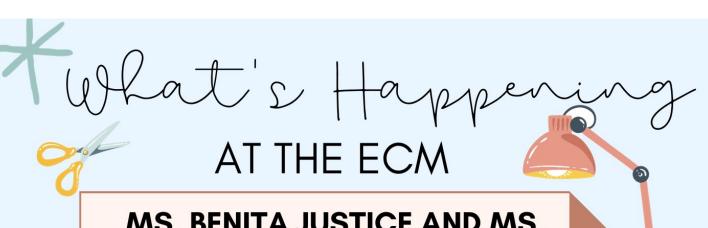
**Nov. 20** — Finance meeting at 5:45 pm in the Chapel. Deacons meeting at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**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.



Friends of Jesus Ministry will meet for Sunday School on October 8, 22, and 29. Friends of Jesus Sunday is October 22nd! Brian Caldwell will be our guest preacher.

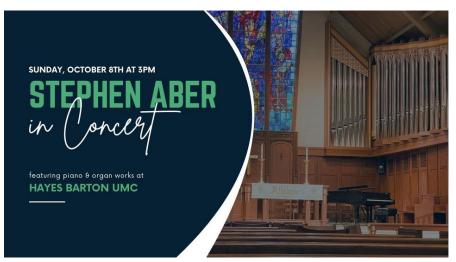


# MS. BENITA JUSTICE AND MS. EVELYN VINCENT CELEBRATE 15 YEARS!!

Ms. Benita and Ms. Evelyn are two names that you hear quite often here at the ECM. It's either "my children loved Ms. Benita & Ms. Evelyn" or "I would like to request that my child have Ms. Benita & Ms. Evelyn".

They work in our youngest two-year-old class and make a really hard job look easy! Not many people, including myself, could do the wonderful job that they do. They take our youngest babies and help to prepare them for what is next in their young lives. Both teachers put their best foot forward every day to make the classroom a fun learning space, despite the challenges they face. They go the extra mile in order to bring out the best in the children in their classroom.





### **Attention Sanctuary Choir!**

If you are interested in attending Stephen Aber's concert Sunday, October 8, 2023, please contact Rev. Tim Little or the church office. The concert will be held at Hayes Barton United Methodist Church in Raleigh at 3:00 pm, so we will need to leave after church to make it there on time.

### 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.

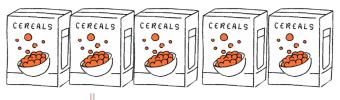


### Person of the Week

Send a card, letter, or other remembrance to our very special person this week. He has a birthday coming up on Oct. 17th!

Kenneth Sasser 1000 Wesley Pines Rd. Room A-127 Lumberton, NC 28358





First Sunday

FOOD DRIVE

Your donations support community
ministries as we provide for the needs
of the hungry in our area.

CURRENT NEEDS

Cereal

Peanut Butter











### Two upcoming opportunities to help feed the needy of Robeson County!

We are still collecting peanut butter and cereal to be donated to Robeson County Church and Community Center.

If you are going to the fair, you can bring 10 cans of food on Thursday, October 5th for free entry!





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.



Monday, September 25th we held our quarterly Lunch and Learn with guest speaker, Bruce Davis, Mayor of Lumberton. We enjoyed a fabulous meal and fellowship, along with hearing Mayor Davis share about the many new projects and businesses happening in our town. Stayed tuned for details about our next Lunch and Learn coming soon!







## Community Cafe providing a meal for the less fortunate

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

Nov. 18 — Youth

Dec. 16 — Bridge Sunday School Class

### 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) Dianne & Layton Britt

#### 10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

Sanctuary Vestibule 10:00—11:30 am Tony & Becky Thompson

Security Monitor — Malcolm McLean

Nursery — Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

Extended Session — Pattie Ramsaur

#### **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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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).