

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, November 12

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Online

Monday, November 13

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm.)
- 6:30 p.m. Scouts Meeting

Tuesday, November 14

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group (Zoom)
- 8:45 am departure — Senior Adult Trip to Carolina Opry's Christmas Show

Wednesday, November 15

- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (Act. Building)
- Children's Activities
- Youth Doing Missions
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 17

BBQ Sale 11 am until we run out!

Saturday, November 18

- 10:30 a.m. Community Café,
hosted by Youth (Act. Bld.)

Senior Adult Sunday

Preparing for Sunday, Nov. 12

"What Am I Here For?"

Galatians 6:7-10

Rev. Larry Sawyer

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/

BBQ for Community Café—Nov. 18

Youth will be hosting Community Café this month (Nov. 18). This is the day after the BBQ sale, so if your Sunday School class, small group, or group of friends are willing to purchase plates for community cafe, please contact Rev. Doug Reedy or the church office.



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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.



Make this year's Community Thanksgiving Service part of your family's holiday celebrations as we thank God for his blessings! We'll gather in First Baptist Sanctuary on Sunday, November 19th at 5 pm. Rev. Lisa Rust will be preaching and several churches will be participating in worship elements. This event is open to the community, so please invite your family and friends.



Coming up this month:

Nov. 19 — Deacon Ordination & Installation Service during 10:30 am Worship
Nov. 19 — Community Thanksgiving Service, hosted at FBC. Rev. Lisa Rust will be preaching.
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.

Coming Up in December:

Dec. 3 — Muffins for Music during 9:30 am Sunday School hour. The FOJ class will be singing carols. This event and Worship will be in the Fellowship Hall.
Dec. 3 — Hanging of the Green, 6 pm, Sanctuary
Dec. 4 — WMU Meeting, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.
Dec. 5 — Baptist Women's Bible Study, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.
Dec. 8 — Partnership for Children's EC Art/Christmas Party in the Fellowship Hall, 10 am
Dec. 9 — Children's Christmas Party
Dec. 10 — Memorial Service, 5 pm, Chapel
Dec. 11 — Friends of Jesus Christmas Party
Dec. 13 — Youth Progressive Dinner
Dec. 14 — Fun & Fellowship, 11 am, Fellowship Hall
Dec. 16 — Community Café, hosted by Bridge Sunday School Class
Dec. 17 — Sanctuary Choir Cantata
Dec. 18 — Finance meeting at 5:45 pm in the Chapel. Deacons meeting at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. New elected Deacons are invited to attend.
Dec. 20 — Children's Nativity Program, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall
Dec. 24 — No Sunday School. Worship will be held at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary.
Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5 pm, Sanctuary
Dec. 25 — Christmas Day!
Dec. 25-27 — Offices & ECM closed
Dec. 31 — No Sunday School. Worship will be held at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary.
Jan. 1 — New Years Day! The offices & ECM will be closed.



January 26-27, 2024

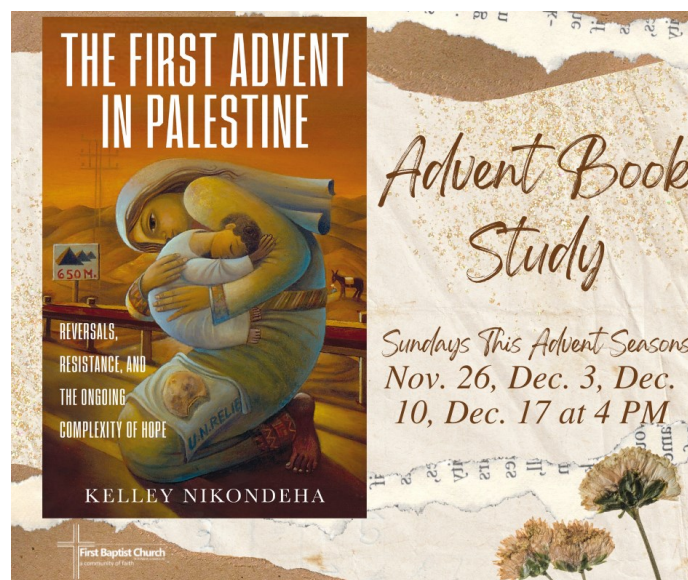
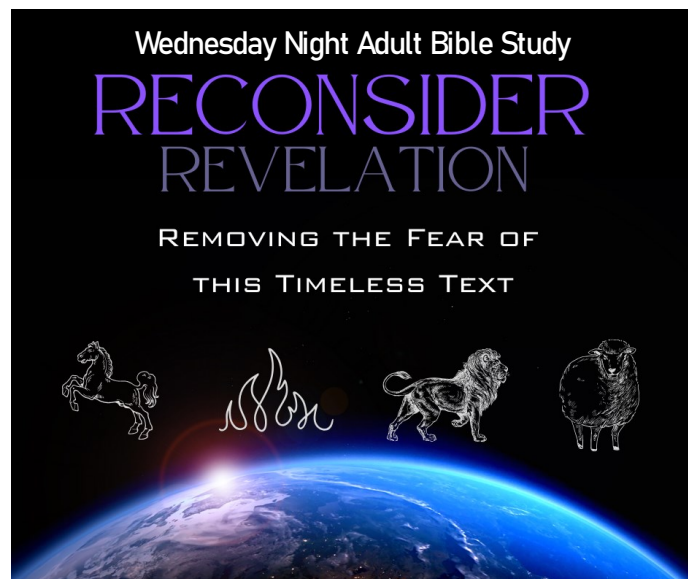
Camp Agape, Fuquay-Varina

All are invited to get away for a period of spiritual reflection and refreshment! During this retreat, we will spend time thinking about how we might more fully embrace the goodness of God and the gifts of this life both individually and in small groups.

The retreat will be led by Sarah Blackwell, Derek Hogan and Lydia Hoyle from the CBFNC Spiritual Formation Advisory Team.

\$60 Registration fee includes lodging and meals. Single and double rooms available. Each room shares a bathroom with one other room. Register through CBFNC link on the flyer.

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).



We will have an Advent Book Study Sundays at 4 pm in the conference room. We encourage you to purchase your copy of the book, "The First Advent in Palestine: Reversals, Resistance, and the Ongoing Complexity of Hope" by Kelly Nikondeha, in advance. It can be purchased on Amazon at <https://a.co/d/2DeNqDa>.

In the book, Nikondeha guides the reader to revisit the birth of Jesus in the context of his birth. A context that was marked by social upheaval, resistance, and oppression, and challenges us to think how that reality has something to say to us today as we revisit the First Advent.

Meeting dates are November 26, December 3, December 10, and December 17.

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!



December 3 is the first Sunday in Advent this year, which marks the start of the spiritual period of preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth on Christmas Day.

During Hanging of the Green, children and Youth help decorate the Sanctuary. The tree is decorated in Chrismons. "Chrismon" is a combination of the words "Christ" and "monogram," and means "symbols of Christ." Chrismons are gold and white, representing majesty and purity. So, the primary colors used are green, gold, and white.

We include honorariums and memorials made to the greenery fund in the printed program. See the back of this newsletter for the form to contribution to the greenery fund. Forms are due November 20th.

On Sunday, December 3rd, Sunday Morning Worship will be held in Cherry Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. as we prepare for Hanging of the Green that evening.

Senior Adult Trip

Dec. 14, 2023 \$10
Bring \$ for Meal & Gift Shop

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— VINEYARD —
438 Suggs-Taylor Rd. Elizabethtown, NC
910-866-5819

2023 **FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**

DRIVE THRU LIGHTS

6-10PM

\$10 PER PERSON
AGES 5 & UNDER FREE

Max. of \$120 per vehicle

NOV. 24, 25 & 26

NOV. 30-DEC. 3 & DEC. 7-10

NIGHTLY DEC. 14-23

COUNTRY
BUFFET
\$14 PER PERSON
5-9PM

FREE
PHOTOS WITH
SANTA
6-10PM

CANDY
SHOP
6-10PM

OPEN DAILY
GIFT SHOP
TASTING ROOM

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FBC Trip to Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Plymouth, MA June 2-8, 2024

\$950.00 per person with \$75.00 due upon signing. Price is based on double occupancy. Add \$209 for single occupancy. Final payment due 3/26/24.

Trip includes transportation, lodging, 10 meals, guided tours, museums, and much more. Sign up by calling the church office or contact Phyllis Gibson. Since this will be a popular trip, FBC members are encouraged to register for the trip during this priority registration period. Travel insurance is available at an additional cost.

Call the office to register or register online by scanning this QR code:



Things are progressing nicely for the renovated ECM rooms! We are loving the new colors, bathrooms in each room, and the teacher's touches to make each room unique. In a short time, we will be ready for students to move in. Finishing touches are being done now such as installing computers and phones.

**You are invited to the ECM's
reopening Open House!
Come anytime between 5 and 7 pm.
Refreshments will be available.**



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 class!

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.



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: _____



Our nursery room is in need of an update. As we prepare to give Room D-107 a fresh coat of paint, we need a few items to make the room baby and toddler friendly. We have made an Amazon

wish list if you would like to purchase a few items. Items purchased from this list can be shipped directly to the church.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/Is/1RTU1N5NDVKM3?ref=wl_share

Person of the Week

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

*Thinking
of you*

Lucy Simmons
1000 Wesley Pines Road
Room N-190
Lumberton, NC 28358

Servants this Sunday

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

9:30 Sunday School Entrance Greeters

6th Street Ramp, 9:00—9:30 am (Handicap)
Kenneth Sasser

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

Sanctuary Vestibule 10:00—11:30 am
Gene Horne & Kenneth Sasser

Security Monitor — Jerry Long

Nursery — Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

Extended Session — Kim Gore

Contact Us

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

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