

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, November 26

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Online
- 4:00 p.m. Advent Book Study Group (Conf. Rm.)
- 4:45 p.m. Youth Bells Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Hanging of the Green Rehearsal

Monday, November 27

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

Tuesday, November 28

Senior Adult Trip to Alabama Theatre

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group (Zoom)

Wednesday, November 29

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

Saturday, December 1

- 10:00 a.m. Hispanic Ministry Bible Study (Act. Bld.)
- 1:30 p.m. Susan Welsh FOJ Gift Bags (Act. Bld.)



"I Was Hungry" by Nathan Greene

Preparing for
Sunday,
November 26

Christ the King
Sunday

"A Different Kind of
Kingdom"
Matthew 25:31-46
(NLT)

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

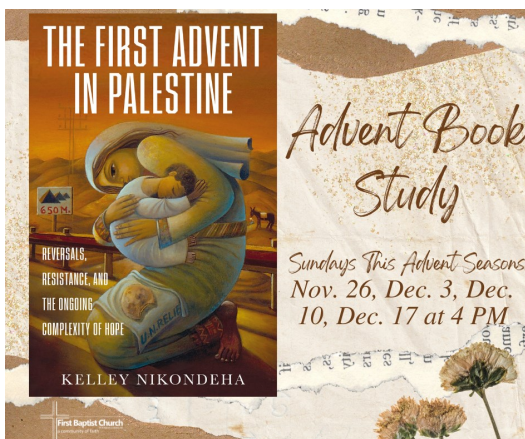
Join us for Worship in-person
in the Sanctuary
or online on Facebook Live

facebook.com/firstbaptistlumbertonnc
or online on YouTube
youtube.com/c/lumbertonfbc/

Advent Book Study starts this Sunday!

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/2DeNgDa>.

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.





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!

Contributions may be given in-person during Worship, or scan the QR code on the flyer to give online.

Contact Us...Our office hours vary!

Kandace will be out of the office November 22-29. Her husband will have knee surgery on Nov. 27th and her kids are out of school for winter break. She will still be available by email (kandaceramsey@fbclumbertonnc.org). Please call the office to make sure someone is in the office before stopping by.

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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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Advent at First Baptist



December 3rd 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.

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.

Sunday, December 3

Church-wide Christmas Breakfast & Friends of Jesus Singing in Worship & Hanging of the Green

During the Sunday School hour (9:30 am) Sunday, December 3rd, bring your favorite Christmas treat to share. During 10:30 worship, we will enjoy carols performed by the Friends of Jesus Class. The Christmas Breakfast and Worship will be held in the Fellowship Hall. The Hanging of the Green service will take place at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

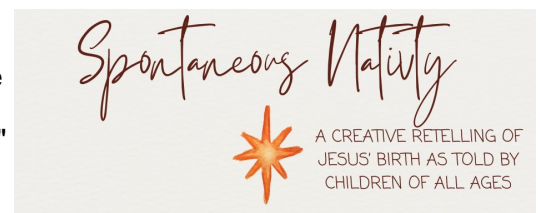
Sunday, December 10 **Memorial Service**

Our annual Memorial Service will be held Sunday, December 10th at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary. This is a special service that is designed not only for those who have lost a loved one recently, but for anyone grieving a loss no matter how much time has passed. Candles of Hope will be lit during the service and a crochet snowflake ornament will be available to those who have had a loved one pass away within the past year as a reminder of the blessings of God's presence and peace. Dr. David Elks will be preaching.

Sunday, December 17 **Sanctuary Choir Cantata during 10:30 am Worship**

Wednesday, December 20 **Spontaneous Nativity**

Our Spontaneous Nativity is a unique opportunity to hear the story of Christ's birth told in a unique way. It will be facilitated by children, and the best part is, no practice is required! All children are welcome to take part. The program begins at 6, and any children who would like to participate are encouraged to arrive at 5:30. They will select their "parts" and will be guided by volunteers on how to prepare. The program will include the telling of the story, music, and an opportunity to hear the greatest story ever told.



Sunday, December 24 **Morning Worship & Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

Worship with us at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary, on Facebook Live, or on YouTube. No Sunday School classes will meet. Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held December 24 at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary. During the Christmas Eve service, the Christ Candle will be lit, we'll sing carols, read the account of the birth of Jesus, and then share the light of Christ.



Children's Music/Missions will go caroling on Wednesday, December 6th at 5:30 pm! Please note that is a change from our regular meeting time. Rev. Tim Little will drive for us, and this will also be our last day of music/missions for the year.



RENOVATIONS IN PROGRESS

Now that the Children's wing of the church is back in operation, the Early Childhood Ministry entrance will be open Sunday mornings for

Sunday School 9:00 –9:30 am. This entrance is handicap accessible.

Renovations are still continuing on the Durham wing of the church with anticipated completion in January/February 2024. These rooms include the rooms being used by NC PreK students and our 4-year-olds.

Servants this Sunday

Please enter for Worship at the Sanctuary vestibule.

9:30 Sunday School Entrance Greeters

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

Brenda & James Britt

ECM Entrance, 9:00 — 9:30 am (Handicap)

Gene Horne

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

Sanctuary Vestibule 10:00—11:30 am

Tony & Becky Thompson

Security Monitor — Johnny Strickland

Nursery — Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

Extended Session — Heather Walters

Coming Up:

Dec. 2 — Susan Welsh Sunday School Class will be packing FOJ gift bags in the Activities Building, 1:30 p.m.

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 (Note location change)

Dec. 16 — Community Café, hosted by Bridge Sunday School Class

Dec. 17 — Sanctuary Choir Cantata during 10:30 Worship

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.

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Dec. 20 — Children's Spontaneous 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.

Person of the Week

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

Thinking of you

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