

First Baptist News

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



Preparing for Sunday, January 28, 2024 “An Authoritative Voice” Mark 1:21-28 (NLT)

Join us for Sunday School at 9:30 am
and for Worship in-person at 10:30 am
in the Sanctuary
or online on Facebook Live
facebook.com/firstbaptistlumbertonnc
or online on YouTube
youtube.com/c/lumbertonfbc/

Coming up this week. . .

Sunday, January 28

Communion

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Online
- 2:00 p.m. Sound & Video Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

Monday, January 29

ECM Registration Opens to Currently-Enrolled Families

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm.)
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn (Act. Bld.)
- 6:30 p.m. Scouts Meeting

Tuesday, January 30

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group (Zoom)
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Pickleball (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, January 31

- 6:00 p.m. Quarterly Church Conference
with 2024 Budget Presentation
(Act. Bld.)
Youth Doing Missions
Children's Activities
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 1

- 7:00 p.m. Pickleball (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, February 3

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

Quarterly Church Conference

Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 6 pm in the Activities Building

During this conference, we will both do our scheduled business and take up discussion on the 2024 budget. We then can vote on the budget Sunday, February 3 during Called Church Conference following Worship.

The proposed 2024 budget will be available for review starting January 23.
It will be available in print in the office and will be emailed prior to the January 31st conference.

Coming Up:

Feb. 4 — Last day to purchase tickets for the Valentine Banquet
Feb. 5 — WMU Meeting, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.
Feb. 5-7 — ECM registration opens to FBC members not currently enrolled
Feb. 6 — Baptist Women's Meeting, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.
Feb. 8 — Fun & Fellowship, 11:00 am, Act. Bld.
Feb. 8 — ECM registration opens to public
Feb. 10 — Valentine Banquet, 5:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
Feb. 13 — Seeds of HOPE will be using the Fellowship Hall for a meeting & meal, 6-8 pm.
Feb. 14 — Ash Wednesday. An Ash Wednesday Service will be held at 6:00 pm in the Chapel.
Feb. 17 — Community Café, hosted by Sanctuary Choir
Feb. 18 — Friends of Jesus Valentine Dance, Fellowship Hall, 4-6 pm.
Feb. 24 — Downtown Clean Sweep
Feb. 25 — LCC's Empty Bowl Lunch
Feb. 25 — Bingo, 4 pm, Act. Bld.
Feb. 26 — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Chapel. Deacons will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
Feb. 29-March 1 — All County Chorus

It's time to register to attend CBFNC's Annual Gathering! 30th Anniversary Gathering Greensboro, NC

This is a two-day event, with the majority of events happening on Friday, March 15. Rev. Josh Owens plans to attend and is willing to drive up anyone who would like to attend on Friday for the worship, workshops, and fellowship. In order to attend, you will need to register on your own. Registration is free, but there is an additional \$18.00 fee if you want lunch.

Our own Rev. Lisa Rust and Dr. David Elks will be leading one of the workshops, entitled "Work as Witness."

Please register by March 5th then let Rev. Josh Owens if you would like to carpool.

For more information, visit
<https://cbfnc.org/annualgathering/>

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CBFNC ANNUAL
GATHERING

March 14-15, 2024

First Baptist Church, Greensboro



REGISTER NOW!
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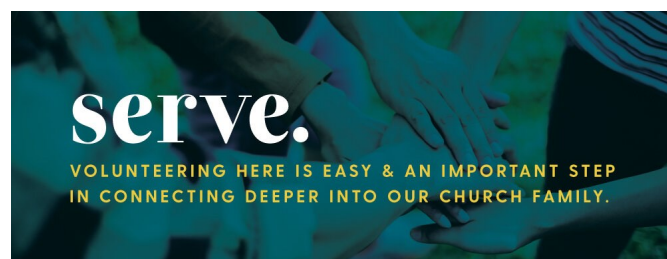


For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

-Psalm 100:5



Have you passed by any of our old church directional signs while driving downtown? As you may have noticed, the information on them is outdated! Our logo, worship times, and website address have all changed since the signs were made and posted several years ago. We need your help locating and safely removing the outdated signs so they can possibly be replaced with signs that have our correct information. As an incentive, we have a gift card for you if you bring the sign to the church office (limit one per person).



Current Opportunities to Serve

- Provide safety and security as a Security Monitor
- Provide child care in the Nursery or during Extended Session for families
- Show your talents with technology, sound, or video elements used during Worship or at special events
- Participate in Worship Elements, such as reading scripture, saying a prayer, or lighting the Christ Candle
- Help count contributions as a Money Counter

If you are willing to serve in these or other ways, contact any of our Ministers or the church office.

Lumberton Christian Care Center is holding its 5th Empty Bowls Fundraiser on Sunday, February 25 from 11:00-2:00.

Invite some friends and join us after church for Sunday lunch. Soups and Dessert donated by local restaurants. Dine in or take out.



Tickets: \$20 for meal and local handmade pottery bowl
 \$10 for meal
 \$5 for children 3-8 years

For more information call the LCC office at 910-739-1204.

During the month of February, our Senior Adult Committee will be collecting care baskets to be given to the homebound. This is a great way to share God's love to those who cannot attend due to health or mobility. If your family, your Sunday School class, or small group would like to make a basket, please let Phyllis Gibson know. The baskets will be delivered by the committee on Palm Sunday (March 24).

What's Happening at the ECM



The ECM would like to welcome Ms. Fantasia Munn! She has taken the place of Ms. Helen as our cook. She's doing a wonderful job!



Renovations in the Durham Building are coming along nicely. Our PreK teachers are excited about their new classrooms!



Our 2024-2025 Registration is coming up! Currently enrolled children may register Jan. 29th - Feb. 2nd; First Baptist Church Members may register Feb. 5-7; Registration is open to the public on Thursday, Feb. 8th. Applications for NC PreK may be picked up at the Partnership for Children or from the ECM office.

The Early Childhood Ministry is an extension of First Baptist Church, seeking to lead children to grow physically, mentally, socially and spiritually in an atmosphere of Christian love and to work closely with the parents to develop the whole child. For more about our program visit

fbclumbertonnc.org/ecm-daycare. Contact Michelle Prevatte or Paula Lewis

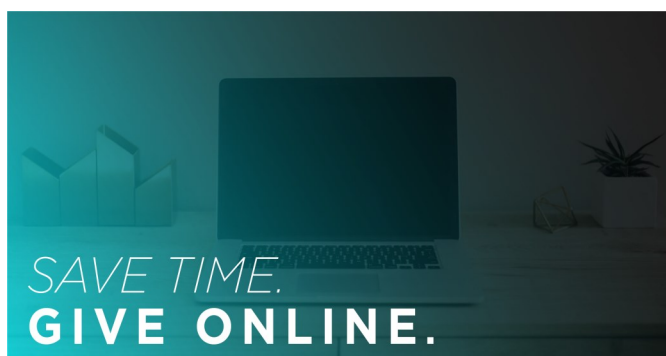
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Wednesday Nights Jan. 10 — Feb. 7, 2024

Rev. Josh Owens will be leading a series entitled "Seeking the Sacred." This series comes out of some of the reading and writing he has been doing for his dissertation research, and the focus will be on how we go about determining what has been and what could be sacred places for our spiritual lives. It will focus on defining the word "sacred," how we have historically determined places we deem sacred, and challenge us to imagine what could serve as holy places in our lives and church practice.



up recurring donations (optional). If you'd like account-level access, please contact the church office. We'll then email you so you can get started today.

Through the link below, you can give online through Realm without the need to create an account.
onrealm.org/FirstBaptistChurch67135/Give

You can also give via text! Text FBC606 to 73256, followed by the gift amount, to give online through text. Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.



The Youth have been hard at work practicing and planning our this year's rad Valentine Banquet! Tickets are available now for \$10 each and are available in advance in the office until Sunday, February 4th. No shoulder pads or big hair are required! This event is open to all ages and along with the 80s program, a meal will be provided as well. Doors open at 6 pm on February 10th.

Have you seen our online giving options through Realm? Not only can you give in-person during worship, you can securely give online and via text message. You can even create an account to set

Worship with Us

606 N. Walnut Street
fbclumbertonnc.org

Sundays

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School

10:30 a.m.—Worship

In-person, Facebook Live, YouTube

Wednesdays

6:00 p.m.—Adult Bible Study,
Children's Activities, Youth Doing Missions

Persons of the Week

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

*Thinking
of you*

**Wilton and Miriam
Edwards**

451 Sandlin Drive
Lumberton, NC 28358

Servants this Sunday

Please enter for Worship at the Sanctuary.

9:30 Sunday School Entrance Greeters

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

Dianne & Layton Britt

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

Gene Horne

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

Sanctuary Vestibule 10:00—11:30 am

Jimmy & Billie Dail

Security Monitor — Malcolm McLean

Nursery — Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

Extended Session — Kim Gore

Contact Us

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Contribution statements for 2023 were mailed last
week. If you did not receive your statement,
please contact Kandace at 910-739-4336 or
kandaceramsey@fbclumbertonnc.org.

Give to First Baptist Church!

Here are some ways to donate to our ministry:

- Give during Sunday worship.
- Give through our secure online portal
at fbclumbertonnc.org/give.
- Scan the QR code:
- Send us your contribution by mail:
606 N. Walnut Street,
Lumberton, NC 28358
- Text FBC606 to 73256 to give using
your mobile device.



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Weekly Newsletter Publication Schedule



*Starting in February, the newsletter will
be mailed the first Thursday of the
month. The weekly edition will only be
available online and by email.*

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