

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, February 18, 2024
The First Sunday in Lent
“Through It and To It”
Mark 1:9-15 (NLT)



“Christ in the Wilderness” by Ivan Kramskoy,
1872 oil on canvas

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, February 18

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Online
- 4:00 p.m. Friends of Jesus Valentine Party (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study (Act. Bld.)

Monday, February 19

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

Tuesday, February 20

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group (Zoom)
- 4:00 p.m. PreK Peer Learning Group Meeting (Act. Bld.)
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Council Meeting (Conf. Rm.)
- 7:00 p.m. Pickleball (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, February 21

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

Thursday, February 22

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

Saturday, February 24

- 9:00 a.m. Downtown Clean Sweep
- 10:00 a.m. Hispanic Ministry Bible Study (Act. Bld.)



NOTICE

**ECM (Daycare)
Traffic Flow
Change
Effective
mid-February**

Early Childhood Ministry Drive Traffic Flow Change

To help relieve traffic congestion, the traffic flow direction for the ECM drive will be reversed. The paving company is scheduled to complete this project this weekend.

This Sunday, you will need to park in another area so the paving and paint has time to dry.

When this project is complete, you will enter the drive from 6th street and exit by the post office. The traffic pattern will remain one-way.



What a great job Saturday night by FBC Lumberton's Youth at their annual Valentine Banquet and show. This year's theme was an 80's Murder Mystery.

Despite accusations and slander of Rev. Josh Owens' name, he was vindicated as not being the murderer! Great job by Rev. Doug Reedy and the amazing adult volunteers, and a special shout out to our High School seniors and hosts Emily, Dixon, Sam and Ethan!

The meal was catered by Long Branch.



Coming Up:

Feb. 24 — Downtown Clean Sweep
Feb. 25 — LCC's Empty Bowl Lunch
Feb. 25 — Bingo, 4 pm, Act. Bld.
Feb. 25 — Youth Bells Rehearsal resumes on Sundays at 4:45 pm.
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

March is Baptist Women in Ministry Month of Advocacy

March 4 — WMU Meeting, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.
March 5 — Baptist Women's Bible Study, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.
March 6 — Youth Passport Missions Trip payment #2 is due (\$100).
March 10 — Daylight Savings Time Begins ("Spring Forward" one hour)
March 12 — Rape Crisis Center Training, Act. Bld.
March 14 — Fun & Fellowship, 11:00 am, Act. Bld.
March 14-15 — CBFNC Annual Gathering in Greensboro. Register to attend by March 5.
March 16 — Community Café hosted by the Fellowship Class
March 17 — Sandra Cox will be preaching
March 18 — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Chapel. Deacons will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
March 23 — Scouts will be using the Fellowship Hall for Pinewood Derby
March 24 — Palm/Passion Sunday. A fellowship meal and egg hunt will be held after Worship.
March 25 — Holy Week noon service hosted at Chestnut Street Methodist.
March 26 — Holy Week noon service hosted at First Presbyterian.
March 27 — Holy Week noon service hosted at FBC Lumberton
March 27 — No Wednesday Night Activities
March 28 — Holy Week noon service hosted at Godwin Heights Baptist
March 28 — Maundy Thursday Service hosted at Godwin Heights. Rev. Josh Owens will be preaching.
March 29 — Good Friday
March 29 — Holy Week noon service hosted at Trinity Episcopal
March 31 — Easter
April 1 — The church offices and ECM closed
April 2-5 — Church office staff will be on vacation or working from home. No staff will be in the office.



Friends of Jesus Valentine Party *February 18th, 4:00 - 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall*

Our class would love to celebrate Valentine's Day with you! Come out and enjoy great conversations, dancing, and delicious food! Visitors are always welcome, and helpers are greatly appreciated. Please contact Judith at [910-740-0622](tel:910-740-0622) (after 3pm) or Hoss at [910-740-0909](tel:910-740-0909), and let us know if you are able to help serve food. The party is always great fun, and I promise your heart will be filled with joy when you leave!



Care Baskets For the Homebound

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).



DOWNTOWN CLEAN SWEEP

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 24

9 A.M.-11 A.M.

First Baptist
Church
will provide
donuts and
coffee.



Meet in the parking
lot across from
Adelio's. Gloves and
trash bags will be
provided.

Help us during the first Clean Sweep of 2024! Bundle up and join us on Saturday, February 24th starting at 9:00 am to clean up downtown and the Riverwalk. We are providing donuts and coffee so need folks to help clean up litter and to help serve refreshments. Contact Rev. Tim Little for more information.

Hosts for Community Café

On the third Saturday of each month, we host Community Café. This is a program offered through downtown churches to help feed the hungry in our community. If your Sunday School class, small group, or group of friends are willing to host in 2024, please contact Rev. Doug Reedy or the church office.

**Thank you to those who
have already signed up!**

Mar. — Fellowship Class
May — Baptist Women's Group
Sept. — at Asbury UMC
(118 Orange Street)



First Baptist Church, Lumberton

BINGO NIGHT

GAMES | SNACKS | PRIZES



Sunday, Feb. 25 at 4 pm
Activities Building

Cookies and Drinks will be provided

Empty Bowls Fundraiser

Lumberton Christian Care Center (LCC) is holding its 5th Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser on Sunday, February 25 from 11:00 am-2:00 pm. 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 old

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

There are many ways to view upcoming events at FBC Lumberton!

Paper options:

- Subscribe to our monthly newsletter mailing.
- Check out our bulletin boards located at the 6th street entrance or near the rear entrance of the Sanctuary.

Online options:

- Subscribe to our email list.
- Follow us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistECM
- Follow us on Instagram: [fbclumbertonnc](https://www.instagram.com/fbclumbertonnc)
- View Worship on YouTube:
www.youtube.com/@lumbertonfbc



Altar Flowers *Reservations*

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one, we currently have most Sundays available in 2024. Call the church office or sign

up at the Info Table near the green staircase 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).

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.



GIVING

serve.

VOLUNTEERING HERE IS EASY & AN IMPORTANT STEP
IN CONNECTING DEEPER INTO OUR CHURCH FAMILY.

Current Opportunities to Serve

- 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 by lighting the Christ Candle
- Help count and report contributions as a Money Counter
- Sign up to help during community outreach events, such as Community Café
- Volunteer to help in the Friends of Jesus Ministry

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



CBFNC ANNUAL GATHERING

March 14-15, 2024

First Baptist Church, Greensboro



REGISTER NOW!
cbfnc.org

**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! We will plan to go to lunch on our own. 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/>

Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Plymouth, Maine

Final Payments are due March 22nd!

To make payment towards the trip, drop cash/ checks off in the church office or call Kandace to pay with card (910-739-4336). This trip is full and a waitlist is available. Contact Phyllis Gibson (trip coordinator) if you have any questions.

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

Family of the Week

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

*Thinking
of you*

HJ & Sylvia Edwards
1801 N. Chestnut Street
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)

Preston Britt

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

JW and Angie Lawson

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

Sanctuary Vestibule 10:00—11:30 am

Dianne and Layton Britt

Nursery — Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

Extended Session — Katherine Martin

Contact Us

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

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**Deacon
Care
Teams**



SERVING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

At FBC Lumberton, we have divided Deacons into four groups, called Deacon Care Teams. Each team takes the opportunity of service to your family gladly. Earlier in the year, each team mailed letters to the folks under their care. Our hope is that you will feel free to contact them with updates concerning you and your family, whether it be during seasons of happiness or tragedy. If you have questions concerning our community of faith, they will be pleased to find the answers for you.

The Deacon Care Teams look forward to learning more about you and visiting with you. If you have questions about any of our ministries, you may also call the church office at 910-739-4336 or email office@fbclumbertonnc.org.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you!