

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 25, 2024
The Second Sunday in Lent
“Suffering Salvation”
Mark 8: 31-38 (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, February 25

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
10:30 a.m. Worship Online
4:00 p.m. Bingo (Act. Bld.)
4:45 p.m. Youth Bells Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study (Act. Bld.)

Monday, February 26

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm.)
5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
(Chapel)
6:30 p.m. Scouts Meeting
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting (Fellowship
Hall)

Tuesday, February 27

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group (Zoom)
7:00 p.m. Pickleball (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, February 28

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (Rm. D-113)
Youth Doing Missions (Act. Bld.)
Children's Missions & Music
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thurs., February 29—Fri., March 1

PSRC's All County Chorus will be using various parts of the church for rehearsals and concert.

Saturday, March 2

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

Give to First Baptist Church!

Here are some ways to donate to our ministries:

- 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

*Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.



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'll meet in the parking lot across from Adelio's. We are providing donuts and coffee so we need folks to help clean up litter and to help serve refreshments. Contact Rev. Tim Little for more information.

First Sunday Food Drive—March 3rd!

While we primarily collect canned goods on the first Sunday of each month, we will accept them any Sunday! Donations are sent to Robeson County Church and Community Center and/or Lumberton Christian Care. After speaking with RCCC, they are still in need of dry goods such as cereal and peanut butter, which we have collected for them previously. Both of these items are enjoyed by all ages. Other donation suggestions include pop-top can goods, canned meats, and dry goods. Items donated should be in-date and in their original packaging. Bring your donations and place them in the collection bins located around the church or bring them to the office. Thank you for helping feed the hungry of our community!

LUMBERTON CHRISTIAN CARE'S EMPTY BOWL FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

11 AM - 2 PM

Tickets are \$20 for meal & handmade pottery bowl, \$10 for meal, and children ages 3-8 eat for \$5. Soups and desserts are donated from local restaurants. Dine or take out available.



FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CONTACT LCC AT 910-739-1204.

Lumberton Christian Care Center is hosting their 5th Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser this Sunday, February 25th, from 11 am to 2 pm. Invite some friends and join us after church for Sunday lunch for a great cause. Handmade pottery bowls were made by RCC students and the food is donated by local restaurants. Dine or take out is available. For more information, call the LCC office at 910-739-1204.



First Baptist Church, Lumberton

BINGO NIGHT

GAMES | SNACKS | PRIZES



Sunday, Feb. 25 at 4 pm
Activities Building

Cookies and Drinks will be provided

Coming Up:

The Susan Welsh Sunday School Class will meet in Room D-113 starting Sunday, February 25th.

Starting Wednesday, February 28th, Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study will resume meeting in Room D-113 (old Wishart Sunday School classroom). Youth will resume meeting in the Activities Building.

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, 10 am, 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 22 — Mental Health First Aid training, 8:30 am—3 pm, Activities Building. Cost is \$50 per person.

March 23 — Scouts will be using the Fellowship Hall for Pinewood Derby

March 23 — Senior Adult Committee Care Basket Assembly, Fellowship Hall, 12-2 pm.

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



Mental Health First Aid

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH'S
ACTIVITIES BUILDING**

Cost is \$50 per person
(covers participant workbook
and other supplies)

606 N. Walnut Street
Lumberton, NC 28358
910-739-4336

AWARENESS



PREVENTION



EDUCATION



Care Baskets For the Homebound

During February and March, 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).

Friends of Jesus Valentine Party

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Sunday afternoon, our Friends of Jesus ministry held its annual Valentine's Party.

The fun included a meal from Long Branch Cafe, dancing, and other fun. A big thank you to our Friends of Jesus leaders as well as the additional volunteers who helped serve the meal.



From all of us at FOJ, we want to send a humongous THANK YOU to all who helped set up and decorate, provided music and danced with us, interacted with us, helped with food and drinks, and stayed to clean up afterwards. The dance was a huge success only because of your generosity and loving spirit. The members of our class truly enjoyed the night! - Friends of Jesus Class

THANK YOU!

Celebrating Women's
Leadership in the Church

EQUALLY CALLED

Adult Bible Study In March

*A video and discussion curriculum,
with video lessons by
Dr. Jennifer Bashaw*

Wednesdays 6PM Room D-113

Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study February 28—March 27

Our next adult Bible study series is entitled, "Equally Called". It is a publication of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and Baptist Women in Ministry that explores the Biblical foundations for the full inclusion of women in ministry. There are video lessons, including teaching by Dr. Jennifer Bashaw (our former interim minister) as well as stories from female clergy. This is a part of our participation in the Baptist Women in Ministry Month of Advocacy taking place in March.

If you are interested, the videos are free online and there is an individual lesson plan if you so desire: <https://cbf.net/equallycalled>

As far as information on BWIM Month of Advocacy, that is here:

<https://bwim.info/bwim-month-of-advocacy/>

For the Kids

BIRTH - 5TH GRADE

Sundays—9:30 am Sunday School
(Room D-110 for ages 4-12)

Wednesdays—6:00 pm Music & Missions

Nursery care (birth-age 2) is available Sundays & Wednesdays in Room D-107.

Sundays — 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.

For Youth

6TH - 12TH GRADE

Sundays—9:30 am Sunday School
(Youth Hall, Room 203)

4:45 pm Music Rehearsals

6:00 pm Youth Bible Study

Wednesdays—6:00 pm Youth Doing Missions

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!

March — Fellowship Class

April — Youth

May — Baptist Women's Group

Sept. — at Asbury UMC
(118 Orange Street)



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!

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/>



SECURITY FUND

You may designate contributions to our security fund, which pays off-duty officers hired by the church. We currently have funding through March.



Early Childhood Ministry Driveway **Traffic Flow Change**

To help relieve traffic congestion, the traffic flow direction for the ECM drive has now been reversed. Please ENTER the drive from 6th street and EXIT by the post office. The traffic pattern remains one-way.

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

Person of the Week

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

*Thinking
of you*

Collene Helms
536 W. Broad Street
St. Pauls, NC 28384

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)

Gene Horne

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

Jimmy & Billie Dail

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

Sanctuary Vestibule 10:00—11:30 am

Barbara Andrews

Nursery — Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

Extended Session — Heather Walters

Contact Us

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Sunday School literature and devotionals are pre-ordered several months in advance and is organized based on what is requested by each class. Many of our literature publishers only produce what is pre-ordered, which makes it difficult to get additional copies in a timely manner. In turn, if we order more than what we actually need, then this leads to waste. Literature is quite expensive! If your class attendance has changed, please notify us promptly so we may adjust.

In addition, we ask that each Sunday School class designates a teacher to pick up the literature ordered for your class from Rev. Doug Reedy. You will need to know which literature your class uses, then sign that you picked up the order so we do not give out literature twice, which then shorts another class. It is also helpful that you arrange to come during the work week instead of on Sunday mornings since our ministers are also getting ready to teach Sunday School and lead in Worship. We encourage teachers to share leader guides and commentaries and that couples in the same class share student guides, if possible.

Open Windows and Reflections devotionals are ordered as well, but not in large numbers. Open Windows are also available for you to subscribe to and have delivered to your home. Gift subscriptions are also available. For more information, visit <https://www.lifeway.com/en/product-family/open-windows-magazine>.