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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, March 3, 2024 The Third Sunday in Lent "Flipped Perspectives" John 2:13-22 (NLT)



"Christ overturns the tables of the moneylenders" by Peter Koenig, oil painting 1965

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!

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, March 3

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
10:30 a.m. Worship Online
4:45 p.m. Youth Bells Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study (Act. Bld.)

Monday, March 4

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm.)
11:45 a.m. WMU Meeting (Act. Bld.)
6:30 p.m. Scouts Meeting

Tuesday, March 5

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group (Zoom) 11:45 a.m. Baptist Women's Bible Study (

Act. Bld.)

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

Wednesday, March 6

Youth Passport Missions Trip Payment #2 is due (\$100).

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

<u>Saturday, March 9</u>

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



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 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

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.



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).



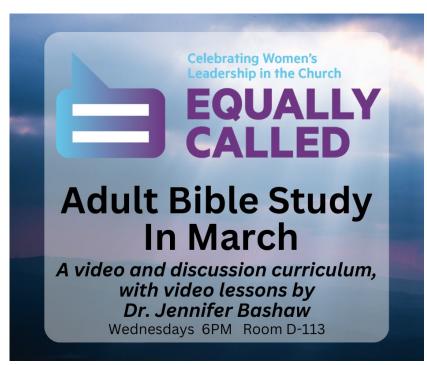
March 14-15, 2024 First Baptist Church, Greensboro



It's time to register to attend CBFNC's Annual Gathering!

Please register by March 5th then let Rev. Josh Owens if you would like to carpool. For more information, visit

https://cbfnc.org/annualgathering/



Friday, March 22nd FBC Lumberton will host Mental Health First Aid in partnership with the Overflow Foundation. The cost is \$50 per person and covers workshop materials. FBC Members—take advantage of early bird registration for \$25 if you register by March 8th. To register, call the church office (910-739-4336) or sign up online via ACS Realm. Space is limited!

Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. This training gives you the skills you need to reach out and provide initial support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and help connect them to appropriate care. "Like CPR, one person in every family should be trained in Mental Health First Aid. This is Overflow Foundation's goal." - Terry Lee, Founder and Executive Director

WHAT IT COVERS: Common signs and symptoms of mental illness. Common signs and symptoms of substance use disorder. How to interact with a person in crisis. How to connect the person with help.

WHO SHOULD TAKE IT: Employers, Police officers, Hospital staff, First responders, Faith leaders, Community members, Caring individuals, Educators, General Public.

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 Pastor) 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/



Support our Youth's Extracurricular Activities!

Some of you have mentioned how much fun it was to go to some of our youth's games over the past few months, and we have had some folks ask for a suggested schedule. Here are a few suggestions:

March 7 — Southeastern Academy Soccer at Northeast Park 4 pm Rustin Walters 5 pm Landon Walters & Carter Britt

March 9 — Lumberton High Wrestling
1 pm Ayden Little

March 11 — Littlefield Middle Softball 4 pm Lainey Pittman

March 25 — Lumberton High Tennis 4 pm Dixon Davis & Ethan Stevens

April 8 — Magnolia (Orrum) Baseball 4 pm Grayson Branch

<u>April 20</u> — Lumberton Junior High Theater's "Seussical Junior" 1 pm and 6 pm Abby Ivey

Ruth Diehl will have a dance recital, and several of our girls play rec softball, but those activities are not yet scheduled. Contact youth parents or Rev. Doug Reedy for full schedules.





On Palm Sunday (March 24, 2024) we will be having a church-wide Fellowship meal following Worship. This will include an egg hunt! Please RSVP for the meal and egg hunt online through ACS Realm or at the bulletin board by March 15th.

We need donations of pre-filled eggs for the egg hunt. They can be purchased filled, or you can fill them yourself with candy or non-candy treats. Candies donated should be individually wrapped and in their original packaging. Drop off your donations to the church office.

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
- Lumberton, NC 28358
 Text FBC606 to 73256
 to give using your mobile device.*

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

What's Happening at the ECM













Renovations of our PreK rooms are finally complete and we couldn't be more pleased!! If you haven't seen them, please stop by and take a look! Special thanks to all the church members who waited so patiently and allowed us to use space that we would not normally have occupied!



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



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) Shirley Hickman

ECM Entrance, 9:00 — 9:30 am (Handicap) Brenda & James Britt

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

Sanctuary Vestibule 10:00—11:30 am Sue O'Tuel

Nursery — Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

Extended Session — Alli Branch







Family of the Week

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

Greg Price The Greens at Pinehurst, Rm. 214 205 Rattlesnake Trail

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