

First Baptist News

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



"Transfiguration" by Paulo Medina, Delicias, Mexico

Preparing for Sunday, February 11, 2024 Transfiguration Sunday "Gloriously Hard Transitions" 2 Kings 2:1-14 (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 11

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
10:30 a.m. Worship Online
6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

Monday, February 12

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

Tuesday, February 13

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group (Zoom)
6:00 p.m. Seeds of HOPE Meeting
(Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, February 14

7:15 a.m. Imposition of Ashes (Chapel)
6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service (Chapel)
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 15

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

Saturday, February 17

ECM Parking Lot and Driveway Resurfacing
10:30 a.m. Community Café (Act. Bld.)
hosted by Sanctuary Choir

An Ash Wednesday service will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. If you wish to come earlier, Imposition of Ashes will also be available at 7:15 am in the Chapel.

Coming Up:

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

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 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 25-29 — Holy Week services will be held at noon at downtown churches. Schedule to be announced.
March 27 — No Wednesday Night Activities
March 28 — Maundy Thursday
March 29 — Good Friday
March 31 — Easter
April 1 — The church offices and ECM closed



SECURITY FUND

You may designate contributions to our security fund, which pays off-duty officers hired by the church. We currently have funding for about 6 weeks of security.



Friends of Jesus Valentine Party

February 18th, 4:00 - 6:00pm

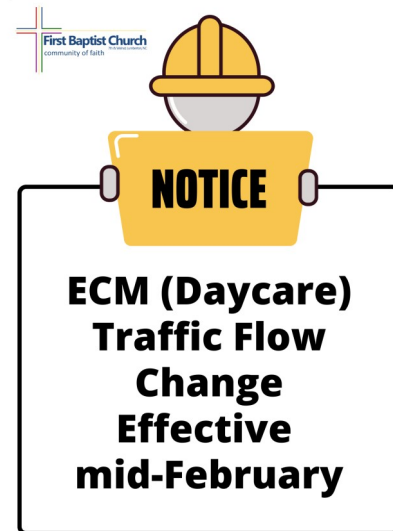
Our class would love to celebrate Valentine's Day with you! Come out and enjoy great conversations, dancing, and delicious food! Visitors are always welcome, and helpers are greatly appreciated. Please contact Judith at [910-740-0622](tel:910-740-0622) (after 3pm) or Hoss at [910-740-0909](tel:910-740-0909), and let us know if you are able to join us and/or help serve food. The party is always great fun, and I promise your heart will be filled with joy when you leave! If you plan to eat with us please RSVP by Feb. 12th.



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).



We are excited to have a SOLD OUT crowd for this year's Valentine Banquet! Tickets went on sale about a month ago and ended this past Sunday. Make sure to stick your ticket in your pocket and arrive at 6 pm this Saturday night for a time of entertainment provided by the Youth and for a delicious meal together. Enter at the Fellowship Hall Lobby.



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 the weekend of February 17th. That 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.



For more about our program visit
fbclumbertonnc.org/ecm-daycare.
 Contact Michelle Prevatte or Paula Lewis
 910-738-6608
michelleprevatte@fbclumbertonnc.org



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.

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.

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

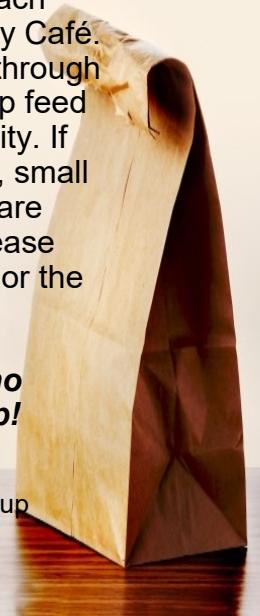
If you are willing to serve in these or other ways, contact any of our Ministers or the church office.

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!

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



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



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

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/>



**CBFNC ANNUAL
GATHERING**
March 14-15, 2024
First Baptist Church, Greensboro



REGISTER NOW!
cbfnc.org



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

-Psalm 100:5

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*

Melba McCorkle
1000 Wesley Pines Rd
Room N-213
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)

Sue O'Tuel

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

Tony and Becky Thompson

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

Sanctuary Vestibule 10:00—11:30 am

Ann and John Underwood

Nursery — Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

Extended Session — Alli Branch

Contact Us

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

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Beginning this month, the newsletter will be emailed and mailed
the first Thursday of the month. Other weeks, it will be available
online on our website and by email only and will not be mailed.

To be added to our email list, please contact the office at

910-739-4336 or email Kandace

(kandaceramsey@fbclumbertonnc.org).

Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Plymouth, Maine June 2-8, 2024

Final payment due 3/26/24! 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.

Building BRIDGES



Our community commitment
to transforming

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Tues. Feb. 13
6 - 8 p.m.

First Baptist Church
606 N. Walnut St., Lumberton

Join us for a panel discussion and
community conversation:

- How state-level funding
decisions affect your child.
- Strengthening our community
by advocating for children & teachers.

Learn along
& share your
perspective

Hosted by:
Shalonda Regan
Seeds of Hope CDC

Christopher Guions
Public education advocate



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