

# First Baptist News

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WE'RE PARTICIPATING IN

BWIM | MONTH OF  
**ADVOCACY**

BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY

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## Preparing for Sunday, March 17, 2024

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Baptist Women in Ministry Day

“Hiding in Plain Sight”

Psalm 51:1-12

Sandra Cox will be preaching and women will be leading in Worship.

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](https://facebook.com/firstbaptistlumbertonnc)  
or online on YouTube  
[youtube.com/c/lumbertonfbc/](https://youtube.com/c/lumbertonfbc/)

## Coming up this week. . .

### Sunday, March 17

#### **Baptist Women in Ministry Day**

- 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 18

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm.)
- 5:45 p.m. Finance Meeting (Chapel)
- 6:30 p.m. Scouts Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### Tuesday, March 19

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

### Wednesday, March 20

- 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

### Thursday, March 21

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

### Friday, March 22

- 8:30 a.m. Mental Health First Aid Training (Act. Bld.)

### Saturday, March 23

- 8:00 a.m. Scouts Pinewood Derby (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 a.m. Hispanic Ministry Bible Study (Act. Bld.)
- 12:00 p.m. Snr. Ad. Committee Care Basket Assembly (Fellowship Hall)

Information on Baptist Women in Ministry's Month of Advocacy:

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

### *Coming Up:*

**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, 6 pm. 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.

**April 2** — Baptist Women's Bible Study, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.

**April 3** — No Wednesday Night Activities

**April 8** — WMU Meeting, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.

**April 9** — Snr. Ad. Trip to Southport

**April 11** — Fun & Fellowship, 11 am, Act. Bld.

**April 12** — Youth Lock-in

**April 14** — Baptism

**April 14** — Bingo, 4 pm, Act. Bld.

**April 16** — PreK Peer Learning Group Meeting, 4 pm, Act. Bld.

**April 20** — Community Café, hosted by Youth

**April 21** — Youth Sunday

**April 22** — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Chapel. Deacons will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**April 24** — Quarterly Church Conference, 6 pm

**April 24** — Administrative Professionals Day

**April 28** — Communion

### *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](http://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.\*

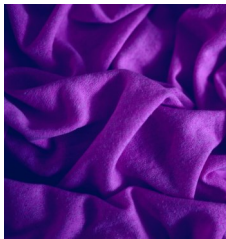


## GIVING

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to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256

### *What does the color of the cloth on the cross mean?*

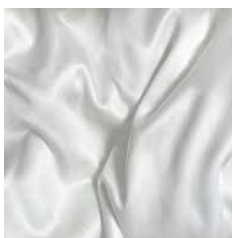
One of the many visuals we use during Lent and Easter is draping the cross with a colored cloth. The cloth is not just decoration, but the three colors used during Lent and Easter are used to represent the life, death, and resurrection of Christ.



**Purple:** The symbolic color of royalty. The purple cloth represents Christ as King, reminding us that Christ is our Savior and King, and we are saved only by his grace and mercy. The purple cloth remains on the cross during Lent (from Ash Wednesday to Maundy Thursday).



**Black:** The symbolic color of darkness and mourning. The black cloth represents the suffering and crucifixion of Christ. The black cloth remains on the cross from Good Friday to Saturday, the day Jesus was in the tomb.



**White:** The symbolic color of burial cloth. The white cloth represents the resurrection of Christ. The white cloth remains on the cross from Easter Sunday through Ascension Day. This year, the white cloth will be on the cross March 31—May 9.



### SECURITY FUND

You may designate contributions to our security fund, which is used for a variety of security-related expenses including officers and security upgrades to the facility.







On Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024, FBC Lumberton will be having a Palm/Passion Sunday service at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary. During this service, children will be invited to wave palms. If your child would like to participate in this or any other element of worship, please contact Rev. Josh Owens or Rev. Doug Reedy. Children's Sunday School classes should plan to meet in the Sanctuary for rehearsal during the Sunday School hour.

A church-wide Fellowship meal will follow 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 and individually wrapped candy for the egg hunt. Eggs can be purchased filled, or you can fill them yourself with candy or non-candy treats. We have

gotten mostly pre-filled eggs containing jelly beans so far, so other types of treats are requested. Candies donated should be individually wrapped and in their original packaging. Drop off your donations to the church office.



<div> <div>Holy<sup>+</sup>Week</div> <div>SCHEDULE</div> <div>12 NOON</div> </div>		
Monday, March 25	CHESTNUT STREET METHODIST	REV. DAVID RUTH
Tuesday, March 26	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN	REV. LESLIE SESSOMS
Wednesday, March 27	FIRST BAPTIST	REV. CLARENCE PAGE
Thursday, March 28	GODWIN HEIGHTS BAPTIST	REV. EVA RUTH
Friday, March 29	TRINITY EPISCOPAL	REV. CHIP BASS



Sunday School and Worship will be held at regular meeting times on Easter Sunday. While we would love for you to join us in-person, the option to Worship with us online is available. Pick up an Easter Worship schedule at the Information Desk for yourself or to share.

On Easter Sunday, we invite you to bring flowers to place on the cross outside of the Sanctuary. You can bring handpicked or purchased flowers.

No Wednesday services, Youth Doing Missions, or children's activities will be held March 27 and April 3.

Scan to register online



# 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

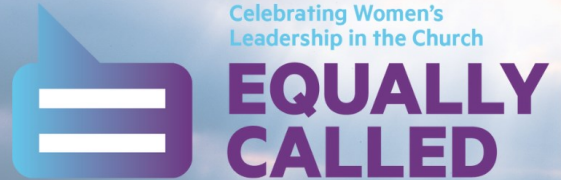
AWARENESS  PREVENTION  EDUCATION

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. To register, call the church office (910-739-4336) or [sign up online via ACS Realm](https://cbf.net/equallycalled) by Friday, March 15th. Space is limited!

We offer nursery care for children birth through age 2 on Sundays and Wednesdays in Room D-107. While the church has hired a few nursery workers, we need more volunteers to have on rotation to cover when they cannot be here. We need some more nurturing individuals to rock babies and play kitchen with our toddlers especially on Sundays.

Please contact the office as soon as possible if you are able to help. A background check through FirstPoint is required for anyone working with minors, and will need to be performed if you do not already have one on file with the church.

Celebrating Women's  
Leadership in the Church



## 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 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>



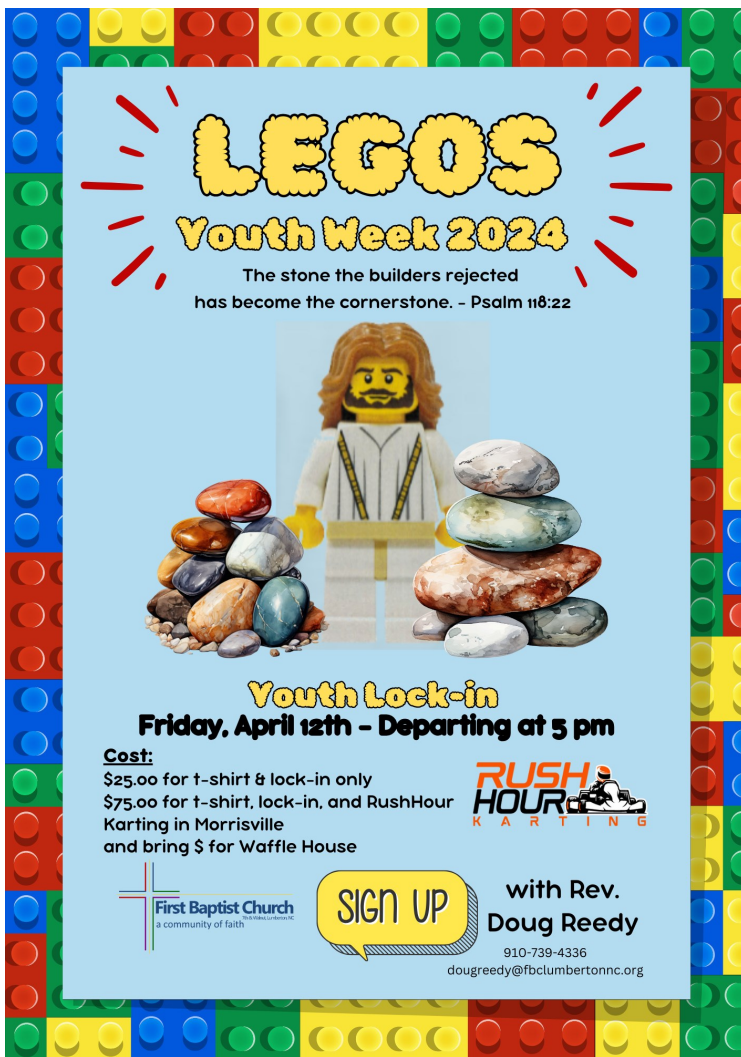
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The Senior Adult Committee will deliver  
baskets on Palm Sunday (March 24).

### Care Baskets For the Homebound

Once your basket is finished, you may drop it off in the church office. There is a table set up near the office entrance. Please have them ready and dropped off by Friday, March 22nd.





**LEGOs**  
**Youth Week 2024**  
 The stone the builders rejected  
 has become the cornerstone. – Psalm 118:22

**Youth Lock-in**  
**Friday, April 12th – Departing at 5 pm**

**Cost:**  
 \$25.00 for t-shirt & lock-in only  
 \$75.00 for t-shirt, lock-in, and RushHour Karting in Morrisville  
 and bring \$ for Waffle House

**RUSH HOUR KARTING**

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**SIGN UP** with Rev. Doug Reedy  
 910-739-4336  
 dougreedy@fbclumbertonnc.org



CAPE COD,  
 MARTHA'S VINEYARD,  
 PLYMOUTH  
 June 2 -8

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Final payment due  
 March 22!

If you are going the Cape Cod trip this summer, your trip balance is due in full no later than Friday, March 22. This deadline is coming up quickly!

Ways to pay:

1. Call the church office to pay by debit/credit card.
2. Drop off check, cash, money order, or cashier's check. Make checks out to First Baptist Church.
3. Mail payment to us (606 N. Walnut St, Lumberton, NC 28358).



WMU is collecting items for the clothing and toiletries closet for Carol Middle's Special Needs classroom. A more detailed list of items needed can be gotten from Dean Kinlaw or from any of the WMU ladies. The items of the most needed are undergarments, socks, soap, towels, leggings/sweatpants. Donations may be placed in the box by the 6th Street ramp entrance or brought to the office.

### Support our Youth's Extracurricular Activities!

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

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

April 20 — 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.



**THRIVING TOGETHER**

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

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## 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

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## Person of the Week

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

*Thinking  
of you*

**Glenda Taylor**  
37 Kensington 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)

Tony & Becky Thompson

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

Ann & John Underwood

#### **10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters**

Sanctuary Vestibule 10:00—11:30 am

Preston Britt

**Nursery** — Stephania Noncil

**Extended Session** — Nancy Wagner

### Contact Us

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

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SENIOR ADULT  
SHOPPING AND LUNCH

*Southport*

Tuesday, April 9th  
9 am departure

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 to reserve. Once  
your date is reserved, we encourage you to contact  
your florist to arrange delivery of the flowers. The  
florist most are now using is The Secret Garden on  
Liberty Hill Road (910-272-0000).

Dates currently reserved: April 14, October 20



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**BINGO**

Our next BINGO night will be April 14th at  
4:00 pm in the Activities Building. Light  
refreshments, such as cookies, will be served.  
Yes, there are prizes!

Shopping and lunch at the beach? Yes, please!  
Sign up quickly for this trip as spaces are  
limited. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board  
near Room D-113, or you can call the office to  
be added to the list.