

# First Baptist News

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



SCAN ME

## Preparing for Sunday, March 24, 2024 Palm/Passion Sunday “A Service of Parade and Passion”



*“Hosanna!” by Mike Moyers in The Ascension Lenten Companion, Year A*

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/)

Children are invited to wave palm branches during Worship. A meal will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following Worship. An egg hunt will take place on the playground after the meal.

### *Stripping of the Altar*

During Palm/Passion Sunday, the Passion (Easter story) will be read as a part of Worship. After each reading, an element with symbolic meaning will be removed from the Altar. After the altar is stripped, a black cloth will be placed on the cross. You will be invited to have a moment of silent reflection to consider the nature of Christ's passion (suffering), what was endured, and the purpose behind this loving sacrifice.

## *Coming up this week. . .*

### **Sunday, March 24** **Palm/Passion Sunday**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)  
10:30 a.m. Worship Online

A meal will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following Worship. An egg hunt will be held after the meal on the playground.

### **Monday, March 25**

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm.)  
12:00 p.m. Holy Week Service  
(Chestnut Street Methodist)  
6:30 p.m. Scouts Meeting

### **Tuesday, March 26**

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group (Zoom)  
12:00 p.m. Holy Week Service  
(First Presbyterian)

### **Wednesday, March 27**

12:00 p.m. Holy Week Service  
(First Baptist)  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
No Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study, Youth  
Doing Missions, or Children's Activities.

### **Thursday, March 28**

#### **Maundy Thursday**

12:00 p.m. Holy Week Service  
(Godwin Heights)  
6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service  
(Godwin Heights)

### **Friday, March 29**

#### **Good Friday**

12:00 p.m. Holy Week Service  
(Trinity Episcopal)  
Trinity Episcopal invites us to fast on Good Friday.

### **Saturday, March 30**

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

# Holy Week **SCHEDULE**

## 12 NOON

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

# Easter Sunday

## March 31



HE IS NOT HERE. FOR HE IS RISEN.



9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

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.

### *Coming Up:*

**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 7** — Rev. Michael Johnson will our guest preacher.  
**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  
**April 29** — Lunch & Learn (tentative date—more information coming)

# ADOPT A BASKET



A gift for the Homebound



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.





This past Sunday was a celebratory worship service as part of our month long celebration of Baptist Women in Ministry Month of Advocacy. Worship was led by the ordained females of our church, as well as women of all ages. The sermon was delivered by one of our young adults, Sandra Kayce Cox who brought a powerful word from Psalm 51 on our shame and the loving grace of God.

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Following the service, worshippers were invited to record names of women who had been instrumental in their faith journeys on a canvas that Sandra painted. We look forward to displaying this piece in the near future.





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

April — Youth  
May — Baptist Women's Group  
Sept. — at Asbury UMC  
(118 Orange Street)



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.

### 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

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



### 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.



### 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)

Jimmy & Billie Dail

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

Barbara Andrews

#### 10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

Sanctuary Vestibule 10:00—11:30 am

Shirley Hickman

Nursery — Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

Extended Session — Kim Gore



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!



# 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



SIGN UP

with Rev.  
Doug Reedy

910-739-4336  
dougreedy@fbclumbertonnc.org

Youth who are carting will need to complete an online waiver in advance. The link to complete the waiver was emailed to you by Rev. Doug Reedy. Youth may use cash, check, youth account money, or [pay online](#) but payment is needed in advance of the lock-in. Guests are welcome.

### 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.

## 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**

## PRESCHOOL ADMISSION

NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS AUG. 2024

- 2 Year Old Classes; Spaces Still Available
- 3 Year Old Classes
- 4 Year Old Classes
- NC PreK; Spaces Still Available

- Developmentally Appropriate Curriculums
- Breakfast, Lunch, & Snack served daily
- Loving Environment
- Qualified Teachers
- CPR & First Aid Certified

**REGISTER NOW BEFORE SPACES ARE FILLED UP!**

Contact Michelle Prevatte, First Baptist  
ECM Director: 910-738-6608

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## Worship with Us

606 N. Walnut Street  
[fbclumbertonnc.org](http://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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## Family of the Week

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

*Thinking  
of you*

**Bruce & Jayne  
Huggins**  
6 Trinity Drive  
Lumberton, NC 28358

### Contact Us

Please call the office to make sure someone is in the  
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At last week's CBFNC annual gathering, participants were able to help pack disaster relief buckets as a part of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina disaster response ministries. These buckets are strategically stored along the east coast for quicker delivery to hard hit areas.

Our church is one such space, and this past Saturday 100 buckets were delivered and unloaded by a great group of volunteers. Worshippers on Sunday then were invited to complete the process by "touching a bucket" and bringing them to their storage location. We hope these are not needed but in the event they are, we give thanks for the many hands who have touched these vital resources along the way.



SENIOR ADULT  
SHOPPING AND LUNCH



### Tuesday, April 9th

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.