

# 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, April 14, 2024  
“Politics & Pews: God & Government”  
Luke 20:20-26 (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](https://facebook.com/firstbaptistlumbertonnc)  
or online on YouTube  
[youtube.com/c/lumbertonfbc/](https://youtube.com/c/lumbertonfbc/)



## Wednesday Adult Bible Study & Sunday Series

Wednesdays: April 10 & 17  
In Room D-113

Sundays: April 14 & 28  
In the Sanctuary



## Ordinance of Baptism this Sunday

### *Coming up this week. . .*

#### **Sunday, April 14**

- 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, April 15**

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

#### **Tuesday, April 16**

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group (Zoom)
- 4:00 p.m. PreK Peer Learning Group (Act. Bld.)
- 7:00 p.m. Pickleball (Fellowship Hall)

#### **Wednesday, April 17**

- 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, April 18**

- 11:00 a.m. Fun & Fellowship (Act. Bld.)
- 7:00 p.m. Pickleball (Fellowship Hall)

#### **Saturday, April 20**

- 10:00 a.m. Community Café, hosted by Youth (Act. Bld.)



WMU generally meets on the first Monday of each month September through May of the year at 11:45 am in the Activities Building. During their last meeting on April 8th, they spent time together to handwrite notes of thanks to local law enforcement officers as their mission project.

In addition, 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.



United Way's 22nd Annual Day of Caring is May 10th!

To register, visit  
<https://www.lumberriveruw.org/day-caring>.

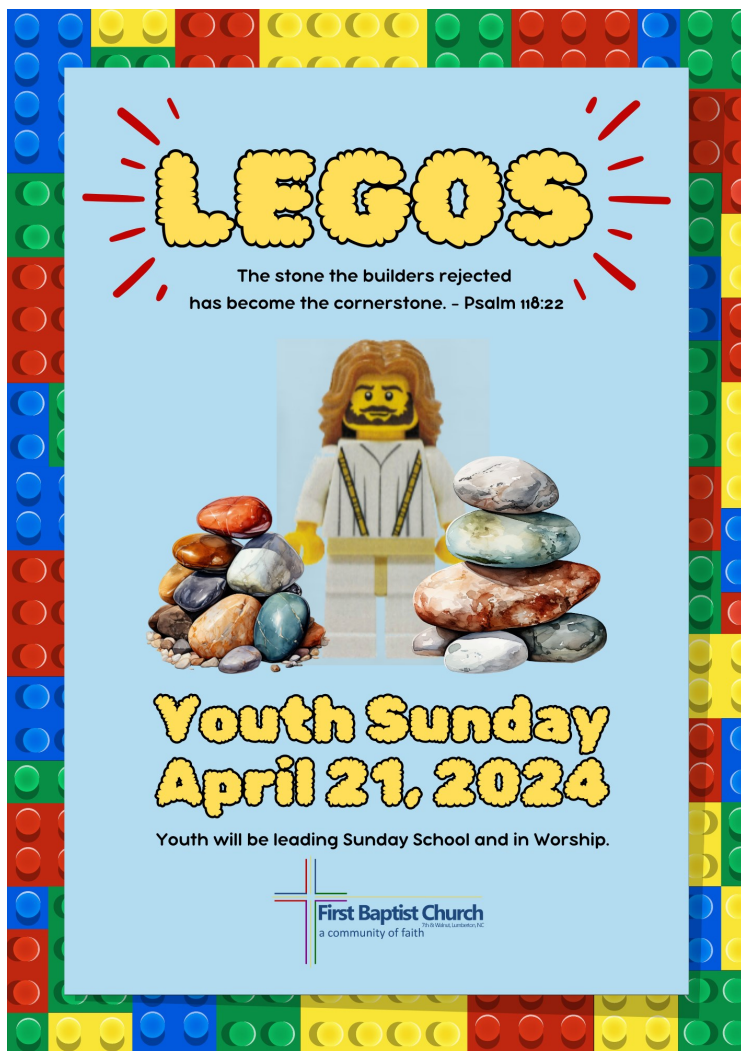


Free breakfast will begin at 9:00 am, followed by kick off at 10:00 am. Offsite projects will start after kickoff at various locations around Bladen, Hoke, and Robeson Counties and conclude when projects are completed. We would love to have First Baptist represented in these service projects and encourage you to sign up for a project as individuals, a family, or as a small group.

Service Opportunities include:  
 Blood Drive, Sew/Knit-in to make pillowcases for cancer patients, Adopt a Highway litter pick-up, Trail touch-ups, Park Bench assembly, planting trees, installing smoke alarms, Exploration Station Beautification, Robeson House Beautification, Rape Crisis Center Beautification, several canned food drives, and more!

To register, visit  
<https://www.lumberriveruw.org/day-caring>.  
 Register by April 12th to get a free t-shirt.





**Youth Lock-in is Friday, April 12th. On Youth Sunday, Youth will be leading Sunday School Classes and in Worship.**

### **Older Youth Rafting Trip — June 23-24 Section IV of the Chattooga River**

Due to the challenging nature of the river, the trip is only open to those who have completed 8th-12th grade. Ideally, everyone should either have rafting experience OR be in good physical shape. We will leave Sunday, June 23 immediately following worship, spend the night in yurts, check out and raft on the 24th, and return home Monday night. Cost is \$125 (pay in full to hold your spot).



Space is extremely limited, so please sign up ASAP. Let Rev. Doug Reedy know if you have any questions.

## **QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024**

**6 PM**

**ROOM D-113**



### ***Coming Up:***

**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 & Baptism

**May 6** — Teacher Appreciation Week

**May 6** — WMU Meeting, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.

**May 7** — Baptist Women's Bible Study, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.

**May 9** — Fun & Fellowship, 11 am, Act. Bld.

**May 9** — Partnership for Children's PreK Teacher Appreciation Program, Fellowship Hall, 4-8 pm.

**May 10** — United Way's Day of Caring

**May 12** — Mother's Day

**May 12** — Children's Sunday

**May 14** — Military Appreciation Luncheon, 12 noon, Fellowship Hall

**May 15** — Friends of Jesus Softball Game and Year-end Church Cook-out, 5 pm, Godwin Heights Park

**May 18** — Community Café (hosted by Baptist Women's Bible Study Group)

**May 19** — Pentecost Sunday

**May 20** — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Chapel. Deacons will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**May 22** — Youth Relay Race

**May 24** — Last day of school for SeA Students

**May 27** — Memorial Day. The ECM and offices are closed.

**June 2** — Grad Sunday

**June 2-8** — Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, Plymouth Trip

**June 6** — NC PreK Graduation Program, 10 am, Fellowship Hall

**June 14** — Last day of school for PSRC Students

**June 16** — Father's Day

**June 23-24** — Older Youth Rafting Trip

**June 24** — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Chapel. Deacons will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



Children's Sunday is coming up on May 12th! Children's choirs and bells are rehearsing and working towards sharing their hard work and talents with us. In addition to music, we will need children to help with worship elements such as welcome and announcements, prayers, and reading scripture. Our 5th graders are invited to prepare a sermon, and we have TJ Little willing to do so this year. We also welcome children to create art to use on the Order of Worship cover or to display during Worship. If your child would like to participate in any of these things, please contact Doug Reedy ([dougreedy@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:dougreedy@fbclumbertonnc.org)).

### ***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** — Christy Strickland

## **Family/Child Dedication at First Baptist**

### **What is it?**

A dedication is a time for the child's family and the church family to promise to be present and support the child on his or her faith journey. We recognize each child to be a special gift from God, and as a church, we pledge to be Christian examples, good teachers, and to help the family as they guide their child in faith.

### **Why dedicate?**

It takes a village to raise a child, especially when it comes to faith, and dedication is a time for the family and the church to recognize their responsibilities as part of that village. The family is promising to raise their child in faith and in a community of faith, and the church is promising to take an active role in that process. Dedications are also an opportunity to celebrate the child as part of our community of faith.

### **What happens at a dedication?**

The family is presented to the congregation, and then a minister walks the child around the room to introduce him/her to the community of faith, telling the ways this congregation is promising to care for and love the child. Then, there is a brief litany for the parents and congregation to take part in, followed by the presentation of a gift and dedication certificate.

### **When do dedications happen?**

We schedule individual dedications with families, and are willing to schedule on a Sunday that best suits your family's schedule. Popular dates for dedications are on Mother's Day or Father's Day.

### **Is there an age limit for dedications?**

No. Families tend to dedicate children before the age of 1, but that does not disqualify older children. Some families start attending FBC after their child has reached that age and want to dedicate their child then. Others may choose to dedicate an older child with a younger sibling or after a significant family milestone (adoption, marriage, etc.).

### **Is this the same as infant baptism?**

No. Our sister denominations (Methodist, Presbyterian, etc.) practice infant baptism as a way of placing a claim on the child's life by God and the church, with the understanding that confirmation will happen at a later date. The Baptist tradition reserves baptism for after one has made a profession of faith.

**If you are interested in dedication your child or children, please contact one of our ministers for next steps.**





SUMMERFEST 2024  
FOR RETIRED/SENIOR ADULTS  
CASWELL BEACH

**AUGUST 19-23**

COST IS \$370 PER PERSON  
INCLUDES LODGING, MEALS,  
PROGRAM FEE



<https://fortcaswell.com/events/summerfest-2024/>

**Add your name to our Interest List for  
Summerfest at Fort Caswell**

Retired, semi-retired, and Senior Adults have an opportunity to attend Summerfest 2024 at Caswell Beach in August! We are gauging interest for this trip, so please let us know if you want to go. The trip cost is \$370 per person, which includes lodging, meals, and the program fee. No money is due until we determine if we have enough folks wanting to go. For more information about Summerfest, visit <https://fortcaswell.com/events/summerfest-2024/>.



Please pardon our mess!  
We are in the process of  
painting and doing some  
minor construction in  
various parts of the church  
building.

One change is that the  
information desk near the  
green staircase has been  
removed. You may pick up  
copies of the Order of  
Worship, newsletter, and  
other literature in 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](https://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*

**GIVE TO  
COMMUNITY  
CAFÉ!**

You may designate contributions to our Community Café, which is held the third Saturday of each month. Thank you for helping feed the hungry of our community!

**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)



## Person of the Week

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

*Thinking  
of you*

**Gracie Davis**  
196 Kensington Street  
Lumberton, NC 28358

## 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

## 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

### Contact Us

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

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## Serving Opportunity: Nursery & Extended Session!

We offer nursery care for children birth through age 2 on Sundays and Wednesdays in Room D-107. On Sundays, nursery care is available during Sunday School and Worship. While the church has hired a few nursery workers, we need more volunteers to have on rotation to cover when they cannot be here.

In addition, children age 3 through Kindergarten age are welcome to attend Extended Session after the children's sermon during Worship. Pattie Ramsaur does a wonderful job of getting folks on a regular rotation to serve in Extended Session, but if you would like to be added to her list, please let her know. We appreciate her efforts and the commitment of those currently willing to serve.

Please contact the office as soon as possible if you are able to help in the nursery or with Extended Session. 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. Background check forms are available in the church office.