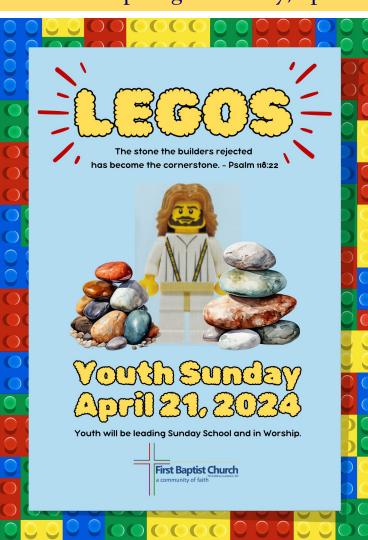
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# First Baptist News

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



## Preparing for Sunday, April 21, 2024 — YOUTH SUNDAY



Youth will lead Sunday School classes and Worship this Sunday.

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/

#### **Youth Week Officers**

Pastors:

Emily Cribb, Dixon Davis, Samuel Ivey, Ethan Stevens

> Minister of Education: Ava Bolles

Traditional Music Minister: Bindi Ivey

> Art Director: Kaitlyn Reedy

Contemporary Music Minister: Gabby Hardee

> Preschool Minister: Layla Myers

Children's Ministers: Ruth Diehl, Lainey Pittman

> Youth Minster: Landon Walters

Youth Ministry Assistants: Grayson Branch, Carter Britt

#### Music

Youth Ensemble: Gabby Hardee, Faith Harrelson, Bindi Ivey

Youth Bells: Rachel Allen, Ruth Diehl, Gabby Hardee, Abigail Ivey, Bindi Ivey, Sam Ivey, Layla Myers, Noah Paige, Lainey Pittman, Kaitlyn Reedy, Ahdaren Toney

## Coming up this week. . .

Sunday, April 21

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

Monday, April 22

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

(Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, April 23

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

Wednesday, April 24

6:00 p.m. Quarterly Church Conference

(Rm. D-113)

Youth Doing Missions (Act. Bld)

Children's Missions & Music

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 25

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

Saturday, April 27

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

## QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024 6 PM First Baptist Church ROOM D-113

## 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)

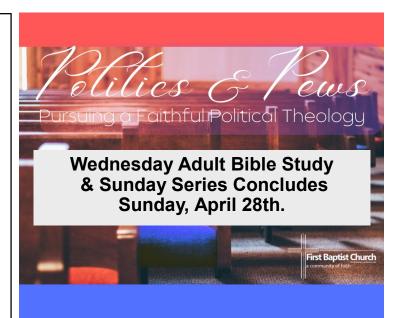
DM Entrance, 9:00 — 9:30 am (Handicap)
Brenda and James Britt

## 10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

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

Nursery — Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

**Extended Session**—





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 or near D-113.



## 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

 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 to cancel.



Coming Up:

**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 & Parent-Child Dedication

**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. This will be our last Wednesday night gathering until Sept. 4th.

May 16 — NC Child Meeting & Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

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

May 19 — Pentecost Sunday. We invite you to wear red on Pentecost.

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

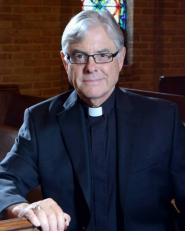
May 22 — Youth to Blake's Ice Cream

May 22 — Youth Passport Missions trip final payments due

May 24 — Last day of school for SeA Students

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

Are you currently serving or have you served in the military? We would love for you to join us at our Military Appreciation Luncheon on Tuesday, May 14th! We are excited to announce that we will have a special guest speaker Gene Wayman from Trinity Episcopal. A complimentary meal will be provided for all attendees. Please RSVP by Friday, May 10th by registering online by scanning the QR code on the flyer or by contacting the church office at 910-739-4336 or office@fbclumbertonnc.org. We look forward to having you with us!



We welcome Colonel Eugene O. Wayman, USAF (Ret.) as our guest speaker!

Col Eugene Wayman is the rector at Trinity Episcopal Church in Lumberton, North

Carolina. He has served in this parish for 12 years. Col Wayman was born in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1949. He holds a bachelor of arts degree from Baylor University, a master of public administration degree from the University of Oklahoma, and a master of divinity degree from the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest. From January 1972 until January 1998 he served as an officer in the United States Air Force. Upon reporting for active duty, he was assigned as a missile launch officer and became responsible for a launch crew in the Titan II nuclear missile weapon system. After serving five years as a nuclear missile launch officer, he transferred to the logistics career field where he spent the rest of his Air Force career. During this time he served as a unit commander in six assignments and spent five years overseas. Upon his retirement from the Air Force he attended the Episcopal Seminary and was ordained in July of 2004. He subsequently served as pastor in two congregations and completed a residency as a hospital chaplain. He has served in his current position since

2012.



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, children will help with worship elements such as welcome and announcements, prayers, and reading scripture, creating order of worship art work, and preparing a sermon. Our 5th graders are invited to prepare a sermon, and we have TJ Little willing to do so this year. If your child would like to participate, please contact Doug Reedy (dougreedy@fbclumbertonnc.org).



#### 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.

#### **Southport Day Trip**

On Tuesday, April 9th our retirees and senior adult group took a trip to Southport for a day of shopping and eating. They enjoyed lunch by the water and strolled the beautiful historic streets of Southport. Be sure to keep an eye out for the next opportunity with this active group.







#### 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/.



## Sunday, **April 14th**

Then on Sunday, April 14th, a group met in the Activities Building for BINGO and light refreshments. Prizes were provided as well. We plan on hosting another BINGO or game night this Fall.



## **LUNCH & LEARN** MAY 8 AT 12 NOON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

We kindly request your RSVP by May 3rd. We are thrilled to have Cindy Collins Walters from the library presenting a program called "The Last Folder."

We hope you can make it!

A meal will be provided by First Presbyterian.

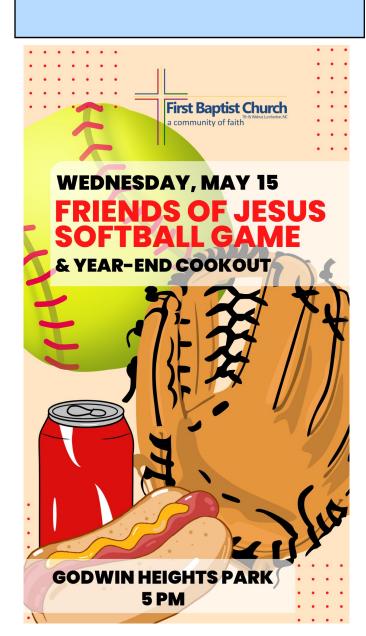
Let us know you are going by signing up on the bulletin board by Room D-113 or call the FBC office at 910-739-4336. Please RSVP by May 3rd so we can give a headcount to First Presbyterian.

#### **Person of the Week**

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



Beverly Miller 525 Hickory Leaf Ct. Lumberton, NC 28358



We need volunteers to help with set up and with serving food! Contact any of our Pastors or Hoss & Judith Watts if you can lead a hand.



## 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



#### **Contact Us**

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

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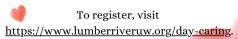
Mrs. Kandace Ramsey — Administrative Assistant; kandaceramsey@fbclumbertonnc.org

Rev. Doug Reedy — Associate Pastor of Youth, Young Adults and Missions; dougreedy@fbclumbertonnc.org





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



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