

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 28, 2024
“Politics & Pews:
Living Our True Affiliation”
Romans 12 (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/

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

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Coming up this week. . .

Sunday, April 28

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Online
- Afternoon Youth Hike at Raven Rock

Monday, April 29

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm.)
- 6:00 p.m. Children’s Committee Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Scouts Meeting (Act. Bld.)

Tuesday, April 30

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group (Zoom)
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Study on Denominations (Conf. Rm.)
- 7:00 p.m. Pickleball (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, May 1

- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (Rm. D-113)
- Youth Doing Missions (Act. Bld)
- Children’s Missions & Music
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m.

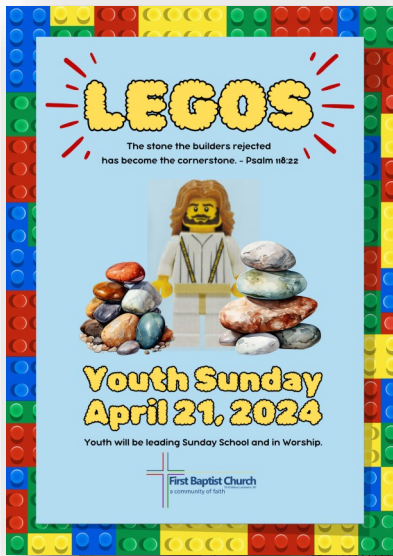
Thursday, May 2

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

Saturday, May 4

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





Sunday, April 21st was a great morning at First Baptist as we celebrated Youth Sunday. Thanks to Rev. Doug Reedy for his great leadership overall, and Rev. Tim Little and Betty Hubbard working with musicians and others as well who have various supportive roles. Our students did a great job in leading in all aspects of the day from teaching Sunday school classes and leading in worship.

Our Youth also hosted our monthly Community Café meal on Saturday, April 20th with the help of Donna Hardee and Stephania Noncil.



The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
Psalm 118:22



For Youth
6TH - 12TH GRADE

Sundays—
9:30 am Sunday School
Music Rehearsals & Youth Bible Study
will resume Sunday nights this Fall.

Wednesdays—
6:00 pm Youth Doing Missions





Coming up on Sunday, May 12th:
Mother's Day
Children's Sunday
Parent-Child Dedication

If your child would like to participate, please contact Doug Reedy (dougreedy@fbclumbertonnc.org).

A Children's Committee meeting will be held Monday, April 29 at 6 pm.



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.

MILITARY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

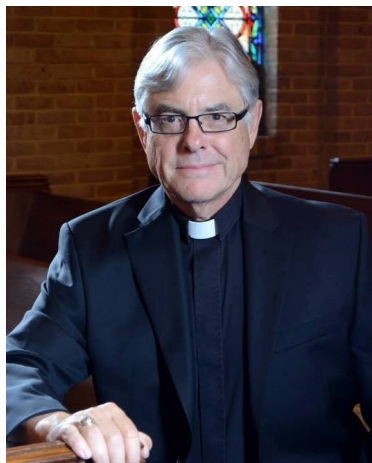
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024
12 NOON



First Baptist Church
606 N. Walnut Street
Lumberton, NC 28358
910-739-4336



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.

Coming Up:

- 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.

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 — Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

Extended Session — Pattie Ramsaur



The poster features a green softball with pink stitching on the left, a brown leather softball glove in the center, and a hot dog with mustard and ketchup on the right. A red soda can is also visible. The background is light orange with a pattern of small red dots. The First Baptist Church logo is in the top right corner.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15
FRIENDS OF JESUS
SOFTBALL GAME
& YEAR-END COOKOUT

GODWIN HEIGHTS PARK
5 PM

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.



The poster shows a large, light-colored starfish on a sandy beach with waves in the background under a blue sky. The First Baptist Church logo is in the top left corner.

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/>.



The poster has a background of overlapping colorful geometric shapes (yellow, pink, blue) and a photograph of a book. The First Baptist Church logo is in the top right corner.

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.

Jennifer is a participant in our Friends of Jesus Ministry and was baptized Sunday, April 14.

*Thinking
of you*

Jennifer Allbrook
1004 S. Austin St.
Maxton, NC 28364



The Pre-K classes recently went to the library for some fun stories, dancing to silly songs, and finished with a rainy day craft. Since then, they have also visited His & Hers nursery and also have plans to visit The Road Less Traveled Farm! Our classes have so much fun in and out of the classroom.

Registration in the Early Childhood Ministry for the 2024-25 school year is on-going. Contact Michelle Prevatte, director, at 910-738-6608 or michelleprevatte@fbclumbertonnc.org.

PICKLEBALL *Nights*

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7 pm
Fellowship Hall

Worship with Us

606 N. Walnut Street
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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

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



To register, visit

<https://www.lumberriveruw.org/day-caring>.

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

<https://www.lumberriveruw.org/day-caring>.