

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, May 12, 2024
Pentecost Sunday
"Journey Evangelism: Part 1"
John 20:19-22 (NLT)



We invite you to wear **red** or **orange** on Pentecost 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/

Coming up this week. . .

Sunday, May 19

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
10:30 a.m. Worship Online
Grad Sunday information is due to Rev. Reedy

Monday, May 20

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, May 21

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 22

6:00 p.m. Youth Doing Missions
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Youth Passport Missions Trip final payment is due to Rev. Reedy

Thursday, May 23

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

Saturday, May 25

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

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.



As the school year comes to a close, we are planning our Grad Sunday baccalaureate service to be held Sunday, June 2nd. If you or a family member will be graduating from high school or college or has recently graduated, please let us know so we can celebrate his or her in this important milestone. Please provide Rev. Doug Reedy your information by Sunday, May 19th.

Scholarship Apps Due May 31st!

Scholarship applications are available in the church office! All applications and transcripts must be submitted by May 31, 2024. *This is a firm deadline.* For more information, contact the church office (910-739-4336) or Rev. Doug Reedy (dougreeedy@fbclumbertonnc.org).



Downtown Lumberton's next Clean Sweep is scheduled for Saturday, May 18! Help us clean up downtown Lumberton before Alive After 5 starts on Thursday, May 30. We need folks to help serve refreshments and to help pick up litter. Contact Rev. Tim Little know if you have questions.



On Tuesdays at 4:30 pm we will have a series on a study of denominations as requested by the Youth. This is designed for serious students only, but all youth ages are welcome to attend. We plan to use the conference room to meet, but we may be doing some field trips as well.

Meeting dates:

April 30, May 7, May 14, May 21, and May 28.

Current Opportunities to Serve

- Provide child care in the Nursery or during Extended Session for families
- Show your talents with technology, sound, or video elements used during Worship or at special events
- Participate in Worship Elements, such as reading scripture, saying a prayer, or by lighting the Christ Candle
- Help count and report contributions as a Money Counter
- Sign up to help during community outreach events, such as for Community Café
- Volunteer to help in the Friends of Jesus Ministry

If you are willing to serve in these or other ways, contact any of our Pastors or the church office.

Coming Up:

Tuesdays Apr. 30-May 28 — Youth Study on Denominations, 4:30 pm

May 21-24 — Rev. Josh Owens will be out of the office.

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

May 29-31 — Kandace will be working from home (Jury Duty summons for the 28th).

May 30 — ECM's Family Appreciation Day with Barefoot Brew Coffee, 7 am

May 31 — Scholarship Applications & Transcripts are due. This is a firm deadline.

June 2 — Grad Sunday

June 2-8 — Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, Plymouth Trip. Rev. Josh Owens is attending.

June 3 — Scholarship Committee Meeting, 6 pm, Conference Room

June 6 — NC PreK Graduation Program, 10 am, Fellowship Hall. The church is invited to attend.

June 7 — Last day of school for PSRC Students

June 9 — Friends of Jesus Fun Day

June 9 — Sunday worship services will be held in the Fellowship Hall for the summer months. Rev. Doug Reedy will be preaching June 9th.

June 15 — Community Café, hosted by Colin & Glenda Osborne & Susan Welsh Class

June 16 — Father's Day

June 19-21 — CBF General Assembly in Greensboro. Rev. Josh Owens will be out of the office to attend.

June 23-24 — Older Youth Rafting Trip. Rev. Doug Reedy & Rev. Josh Owens will be attending.

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

June 29-July 5 — Youth Passport Missions. Rev. Doug Reedy will be attending.

June 30 — Friends of Jesus Fun Day

July 1-3, 5 — Kandace will be working from home

July 4 — Offices & ECM closed

July 8-12 — Kandace out of office (vacation)

July 14-19 — Rev. Doug Reedy out of office (vacation)

July 20 — Community Café, hosted by the Young Adult Sunday School Class

July 21 — Communion

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

July 24 — Quarterly Church Conference, 6 pm

July 27-Aug. 1 — Youth Music Retreat. Rev. Tim Little & Rev. Doug Reedy will be attending.

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General Assembly
Greensboro, NC
June 19-21

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Revise

Renew

Reinvigorate

Reenergize

Reimagine at General Assembly 2024

Register today | cbf.net/general-assembly



You're invited to join us in Greensboro, N.C. for the 2024 CBF General Assembly as we come together at the Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons/Koury Convention Center for learning, worship, inspiration and fellowship! To register, visit <https://cbf.net/general-assembly>.

This summer at General Assembly, we will re:imagine as we live out our faith through our unique Baptist identity and are ever being transformed through the Holy Spirit. Together, we'll consider transformation through imagination – our own and that of the Holy Spirit moving through us as a community. With the idea of re:, we're exploring the idea of "regarding imagination" as well as the transforming quality of re-imagining – revising, reinvigorating, reenergizing, and renewing.

You can register for the event and attend some or all of it. Thursday is Rev. Owens' suggested day for folks who may want to drive up and experience it for a day. This would be the day there is a morning plenary session with the guest speaker, and multiple workshops are an option. Friday is when the business session takes place in the morning, and only one workshop takes place. Rev. Owens will be attending all days.



Instead of going to Happiness Retreat this summer, our Friends of Jesus class will have a couple of Fun Days. The class is planning to have fun activities such as games and activities in the Activities Building, lunch, and a bowling trip.

Sunday, June 9th 11:00 am—2:00 pm
This group has more mobility needs, so they will do more indoor games and activities, then go bowling.

Sunday, June 30th 10:30 am—2:00 pm
This group will do mostly outdoor games and activities and then go bowling.

Please contact any of our Pastors or Judith & Hoss Watts if you are willing to lend a hand on either or both dates.

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)
 Ann & John Underwood
 ECM Entrance, 9:00 — 9:30 am (Handicap)
 Preston Britt

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters
 Sanctuary Vestibule 10:00—11:30 am
 JW & Angie Lawson

Nursery — Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

Extended Session — Brooke Blackmon, Nancy Wagner

EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY'S
**FAMILY
 APPRECIATION DAY**

May 30th

Limit 2 per family

Starting at 7 am, stop by the Brew Wagon from Barefoot Brew and get a hot or cold coffee, frappe, or smoothie on us! We appreciate our ECM Families!



It's that time of year again! The ECM's Family Appreciation Day has been scheduled for Thursday, May 30th, beginning at 7 a.m. To show our ECM families how much we appreciate them, we will have the Barefoot Brew Wagon here to help get the morning started! As parents or grandparents drop off children, they will be invited to help yourself to a hot or cold coffee, frappe, or smoothie courtesy the ECM.

Our Nominating Committee will hold their first meeting soon. We give thanks for those who serve on this committee as they prayerfully consider leaders for our community of faith. Please be in prayer for this group as they seek leadership for the upcoming 2024-2025 year and that hearts may be opened to serve as leaders.

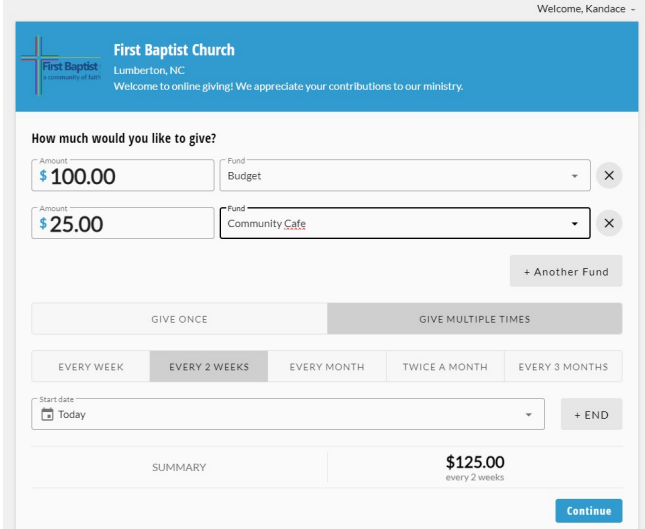
On-Line Membership ACCESS



- > Give tithes and offering online
- > Check your giving history
- > Print statements anytime
- > Participate in private groups
- > Keep personal info up to date
- > Mobile friendly!

While FBC has been using a version of ACS software for church management for quite some time, we upgraded a few years ago to a more user-friendly version that can also be accessed by members. ACS is a relatively local company based in Florence, SC. The newer version of ACS is called Realm and is a web-based program. With Realm, staff are able to maintain an online church directory, post contributions, track registrations for trips and activities, and a variety of other administrative tasks.

Realm even allows for online giving and text (mobile) giving! Contributors are able to set up one-time or recurring gifts. While this is similar to our bank draft program, it allows you to have more control of your giving. Bank drafts are automatically deducted from your checking account on the 5th and/or 20th of each month for a set amount and are posted to the general budget, but with Realm you have the option to choose your own recurring gift dates, amounts, and contribution fund. You will be able to choose to make contributions to a variety of programs and missions supported by the church. The QR code included in the "Give to First Baptist Church" published in the newsletter and Order of Worship will direct you to Realm Giving options when you scan it with your cell phone's camera. Realm's online giving portal may also be accessed by visiting <https://onrealm.org/FirstBaptistChu67135/give/now>.



Welcome, Kandace

First Baptist Church
Lumberton, NC
Welcome to online giving! We appreciate your contributions to our ministry.

How much would you like to give?

Amount: \$100.00 Fund: Budget

Amount: \$25.00 Fund: Community Cafe

+ Another Fund

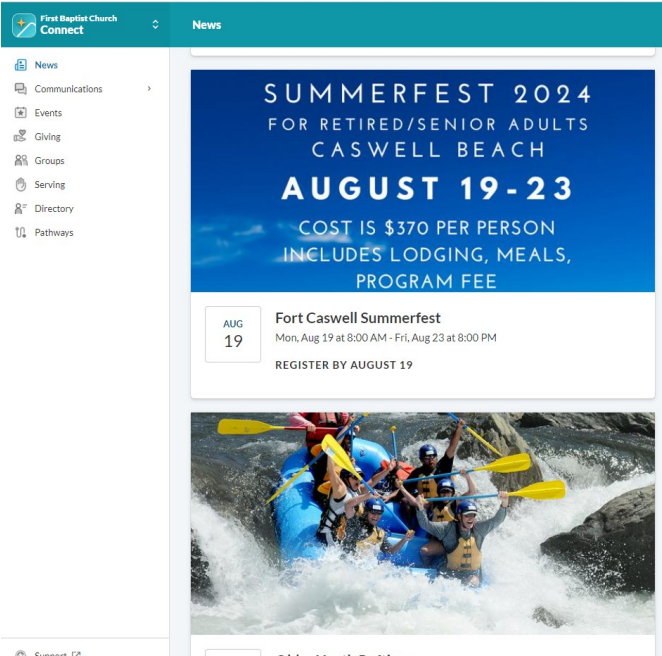
GIVE ONCE GIVE MULTIPLE TIMES

EVERY WEEK EVERY 2 WEEKS EVERY MONTH TWICE A MONTH EVERY 3 MONTHS

Start date: Today + END

SUMMARY \$125.00 every 2 weeks

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First Baptist Church Connect

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SUMMERFEST 2024
FOR RETIRED/SENIOR ADULTS
CASWELL BEACH
AUGUST 19-23
COST IS \$370 PER PERSON
INCLUDES LODGING, MEALS,
PROGRAM FEE

AUG 19 Fort Caswell Summerfest
Mon, Aug 19 at 8:00 AM - Fri, Aug 23 at 8:00 PM
REGISTER BY AUGUST 19

Older Youth Rafting

In addition to giving options, Realm allows you to register for upcoming events through the Connect feature. If a trip or activity has a cost, you may pay for it online using your debit or credit card upon signing up. If you just sign up and still wish to pay with cash or check, or want to call and pay over the phone, that is all fine as well.

We are using an invitation only model for Realm, which offers more security since administration has to review and approve each join request. If you wish to be sent an invite to join, please contact Kandace at 910-739-4336 or kandaceramsey@fbclumbertonnc.org and provide her with your name and email address.

We hope that this technology will be a helpful tool for you!

Person of the Week

Send a card, letter, or other remembrance to our very special person this week. He has a birthday coming up May 18th!

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

John Wishart
c/o The Stratford
405 Smith Level Rd.
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Contact Us

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

Now that the school year is wrapping up, office staff and ministers will be in-and-out of the office to attend kid's events, award ceremonies, and other family-related activities. While we may not be in the office, we are still available by cell, text, or email.

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Rev. Doug Reedy — Associate Pastor of Youth,
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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

Our Summer Gathering Schedule

We'll pause our Wednesday night gatherings for the summer starting May 22nd and will resume meeting after Labor Day. Look for a calendar of summer activities in the coming editions of *First Baptist News*!

Sunday Worship service will be held at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall June 9 to September 1. Once we start gathering in the Fellowship Hall for the summer, please enter for Worship at the Fellowship Hall Lobby.

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!

May — Baptist Women's Group
June — Colin & Glenda Osborne &
Susan Welsh Class
July — Young Adult Class
Sept. — at Asbury UMC
(118 Orange Street)

**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!