

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, May 12, 2024
Children's Sunday
"Love, That's What It's All About"
1 John 4:7-12



Children will lead in Worship and we'll have a parent-child dedication 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/

Coming up this week. . .

Sunday, May 12

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

Monday, May 13

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

Tuesday, May 14

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group (Zoom)
- 12:00 p.m. Military Appreciation Luncheon (Act. Bld.)
- 3:00 p.m. Stephen Aber Concert Departure
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Study on Denominations (Conf. Rm.)
- 7:00 p.m. Pickleball (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, May 15

- 5:00 p.m. Friends of Jesus Softball Game & Year-end Cookout (Godwin Heights Park)

Thursday, May 16

- 12:00 p.m. NC Child Lunch & Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00 p.m. Community Café Prep Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Pickleball (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, May 18

- 10:00 a.m. Community Café, hosted by Baptist Women's Bible Study Group (Act. Bld.)



This Mother's Day, reflect upon any women who have nurtured and supported you at various times in your life. Reach out to any woman you love or care about to let her know how much she is appreciated and how she has made a difference in your life and faith journey.

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 held at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, May 14th in the Activities Building!

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!

Coming Up:

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

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

May 19 — Grad Sunday information & Seniors Luncheon
RSVPs due to Rev. Reedy

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

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

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.

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

May 31 — Scholarship Applications due

June 2 — Grad Sunday

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

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

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

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.

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General Assembly
Greensboro, NC
June 19-21



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.



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.

Scholarship applications are available in the church office! All applications must be submitted by May 31, 2024. For more information, contact the church office (910-739-4336) or Rev. Doug Reedy (dougreedy@fbclumbertonnc.org).



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.

Passport Missions Trip final payment is due Wednesday, May 22.



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 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.



DOWNTOWN CLEAN SWEEP

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

SATURDAY

MAY 18TH

9 A.M.-11 A.M.

First Baptist Church will provide donuts and coffee.



Meet in the parking lot across from Adelio's. Gloves and trash bags will be provided.

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.

PICKLEBALL Nights

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7 pm
Fellowship Hall

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one, we currently have all Sundays with the exception of October 20th available in 2024. Call the church office to reserve. Once your date is reserved, we encourage you to contact your florist to arrange delivery of the flowers. The florist most are now using is The Secret Garden on Liberty Hill Road (910-272-0000).



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 for the softball game and cookout! Contact any of our Pastors or Hoss & Judith Watts if you can lead a hand.

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. The class is seeking some extra helpers on these dates:

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.

Our Summer 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.



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)

Brenda & James Britt

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

Sue O'Tuel

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

Sanctuary Vestibule 10:00—11:30 am

Tony & Becky Thompson

Nursery — Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

Extended Session — Brooke Blackmon, Heather Walters

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.



Stephen Aber in Concert

Tuesday, May 14

6 pm

Departure: 3 pm from FBC

The concert is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to Rev. Tim Little or call the church office.

People of the Week

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

*Thinking
of you*

**Wilton and Miriam
Edwards**
451 Sandlin Drive
Lumberton, NC 28358

Sunday School literature and devotionals are pre-ordered several months in advance and is organized based on what is requested by each class. Many of our literature publishers only produce what is pre-ordered, which makes it difficult to get additional copies in a timely manner. In turn, if we order more than what we actually need, then this leads to waste. Literature is quite expensive! If your class attendance has changed, please notify us promptly so we may adjust.

In addition, we ask that each Sunday School class designates a teacher to pick up the literature ordered for your class from Rev. Doug Reedy. You will need to know which literature your class uses, then sign that you picked up the order so we do not give out literature twice, which then shorts another class. It is also helpful that you arrange to come during the work week instead of on Sunday mornings since our ministers are also getting ready to teach Sunday School and lead in Worship. We encourage teachers to share leader guides and commentaries and that couples in the same class share student guides, if possible.

Open Windows and Reflections devotionals are ordered as well, but not in large numbers. Open Windows are also available for you to subscribe to and have delivered to your home. Gift subscriptions are also available. For more information, visit <https://www.lifeway.com/en/product-family/open-windows-magazine>.

Coming up for Youth

June 23-24 : Older Youth Rafting trip

June 29-July 5 : Passport Missions Trip

July 27-Aug. 1: Youth Music Retreat

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

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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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.