

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, June 30, 2024
"Praising our Enemies"
2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 (NLT)



"Surrender of General Burgoyne" by John Trumbull, 1821. It hangs in the Capital Rotunda in Washington, D.C.

Join us for Sunday School at 9:30 am and for Worship in-person at 10:30 am in Cherry Fellowship Hall or online on Facebook Live facebook.com/firstbaptistlumbertonnc or online on YouTube youtube.com/c/lumbertonfbc/

Coming up this week. . .

June 29 — July 5
Youth Passport Missions Trip

Sunday, June 30

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Online
- 10:30 a.m. Friends of Jesus Fun Day

Sunset Slush will be set up on 6th Street following Worship.

Monday, July 1

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

Tuesday, July 2

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group (Zoom)

Wednesday, July 3

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study at 219 Elm
- 7:00 p.m. Pickleball (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Family 4th Celebration at Lumberton Snr. High

Thursday, July 4

Happy Independence Day!

The Early Childhood Ministry and church offices will be closed.

Saturday, July 6

- 3:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry Bible Study (Act. Bld.)

Please contact any of our Pastors or Judith & Hoss Watts if you are willing to lend a hand for the Friends of Jesus Fun Day Part 2 planned for this Sunday.

FRIENDS OF JESUS FUN DAYS

June 9: 11 am - 2 pm
June 30: 10:30 am - 2 pm
Activities Building

- ✓ Games
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Bowling

June 30
SUNSET SLUSH

ON 6TH STREET FOLLOWING WORSHIP

A Note from the Pastor's Desk — July 2024



I've heard it said that first impressions are everything. Whether in a job interview, a first date, or attending a new church, the initial impression you make on someone, or the impression someone makes on you, can set the tone for how the remaining experiences of the possible relationship will go.

In the Bible, Jesus knew a little something about making first impressions. Take for example his first public act following his baptism and subsequent testing in the desert by the Evil One as recorded in Luke's gospel account. In chapter 4, Jesus enters the Nazarene synagogue, grabs one of the scrolls of the prophet Isaiah and proceeds to read aloud for all to hear, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free and that the time of the Lord's favor has come" (Lk. 4:16-19). After reading, he told the crowd that this prophecy was now fulfilled "this very day." In short, Jesus was announcing both his arrival and stating his purpose.

You may recall having heard me refer to this proclamation by him as Jesus' mission statement. It foreshadowed what his earthly ministry over the next three years would look like as he ministered to the lonely, the poor, the sick, and the ostracized in his community. The resounding theme throughout that mission statement is the emphasis on freedom. As citizens of these United States, we are in the midst of a season of federally recognized holidays that highlight the importance of freedom, one relatively new to many of us, and the other as old as our country. The month of June has Juneteenth, a combination of the month and day on which it is observed (June 19). This independence celebration highlights the day in 1865 when federal troops finally arrived in Galveston, TX to ensure the release of all enslaved people following the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation almost two and half years prior. While new for many Americans, for our African-American sisters and brothers, this day has long marked the end of slavery. Then of course this month, we celebrate freedom with our nation's first Independence Day, the Fourth of July. Marking our forefathers' and foremothers' desire to govern themselves free of the influence of the British crown, America's Independence Day serves as a reminder of our independent spirit, generates patriotism and service, and of course, produces celebrations with loved ones.

As followers of Jesus who happen to live in the USA, we are doubly surrounded by the significance of freedom. We live in a nation whose origins are rooted in freedom while proclaiming faith in a Lord whose sole mission is to bring freedom and the two can certainly be connected. Since we are servants of a God who values freedom, we should be akin to celebrating freedom when anyone achieves it, be that the historical celebration of freed black Americans 200 years ago, or the one day hoped for freedom of hostages in the Hamas/Israeli conflict. But let us not forget the ultimate freedom that should dominate our hearts and minds. It is the kind of freedom that Christ brings, a wholistic and complete freedom. It is this kind of freedom that Christ expects us to be proponents of in our living also. Our God-given freedom is not an excuse to do what we want, in particular evil (1 Peter 2:16), but it is a responsibility to use the privilege that comes with freedom to seek the good of all those we come into contact with, especially those who may not be able to pursue this kind of liberation for themselves.

We are blessed to live in an earthly country that lifts up freedom, liberty, and democracy. However, as citizens of the Heavenly Kingdom, we are obligated to both know Christ's freedom and to be advocates for that kind of freedom for all. May we be a people who love our freedom, live into our freedom, and lead with a God-given sense of freedom.

In the Love & Freedom of Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joshua Owens".

Rev. Joshua K. Owens, Senior Pastor

***"For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love."
- Galatians 5:13***

Contact Us

Please call the office to make sure someone is in the office before stopping by. Kandace will be working from home the week of July 1st, and will be on vacation the week of July 8th.

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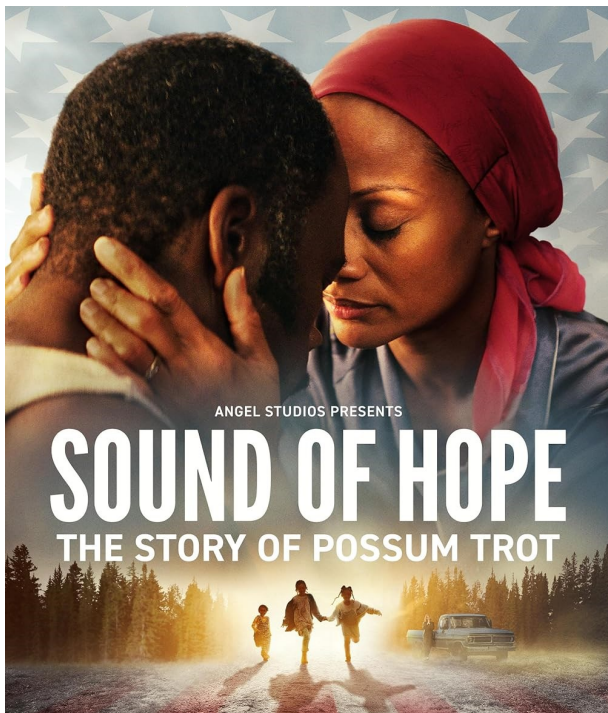
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SUNDAY, JULY 7

MOVIE NIGHT



Millstone 14 in Hope Mills
Matinee Showtime

For more information about the movie, visit
<https://www.angel.com/movies/sound-of-hope-the-story-of-possum-trot>



KIDS TRIP TO **ALOHA SAFARI PARK** SATURDAY, JUNE 29

Cameron, NC

\$10 per person

No charge for Kids under 2.

You will drive your
personal vehicle.



We are excited to invite you on a trip to Aloha Safari Park in Cameron, NC on Saturday, June 29! The admission fee is \$10 per person, and children under 2 years old can join for free. To make it convenient for families with children of all ages, we kindly request you to drive your own vehicle to the park. You will need to bring spending money for feed cups. For additional details about the park, please visit www.alohasafaripark.com. Register by calling the church office or online via ACS Realm.

JULY BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS
10 AM
AT 219 ELM



From our Associate Pastor

We haven't requested this a few years, but as we prepare for our mission trip, we ask for your focused prayers while we are gone. Please pray for our safety, relationships, and spiritual growth. Also, please pray for the city of Berea and the work we are doing:

June 29—Please pray for our chaperones: Wendy Allen, Lisa Ivey, Stephania Noncil, Doug Reedy

June 30—Please pray for our Juniors and Seniors: Emily Cribb, Faith Harrelson, Sam Ivey, Noah Paige

July 1—Please pray for our 10th graders: Bindi Ivey, Kaitlyn Reedy

July 2—Please pray for our 9th graders: Rachel Allen, Gabby Hardee, Taylor Martin, Layla Myers, Ahdaren Toney

July 3—Please pray for our 8th graders: Ava Anderson, Carter Britt, Ruth Diehl, Mahlea Hester, Lainey Pittman, Landon Walters

July 4—Please pray for our 6th & 7th graders: Annsley Britt, Nadia Doeller, Abby Ivey, Mileigh Smith, Rustin Walters, (USA too of course)

July 5—safe travels home

Thanks in advance for your prayers!

Grace & Peace,
Doug

PASSPORT*missions*

JUNE 29 – JULY 5, 2024

BEREA COLLEGE
BEREA, KENTUCKY



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YOUTH MUSIC RETREAT

JULY 27 - AUGUST 1, 2024

MYSTERY HILL

Naturally Amazing!

includes a trip
Mystery Hill in
Blowing Rock, NC

Cost is \$150
Contact Rev. Doug Reedy
for more information.



First Sunday
FOOD DRIVE
Your donations support community ministries as we provide for the needs of the hungry in our area.

FILL THIS BIN

First Baptist Church
a community of faith

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

First Sunday Food Drive—July 7th!
Donation suggestions include pop-top can goods, canned meats, and dry goods. Items donated should be in-date and in their original packaging. Bring your donations and place them in the collection bins located around the church or bring them to the office. Thank you for helping feed the hungry of our community!

Coming Up:

Weekly Bible Study Wednesdays in July at 219 Elm at 10 am

July 7 — Movie “Sound of Hope: The Story of Possum Trot” at Millstone 14 in Hope Mills in the afternoon.

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

July 10 — Meet n Eat at Blake’s Ice Cream Parlor, 6:30 pm

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

July 18 — Meet n Eat at Chick-fil-A, 6 pm

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

July 21 — Communion

July 21 — Bonfire & Smores, 7 pm

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

July 23 — ECM Staff CPR Class, 6-8 pm, Fellowship Hall

July 24 — Quarterly Church Conference, 6 pm

July 25 — Meet n Eat at Village Inn Seafood at 12 noon

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

July 27 — Kids trip, TBD

July 29-31 — Kandace working from home

July 30 — Meet n Eat at Cakes & Pastries, 12 noon

During the month of August, nominations for Deacon will be accepted.

Aug. 4 — Worship will be held at Wesley Pines Chapel

Aug. 6 — Meet n Eat at Thomas’ Pizza, 6 pm

Aug. 7 — Children’s Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm

Aug. 13 — SeA’s first day of school

Aug. 17 — Community Café, hosted by Youth

Aug. 20 — Youth Committee Meeting, 6 pm

Aug. 25 — Worship will be held at Jones Lake State Park at 11:00 am. A picnic lunch will follow.

Aug. 26 — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Chapel. Deacons will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Aug. 29 — PSRC’s first day of school

Person of the Week

Send a card, letter, or other remembrance to our very special person this week. She has a birthday coming up July 6th!

Pam Parmele
308 W. 31st Street
Lumberton, NC 28358

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Last week Senior Pastor Josh Owens along with others from our church participated in the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly. The assembly is the annual gathering of Fellowship Baptists from across the country and around the world for worship, educational opportunities, fellowship, and business of the organization. One of the workshops was led by our own Rev. Lisa Rust and Dr. David Elks on their studies in “Work as Witness.” There was much excitement over the growing diversity of the Fellowship and the great missional work being done here and abroad.

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Church office staff and Pastors will be out of the office most of next week between traveling with the Youth to Passport Missions, the July 4th holiday, and family vacation. We encourage you to call the office before stopping by (910-739-4336).



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.

Servants this Sunday

Please enter for Worship at the Fellowship Hall Lobby.

9:30 Sunday School Entrance Greeters

6th Street Ramp, 9:00—9:30 am (Handicap)

Gene Home

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

Jimmy & Billy Dail

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

Sanctuary Vestibule 10:00—11:30 am

Barbara Andrews

Nursery — Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

Extended Session — Brooke Blackmon,
Heather Walters

\$250 has been given June-to-date.

GIVE TO
COMMUNITY
ASSISTANCE!

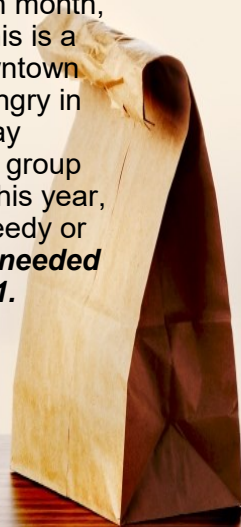
You may designate contributions to Community Assistance, which helps us provide a variety of needs for those who come to our door. For example, we are able to help with lodging & bus tickets.

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 this year, please contact Rev. Doug Reedy or the church office. **Hosts are needed for Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21.**

Thank you to those who have already signed up!

July 20 — Young Adult Class
Aug. 17 — Youth
Sept. 21 — at Asbury UMC
(118 Orange Street)



On Sunday, June 16th we heard of the anointing of David as king in 1 Samuel 16, even though he was still young and even overlooked by those who knew him best. Here at First Baptist Lumberton, we'd like to think there is a place for everyone and no one is too young or inexperienced to serve in a myriad of ways.

While we may not always achieve this vision, we certainly want to be sure to celebrate when they do.

For example, you may not have noticed, but on Sunday our technical team consisted of young TJ Little on slides, with assistance by trusted adult William Davis who was running the sound and streaming. We couldn't have had the same experience in worship without young TJs leadership. Thanks TJ and William for your efforts and for saying YES!

"Then Samuel asked, 'Are these all the sons you have?' 'There is still the youngest,' Jesse replied...'Send for him at once,' Samuel said. So Jesse sent for him... And the Lord said, 'This is the one. Anoint him.'" (1 Sam 16:11-12, NLT)

Joyful Travelers
Senior Adult Trip to

NASHVILLE & SURROUNDING AREAS

October 21 - 25, 2024
\$995 per person

registration

First Baptist Church
Community of Faith

There are only 4 spaces left!

Join us on a delightful trip for senior adults to Nashville, TN and the surrounding areas from October 21 to 25, 2024. We will explore exciting places like the Grand Ole Opry, Church Hill Downs in Kentucky, and various attractions in Asheville. The trip package covers 4 breakfasts, 4 dinners, tours, and shows, all for a total cost of \$995.00. To secure your spot, a \$75.00 deposit is needed at the time of registration. Remember to bring along some extra spending money for your enjoyment!

This trip is reserved for Senior Adults (folks age 55 and older) and is being planned outside of a travel agency. Travel insurance may or may not be available. Contact Phyllis Gibson, trip coordinator, if you have questions.

Call the church office or Phyllis Gibson (734-3553) to register.



**Pickleball has a new meeting
day and time!
Wednesdays at 7 pm
Fellowship Hall**

There are many ways to view
upcoming events at FBC
Lumberton!

Paper options:

- Subscribe to our monthly newsletter mailing.
- Check out our bulletin boards located at the 6th street entrance or near the rear entrance of the Sanctuary.

Online options:

- Subscribe to our email list.
- Follow us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistECM
- Follow us on Instagram:
[fbclumbertonnc](https://www.instagram.com/fbclumbertonnc)
- View Worship on YouTube:
www.youtube.com/@lumbertonfbc

FAMILY 4TH CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3RD, 2024

**Free Entry
Doors Open at 7pm**

LIVE MUSIC FEATURING: GLORYBOUND QUARTET
ALL VETERAN PARACHUTE JUMP TEAM
FIREWORK SHOW AT 9:30
FACE PAINTING-INFLATABLES-
BRENDA'S FOOD TRUCK-SUNSET SLUSH OF LUMBERTON
--Lumberton Sr. High School--



LIVING LOVING LUMBERTON

**JULY
2024**

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MOVIE

"Sound of Hope: The Story of Possum Trot"

**MEET N EAT @BLAKE'S ICE
CREAM PARLOR AT 6:30 PM**

10

18

**MEET N EAT @ CHICK-FIL-A
AT 6 PM**

BONFIRE & SMORES AT 7 PM

21

25

**MEET N EAT @ VILLAGE INN
SEAFOOD AT NOON**

YOUTH MUSIC RETREAT

27-1

27

KIDS TRIP (TBD)

**MEET N EAT @CAKES &
PASTRIES AT NOON**

30

**WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAYS IN JULY AT
219 ELM AT 10 AM**