

# 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, August 25, 2024  
“In the Presence of God”  
I Kings 8:22-30 (CEB)

11:00 a.m. Worship  
at Jones Lake State Park  
with picnic lunch following

There will be no Sunday School or Worship held in the church building this Sunday. We hope you can join us at Jones Lake State Park for an end-of-summer gathering, and bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share! The church will provide hamburgers and hotdogs.

We will gather under the big shelter by the water. Picnic tables are under the shelter, but bring your own folding chair if you prefer. This is an outdoor event.

If you need transportation, please contact the office (910-739-4336).

We plan to take the bus or a transit. The park has ample parking in the main lot, as well as a short-term unloading area by the big shelter. Access the unloading area by following the signs for the kayak/canoe launch.

Jones Lake State Park offers a variety of activities you can take advantage of while you are there, including swimming, paddleboats, hiking trails, volleyball, and horse shoes. Alternatively, you can choose to set up a chair and just enjoy being outside by the water. For more information about the park, visit <https://www.ncparks.gov/state-parks/jones-lake-state-park>.

**WORSHIP**  
*Sunday, Aug. 25*

**JONES LAKE**  
**11 AM**



We'll gather for Worship at 11 am under the big shelter, followed by a picnic lunch of hamburgers and hotdogs. Bring your favorite dessert to share!

*Under the big shelter*

**ADDRESS**

4117 NC Hwy 242 N,  
Elizabethtown, NC 28337



## 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](http://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 this week. . .

### Sunday, August 25

11:00 a.m. Worship (Jones Lake)

### Monday, August 26

#### *First day of school for PSRC and ECM*

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm.)  
w/Fall Calendar Planning

5:45 p.m. Finance Meeting (Chapel)

7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting  
(Fellowship Hall)

### Tuesday, August 27

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

3:00 p.m. Snr. Ad. Trip to Greg Rowles  
Theatre, Myrtle Beach

### Wednesday, August 28

5:30 p.m. Children's Sunday School/  
Children's Committee Meeting  
(Conf. Rm.)

6:00 p.m. Parent/Youth Meeting (Act. Bld.)

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

### Saturday, August 31

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

## DURING AUGUST, GIVE TO MUSIC MEMORIAL

*Given so far in August = \$227.05*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

FBC Youth Fall Retreat

# Williamsburg, Virginia

Cost is \$150.00, due by Sept. 4th!  
Sign up with Rev. Doug Reedy.

WILLIAMSBURG, VA

First Baptist Church  
a community of faith  
FBCL YOUTH

# 2025 SKI TRIP

JAN 17 - 21

## CANAAN VALLEY, WV

Total trip cost is \$500.00 and includes lodging, lift tickets, transportation, and most (but not all) meals.  
\$100.00 deposit is due Oct. 4th.

CONTACT REV. DOUG REEDY  
910-739-4336  
dougreedy@fbclumbertonnc.org

FBCL Youth

# PASSPORTchoices

## YOUTH CAMP

JUNE 22-27, 2025

### SPARTANBURG, SC

CONVERSE UNIVERSITY

\$500 TOTAL  
\$100 DEPOSIT DUE 9/25

CONTACT REV. DOUG REEDY TO REGISTER

**Contact Rev. Doug Reedy to register for upcoming Youth Trips!  
Some payment and deposit due dates are quickly approaching.**



## Coming Up:

Grief Support Group will meet Thursdays in September from 10:00 to 11:30 am in the Activities Building.

**Sept. 1** — Worship will be held in the Chapel

**Sept. 2** — Labor Day. The church offices and ECM will be closed.

**Sept. 3** — Baptist Women's Bible Study Group resumes meeting, 11:45 am, Activities Building. They will meet the 1st Tuesday of each month.

**Sept. 4** — Adult Bible Study, Youth Doing Missions, and Children's Activities resume meeting at 6 pm. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal will follow at 7 pm.

**Sept. 4** — Youth's Fall Retreat Money is due (\$100, Williamsburg)

**Sept. 5** — Final payment due for the Snr. Ad. trip to Nashville

**Sept. 8** — 10:30 am Worship resumes gathering in the Sanctuary

**Sept. 8** — Youth Bells resumes rehearsals at 4:45 pm. Youth Bible Study follows at 6 pm.

**Sept. 10** — Youth Council meeting, 4:30 pm

**Sept. 11** — Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study, Youth Doing Missions, and Children's Activities resume meeting, 6 pm.

**Sept. 12** — Fun & Fellowship resumes meeting, 11 am, Activities Building. They will meet the 2nd Thursday of each month.

**Sept. 15** — Children's Bible Presentation

**Sept. 16** — WMU resumes meeting, 11:45 am, Activities Building. WMU will meet the 3rd Monday of each month.

**Sept. 20** — Snr. Ad. Trip to Northwood Temple's Dinner Theatre

**Sept. 21** — Community Café, hosted at Asbury Methodist

**Sept. 22** — Friends of Jesus Sunday (tentative)

**Sept. 23** — Lunch & Learn, 12:00 noon, Activities Building

**Sept. 23** — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Chapel. Deacons will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Rev. Tim Little invites you to consider joining Sanctuary Choir and/or Worship Ensemble! Sanctuary Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 4th at 7 pm in the choir room. Contact Rev. Little for more information.

## Person of the Week

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

**Malcolm McLean**  
12 Trinity Drive  
Lumberton, NC 28358

*Thinking  
of you*

# DEACON NOMINATIONS

During the month of August, please prayerfully consider your nominations for deacon, and complete a nomination form no later than August 31, 2024. You may nominate as many as you would like and turn in as many nominations as you would like during the month of August. (There is no need to nominate the same person more than once.)

A nomination form is available on the back of this newsletter, but will also be with the Order of Worship during August, and in the church office. You may drop off forms in the church office, fax (739-7858), e-mail ([office@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:office@fbclumbertonnc.org)), or mail (606 N. Walnut St., Lumberton, NC 28358).

Jack Crain and David Elks will conduct a workshop, "Selfcare For The Health Of It: Healing Body, Mind and Soul" at Trinity Episcopal Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Workshop will include meditation/quiet time, small group sharing, guided imagery, a talk on the care and discipline of the soul, and fun. Contact Jack Crain, 910.258.3742 for more information.

## Next Quarter's Literature Available

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 is 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>.

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](http://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistECM)
- Follow us on Instagram: [fbclumbertonnc](https://www.instagram.com/fbclumbertonnc)
- View Worship on YouTube:  
[www.youtube.com/@lumbertonfbc](http://www.youtube.com/@lumbertonfbc)

## **FBCL Hat Pre-Orders Now Open**



**\$20 each\***

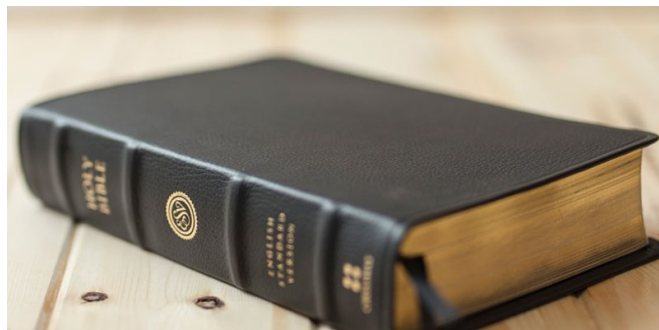
\*need at least 25 to make the order

Hats will be \$20 each and we will need at least 25 to make the order possible. If you are interested in getting one, please let Rev. Josh Owens or the church office know by September 1st. Please make no payment for the hat right now until we can be sure we have enough to fulfil the order requirement.

Details on the hat:

Brand—Otto Cap (white)

Style—Low profile, soft garment washed cotton, and an adjustable buckle strap



## **Children's Bible Presentation Sunday, September 15**

Bibles will be presented to 1st graders during Worship on September 15th. If your child will be present and hasn't received a Bible from us yet, please contact the church office so we can have a Bible ready for them that Sunday.



# Grief Support Group

## Engaging Feelings of Loss and Pain

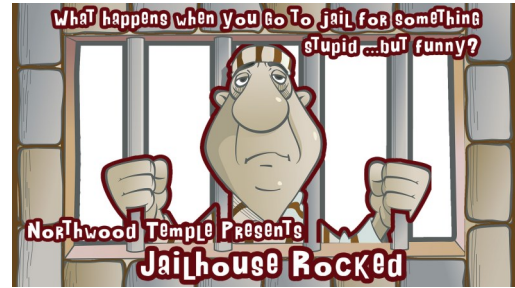
Thursdays in September (Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26)  
10 - 11:30 am  
Activities Building  
lead by Rev. Bonnie Reedy

This group is designed for anyone who is dealing with loss or grief of any kind not just of a loved one, but maybe a job, sense of independence, friendships, etc.

Registration Required  
Call 739-4336



## Coming up for Senior Adults (folks age 55 or older)



We would like to go to Northwood Temple for their 2024 Dinner Theater "Jailhouse Rocked." Tickets are \$35 and it includes the meal and show. The show we could still get tickets for is an evening show for Friday, September 20th. We need at least 15 people interested in going for the trip to be possible. RSVP no later than Sept. 16th.



We invite you to join us on a fun trip to Southern Supreme Fruitcake in Bear Creek, NC on Friday, October 4, 2024. This trip is free of charge, but please bring some money for shopping. If you'd like to learn more about Southern Supreme, you can visit their website at [www.southern supreme.com](http://www.southern supreme.com). We hope to see you there!



Senior adults are organizing a trip to the Southern Vintage Market in Benson, North Carolina on Saturday, November 23rd. The trip is free, but please bring money for shopping. For additional details about the market, you can visit this website: [www.johnstoncountync.org/event/the-southern-vintage-market%3A-christmas-market-in-the-grove/11288/](http://www.johnstoncountync.org/event/the-southern-vintage-market%3A-christmas-market-in-the-grove/11288/)

# Lunch & Learn

We would love for you to join us at our upcoming Lunch and Learn event on Monday, September 23 at 12:00 noon. We will be serving a delicious meal.

The presentation will be given by Lisa Rust and will focus on Exploring Southern Italy and Sicily: The Kingdom of the Sun. Please let us know if you can make it by RSVPing before September 18th!

## 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, family 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 and Dec. 21, 2024. Other dates available in 2025 as well.**





## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Now that summer is winding down and schools are back in session, we will resume our Wednesday night and Sunday night gatherings in September!

### Contact Us

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

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Lumberton, NC 28358

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Rev. Doug Reedy — Associate Pastor of Youth,  
Young Adults and Missions;  
[dougreedy@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:dougreedy@fbclumbertonnc.org)

### Wednesdays, starting Sept. 4

6:00 p.m.—Adult Bible Study, Rm. D-113

6:00 p.m.—Youth Doing Missions

6:00 p.m.—Children's Music & Missions

7:00 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m.—Pickleball

### Sundays, starting Sept. 8

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School

10:30 a.m.—Worship

In-person, Facebook Live, YouTube

4:45 p.m.—Youth Bells Rehearsal

6:00 p.m.—Youth Bible Study



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### Deacon Nomination

The Deacons of First Baptist serve in two major capacities: administrative and ministerial. As an administrative body, they help lead and guide our congregation. As a ministerial body, they participate in the care of our congregation through the deacon care team plan, building relationships with and offering support to our church family. Please prayerfully consider your nominations for deacon, write their names below, and return to the church no later than August 31, 2024. You may nominate as many as you would like and turn in as many nominations as you would like during the month of August. (There is no need to nominate the same person more than once.) In accordance with our bylaws, those eligible must be at least 21 years of age and resident members of First Baptist Church for at least one year.

Listed below are the names of persons elected in 2018-2023 as Deacons of this church. Do not nominate any of these persons. They are ineligible for re-election at this time.

Barbara Andrews (2026)  
Danny Cook (2024)  
Bruce Davis (2025)  
William Davis (2026)  
Judy Driscoll (2024)  
James Gore (2027)  
Betty Graham (2024)  
Drina Hedgpeth (2025)

James W. Lawson (2026)  
Jerry Long (2023)  
Katherine Martin (2024)  
Regg McIntyre (2023)  
Malcolm McLean (2023)  
Summer Pittman (2024)  
Eddie Prevatte (2025)  
Ron Smith (2023)

Jeanne Stevens (2025)  
Christy Strickland (2026)  
Johnny Strickland (2023)  
Tony Thompson (2027)  
John Underwood (2027)  
Nancy Wagner (2024)  
Chris Walters (2027)  
Heather Walters (2023)

Nominees will be reviewed for eligibility according to the bylaws of First Baptist Church. Eligible nominees will be contacted by the elections committee to assure their willingness to serve if elected. Deacon Election will take place the 1st Sunday of October 2024. You may drop off forms in the church office, fax (739-7858), e-mail ([office@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:office@fbclumbertonnc.org)), or mail (606 N. Walnut St., Lumberton, NC 28358).