

# 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



*"Socrates Looking in a Mirror" by Bernard Vaillant, 17th Century*

Preparing for Sunday, September 1, 2024  
"A Faith-Informed Life: Introduction"  
James 1:16-27 (NLT)

Join us for Sunday School at 9:30 am  
and for Worship in-person at 10:30 am  
in the Chapel  
or online on Facebook Live  
[facebook.com/firstbaptistlumbertonnc](https://facebook.com/firstbaptistlumbertonnc)  
or online on YouTube  
[youtube.com/c/lumbertonfbc/](https://youtube.com/c/lumbertonfbc/)

Please enter for Worship at the Chapel Entrance.  
The Sanctuary vestibule entrance will be available as an entrance for Worship as well for accessibility needs.

## Coming up this week. . .

### Sunday, September 1

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (in the Chapel)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (online)

### Monday, September 2

*Labor Day*

*Offices and Early Childhood Ministry Closed*

### Tuesday, September 3

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group (Zoom)
- 11:45 p.m. Baptist Women's Bible Study (Act. Bld.)

### Wednesday, September 4

*Youth's Fall Retreat Money Due*

- 10:00 a.m. Committee on Committees Meeting (Conf. Rm.)
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (Rm. D-113)  
Youth Doing Missions (Act. Bld.)  
Children's Missions & Music
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, September 5

*Senior Adult Trip to Nashville  
Final Payment Due*

- 10:00 a.m. Grief Support Group (Act. Bld.)

### Saturday, September 7

- 9:00 a.m. Downtown Clean Sweep
- 3:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry Bible Study (Act. Bld.)

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.

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

**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

**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

**SMALL GROUPS**

- Baptist Women’s Bible Study resumes Sept. 3 at 11:45 am. They will meet the 1st Tuesday of each month.
- Fun & Fellowship resumes Sept. 12 at 11 am. They will meet the 2nd Thursday of each month.
- WMU resumes Sept. 16 at 11:45 am. They will meet the 3rd Monday of each month.

Each of these groups meet in the Activities Building.



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**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.

*During the month of August, our special giving focus was Music Memorial. We received \$227.05 towards this fund.*

*In September, please give to the Friends of Jesus Fund! September 22nd is Friends of Jesus Sunday.*



**DURING SEPTEMBER, GIVE TO THE FRIENDS OF JESUS FUND**



**GIVING**



**First Sunday Food Drive — Sept. 1st!**  
As you are out shopping over the next few days, pick up an extra item to donate to community food pantries. 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!  
If you are not able to bring your donations on Sunday, we will accept them in the church office during the work week or on the next Sunday you are able to attend.



## Jones Lake End-of-Summer Gathering

Sunday, August 25th was a special end to the summer event calendar as we gathered for worship and a church picnic fun day at Jones Lake State Park. We had perfect weather to enjoy worship along the water with a meal to follow. Afterwards, there was fellowship around the table, nature trails, and many of our families enjoying the water.



### *Coming Up:*

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

- 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. 11** — Kandace out of office
- 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. 18-19** — ECM Fall Pictures, Rm. D-113
- 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
- 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.
- Sept. 25** — Youth/Parent meeting at 6 pm
- Sept. 27-29** — Youth Fall Retreat to Williamsburg
- Week of Sept. 30** — Absentee voting for Deacon Election. Times to be announced.
- Oct. 2** — Youth Passport deposit due
- Sept. 30-Oct. 4** — Kandace on vacation



## 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



We are excited to share that we will be hosting a grief support group in September. The group will be led by Rev. Bonnie Reedy and is open to everyone at no charge. It's a safe space for those coping with any form of loss or grief. Feel free to reach out to the church office or any of the Pastors to sign up. The meetings will take place on September 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 10 to 11:30 am at the Activities Building of FBCL. We look forward to welcoming you!

## Let's get connected.

Download our Connect app today.

- Update your personal information
- Communicate with groups & teams
- Follow church announcements
- Look up members
- Manage giving
- Create and join events

Let's be the church... together.



We at First Baptist Church have an online community where we can connect with each other outside our Sunday gatherings. We'd love for you to take part! This is an invitation to join ACS Realm, which replaced our older version of ACS People Suite. This program is a web-based program that you can access on your computer, phone, or tablet. Our hope is that this will be a helpful tool for each of us.

### Some helpful features:

- Update your own demographics, such as address and phone number, and upload a photo so people can put a face with a name;
- Online giving & view your giving history;
- Register & pay for trips;
- Access our online directory!

### Create an account:

<https://onrealm.org/FirstBaptistChu67135>

**On your smartphone, you may download the Realm Connect app. Use the code FirstBaptistChu67135 when creating an account.**

If you have questions about this program, please contact Kandace at 910-739-4336 or [kandaceramsey@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:kandaceramsey@fbclumbertonnc.org).



## 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

Picture in the graphic above shows the actual hat we will order.

## What is 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, please contact Rev. Doug Reedy or the church office.

**Thank you to those who have already signed up!**

Sept. 21 — at Asbury UMC  
(118 Orange Street)

Oct. 19 — Bridge Class

Nov. 16 — Youth

Dec. 21 — Rev. Tim Little





## Person of the Week

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

*Thinking  
of you*

**Theadies Strickland**  
Glenflora, Room 309  
5701 Fayetteville Road  
Lumberton, NC 28360



A buzzword in the Christian publishing world in the last few years has been the topic of “deconstruction.” While there are many thoughts on the concept, we do ourselves no favors ignoring the reality that people sometimes question their faith, have concerns, or yes, even doubt what they believe or why. In this four-week series, we will introduce the popularized concept of deconstruction, as well as focus our time on reimagining doubt as faithful wrestling. We will engage questions like:

*What does faith mean?*

*Why do we believe what we believe?*

*What do we do when someone, maybe even ourselves, start to question spiritual beliefs?*

We will meet for Adult Bible Study on Wednesdays in September at 6 pm in Room D-113.

**LUNCH & LEARN**  
SEPTEMBER 23  
12 NOON  
FBCL ACTIVITIES BUILDING

RSVP BY SEPT. 18TH!  
MEAL IS PROVIDED

*Italy*

PROGRAM BY  
REV. LISA RUST  
"EXPLORING SOUTHERN  
ITALY AND SICILY: THE  
KINGDOM OF THE SUN"

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

Both trips are free of charge, but please bring some money for shopping.

*Southern Supreme*  
FRUITCAKE  
& more

ONE SEAT STILL AVAILABLE  
Southern Supreme Fruitcake  
Bear Creek, NC  
Friday, October 4, 2024



SEVEN SEATS STILL AVAILABLE  
Southern Vintage Market in Benson, NC  
Saturday, November 23, 2024



# HAPPY LABOR DAY

OFFICES & ECM  
CLOSED  
MONDAY, SEPT. 2

## Contact Us

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

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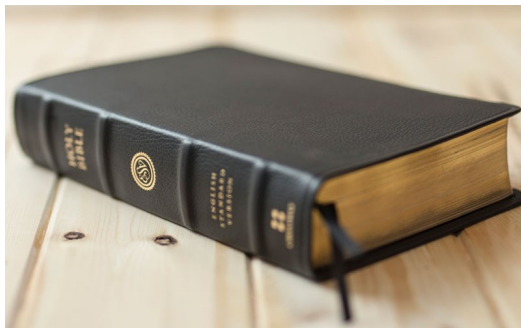
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## Children's Bible Presentation Sunday, September 15



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.



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



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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.

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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.**