

First Baptist News

FBC Lumberton is a community of faith committed to living out the love of Christ by serving God and all people.

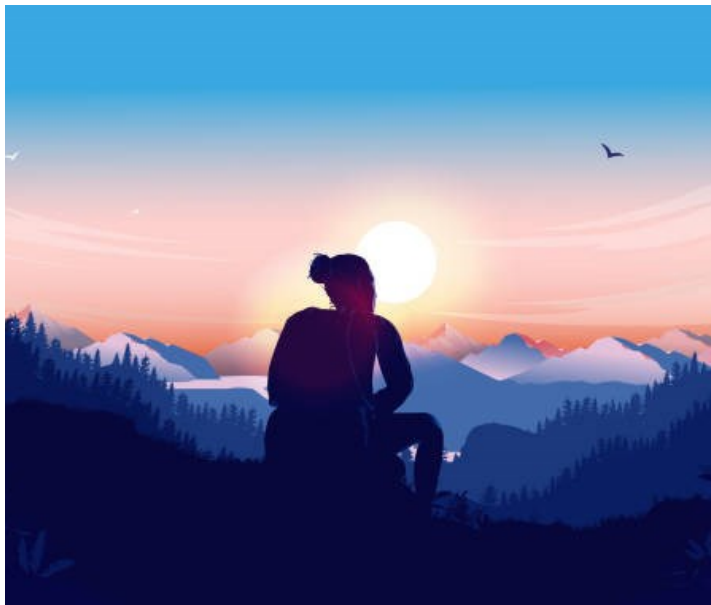


Preparing for Sunday, August 11, 2024

“Pass/Fail”

Ephesians 4:25—5:2 (NRSVue)

Rev. Doug Reedy



Coming up this week. . .

Sunday, August 11

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

Monday, August 12

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

Tuesday, August 13

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group (Zoom)

Wednesday, August 14

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

Saturday, August 17

- 10:00 a.m. Community Café,
hosted Anonymously (Act. Bld.)

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/

We will have two baptisms this Sunday!

Food Drive — August 11th

Since we gathered at Wesley Pines on the first Sunday in August, we have moved our Food Drive to August 11th! 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.

Donation suggestions:

Cereal, peanut butter, pop-top canned goods, canned meats, pasta and pasta sauce, juice.



We so enjoyed being with everyone for worship and lunch on Sunday morning at Wesley Pines. We were reminded that the church is not confined to one place but is the people gathered for the purpose of praising and serving God. We enjoyed worship and a covered dish luncheon with FBC connected residents and guests alike. Thanks to our church leaders and volunteers who made it all happen.



A special thanks to the staff at Wesley Pines for being so gracious and accommodating. They do great work for the senior adults in our community and are a great facility.



**Worship at
Wesley Pines**
August 4, 2024
10:30 am

Coming Up:

- Aug. 20** — Partnership for Children using Fellowship Hall for training, 8:30 am—3 pm.
Aug. 20 — Youth Committee Meeting, 6 pm
Aug. 23 — The ECM will be closed for a teacher work day. Open House will take place 1-3 pm.
Aug. 25 — Worship will be held at Jones Lake State Park at 11:00 am. A picnic lunch will follow.
Aug. 26 — The ECM's 24-25 Year Begins
Aug. 26 — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Chapel. Deacons will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
Aug. 27 — Senior Adult trip to Greg Rowles Legacy Theatre, Myrtle Beach
Aug. 28 — Children's Committee Meeting/ Children's Sunday School Training, 5:30 pm
Aug. 29 — PSRC's first day of school

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

- 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 — Church Fall Kick-off, 6 pm
Sept. 5 — Final payment due for the Snr. Ad. trip to Nashville
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. 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.

Person of the Week

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

She has a birthday on August 8th!

Elizabeth Hungate
403 W. 32nd Street
Lumberton, NC 28358

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

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4117 NC Hwy 242 N,
Elizabethtown, NC 28337



Servants this Sunday

Please enter for Worship at the Sanctuary Vestibule.

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

Vestibule 10:00—11:30 am

Becky & Tony Thompson

Nursery — Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

Extended Session — Brooke Blackmon, Heather Walters

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.*



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*Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.

DEACON NOMINATIONS

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.

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.)

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. 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.

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), or mail (606 N. Walnut St., Lumberton, NC 28358).

DURING AUGUST, GIVE TO MUSIC MEMORIAL

Rev. Josh Owens and family will be going on vacation August 10-13. He will be accessible by cell phone and Rev. Tim and Rev. Doug will be available as well.

ECM New Year Begins August 29th!

We can't believe that August is already here! The summer has passed so quickly and we will be welcoming new friends to our center in a few short weeks. The center will be closed Friday, August 23 for our staff development day and Open House. Open House will be held from 1 to 3 pm so students can meet their new teachers. The first day of our new school year is Monday, August 29th. Please be in prayer for our staff, parents, and students as we prepare for the 2024-2025 school year!

We are also accepting applications for childcare teacher and NC Pre-K lead teacher positions. Contact Michelle Prevatte, ECM Director, at 910-738-6608 or visit the ECM office.

Coming up for Senior Adults (folks age 55 and older)

These trips are full, but a wait list is available in the event we have someone who cannot go:

August 27

Greg Rowles Legacy Theatre

We may be able to get more tickets! We will need to know if you are interested in going no later than August 16th. Please let us know ASAP and hold off on paying for your ticket until we are sure we can get more. \$60 per person

October 21-25

Nashville & Surrounding Areas

Final payment for the trip is due Sept. 5th.

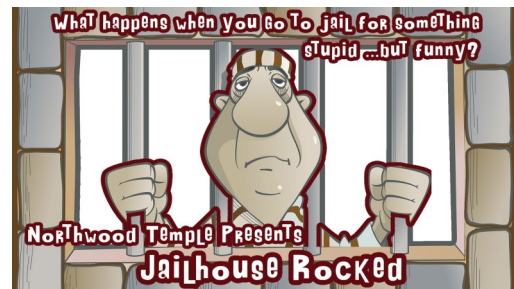
November 5

Alabama Theatre's Christmas Show

Spaces are still available for this trips:

Southern Supreme
FRUITCAKE
& more

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. We hope to see you there!



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. No payment is due until we know we can get tickets and enough people interested in going. We are not sure tickets are left, but we plan to go Oct. 5th, 12th, or 19th (Saturdays) for a matinee showing. We need at least 15 people interested in going for the trip to be possible. RSVP no later than Sept. 16th.



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/



Lunch & Learn will be Sept. 23 at noon in the Activities Building.

BINGO will be Oct. 13 in the Activities Building.

We will make treat bags for the Friends of Jesus for Halloween.

We will be making stockings for the Homebound for Christmas.

Open to Anyone:

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

We are excited to announce that we are planning to hold a grief support group in the month of September. Rev. Bonnie Reedy will lead and facilitate the group. There is no cost and is open to anyone who would like to attend. This group is designed for anyone dealing with loss or grief of any kind. Please register for the group by contacting the church office or any of the Pastors.

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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

**Wednesday Night Gatherings
will resume meeting in
September**

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Contact Us

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

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Mr. Len Power — Building Superintendent;
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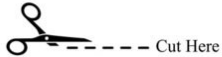
Mrs. Kandace Ramsey — Administrative Assistant;
kandaceramsey@fbclumbertonnc.org

Rev. Doug Reedy — Associate Pastor of Youth,
Young Adults and Missions;
dougreedy@fbclumbertonnc.org

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



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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)

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