

First Baptist News

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



Jean-François Millet, *The Gleaners*, 1857, Paris, France.

Preparing for Sunday, September 8, 2024

“A Faith-Informed Life:
Avoiding Useless Faith”

James 2:1-17 (NLT)

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, September 8

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (in the Sanctuary)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (online)
- 4:45 p.m. Youth Bells
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

Monday, September 9

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm.)
- 3:00 p.m. Senior Adult Committee Meeting (Conf. Rm.)

Tuesday, September 10

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group (Zoom)

Wednesday, September 11

- 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 12

- 10:00 a.m. Grief Support Group (Rm. D113)
- 11:45 a.m. Fun & Fellowship (Act. Bld.)

Saturday, September 14

- 11:00 a.m. Nashville Trip Meeting (Act Bld)
- 3:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry Bible Study (Act. Bld.)

Worship service will resume meeting at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary this Sunday! Also starting back Sunday night is Youth Bells rehearsals at 4:45 pm and Youth Bible Study following at 6 pm.



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.

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.
- 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.

DURING SEPTEMBER,
GIVE TO THE
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OF JESUS FUND



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WMU
Woman's Missionary Union

WMU seeks to come alongside the church to accomplish the mission of God. God issued the mandate for us to be involved in missions through the Great Commission. Our desire is to see all ages energized and motivated and equipped for missions.

11:45 am
The Third Monday
September - May
FBCL Activities Building

Bring your lunch - Desserts are provided

We will be completing several service projects this year!
Contact Gail Johnson for more information.

606 N. Walnut Street, Lumberton, NC 28358
910-739-4336

You are invited to join WMU! We are planning several service projects and would love to have you. Contact Gail Johnson for more information.

Trunk or Treat!

We are excited for our Trunk or Treat community event on Wednesday, October 30th! We anticipate the need for lots of candy and treats again this year! We know it's a tad earlier than we usually start asking for donations, but Halloween candy sold out quickly the last few years. Donations may be dropped off in the office.

We also need people to sign-up to decorate their vehicle and/or hand out candy. Call the church office or Rev. Doug Reedy if you are willing to help (910-739-4336).

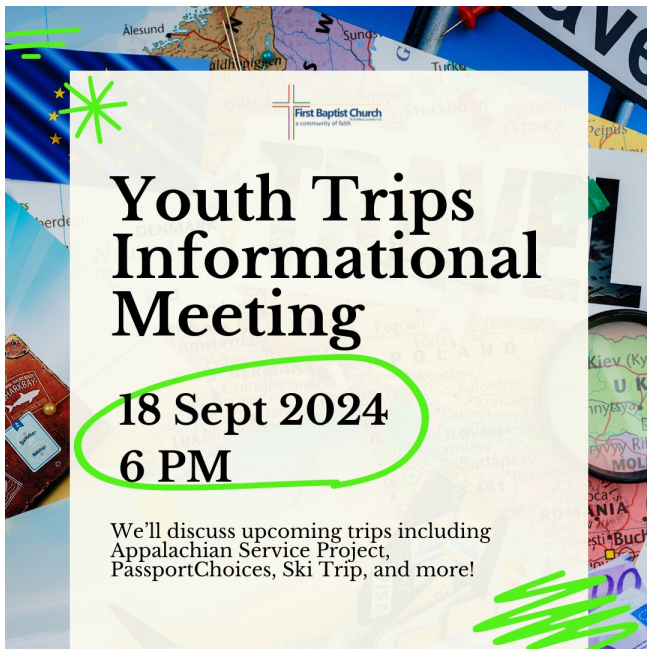
From our Associate Pastor

Our Friends of Jesus Class will lead worship on Sunday September 22nd in the Cherry Fellowship Hall. They always do a wonderful job. God truly seems to speak particularly loud through our FOJ class. The word "blessing" is sometimes overused but is an accurate description of what we will receive that day.

Our Friends of Jesus leadership puts in a great deal of effort planning events, teaching our students about Jesus' love, and providing joy. Our FOJ class is the best thing some of our people have going in their lives. For many, it may be the only thing that gives them something to look forward to.

With that in mind, there are several ways to help out. Most importantly, volunteers are needed. If you can't volunteer your time, your monetary investment is also appreciated. This month's focused line item giving goes to the Friends of Jesus Sunday School fund, which is used for the Christmas party and other special events. Please give as God leads.

Grace & Peace,
Doug



A poster for a Youth Trips Informational Meeting. The background features a collage of travel-related images including a map, a passport, and a travel bag. The text is centered on a white background. The date and time are circled in green.

Youth Trips Informational Meeting
18 Sept 2024
6 PM

We'll discuss upcoming trips including Appalachian Service Project, PassportChoices, Ski Trip, and more!



A poster for Passport Choices Youth Camp. The background is dark green with white and yellow text. It features the FBCL Youth logo and a QR code.

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PASSPORT choices
YOUTH CAMP
JUNE 22-27, 2025
SPARTANBURG, SC
CONVERSE UNIVERSITY

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

CONTACT REV. DOUG REEDY TO REGISTER



A poster for the 2025 Ski Trip. The background is white with a black and white illustration of a mountain range and ski goggles. It features the FBCL Youth logo and a QR code.

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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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A poster for the Appalachian Service Project. The background is a scenic landscape with mountains and trees. It features the ASP logo and the FBCL Youth logo.

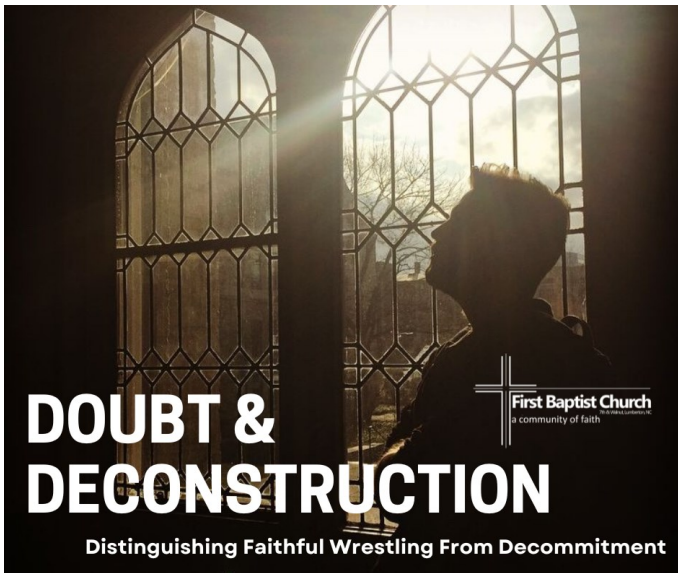
ASP Appalachia
SERVICE PROJECT®
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YOUTH

APPALACHIAN SERVICE PROJECT
JULY 12-18, 2025

OPEN TO YOUTH AGES 15-18 AT THE TIME OF THE TRIP.
WE WILL BE DOING HOME CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR.

COST IS \$300
WITH \$100 DEPOSIT DUE OCT. 27.



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.

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



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PASSPORTkidssm SUMMER CAMP OPTIONS

FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED 3RD - 6TH GRADE

Option 1
JUNE 11-14
 Eagle Eyrie Conf. Center in Lynchburg, VA

Option 2
JULY 7-10
 Camp Bob Cooper in Summerton, SC

Cost TBA

Activities

- ✓ Bible Studies
- ✓ Missions Education
- ✓ Recreation
- ✓ Worship
- ✓ FUN!

Let us know:

1. If you are interested,
2. and which camp dates work best!

910-739-4336 office@fbclumbertonnc.org

It's time to plan kids camp for 2025!

We have a list of interest for the PassportKIDS summer camp, which is for students who have completed 3rd - 6th grades. There are two options we are looking at either Lynchburg, VA or Summerton, SC. Rev. Josh Owens will be the male chaperone for the camp, so we are currently looking for a female chaperone to join the team. Please let us know if you are interested and which camp dates you prefer.

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)
 Sue O'Tuel

ECM Entrance, 9:00 — 9:30 am (Handicap)
 Tony and Becky Thompson

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

FH Lobby 10:00—11:30 am
 Ann and John Underwood

Nursery — *volunteers needed*

Extended Session — Pattie Ramsaur, Katherine Martin



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



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!

**Our September 12th meeting location will be moved to Room D-113.*

Coming Up:

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

- 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. 18** — Youth Trip Informational Meeting, 6 pm, Activities Building
- 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. 27-29** — Youth Fall Retreat to Williamsburg
- Week of Sept. 30** — Absentee voting for Deacon Election. Times to be announced.
- Sept. 30-Oct. 4** — Kandace on vacation
- Oct. 1** — Baptist Women’s Bible Study Group, 11:45 am, Activities Building
- Oct. 2** — Youth Passport deposit due
- Oct. 4** — Senior Adult Trip to Southern Supreme Fruitcake Factory
- Oct. 6** — World Communion Sunday
- Oct. 6** — Deacon Election following Worship during Called Church Conference
- Oct. 6** — Kid’s Fall Festival, 4-6 pm, Playground
- Oct. 7-13** — CBF Global Missions Offering focus week
- Oct. 9** — Youth Ski Deposit due (\$100)
- Oct. 10** — Fun & Fellowship, 11 am, Act. Bld.
- Oct. 11-12** —Lumberton Lion’s Club District Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- Oct. 13** — BINGO
- Oct. 19** — Community Café, hosted by Bridge Class
- Oct. 20** — Youth Haunted House trip
- Oct. 21-25** — Snr. Ad. Trip to Nashville
- Oct. 21** — WMU Meeting, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.
- Oct. 27** — Youth Appalachian Service Project trip deposit due (\$50)
- Oct. 28** — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Chapel. Deacons will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. These meetings were moved from Oct. 21st to the 28th.
- Oct. 30** — Trunk or Treat, 6 pm, 6th Street Parking Lot


FRIENDS OF JESUS SUNDAY
 SEPTEMBER 22
 10:30 AM WORSHIP
 CHERRY FELLOWSHIP HALL
 606 N Walnut Street
 Lumberton, NC 28358

Are you looking forward to it?

I recently saw a post from a friend on my social media feeds that said that this year is feeling something like this: *Jannnnnuarrry, Febbbbruarrry, Marchhhh, Aprilllll, Mayyy, June, July, AugustSeptemberOctoberNovemberDecember!* Those of us who work in the ministry setting certainly can relate. We begin talking through the “busy seasons” of the church such as Advent, Lent/Easter, and into 2025 well before they occur.

Our personal calendars tend to fill up quickly this time of year, too, especially for those of us managing a family calendar or caring for aging loved ones. We have our own things to juggle such as doctor’s appointments, getting the car serviced, local events to attend, and days just scheduled to take it easy. Plus, added to that is our loved one’s activities, school, sports, lessons, vacations, appointments... all of it can seem like “busy seasons” in our personal lives as well. Some things on our calendars are out of necessity, but others are greatly anticipated.

As we are looking forward to the remainder of 2024, we invite you to place the special gatherings during our upcoming Advent (Christmas) season at FBCL, listed below, on your family’s calendar. Then, we encourage you to pray for the folks who help organize these gatherings, for the folks who will attend, and also make a commitment to participate. After all, the word “Advent” means “arrival” as we go into a four-week season later this year of remembering and celebrating the arrival of our Lord and Savior, Jesus. What a wonderful thing to remember during our “busy seasons” of the greatly anticipated celebration of the birth of Christ and His second coming!



Kandace



Online Registration



**RUDOLPH
THE RED-NOSED
REINDEER MUSICAL**

KIDS TRIP – UNCP GPAC

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18 AT 7:30 PM

Tickets are \$10 for kids (12 and under)
and \$20 for adults.

Please register by September 30th!



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Special Emphasis

September 22	Friends of Jesus Sunday
October 6	World Communion Sunday and Deacon Election
October 13	CBF Global Missions Offering
November 3	All Saints Sunday
November 10	Budget Vote during Called Church Conference following Worship
November 17	Deacon Ordination/Installation
November 24	Christ the King Sunday
December 1	Hanging of the Green during 10:30 am Worship
December 8	Christmas Breakfast during the Sunday School hour and Friends of Jesus Singing
December 14	Children’s Christmas Party
December 15	Choir Cantata during 10:30 am Worship and Memorial Service at 5 pm in the Chapel
December 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5 pm in the Sanctuary

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.



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

BARBECUE



PLATE SALE

PARTY

FRIDAY  NOVEMBER 22

.11 AM - UNTIL WE RUN OUT.
6TH STREET CURBSIDE

\$10 FOR A PLATE OR PINT

PLATES INCLUDE
WOOD-FIRED BBQ, BEANS,
SLAW, BREAD, DESSERT

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DOWNTOWN CLEAN SWEEP

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
&
219 ELM

SATURDAY

SEPT 7TH

9 A.M. - 11 A.M.

First Baptist Church will provide donuts and coffee.

BEVERAGE TOKENS COMPLIMENTS OF



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

Person of the Week

Send a card, letter, or other remembrance to our very special person this week. She has a birthday coming up Sept. 20th!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Margaret Wilson
The Carrolton, Room 203
1170 Linkhaw Road
Lumberton, NC 28358



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"

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 Rev. 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!

Contact Us

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

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Rev. Doug Reedy — Associate Pastor of Youth,
Young Adults and Missions;
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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

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.