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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, November 17, 2024 "What Are We To Do With This" Mark 13:1-8, Psalm 16

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 <u>facebook.com/firstbaptistlumbertonnc</u> or online on YouTube <u>youtube.com/c/lumbertonfbc/</u>



"Path of Life Psalm 16:11" by Robin Miller-Bookhout

Coming up this week...

Sunday, November 17

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship (in the Sanctuary)

10:30 a.m. Worship (online) 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

(Act. Bld.)

Monday, November 18

Kid's Trip to Rudolph Musical

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm.)

11:45 a.m. WMU (Act. Bld.)

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

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

Tuesday, November 19

Snr. Ad. Trip to Rowles Theatre's Christmas Show

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

Wednesday, November 20 BBQ Sale Money Due Hanging of the Green Contributions Due

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (D-113)

Youth Doing Missions

(Act. Bld.)

Children's Music & Missions

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 22

11:00 am—until BBQ Sale

Saturday, November 23

Snr. Ad. Trip to Southern Vintage Market

10:00 a.m. Community Café, hosted by

Youth (Act. Bld.)

3:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry Bible

Study (Act. Bld.)



The 2025 Budget will be presented and discussed on Wednesday, December 4th at 6:00 p.m. Paper copies of the budget will be available for the meeting and will be emailed to you as well. A Called Church Conference will be held immediately following Worship on Sunday, December 8 for the purpose of voting on the 2025 budget.

Coming Up:

Nov. 24 — Christ the King Sunday

Nov. 24 — Sanctuary Choir Bonus Rehearsal following Worship

Nov. 24 — Community Thanksgiving Service, 5 pm, at Godwin Heights Baptist

Nov. 24 — Youth Hanging of the Green rehearsal, 6 pm Nov. 28 — Thanksgiving!

Nov. 28-29 — Offices & ECM Closed

Dec. 1 — Hanging of the Green at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary

Dec. 1 — Friends of Jesus Christmas Party following Hanging of the Green, Fellowship Hall

Dec. 3 — Baptist Women's Bible Study, 11:45 am, Activities Building

Dec. 4 — Children's Caroling Night, 5:30 pm

Dec. 4 — 2025 Budget Presentation & Discussion, 6 pm. Room D-113

Dec. 7 — Rockhill Baptist's Anniversary Event

Dec. 7 — Susan Welsh Sunday School class packing FOJ gifts, 1 pm, Activities Building

Dec. 8 — Christmas Breakfast with Friends of Jesus Singing Carols during 9:30 Sunday School Hour. This will take the place of our Sunday School gathering.

Dec. 8 — Called Church Conference for 2025 Budget vote immediately following Worship

Dec. 11 — Children's Spontaneous Nativity Program and fellowship meal, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall

Dec. 12 — Fun & Fellowship, 11 am, Activities **Building**

Dec. 13 — Kiwanis Holiday Social for PSRC students in self-contained classrooms, lunch, Fellowship Hall.

Dec. 13 — Vocational Rehab all-staff meeting, Act. Bld., time TBD

Dec. 14 — Children's Christmas Party gift pick-up, 10:00 am—12:00 noon

Dec. 15 — Sanctuary Choir Cantata during 10:30 am Worship



We are gearing up for our Annual Barbecue plate sale to benefit the Youth of FBC on Friday, November 22nd! For just \$10 you can get a plate which includes wood-fired BBQ, beans, slaw, bread, and dessert OR a pint of BBQ. We will begin serving at 11:00 am on the day of the sale and will conclude when we run out. Pick up your plate or pint on 6th Street curbside (no dine-in available).

Advance tickets are now available for purchase from any FBC Youth or in the church office!

BBQ for Community Café

Youth will be hosting Community Café on Nov. 23rd. This is the day after the BBQ sale, so if your Sunday School class, small group, or group of friends are willing to purchase plates for community cafe, please contact Rev. Doug Reedy or the church office.



From Our Associate Pastor

I've always thought the time between the last of the falling leaves and the beginning of winter is especially beautiful. It is colder and darker and falls between All Saints Day and the Memorial Service as well. For those filled with sorrow over the upcoming holidays, for whatever reason, I'd like to share this poem from Robert Frost:

"My November Guest" By Robert Frost

My sorrow, when she's here with me, Thinks these dark days of autumn rain Are beautiful as days can be; She loves the bare, the withered tree; She walks the sodden pasture lane.

Her pleasure will not let me stay.
She talks and I am fain to list:
She's glad the birds are gone away,
She's glad her simple worsted grey
Is silver now with clinging mist.

The desolate, deserted trees,
The faded earth, the heavy sky,
The beauties she so truly sees,
She thinks I have no eye for these,
And vexes me for reason why.

Not yesterday I learned to know
The love of bare November days
Before the coming of the snow,
But it were vain to tell her so,
And they are better for her praise.

Peace and Grace, Doug

Rev. Tim Little will be out of town November 17th—23rd. Keep him and his family in prayer for safe travels.

Special thanks is given to Rev. List Rust for leading music Sunday, November 17th and for playing piano during Hanging of the Green on December 1st.



Worship with Us

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Sundays

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School 10:30 a.m.—Worship In-person, Facebook Live, YouTube 4:45 pm — Youth Bells Rehearsal 6:00 pm — Youth Bible Study

Wednesdays

6:00 p.m.—Adult Bible Study, Children's Activities, Youth Doing Missions 7:00 pm — Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Childcare is available on Sundays and Wednesdays. Nursey care (birth-age 2) is available in room D-107. Children age 3—K are invited to attend Extended Session after the children's sermon on Sundays in Room D-111. Children in 1st grade and older attend the full worship service.

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November 18 11:45 a.m. Activities Building

We are looking forward to the WMU meeting on November 18 featuring our missionary friend Stella Perrin as Zoom guest. Stella is a North Carolina native now serving as a mental health educator/field personnel with refugees (especially unaccompanied children) in Larnaca, Cyprus.

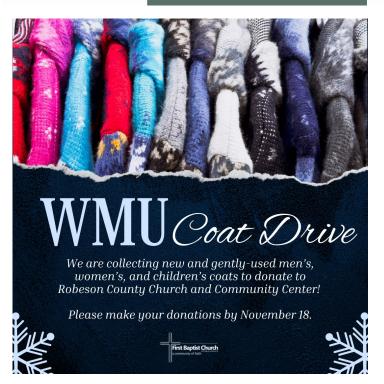
You can learn more about Stella's ministry during our meeting, or visit https://www.classy.org/campaign/stella-perrin-2/c574952.



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Contact Gail Johnson, WMU Director, if you need more information.

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)
Barbara Andrews
ECM Entrance, 9:00 — 9:30 am (Handicap)
Shirley Hickman

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

Vestibule 10:00—11:30 am Brenda & James Britt

Nursery — Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

Extended Session — Brooke Blackmon, Alli Branch

Person of the Week

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

Sara Henry c/o Arboretum at the Woodlands 59 Arborteum Lane, Suite 111 Greenville, SC 29617



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:

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 Text FBC606 to 73256 to give using your mobile device.*



GIVING



We have a few extra FBCL hats left! Come by the office and pick one up for \$20. First come, first served!



at First Baptist

Worship	Date	Time	Where
Hanging of the Green	Dec 1	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Children's Caroling Night	Dec 4	5:30 p.m.	Bus
Christmas Breakfast with FOJ Carols during Sunday School	Dec 8	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
Spontaneous Nativity & Meal	Dec 11	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
Sanctuary Choir Cantata	Dec 15	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Memorial Service	Dec 15	5:00 p.m.	Chapel
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Dec 24	5:00 p.m.	Sanctuary

Sundays

9:30 a.m. -- Sunday School 10:30 a.m. -- Worship First Baptist Sanctuary or via Facebook Live or YouTube

Wednesdays

6:00 p.m. -- Adult Bible Study, Youth Doing Missions, and Children's Music & Missions

Sunday School classes will not meet December 8, 22, and 29.

The church offices and ECM will be closed November 28-29, December 24-26, and January 1.



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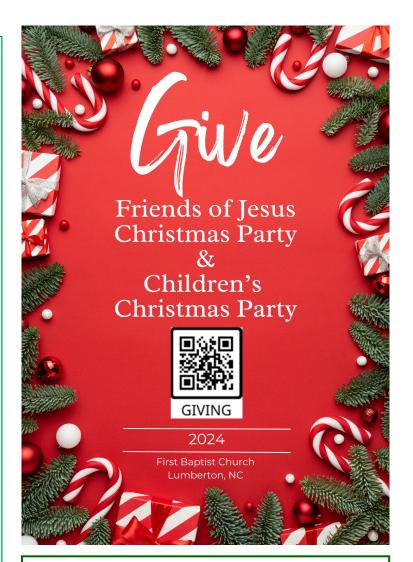
Hanging of the Green Greenery Fund

It is time to begin collecting donations for the annual Hanging of the Green! We would like to include your honorariums and memorials for this Advent Season to be published in the December 1st Hanging of the Green Program. Please complete this form and return it to the church office no later than Wednesday, November 20, 2024.

I would like to contribute \$ to the Hanging of the Green Fund.
Please print names as they should appear in the program.
In memory of:
And/or In honor of:
Given by:

If you prefer, you may complete this form online. A link to the form is available in emails from the church. Contributions are accepted in cash, check, or online. The average contribution to the greenery fund is \$20 per honorarium or memorial, but you are welcome to give any amount.

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one, we currently have several Sundays available in 2024 and 2025. Call the church office to reserve. Once your date is reserved, we encourage you to contact your florist to arrange delivery of the flowers. The florists most are using are The Secret Garden on Liberty Hill Road (910-272-0000) or Flowers by Billy (910-738-2279).



Give to the Children's Christmas Party & Friends of Jesus Fund!

FOJ Christmas Party Goal = \$6,000 Date of Party: December 1st

The FOJ Christmas Party will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the Hanging of the Green, Dec. 1st.

Children's Christmas Party Goal = \$6,000 Date of Party: December 14th

Beginning in October each year, we work with local schools to gather names of children in need. The Youth of First Baptist then invite these children to our annual Children's Christmas Party. The Youth and their families shop for necessities and a toy on the child's wish list, then send a ham home for the whole family. We hope to spend \$200.00 per child.

Please give early and generously to help make these ministry opportunities possible!