

First Baptist News

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



Fresco of Jesus Christ, King of the World, by Karl von Blaas (19th century), in the nave of Altlerchenfelder Church in Vienna, Austria.

Preparing for Sunday, November 24, 2024
Christ the King Sunday

“Beasts and The Sovereign”
 Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 (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/

Christ the King Sunday is a Christian feast day that celebrates Jesus Christ's kingship over the universe. It takes place on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, right before Advent.

Coming up this week. . .

Sunday, November 24

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (in the Sanctuary)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (online)
- 11:30 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Bonus Rehearsal
- 4:45 p.m. Youth Bells (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service (Godwin Hts.)
- 6:00 p.m. Hanging of the Green Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Monday, November 25

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

Tuesday, November 26

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group (Zoom)

Wednesday, November 27

No Wednesday Night Activities

Thursday, November 28

Happy Thanksgiving!

The offices and ECM are closed Nov. 28-29

Saturday, November 30

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

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 & Becky Thompson

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

Vestibule 10:00—11:30 am

Ann & John Underwood

Nursery — Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

Extended Session — Brooke Blackmon, Pattie Ramsaur

New Member SPOTLIGHT

Welcome,
New Members!



Liz
Tamburrino



Terrence
Bautista



Ahdaren
Toney



WELCOME!

We recently welcomed three new members to First Baptist. We welcome them to our community of faith!

Elizabeth (Liz) Tamburrino

Joined September 29
179 Williams Pond Road
Rowland, NC 28383

Ahdaren Toney

Joined November 17
3200A Old Elizabethtown Road
Lumberton, NC 28358

Terrence Bautista

Joined November 17
4900 Independence Dr, Apt 9
Lumberton, NC 28358



This year's Community Thanksgiving Service is set for Sunday, November 24th at 5 p.m. hosted at Godwin Heights Baptist Church. Please make plans to attend this service organized by several churches in our community!

Contact Us

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

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December 1 is the first Sunday in Advent this year, which marks the start of the spiritual period of preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth on Christmas Day. The season of Advent recalls the long years of waiting experienced by God's people in exile, praying for the coming of the promised Messiah. It is a season of hopeful, anxious anticipation as we prepare our hearts and lives for the celebration of the birth of the Christ Child.

During Hanging of the Green, Children, Youth, families, and the Friends of Jesus will help decorate, sing, and play bells.




First Sunday Food Drive — Dec. 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.

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

Tony Thompson
354 Newgate Street
Lumberton, NC 28358



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.*



GIVING

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. Nurse 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.

Coming Up:

- 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. 7** — Senior Adult trip to Fort Caswell's Light of the World Christmas light show and Live Nativity
- 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
- Dec. 15** — Memorial Service, 5 pm, Chapel
- Dec. 16** — WMU meeting, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.
- Dec. 16** — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Chapel.. Deacons will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- Dec. 18** — Youth Progressive Dinner
- Dec. 21** — Community Café, hosted by Bridge Sunday School Class
- Dec. 22** — Rev. Doug Reedy preaching
- Dec. 24** — Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5 pm, Sanctuary
- Dec. 24, 25, 26** — Church offices and ECM closed
- Dec. 29** — Sandra Cox preaching
- Jan. 1** — Church offices and ECM closed



The church offices and Early Childhood Ministry will be closed Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 for Thanksgiving. Office staff and ministers will be in-and-out of the office the week of Thanksgiving, so please call us before coming to be sure someone is in to meet you. 910-739-4336.

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.

**2025 BUDGET
PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4
6:00 PM

ROOM D-113

First Baptist Church
A Community of Faith

A banner with a dark blue top section containing the title in white. Below is a white section with a calendar icon and the date/time. The bottom section is green with the room number in white. The church logo is on the left.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
WORSHIP

**CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE
2025 BUDGET VOTE**

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*Light of the
World*

CHRISTMAS AT FORT CASWELL
**DRIVE THROUGH TOUR OF LIGHTS
and Live Nativity**

DECEMBER 2-22 FROM 6-8PM * TOUR OF LIGHTS AND NATIVITY DISPLAY
DECEMBER 6TH, 7TH, 13TH, AND 14TH * TOUR OF LIGHTS AND LIVE NATIVITY
100 CASWELL BEACH ROAD, OAK ISLAND, NC 28465
FORT CASWELL

SENIOR ADULT TRIP

Saturday, December 7, 2024

A banner with a blurred background of lights. It features the event title in a cursive font, followed by details in a sans-serif font. The bottom section is dark red with the trip title in white and the date in a cursive font.

On Saturday, December 7th, Senior Adults will be traveling to Fort Caswell to experience the beauty and wonder of the season with their annual Light of the World Community Drive-through event. A Live Nativity scene will be part of the event. This event is free, but bring money for supper. Sign up by calling the office: 910-739-4336.

ADVENT

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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More information:
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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).



Children's Music/Missions will go caroling on Wednesday, December 4th at 5:30 pm! Please note that is a change from our regular meeting time. Rev. Tim Little will drive for us, and this will also be our last day of music/missions for the year.

Trinity Episcopal Advent Concerts

Trinity Episcopal, located at 1202 N. Chestnut Street, invites us to attend their annual noontime programs for Advent. There will be a luncheon provided in the Parish hall after the musical presentations.

Wednesday, December 4, 12:00 Noon

Lumberton High School Choir,
directed by Teresa Davis

Wednesday, December 11, 12:00 Noon

Sandy Grove Baptist Church musicians

Wednesday, December 18, 12:00 Noon

Community Christmas Carol Sing featuring Dr. Mark Andersen and Trinity Bell Ensemble



Give

Friends of Jesus
Christmas Party
&
Children's
Christmas Party

GIVING

2024

First Baptist Church
Lumberton, NC

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!