

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, December 1, 2024
 The First Sunday in Advent
 Hanging of the Green

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, December 1

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

The Friends of Jesus Christmas Party will be in the Fellowship Hall immediately following Worship.

Monday, December 2

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

Tuesday, December 3

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

Wednesday, December 4

- 5:30 p.m. Children's Caroling Night
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study & 2025 Budget Presentation & Discussion
- Youth Doing Missions
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 7

Rockhill Baptist Anniversary Event

- 1:00 p.m. Susan Welsh Class Packing FOJ Gifts (Act. Bld.)
- 3:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry Bible Study (Act. Bld.)
- 3:30 p.m. Departure for Fort Caswell Christmas Light Show

December 1 is the first Sunday of 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.



On behalf of the WMU we would like to thank all of you who participated and donated to our coat drive. We received more than 58 heavy winter coats, not to mention the sweaters, hoodies and sweat shirts. We also got new toboggans, scarfs, and gloves. All of these items were distributed between the Lumberton Christian Care Center and Robeson County Church and Community Center. I know all will be greatly appreciated. Thank you again for your support to the WMU and to our local community.
 – Gail Johnson



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.

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

Please give — We are short of our goals

FOJ Christmas Party Goal = \$6,000

Received as of 11/25 = \$2,490

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

Received as of 11/25 = \$1,812

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.

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.



606 N. Walnut Street
 Lumberton, NC 28358

More information:
fbclumbertonnc.org
 910-739-4336

**NEXT SUNDAY—
December 8**

We will have Christmas Breakfast with Friends of Jesus Singing Carols during 9:30 Sunday School Hour in the Fellowship Hall. This will take the place of our Sunday School gathering. The church will provide muffins, sausage, grits, and juice, so just come and enjoy time together!



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



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)

Preston Britt

ECM Entrance, 9:00 — 9:30 am (Handicap)

J.W. & Angie Lawson

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

Vestibule 10:00—11:30 am

Dianne & Layton Britt

Nursery — Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

Extended Session will not meet this Sunday as children are participating in the service.

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).

Contact Us

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

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Coming Up:

Dec. 8 — Christmas Breakfast with Friends of Jesus Singing Carols during 9:30 Sunday School Hour in the Fellowship Hall. This will take the place of our Sunday School gathering. The church will provide muffins and pastries, so just come and enjoy time together!

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. For the fellowship meal, the church will provide fried chicken. We ask you to bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.

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. 20 — Kandace off (dentist)

Dec. 21 — Community Café, hosted by Bridge Sunday School Class

Dec. 22 — Rev. Doug Reedy preaching

Week of Dec. 23 — Staff & ministers likely all out of the office

Dec. 23 — Deposits due for Snr. Ad. Trip to Pigeon Forge

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.

Office: 910-739-4336

**2025 BUDGET
PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4
6:00 PM

ROOM D-113

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A green and white banner with a dark blue section at the top containing the title. Below the title is a white banner with the date and time. At the bottom is a white banner with the room number. The First Baptist Church logo is on the left.

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.

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 Living 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 background of bokeh lights. The title is in a cursive font. Below it is the event name in bold. The dates and times are in a smaller font. The location is at the bottom. The Senior Adult Trip title is in a large, bold font at the bottom.

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.

First Baptist Church
FBCL JOYFUL TRAVELERS

TRAVEL WITH US!

SENIOR/RETIRED ADULT
PIGEON FORGE
AND SMOKY MTNS SHOW
TRIP



April 28 - May 2, 2025

\$760
PER PERSON
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
\$75 DEPOSIT
DUE 12/23
CHECK OR
CASH ONLY

INCLUDES

- Motorcoach Transportation
- 4 nights lodging
- 8 meals
- Two morning shows
- One afternoon show
- Three evening shows
- Guided tour of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park
- Free time in Gatlinburg

More Information:
Contact Phyllis Gibson (910-734-3553)
or the church office (910-739-4336)

Hey there, seniors and retired adults! You're all invited to join us on an exciting trip to Pigeon Forge and the Smoky Mountains for some fantastic shows from April 28 to May 2, 2025. The cost for the trip is \$760 per person, based on sharing a room with a travel buddy.

This price includes motorcoach transportation, 4 nights of accommodation, 8 delicious meals, tickets to 6 shows, a guided tour of the stunning Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and leisure time in Gatlinburg.

To secure your spot, a \$75 deposit is required by December 23, 2024. Don't forget, you can also opt for trip insurance separately. No online or card payments will be accepted for this trip. We will accept cash and check. Final balance is due Feb. 21, 2025.

Contact Phyllis Gibson at 910-734-3553 or the church office at 910-739-4336 for more information.

Person of the Week

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

Lisa Ivey
210 W. 21st 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:



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

GIVING

Worship with Us

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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.