

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 10, 2024

“What Mite We Do?”

Mark 12:38-44

Rev. Colin Kroll

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 welcome Rev. Colin Kroll as our guest preacher!

Colin serves as the Young Adults Ministry Manager with CBF. He works to address the needs of young adults in CBF churches and help congregations engage with them.



He provides resources for churches to understand the young adults in their congregations and their communities as partners in ministry and service. Colin is able to connect young adults to resources, experiences, and opportunities that provide deeper connections to their sense of calling.

Colin has a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry and Masters of Divinity from Campbell University and was ordained by Cane Creek Baptist Church in Hillsborough, North Carolina. Colin is found visiting state parks, local restaurants and coffee shops with his wife, Sarah and their twins Axel and Luna.

Coming up this week. . .

Sunday, November 10

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

Monday, November 11

Veteran’s Day

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

Tuesday, November 12

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group (Zoom)
- 9:00 a.m. Rev. Owens Preaching at Campbell (9 am departure)
- 5:30 p.m. Children’s Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 13

- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (Rm D-113)
Youth Doing Missions (Act. Bld.)
Children's Music & Missions
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 14

PSRC Elementary All-County Chorus

- 11:00 a.m. Fun & Fellowship (Act. Bld.)

Saturday, November 16

- 9:00 a.m. Downtown Clean Sweep
- 3:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry Bible Study (Act. Bld.)

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

A Note from the Pastor's Desk *November 2024*



It happened again this year. I saw a Christmas commercial before Halloween day. I think the first occurrence of this for me was maybe two years ago, but I am sure if I had gone looking for Christmas ads, I could have found them much sooner. I can absolutely understand the desire to celebrate the Christmas season and all of the fun activities that come with it, but I hate when we rush over other things that are also important formational moments for us. That is one reason why I love the [Church Liturgical Calendar](#) for its seasons and days that help us relive the totality of Jesus' life. It provides a rhythm, remembrance, and rituals in which we can direct our earthly lives around the earthly living of Jesus.

While not a liturgical day, Thanksgiving is one such season I wish we did not rush over so quickly. It is one of the few instances where a Western cultural holiday fits naturally with the tenets of the Christian faith. I enjoy it for the food, obviously, but I also appreciate its occurrence just before the rush of the Christmas season. If observed appropriately, it forces us to stop and appreciate what we have as citizens of this country, the blessings God has bestowed upon us, and all of the potential opportunities we are given.

Last week, the day after Halloween to be exact, a Christmas-fanatic family member of mine (the kind who starts posting the number of weeks until Christmas around the Fourth of July), reshared a post that really gave me pause. It read, "Don't listen to the grinch. Thanksgiving is a day, Christmas is a season and it starts today." Now I try not to be the overly critical pastor, but this post really grinded my gears, because it is only partially true. Sure, Christmas is a season, but Thanksgiving is far from a day. For followers of Jesus, it is a lifestyle mandate. If we want to be literal with biblical texts, there are no scriptures that direct us in observing the Christmas season as we come to know and celebrate it today, but there are countless verses about observing a thankful mindset.

Paul writes, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!...but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God" (Phil 4:4-6). Psalm 118:24 reminded the Israelites to be thankful with this familiar mantra: "This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." The writer of Hebrews told the second generation of Christ followers who were persecuted for their faith to "continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise — the fruit of lips that openly profess His name" (Heb. 13:15). These are but a few of the numerous ways the Bible instructs us to pursue thanksgiving not for a day, but daily.

So as we enter into the joyous celebrations of the fall holidays, Advent, Christmas, and New Year, I'd encourage us all to enjoy each to the fullest. Hopefully in the ways that bring familiarity and family together. But, let us not be too quick to ignore what is the command of God, to rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances. For this is God's will for each of us in Christ Jesus. (1 Thess 5:16-18). Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

With a Thankful Heart for Each One of You,



Rev. Joshua K. Owens, *Senior Pastor*



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



REV. JOSH OWENS

Will be preaching at
Campbell University
Tuesday, Nov. 12th

CONTACT US

To ride the van
9 am departure
Bring \$ for lunch

910-739-4336



Rev. Josh Owens will be giving a sermon at Campbell University Divinity School in the Chapel on Tuesday, November 12. This is a worship service. If you're interested in joining us and exploring the campus after worship, we will be using a church van for transportation. The departure time is set for 9 am. Please remember to bring some money for lunch. Call the office to let us know you want to go.



There are four more seats still available for our Senior Adult trip to Southern Vintage Market!
Southern Vintage Market in Benson
Saturday, November 23, 2024
This trip is free, but bring spending money.



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
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.

Contact Us

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Coming Up:

- Nov. 18** — WMU Meeting, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.
Nov. 18 — Finance meeting 5:45 pm in the Chapel.
Deacons meeting 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
Nov. 18 — Children's trip to the Rudolph Musical at GPAC, 7:30 pm.
Nov. 19 — Snr. Ad. Trip to Rowles' Theatre Christmas Show
Nov. 20 — BBQ sale money due
Nov. 20 — Hanging of the Green greenery fund contributions due.
Nov. 22 — BBQ Sale, 11 am until sold out. Advance tickets are available now.
Nov. 23 — Snr. Ad. Trip to Southern Vintage Market in Benson
Nov. 23 — Community Café, hosted by Youth
Nov. 24 — Christ the King Sunday
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. 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. 11 — Children's Spontaneous Nativity Program and church-wide fellowship meal, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall
Dec. 11 — Fun & Fellowship, 11 am, Activities Building
Dec. 13 — Kiwanis Holiday Social for PSRC students in self-contained classrooms, lunch, Fellowship Hall.
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.

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

BARBECUE



PLATE SALE

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

First Baptist Church
606 N WALNUT STREET, LUMBERTON, NC 28358
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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.



Trunk or Treat 2024



We were thrilled to see the hundreds of kids and families who came out for last week's annual Trunk or Treat. We are pretty sure this was the biggest crowd ever! An estimate on the number of children that came through the line was 640, and that does not include adults. We appreciate the donations of candy, decorated cars, and all the smiling faces of volunteers! We have posted some pictures and a video on our Facebook page and invite you to take a look.



Best Youth Decorated Car



Best Adult Decorated Car



Random Drawing Winner



Give

Friends of Jesus
Christmas Party
&
Children's
Christmas Party



GIVING

2024

First Baptist Church
Lumberton, NC

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)

Dianne & Layton Britt

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

Gene Home

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

Vestibule 10:00—11:30 am

Jimmy & Billie Dail

Nursery — Ashlynn Cox, Jenna Davis

Extended Session — Brooke Blackmon, Katherine Martin

Person of the Week

Send a card, letter, or other remembrance to our very special person this week. She recently celebrated a birthday on October 29th.

Elouise Bullock
c/o Liberty Commons
1402 Pickney Street
Whiteville, NC 28472

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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!

NC PRE-K
Accepting applications for 2024-2025

Robeson County Partnership for Children, Inc. | NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES | NORTH CAROLINA NC Pre-K

The ECM has spaces in most classes, including NC PreK! Contact Michelle Prevatte to register— 910-738-6608.

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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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).



**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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Stella Perrin
Guest Speaker



WMU Coat Drive

We are collecting new and gently-used men's, women's, and children's coats to donate to Robeson County Church and Community Center!

Please make your donations by November 18.



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