

First Baptist News

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



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Preparing for Sunday, December 15, 2024
The Third Sunday of Advent
“This is Christmas:
Celebrating the Heart of Christmas”
by Mary McDonald
Performed by First Baptist Sanctuary Choir

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/

Our annual Memorial Service will be held Sunday, December 15th at 5:00 pm in the Chapel. This is a special service that is designed not only for those who have lost a loved one recently, but for anyone grieving a loss no matter how much time has passed. Candles of Hope will be lit during the service and a crochet snowflake ornament will be available to those who have had a loved one pass away within the past year as a reminder of the blessings of God's presence and peace.

Coming up this week. . .

Sunday, December 15

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (in the Sanctuary)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (online)
- 5:00 p.m. Memorial Service (Chapel)

Monday, December 16

- 10:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group (Zoom)
- 5:45 p.m. Finance Meeting (Chapel)
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, December 17

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

Wednesday, December 18

- 6:00 p.m. Youth Progressive Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 21

- 10:00 a.m. Community Café, hosted by Bridge Class (Act. Bld.)
- 3:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry Bible Study (Act. Bld.)



Person of the Week

Send a card, letter, or other remembrance to our very special person this week. She had a birthday Dec. 2nd!

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Mickey Johnson
402 Sandlin Drive
Lumberton, NC 28358

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.

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)

Shirley Hickman

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

Brenda & James Britt

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

Vestibule 10:00—11:30 am

Sue O'Tuel

Nursery-age children are invited to attend the full service this Sunday

Extended Session — Kim Gore



YOU ARE INVITED TO

Christmas Eve

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

DECEMBER

TUESDAY | 24 | AT 5 PM

IN THE SANCTUARY OF FIRST BAPTIST LUMBERTON

Let's celebrate together!

First Baptist Church
A community of faith

2025
SKI TRIP
JAN 17 - 21

**Final Payment
due Jan. 8th!**



CANAAN VALLEY, WV

Worship with us at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary, on Facebook Live, or on YouTube for our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

During the service, the Christ Candle will be lit, we'll sing carols, read the account of the birth of Jesus, and then share the light of Christ.

Coming Up:

Dec. 22 — Sunday School classes will not meet. Rev. Doug Reedy is preaching during Worship.

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

Dec. 23 — Deposits due for Snr. Ad. Trip to Pigeon Forge Dinner Show trip (\$75 cash/check)

Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will take place at 5 pm in the Sanctuary

Dec. 24, 25, 26 — Church offices and ECM closed

Dec. 25 — Merry Christmas! No Wednesday Night Activities.

Dec. 29 — Sunday School classes will not meet. Sandra Cox is preaching.

Jan. 1 — Happy New Year! No Wednesday Night Activities.

Jan. 1 — Church offices and ECM closed

Jan. 7 — Baptist Women's Bible Study, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.

Jan. 7 — Children's Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm

Jan. 8 — Youth Ski Trip balance is due.

Jan. 9 — Fun & Fellowship, 11 am, Act. Bld.

Jan. 14 — Youth Committee Meeting, 6 pm

Jan. 17-21 — Youth Ski Trip

Jan. 18 — Community Café, hosted by Rev. Tim Little

Jan. 20 — WMU Meeting, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.

Jan. 22 — Quarterly Church Conference, 6 pm

Jan. 27 — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Chapel.

Give

**Friends of Jesus
Christmas Party
&
Children's
Christmas Party**

GIVING

2024

First Baptist Church
Lumberton, NC

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.

Thank you to those who have already signed up to host in 2025!

Jan. 18 — Fellowship Class

Feb. 15 — Sanctuary Choir

March 15 — Missions Committee

April 19 — Susan Welsh Sunday School

May 17 — HOST NEEDED

June 21 — Young Adult Sunday School

July 19 — HOST NEEDED

Aug. 16 — HOST NEEDED

Sept. 20 — at Asbury UMC

Oct. 18 — Collins Sunday School

Nov. 15 — Youth

Dec. 20 — Bridge Sunday School

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 12/10 = \$3,435.00

Date of Party: December 1st

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

Children's Christmas Party Goal = \$6,000

Received as of 12/10 = \$2,307.00

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.

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.

Contributions for the 2024 year must be post-marked or received by Tuesday, December 31.

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

The church offices and Early Childhood Ministry will be closed December 24, 25, and 26 for Christmas. Staff and ministers will be in-and-out of the office the month of December, so please call us before coming to be sure someone is in to meet you. Kandace's office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 am to 2:30 pm.

Office: 910-739-4336

General Email: office@fbclumbertonnc.org

OFFICE HOURS



*WMU will not meet in December.
Join us for our next meeting on
Monday, January 20, 2025 at 11:45
am in the Activities Building.*

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 18
12:00 Noon

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