

# First Baptist News

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



*"Mary Visits Elizabeth," Vietnam, Artist Unknown*

Preparing for Sunday, December 22, 2024  
The Fourth Sunday of Advent  
"Repent or Rejoice?"  
Luke 1:39-56 (NIV)  
Rev. Doug Reedy

Join us for Worship in-person at 10:30 am  
in the Sanctuary  
or online on Facebook Live  
[facebook.com/firstbaptistlumbertonnc](https://facebook.com/firstbaptistlumbertonnc)  
or online on YouTube  
[youtube.com/c/lumbertonfbc/](https://youtube.com/c/lumbertonfbc/)

Sunday School classes will not meet at this church Dec. 22 and 29. If you still want to meet, you are welcome to gather at someone's home or another location.

*Worship with us on Christmas Eve at 5:00 pm for our annual 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 this week. . .

### Sunday, December 22

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

December 24-26, January 1  
Church offices and Early Childhood Ministry Closed

### Tuesday, December 24

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group (Zoom)
- 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)

### Saturday, December 28

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

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!*

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](http://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 remainder of December, so please call us before coming to be sure someone is in to meet you.

Office: 910-739-4336

General Email: [office@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:office@fbclumbertonnc.org)

Kandace will be off Friday, Dec. 20th and will be working from home Dec. 23, 27, 30, 31, and Jan. 2.



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.

## *Coming Up:*

- Dec. 29** — Sunday School classes will not meet. Sandra Cox is preaching.
- Jan. 1** — Happy New Year! No Wednesday Night Activities.
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- Jan. 1-4** — Rev. Owens on vacation
- 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. 11** — Lower Cape Fear Hospice Training, 9 am, Act. Bld.
- Jan. 14** — Youth Committee Meeting, 6 pm
- Jan. 17-21** — Youth Ski Trip
- Jan. 18** — Community Café, hosted by the Fellowship Class
- Jan. 20** — WMU Meeting, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.
- Jan. 20** — Kandace out of office (no school)
- Jan. 22** — Quarterly Church Conference, 6 pm
- Jan. 27** — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Chapel. Deacons will meet at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



*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.*

### **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 generously to

# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

and to

# FRIENDS OF JESUS CHRISTMAS PARTY

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GOAL FOR EACH PARTY = \$6,000

RECEIVED SEPT. 1 - DEC. 15

CHILDREN'S = \$2,907.00

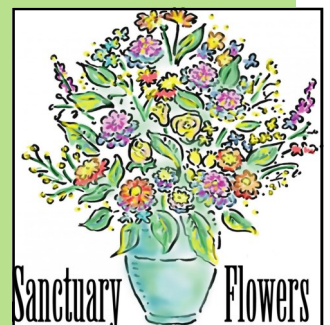
FOJ = \$3,660.00



GIVING

**We are about half way to reaching our goal for our annual Friends of Jesus and Children's Christmas Parties! Both of these events have already occurred for this year, so we need your help to fund these community outreach events. You may designate your gift in honor or in memory of a loved one as well.**

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one, we currently have most Sundays available in 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).



## Person of the Week

Send a card, letter, or other remembrance to our very special person this week. She has a birthday coming up December 27th!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**Lucy Simmons**  
1000 Wesley Pines Road,  
Rm. A-159  
Lumberton, NC 28358

## Servants this Sunday

Please enter for Worship at the Sanctuary Vestibule.

### 10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

Vestibule 10:00—11:30 am  
Preston Britt

Nursery — Jenna Davis, Brooke Blackmon

Extended Session — Brooke Blackmon, Christy Strickland

## 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.

## TWELFTH NIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT FOR THE ANIMALS

### A Benefit Concert for FRANNY'S FRIENDS

Featuring Mary Carol Warwick, Mark Andersen, Janiel Miller, Lisa Rust, Betty Fisher, Dr. Curt Locklear, with Edith Watts.

Thursday January 9, 2025 - 7 pm

CAROLINA CIVIC CENTER HISTORIC THEATER

315 North Chestnut Street, Lumberton, NC

Tickets \$20 Buy tickets at: 219 Elm Coffee and Antique Shop



## 2025 SKI TRIP

JAN 17 - 21

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



CANAAN VALLEY, WV

Can't make it our services in-person?  
We stream most of our services on Facebook Live and on YouTube!

Scan the QR code to the right with your cell phone camera to access our social media pages, YouTube Channel, and our website.



SCAN ME

To be added to our email list, contact Kandace (kandaceramsey@fbclumbertonnc.org).