

# First Baptist News

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



*“Jesus turning water into wine” by Ryan Hammett, Spartanburg, SC.  
Made as part of a Senior AP Art Project.*

Preparing for Sunday, January 19, 2025  
John 2:1-11 (CEB)  
“Life of the Party”

Join us for Sunday School at 9:30  
and 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/)

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

## Coming up this week. . .

### January 17-21: Youth Ski Trip

#### Sunday, January 19

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

#### Monday, January 20

##### *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm.)
- 11:45 a.m. WMU (Act. Bld.)

#### Tuesday, January 21

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group (Zoom)

#### Wednesday, January 22

- 6:00 p.m. Quarterly Church Conference (Rm. D-113)  
Youth (Fellowship Hall)  
Children’s Missions & Music
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

#### Saturday, January 25

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

## QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025  
6 PM  
ROOM D-113





# Youth Key Dates

Contact Rev. Doug Reedy for more information about Youth Activities.

Jan. 17—21: Youth Ski Trip. We plan to depart at 1:00 pm (let Rev. Reedy know if you cannot).

Jan. 19: Youth Sunday School will not meet due to the ski trip.

Valentine Banquet is Feb. 8th! We will practice on Wednesdays Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29. We will have a bonus practice Sunday, Feb. 2. Rehearsal will be Wednesday, Feb. 5. All will take place in the Fellowship Hall at 6 pm.

Sunday Night Youth Activities resume Feb. 23rd! Bells rehearsal starts at 4:45 pm and Bible Study starts in the Activities Building at 6 pm.

Youth Sunday is April 6th!



Contact Alli Branch or Summer Pittman for more details about upcoming events being planned for Children this year. Save the date for the following Children's events:

April 13, Palm Sunday: Children will wave palms during 10:30 am Worship

May 18 is Children's Sunday!

June 14 VBS 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Plus several fun summer activities are being planned and will be announced once more information is available.

BE THE DIFFERENCE

## VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SESSION



**About:** Start the New Year by making a meaningful impact in your community! Join us for a Volunteer Training session to learn about our organization, explore the basics of hospice and end-of-life care, and discover how you can make a difference. Take the first step toward providing comfort and support to patients and their families during one of life's most challenging times.

**Our Mission:** Lower Cape Fear LifeCare is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing access to the highest quality LifeCare, education, and supportive services to our patients, their families, and the communities we serve.

**Learn More:**  
Robbie Cribb  
910.604.1052  
Robbie.Cribb@LifeCare.org

**RESCHEDULED**  
**Saturday, Jan. 18, 9am—12pm**  
**Room D-113**

**LifeCare.org**

Lower Cape Fear LifeCare is excited to invite you to an informational and training session for individuals interested in becoming volunteers for the organization and the hospice services they offer. The session has been rescheduled to Saturday, January 18, 2025, starting at 9:00 am in Room D-113. Robbie Cribb, Community Engagement and Volunteer Coordinator, will be leading the training.



Contact the Senior Adult Committee or Phyllis Gibson for more information about upcoming events and missions projects. We also have several small group meetings meeting monthly, including Baptist Women's Bible Study, Men's Bible Study, Fun & Fellowship, and WMU. The date for Senior Adult Sunday will be announced, but is usually held in September. Our Seniors are invited to lead in elements of Worship and to preach. Contact Rev. Josh Owens if you are led to participate.

**Sanctuary/HVAC Task Force Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 26, 2025**  
**3:00 pm in the Activities Building**

The Board of Deacons voted to request that members of the church's Deacons, Finance, Building & Grounds, and Endowment committees come together in the beginning of 2025 to begin the work of having conversations around ways to address the HVAC issues of the sanctuary. The hope is that by bringing these various groups together who would each play a role in a future decision, it could streamline the conversations and process of deciding the desired path forward to propose to the full congregation. This first meeting is just informational on where we are at and establishing consensus on how we want this group to discern a path forward. If you are part of the committees invited to this meeting, you should have already received an email with more information. If you have not, please reach out to Rev. Josh Owens or to the Deacons.



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**LUNCH & LEARN**

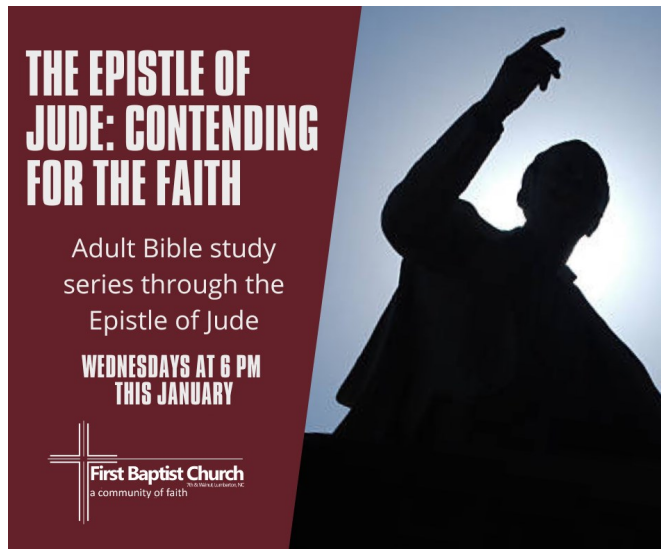
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025  
 12:00 NOON  
 ACTIVITIES BUILDING

First Baptist Church  
 606 N. Walnut Street  
 Lumberton, NC 28358

**TOMMY CREWS FROM LAGRANGE, NC WILL BE SHARING HIS ENCOUNTERS AND PERSPECTIVE OF HIKING THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL.**

SIGN UP BY JAN. 22ND  
 910-739-4336

Join us for a Lunch and Learn event on Monday, January 27th at 12:00 noon in the Activities Building. We are excited to have Tommy Crews from LaGrange, NC as our guest speaker, who will be sharing his captivating experiences and insights from hiking the Appalachian Trail. Lunch will be provided for all attendees. Please make sure to sign up to reserve your spot by January 22nd. We look forward to seeing you there!



**THE EPISTLE OF JUDE: CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH**

Adult Bible study series through the Epistle of Jude

**WEDNESDAYS AT 6 PM THIS JANUARY**

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Our next Adult Bible Study gathering as we work through the Epistle of Jude is January 29th. The focus of this study will be on the letter's call to live out authentic faith in opposition to false teachers who want to use the faith for their own ends.

WMU will meet Monday, January 20th at 11:45 am in the Activities Building. We will be making Valentine cards for nursing home residents and mastectomy pillows to be given to patients at the hospital. Contact Gail Johnson for more information.

**Worship with Us**  
**606 N. Walnut Street**  
**[fbclumbertonnc.org](http://fbclumbertonnc.org)**

*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.*

**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

## Coming Up:

**Jan. 26** — Sanctuary/HVAC Task Force Meeting, 3 pm, Activities Building

**Jan. 26** — Youth Passport Payment #2 is due

**Jan. 27** — Lunch and Learn at 12:00 noon in the Activities Building. RSVP by Jan. 22nd.

**Jan. 27** — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Chapel. Deacons will meet at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Jan. 27** — ECM In-house Registration for the 25-26 school year Begins

**Feb. 2** — Youth Valentine Banquet Rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall at 6 pm

**Feb. 4** — Baptist Women's Bible Study, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.

**Feb. 8** — Valentine Banquet, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall. Tickets are now available!

**Feb. 13** — Fun & Fellowship, 11:00 am, Act. Bld.

**Feb. 15** — Community Café hosted by Sanctuary Choir, Act. Bld.

**Feb. 17** — WMU, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.

**Feb. 18** — Youth Council, 4:30 pm

**Feb. 23** — Youth Bells rehearsal resumes meeting at 4:45 pm with Youth Bible Study at 6 pm.

**Feb. 24** — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Chapel. Deacons will meet at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

## Contact Us

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

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## TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW! DON'T DELAY!

The Youth of FBCL are excited to invite you to their annual Valentine Banquet on Saturday, February 8th at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is a church-wide event. The theme for this year is "Once Upon a Time: Myths and Legends." A delicious meal will be served.

To attend, you will need to buy a ticket for \$10 each at the church office. There are only a limited number of tickets, so make sure to get yours soon! Due to the limited nature of tickets, we cannot hold a space until you pay for your ticket.

## Correction

In our January 2nd edition of First Baptist News, our Person of the Week was Thedies Strickland, who we stated had a 99th birthday this month. We were notified that her birthday is actually in *October*. Please pardon this error.

**FIRST BAPTIST ECM  
REGISTRATION**

**25-26  
YEAR**

Jan. 27: In-house Registration  
 Feb. 3: Church members Not Currently Enrolled May Register  
 Feb. 4: Open Registration Begins Until Spaces Filled!

Contact Michelle Prevatte, Director, at 910-738-6608

**Early Childhood Ministry announces 2025-26 Registration**

The 2025-26 year will begin in late August based on PSRC's calendar. For more information about our program by visiting <https://fbclumbertonnc.org/ecm-daycare> or contact the Director.

Jan. 27-31 for currently-enrolled families, Feb. 3 for FBC members not currently enrolled, Feb. 4 opens to the public.

NC PreK applications for qualifying 4-year-olds are accepted at Robeson County Partnership for Children (738-6767). The ECM will be available to assist you in applying as well! For more information about NC PreK, visit <https://www.robesonpartnership.org/nc-pre-k-2/>.

Contact Michelle Prevatte, ECM Director, to inquire about openings: 910-738-6608 or [michelleprevatte@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:michelleprevatte@fbclumbertonnc.org)

**Servants this Sunday**  
 Please enter for Worship at the Sanctuary Vestibule.

**9:30 Sunday School**  
 Entrance Greeters 9:00 – 9:30 am  
 6th Street Ramp (Handicap) - Jimmy & Billy Dail  
 ECM Entrance (Handicap) - Barbara Andrews

**10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters**  
 Vestibule 10:00—11:30 am  
 Shirley Hickman

**Nursery** — Jenna Davis, Brooke Blackmon  
**Extended Session** — Brooke Blackmon, Kim Gore

**TRAVEL WITH US!**  
 SENIOR/RETIRED ADULT  
 PIGEON FORGE  
 AND SMOKY MTNS SHOW TRIP

**April 28 - May 2, 2025**

We have some spaces still remaining for the Senior Adult Trip to Pigeon Forge! The total trip cost is \$760 per person based on double room occupancy. For a list of everything included, a sample itinerary is available in the church office. Contact Phyllis Gibson at 910-734-3553 or the church office at 910-739-4336 for more information.

*Myrtle Beach*  
**Elvis Festival**  
 "ELVIS Raised on Rock"  
 Saturday, Feb. 1  
 2 pm Showtime  
 Tickets \$65

*Just 2 tickets left!*

## Person of the Week

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

*Thinking of you*

**John Nicoll**  
**504 W. 18th 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](http://fbclumbertonnc.org/give).
- Scan the QR code below.
- Send us your contribution by mail:  
606 N. Walnut Street, Lumberton, NC 28358
- Text FBC606 to 73256 to give using your mobile device.\*

\*Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.



## GIVING

During a recent staff meeting, we got on the topic of singing. Somehow, my cell phone was “listening” so I started seeing ads and notifications about music apps and emails about buying copies of music for the church. The information I received was actually somewhat helpful. The conversation was casual, but technology was listening.

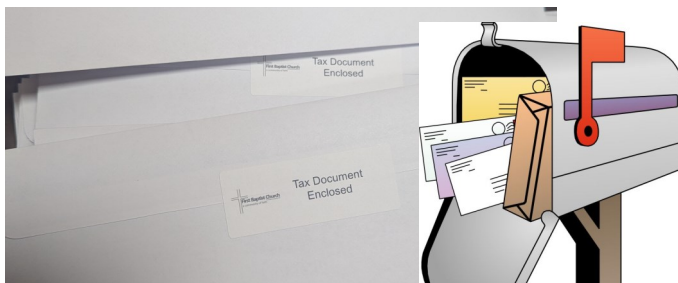
I remember as a child going outside to play nearly everyday. On one particular day my grandpa, Bill Burney, (who lived next door) was out on the tractor bailing hay for his cows. I could hear him making sounds as the tractor was revving, but couldn’t make out what he was doing. Slight panic (and some curiosity) came over me as I ran with my little bare feet to go check on what was happening. As I got closer, I realized my grandpa was singing. He was singing his heart out on that tractor, a whole lot off key sometimes, but it was beautiful. While I don’t remember the exact song he was singing, I do remember it was a hymn. I told my mama what he was doing, and several days later when she asked him about it, he said he was making “a joyful noise to the Lord” (from Psalm 100:1). While he didn’t know I was listening, he did know that the Lord was listening.

While I seemed to have inherited the Burney singing and musical talent genes (rather, lack thereof), I still enjoy singing to the Lord as an act of Worship. A whole lot off key sometimes, and I may not know all the words, but I sing. I sing often alone and during congregational singing during church. Either way, I know the Lord is listening and it is a beautiful sound (“joyful noise”) to him. Even if you are like me and don’t possess a beautiful singing voice, I invite you to still use your “noise” and sing because you know the One who is listening.

*Kandace*

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).



**Contribution Statements for 2024 were mailed January 15th.**