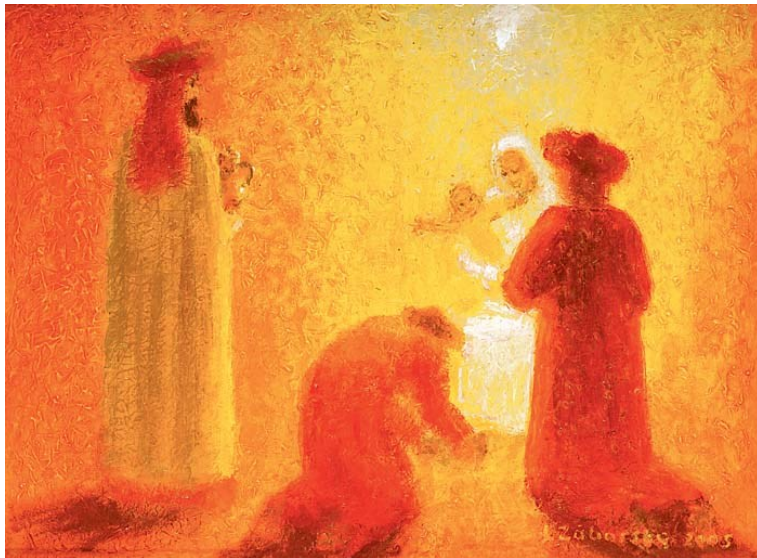


First Baptist News

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



art by Ladislav Záborský

Preparing for Sunday, January 5, 2025
Epiphany Sunday
Isaiah 60:1-6 and Ephesians 3:1-12 (NLT)
“Revealing an Abundant Mindset”

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
or online on YouTube
youtube.com/c/lumbertonfbc/

Coming up this week. . .

Sunday, January 5

Epiphany Sunday

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

Monday, January 6

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm.)
- 2:00 p.m. Senior Adult Committee Meeting (Conf. Rm.)

Tuesday, January 7

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group (Zoom)
- 11:45 a.m. Baptist Women’s Bible Study (Act. Bld.)
- 5:30 p.m. Children’s Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 8

Youth Ski Trip Balance Due

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

Thursday, January 9

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

Saturday, January 11

- 9:00 a.m. Lower Cape Fear Hospice Volunteer Training (Act. Bld.)
- 3:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry Bible Study (Act. Bld.)



Join us for Wednesday night activities, resuming January 8th! At 6 pm, we have something for everyone: Adult Bible Study in Room D-113, Youth Doing Missions for 6th-12th graders, and Children’s Music and Missions activities. We also provide nursery care for infants to 2-year-olds. We look forward to having you join us!

A Note from the Pastor's Desk *January 2025*

Our church's mission statement reads that we are "a community of faith committed to living out the love of Christ by serving God and all people." Within that mission are our four pillars; **Community | Love | Serve God | All People**. Like the four pillars on the front steps of our sanctuary, these four pillars are what our faith community is working to build our ministry around.



Over the course of the year 2024, I am so proud of the ways that our people lived into that mission and upheld those four pillars. Twelve months, 365 days, is a long time, and a lot can happen, so I wouldn't hold it against you if you failed to remember or maybe were unaware of all that our church was able to do. So, your church staff has attempted to compile some numbers, notes, and points from last year to recap all that we were able to accomplish!

COMMUNITY

- We welcomed 14 new members to FBC, held 4 baptisms, and approximately 4 new offering givers/donors (units giving for the first time)
- Numerous Sunday School class activities and service projects (*i.e.*, *Young Adult class adopting family at holidays, Welsh class providing bags for FOJ, visiting members, cards for sick, and so much more*).
- Opened the doors of our spacious facilities to more than 15 different entities or organizations in and around Lumberton including Partnership for Children, Scouting America (Boy Scouts), Mental Health Training, Rape Crisis Center, PSRC All County Chorus (elementary and high school), Lumberton Women's Club, and PSRC Exceptional Children Self-Contained Classes
- Scholarship funds were distributed to 5 recipients this year
- Held multiple churchwide fellowship meals, including our big Palm Sunday Luncheon and Spontaneous Nativity Program Dinner.

LOVE

- Our benevolence fund distributed over \$2,000 in resources for bus tickets, gas, groceries, heating, or emergency hotel stays to more than 25 individuals/families
- Provided bereavement ministry to 11 families in funerals/meals, and celebrated 1 wedding in our facility this year.
- Senior Adult committee facilitated care bags for homebound members at Easter (baskets) and Christmas (stockings).
- Our Women's Missionary Union (WMU) performed multiple service projects
- Held various special events or programs for respective affinity groups including Veterans Luncheon (May), Breakfast for Tanglewood Elementary Staff (August), and a Grief Support Group (September).
- Expanded involvement in Disaster Relief ministry in partnership with CBFNC. Work included:
 - i. Storing over 200 quick response DR buckets for distribution along east-coast, partnering with Robeson Church & Community Center to transport supplies and shower trailer to Western NC in response to Helene,
 - ii. Donation of gently used Pre-K furniture and purchase of other new toys, supplies, and furniture for Yancey Head Start and others in partnership with Blue Ridge Partnership for Children.
 - iii. Approximately \$10,000 worth of donations contributed to relief work

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SERVE GOD

- Over 1,000 service hours completed by our youth ministry in their Youth Doing Mission projects, plus a week-long mission trip to Berea, KY in the summer
- FBC was a sponsor of Main Street Lumberton’s “Downtown Clean Sweep” program, providing refreshments for volunteers at four events this year.
- Contributions to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Offering for Global Mission approached \$4,000 to be used to maintain the presence of CBF field personnel across the country and around the world
- Held special worship gatherings such as our Church at Wesley Pines service or our outdoor worship at Jones Lake State Park.

ALL PEOPLE

- Over 800 meals served in our monthly Community Cafe ministry (3rd Saturdays)
- Our annual Trunk-or-Treat welcomed over 600 children and their families from across Lumberton & Robeson County to our campus for candy and fun
- Annual Children’s Christmas Party facilitated by youth ministry provided Christmas gifts, food, and bibles to over 40 children across 20 families
- Friends of Jesus (ministry to IDD & special needs group homes) provided two parties (Valentine’s & Christmas), summer fun days, and twice-a-month gatherings for discipleship, worship, and community building.

Space allows for only these few high points, but there is so much we have to celebrate. Let’s not rest on our accomplishments, but allow it to fuel us to pursue even more faithful ministry and service together in 2025!



Rev. Joshua K. Owens, *Senior Pastor*

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.



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.



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

SCAN ME



**Deacon
Care
Teams**



SERVING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

At FBC Lumberton, we have divided Deacons into four groups, called Deacon Care Teams. Each team takes the opportunity of service to your family gladly. By early February, each team will mail letters to the folks under their care. Our hope is that you will feel free to contact them with updates concerning you and your family, whether it be during seasons of happiness or tragedy. If you have questions concerning our community of faith, they will be pleased to find the answers for you. The Deacon Care Teams look forward to learning more about you and visiting with you. If you have questions about any of our ministries, you may also call the church office at 910-739-4336 or email office@fbclumbertonnc.org. Thank you for allowing us to serve you!

2025 Deacons

- Barbara Andrews
- Sandra Cox
- Bruce Davis
- William Davis
- Phyllis Gibson (Secretary)
- James Gore
- Drina Hedgpeth (Chair)
- Lisa Johnson
- James W. Lawson
- Eddie Prevatte
- David Ramsaur
- Jeanne Stevens
- Christy Strickland (Vice Chair)
- Tony Thompson
- John Underwood
- Chris Walters

**2025
SKI TRIP**
JAN 17 - 21

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



CANAAN VALLEY, WV

2025 Valentine Banquet



*Saturday, February 8
6:00 pm
Fellowship Hall*

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



Person of the Week

Send a card, letter, or other remembrance to our very special family this week. Her 99th Birthday is coming up on January 26th!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Theadies Strickland
c/o GlenFlora
5701 N. Fayetteville Rd
Lumberton, NC 28360

Give to First Baptist Church!

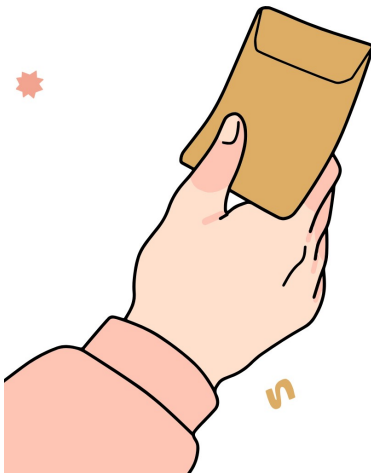
Here are some ways to donate to our ministries:

- Give during Sunday worship.
- Give through our secure online portal at fbclumbertonnc.org/give.
- Scan the QR code 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



**2024
CONTRIBUTION
STATEMENTS
WILL BE MAILED
TO YOU BY
JANUARY 31**

New Member SPOTLIGHT



WELCOME!

We recently welcomed new members to First Baptist on Sunday, December 29. We welcome them to our community of faith!

The Watson Family

**John, Lianne,
Jack, & Leigh Ellen**

1302 Oakridge Blvd
Lumberton, NC 28358

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).



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

On Thursday, January 9, 2025 a group of musicians will gather at the Carolina Civic Center Historic Theater for a gala night of music and fun to benefit a wonderful cause, Franny's Friends! The music will be a loving tribute to animals and all proceeds will go to help place homeless animals in our area. Please bring your friends for this Twelfth Night after Christmas Concert. Tickets for this special event are just \$20 and can be purchased at the theater or by stopping by 219 Elm. For additional information, visit <https://carolinaciviccenter.com/event/28074/>.

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) - Sue O'Tuel
ECM Entrance (Handicap) - Tony & Becky Thompson

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters
Vestibule 10:00—11:30 am
Ann & John Underwood

Nursery — Jenna Davis, Brooke Blackmon

Extended Session — Brooke Blackmon, Nancy Wagner

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.

When: January 11 ~ 9am-12pm

Where: Activity Building of First Baptist Church Lumberton
606 N Walnut St., Lumberton, NC 28358

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

[LifeCare.org](https://www.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 will take place on Saturday, January 11, 2025, starting at 9 am in the Activities Building. Robbie Cribb, Community Engagement and Volunteer Coordinator, will be leading the training. We welcome everyone to join us for this event!

WMU®
January 20th
11:45 am
Activities Building

QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

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

Coming Up:

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.
Jan. 27 — ECM In-house Registration for the 25-26 Year Begins
Feb. 4 — Baptist Women's Bible Study, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.
Feb. 8 — Valentine Banquet, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
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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Young Adults and Missions;
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**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

A COMMUNITY OF FAITH



First Baptist Church

Mission Statement:

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



Who We Are

We are moderate Baptists. We partner with various organizations including Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) and Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina (CBFNC).

Plan Your Visit

Whether you're a young adult, college student, senior adult, single, or married with kids, you are welcome here. You can visit as many times as you want without any obligations or pressure. And who knows—you just might decide to make FBC Lumberton your new church home!

Location: 606 N. Walnut Street in Lumberton, NC (at the corner of 7th Street and Walnut in the downtown area).

Parking: We have two lots on the 6th Street side of the church. Street parking is also available.

Attire: You will find people dressed in everything from jeans and polo shirts to business suits. Please dress in whatever makes you feel comfortable for engaging in genuine worship and community.

Ministries

We have a variety of areas to plug-in: Children, Youth, Young Adults, Adults, Senior Adults, Friends of Jesus Class for Adults with Developmental Disabilities.

Small groups include WMU, Baptist Women's Bible Study, Fun & Fellowship, Men's Bible Study.

Service Times

SUNDAYS

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. Worship in-person
- 10:30 a.m. Worship online
via Facebook Live and YouTube
- 4:45 p.m. Youth Bells
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS

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

Childcare

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.

Early Childhood Ministry (daycare)

Full day care for 2, 3, and 4 year olds
NC PreK for qualifying 4 year olds
Contact ECM Director by phone at 910-738-6608 or by email at michelleprevatte@fbclumbertonnc.org.

Contact Us

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