

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, January 12, 2025
Baptism of the Lord Sunday
 Isaiah 43:1-7 (NLT)
 “Present Waters”

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 12 *Baptism of the Lord Sunday*

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (in the Sanctuary)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (online)
- 4:00 p.m. ECM Committee Meeting (Conf. Rm.)

Monday, January 13

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm.)
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 14

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 15

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

January 17-21: Youth Ski Trip

Saturday, January 18

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

Worship with Us

606 N. Walnut Street
fbclumbertonnc.org

Childcare is available on Sundays and Wednesdays. Nursey 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



Deacon Care Teams



SERVING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

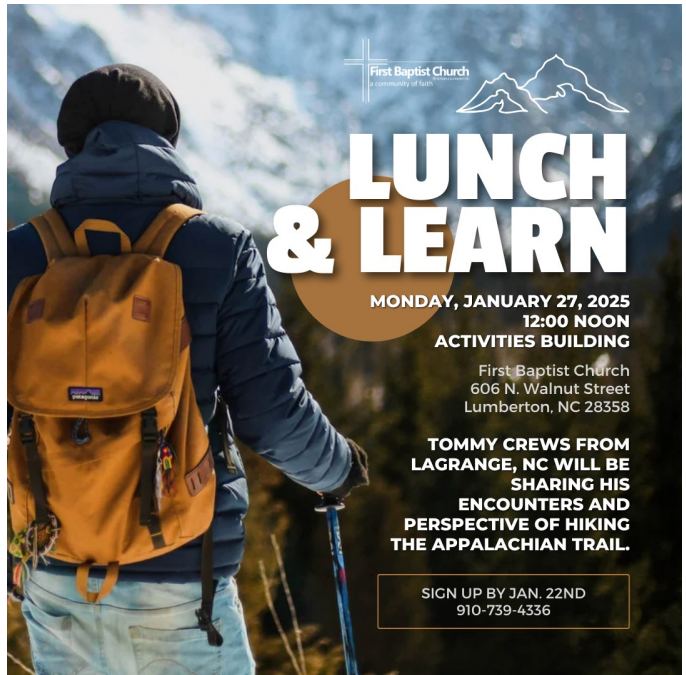
At FBC Lumberton, we have divided Deacons into four groups, called Deacon Care Teams. Each team takes the opportunity of service to your family gladly. By early February, each team will mail letters to the folks under their care. Our hope is that you will feel free to contact them with updates concerning 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

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.



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!

WMU®
January 20th
 11:45 am
 Activities Building

WMU 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.

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!

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

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 9:00 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!

**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.

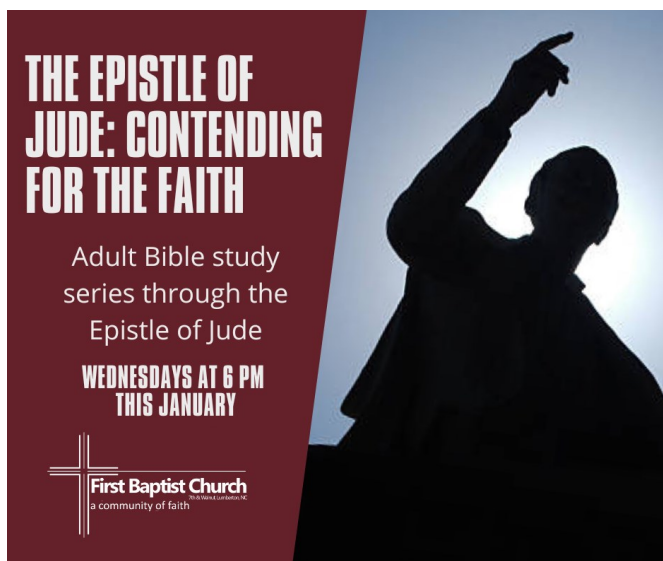


To be added to our email list, contact Kandace (kandaceramsey@fbclumbertonnc.org).

SCAN ME



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. 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!



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) - JW & Angie Lawson
ECM Entrance (Handicap) - Dianne & Layton Britt

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters
Vestibule 10:00—11:30 am
Gene Home

Nursery — Jenna Davis, Brooke Blackmon

Extended Session — Brooke Blackmon, _____

First Baptist Church
FBCL JOYFUL TRAVELERS

TRAVEL WITH US!

SENIOR/RETIRED ADULT
PIGEON FORGE
AND SMOKY MTNS SHOW
TRIP

Country Inn & Suites
CHECK OUT MY NEW SHOW!
Country Inn & Suites

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)

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.

Coming Up:

- Jan. 20** — WMU Meeting, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.
Jan. 20 — Kandace working remotely (no school)
Jan. 22 — Quarterly Church Conference, 6 pm
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.

Contact Us

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

Mailing address: 606 N. Walnut Street,
Lumberton, NC 28358
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Rev. Tim Little — Minister of Music and Facilities;
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Rev. Doug Reedy — Associate Pastor of Youth,
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

Family of the Week

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

Gene and Phyllis Pate
1000 Wesley Pines Rd
Villa 306
Lumberton, NC 28358

Thinking of you

Give to First Baptist Church!

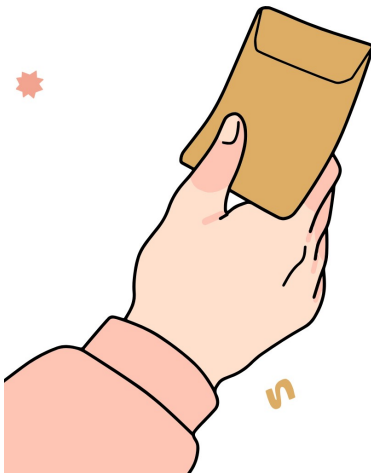
Here are some ways to donate to our ministries:

- 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 a new member to First Baptist on Sunday, January 5. We welcome him to our community of faith!

Michael (Mike) Salter

406 N Walnut Street Ste A
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).

