

# First Baptist News

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



“My Friend, the Enemy, Rappahannock River, VA, December 25, 1862”  
oil painting by Mort Künstler, 1989

Preparing for Sunday, February 23, 2025  
Luke 6:27-38 (NLT)  
“Letting the Other Side Win?”

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

**Sanctuary/HVAC Task Force Meeting #2**  
**Sunday, February 23, 2025**  
**2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall**

Members of the church’s Deacons, Finance, Building & Grounds, and Endowment committees have come together 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. 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.

## Coming up this week . . .

### Sunday, February 23

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (in the Sanctuary)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (online)
- 11 am—2pm LCC Empty Bowls
- 2:00 p.m. Sanc./HVAC Task Force Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00 p.m. Junioresettes Galentine’s Party (Act. Bld.)
- 4:45 p.m. Youth Bells Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

### Monday, February 24

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm.)
- 5:45 p.m. Finance Meeting (Chapel)
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### Tuesday, February 25

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group (Zoom)

### Wednesday, February 26

- 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

### Saturday, March 1

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

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

Youth Sunday is April 6th!

Upcoming trip payments are due:  
Feb. 23—Final ASP Payment is due (\$200)  
March 12 — Passport Payment #3 due (\$100)  
April 27 — Final Passport Payment due (\$200)

Contact Rev. Doug Reedy for more information about upcoming Youth events!  
[dougreedy@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:dougreedy@fbclumbertonnc.org)

## Person of the Week

Send a card, letter, or other remembrance to our very special person this week. She has a birthday coming up March 2nd!

*Thinking of you*

**Betty Graham**  
1940 Riverside Blvd.  
Lumberton, NC 28358

## Gift baskets FOR THE HOMEBOUND



The Senior Adult Committee is making gift baskets for the homebound to be given on Palm Sunday, April 13. Contact any Committee member to adopt a basket.



The Senior Adult Committee is working on making care baskets for the homebound. They will be given out to the recipients on Sunday, April 13 (Palm Sunday). If you, your family, Sunday School class, or small group can adopt a basket, contact any of the Senior Adult Committee members. They have 7 more baskets that need to be filled.

## You Can Help Your Hungry Neighbors



### Lumberton Christian Care Center 5th Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser

Sunday, February 23

11:00-2:00

Soup and Dessert. Take out only  
From back door.

Food donated by local businesses.

Tickets: \$10 for adult meal  
\$5 for children 3-8 years

For more information call the office at 910-739-1204 or see a board member. Tickets will be also sold that day.

Location: 220 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Lumberton

This agency receives funding from the United Way of Robeson County and benefits from their campaign efforts in our county.



For more information call the LCC office at 910-739-1204. Tickets may also be purchased in advance from Barbara Andrews or Lisa Johnson, and can be purchased at the door.

## Explore Branson & surrounding areas



The Senior Adult trip to Branson is now full, but we have a wait list started! Please contact the office or Phyllis Gibson, Snr. Ad. Committee chair, to be placed on the list.

Flyers with more information about the trip are in the office.

The Senior Adult trip to Pigeon Forge originally scheduled for April 28—May 2 has been cancelled due to low sign up numbers. Deposits paid towards Pigeon Forge have now been transferred to the Branson trip. If you desire a refund instead, please let Kandace know.



February  
Adult Bible  
Study

## “Sermon Segue” a sermon talkback series

Wednesdays 6 pm  
Room D-113



## Worship with Us

606 N. Walnut Street  
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

### Contact Us

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

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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).



## Ash Wednesday

(INTO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN)

MARCH 5, 2025

7:15 a.m. - Imposition of Ashes  
ashes only, no service

6:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Service

Families are invited to attend the service at 6 pm in lieu of regular Children's and Youth Activities.

Ashes from the palms used during Palm Sunday are applied in the shape of the cross on the forehead of each Worshiper as a reminder to repent and reflect. Children and Youth are invited to attend the service at 6 pm in lieu of regular children's and Youth activities.

Volunteer to be a

## Money Counter



Money Counters act confidentially to count contributions, post them electronically, prepare the deposit slip, then take the deposit to the bank each Monday.

910-739-4336

Contact Kandace for more info  
and to be placed on our list

If you have helped as a Money Counter at FBC in the past, we encourage you to consider coming back! Money Counters act in a confidential manner to count contributions, post them electronically on in ACS, prepare the deposit slip, and then taken the deposit to the bank each Monday. With ACS Realm, being a Money Counter is now streamlined and requires less steps and you can even sit in with us to see the process before committing to being added to the rotation calendar. Contact Kandace for more information: 910-739-4336.

### *Coming Up:*

- March 2** — ECM Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm  
**March 4** — Baptist Women's Bible Study, 11:45 am, Activities Building  
**March 5** — Ash Wednesday. Imposition of Ashes will take place at 7:15 am. The full service will take place at 6 pm. Both will take place in the Chapel.  
**March 6-7** — PSRC All-County Chorus  
**March 9** — Daylight Savings Time begins ("Spring forward" one hour before bed Saturday night.)  
**March 9** — ASP Guest Speaker, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall  
**March 10-12** — College Ski Trip  
**March 12** — Youth Passport Payment #3 due (\$100). Final payment due April 27.  
**March 13** — Fun & Fellowship, 11 am, Act. Bld.  
**March 15** — Community Café, hosted by Missions Committee  
**March 17** — WMU, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.  
**March 21** — PreK class field trip  
**March 24** — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Chapel. Deacons will meet at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.  
**March 27-28** — CBFNC Annual Gathering at Pritchard Church, Charlotte

### *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) - Tony & Becky Thompson  
ECM Entrance (Handicap) - Ann & John Underwood


#### **10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters**

Vestibule 10:00—11:30 am  
JW & Angie Lawson

**Nursery** — Jenna Davis, Brooke Blackmon

**Extended Session** — Brooke Blackmon, Nancy Wagner

We would like to invite senior adults to join us for the Caswell Beach Spring Retreat on April 28-30, 2025. During this retreat, your group will not only enjoy a change of scenery, but also benefit from the wisdom of our exceptional Bible teachers and the talents of our gifted entertainers. The retreat package includes two nights of accommodation, meals, and program fees. Be sure to take some time to explore the beautiful natural surroundings both on campus and in the Oak Island/Southport area. To learn more about Fort Caswell, visit <https://fortcaswell.com/>. The cost is \$180.00 and is due upon signing up. We accept cash or check. Registration is currently open to members of FBC and will open to others soon if spaces still remain.



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## APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT

### JULY 12-18, 2025

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## FINAL PAYMENT DUE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

CONTACT REV. DOUG REEDY FOR MORE INFO.

### *Guest Speaker from ASP on March 9th!*

We will host a special guest from Appalachia Service Project (ASP) on Sunday, March 9 starting at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. ASP provides one of the most rewarding structured service opportunities in the nation — bringing thousands of volunteers from around the country to rural Central Appalachia to repair homes for low-income families. Our Youth will be participating this year. To learn more about this program, visit <https://asphome.org/>.



April 28 -30

2025 FORT CASWELL  
**SENIOR ADULT**  
Spring RETREATS  
STANDING ON THE PROMISES  
2 CORINTHIANS 1:20

\$180 per person  
includes lodging, meals,  
program fee  
Call 910-739-4336 to register

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