

First Baptist News

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



'First-Down Moses,' a statue on the campus of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana

Preparing for Sunday, March 2, 2025

Transfiguration Sunday
2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2
& Exodus 34:29-25 (NLT)
“New Look, New You”

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

Coming up this week . . .

Sunday, March 2

Transfiguration 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.)
- 4:45 p.m. Youth Bells Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

Monday, March 3

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm.)

Tuesday, March 4

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group (Zoom)
- 11:45 a.m. Baptist Women’s Bible Study (Act. Bld.)

Wednesday, March 5

Ash Wednesday

- 7:15 a.m. Imposition of Ashes (Chapel)
- 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service (Chapel)
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

March 6-7

PSRC’s All County Chorus
Concert Friday at 6:00 pm

Saturday, March 8

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



Ash Wednesday

(INTO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN)

MARCH 5, 2025

7:15 am — Imposition of Ashes
(ashes only, no service)

6:00 pm — Ash Wednesday Service
Chapel

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.

What is Lent all about? And why is it important?

Have you ever wondered what people are talking about when they say they're giving something up for Lent? Do you want to understand what Lent is and how it relates to Easter?

Lent is the 40 days (not including Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to the Saturday before Easter. Lent is often described as a time of preparation and an opportunity to go deeper with God. This means that it's a time for personal reflection that prepares people's hearts and minds for Good Friday and Easter.

What are some of the key days during Lent?

- Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent (March 5th this year). You may have noticed people with a smudged, black cross on their foreheads. Those are ashes from the Ash Wednesday service. The ashes symbolize our grief for the things we've done wrong and the resulting division of imperfect people from a perfect God.
- Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter (April 13th this year). It is the day that celebrates the day of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. This Sunday is also called Passion Sunday.
- Maundy Thursday is the day before Good Friday (April 17th this year). It commemorates the night before Jesus died, when He shared the Passover meal with His closest friends and followers.
- Good Friday is the day Christians remember Jesus' death (April 18th this year). The "Good" reflects how Jesus' death was a sacrifice on our behalf so we can receive God's forgiveness for our wrongs, or sins.
- Easter Sunday is the joyful celebration of Jesus rising from the dead to give us the opportunity of eternal life (April 20th this year). While people still die, Jesus made the way for people to have a relationship with God in this life and to spend eternity with Him in heaven.

What happens during Lent and why?

The three main things people focus on during Lent are prayer, fasting (abstaining from something to reduce distractions and focus more on God) and giving, or charity.

- Prayer during Lent focuses on our need for God's forgiveness. It's also about repenting (turning away from our sins) and receiving God's mercy and love.
- Fasting, or giving something up, is a very common practice during Lent. The idea is that giving up something that's a regular part of life, like eating dessert or scrolling through Facebook, can be a reminder of Jesus' sacrifice. That time can also be replaced with more time connecting with God.
- Giving money or doing something good for others is a way to respond to God's grace, generosity and love. For example, some people spend time volunteering or donate money they would normally use to buy something, like their morning coffee.

It's important to note that doing these things can never make us earn or deserve Jesus' sacrifice or a relationship with God. People are flawed and will never be good enough for a perfect God. Only Jesus has the power to rescue us from ourselves. Jesus sacrificed Himself on Good Friday to bear the punishment for all our wrongdoings and offer us forgiveness. He was raised from the dead on Easter Sunday to give us an opportunity to have a relationship with God for eternity. Spending time during Lent praying, fasting and giving can make Jesus' sacrifice on Good Friday and His resurrection on Easter even more meaningful.

from an article by Emily Eng, found at <https://www.cru.org/us/en/train-and-grow/life-and-relationships/holidays/lent/what-is-lent-about-and-why-is-it-important.html>



This project was created by 3rd grade students with Leah Newton Art

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).

Welcome, New Member!

Joshua Byrd



WELCOME!

We recently welcomed a new member to First Baptist on Sunday, February 19. We welcome him to our community of faith!

Joshua Byrd

318 Eaglewood Loop
Lumberton, NC 28358



"...Through love serve one another." — Galatians 5:13

March 27-28, 2025

Pritchard Church, Charlotte

All are invited to join CBFNC's Annual Gathering in Charlotte at Pritchard Church as we celebrate and explore the theme of "Serving Together." Come to reconnect, network and build new relationships, explore learning through workshops, participate in meaningful and intentional worship, engage in a mission project and be welcomed into hospitable gathering places. Register online by March 16th! For more information, visit <https://cbfnc.org/annualgathering/>. Rev. Josh Owens will be attending.

Coming Up:

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 17-18 — Rev. Owens out of office
March 21 — PreK class field trip
March 22 — Scouts Pinewood Derby, Fellowship Hall, 8 am—12 pm
March 24 — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Chapel. Deacons will meet at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
March 24-28 — Rev. Owens out of office
March 27-28 — CBFNC Annual Gathering at Pritchard Church, Charlotte
March 30 — Jeff Kinlaw will be our guest preacher during Worship

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) - Dianne & Layton Britt
ECM Entrance (Handicap) - Gene Horne

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

Vestibule 10:00—11:30 am
Jimmy & Billie Dail

Nursery — Jenna Davis, Brooke Blackmon

Extended Session — Brooke Blackmon, Christy Strickland

We would like to invite senior adults to join us for the Caswell Beach Spring Retreat on April 28-30, 2025. 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.

Please express your interest in attending by March 1st!

Person of the Week

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

Edith Watts
3952 Regan Church Road
Lumberton, NC 28358

Thinking of you



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/>.

A registration card for the 2025 Fort Caswell Senior Adult Spring Retreats. The card features a blue and white background with a dotted border. The text on the card includes: '2025 FORT CASWELL SENIOR ADULT Spring RETREATS', 'STANDING ON THE PROMISES 2 CORINTHIANS 1:20', '\$180 per person includes lodging, meals, program fee', and 'Call 910-739-4336 to register'. There is also a logo for First Baptist Church, a community of faith. The dates 'April 28 -30' are written vertically on the left side of the card.

Church Calendar Highlights for 2025
(subject to slight changes as we go along this year)

- April 6 — Youth Sunday
April 9 — Friends of Jesus Softball Game and church cook-out, 5 pm, Godwin Hts. Park
April 13—Palm Sunday Worship followed by lunch and egg hunt
April 14-18 — Holy Week noon services will be hosted at downtown churches
April 17 — Maundy Thursday Service
April 20 — Easter Sunday
April 28-30 — Senior Adult Caswell Beach Trip
April 30 — Quarterly Church Conference
May 2 — Youth Lock-in
May 4 — Senior Adult Sunday (Tentative)
May 18 — Children’s Sunday
May 21 — Last Wednesday night activities until Fall
May 31 — Scholarship applications due
June 1 — Grad Sunday Baccalaureate Service
June 14 — Vacation Bible School, 9 am—12 pm
June 22-27 — Youth Passport Trip
July 12-18 — Youth ASP Trip
July 23 — Quarterly Church Conference with Nominating Committee Report
July 26-31 — Youth Music Retreat
August 1-31 — Deacon Nominations Accepted
Sept. 7-13 — Senior Adult Trip to Branson, MO
Sept. 10 — Wednesday Night Activities resume
Sept. 25 — Deacon Election biographical information published in *First Baptist News*
Sept. 29-Oct. 2 — Deacon Election absentee voting
Oct. 5 — World Communion Sunday and Deacon Election
Oct. 22—Quarterly Church Conference with Committee on Committees Report, ideally 2026 budget presented for discussion as well.
Oct. 24-26 — CBFNC Youth Beach Retreat
Oct. 29 — Trunk or Treat
Nov. 2 — All Saints Sunday
Nov. 4 — Senior Adult trip to Alabama Theatre’s Christmas Show (save the date—no sign ups yet)
Nov. 21 — Youth BBQ Sale
Nov. 23 — Christ the King Sunday. Worship will be held in the Fellowship Hall.
TBA—Community Thanksgiving Service
Nov. 30 — Hanging of the Green during 10:30 am Worship
- NOTE: Some Advent Services are not listed below pending approval from various groups.*
- Dec. 10 — Children’s Spontaneous Nativity & meal
Dec. 13 — Children’s Christmas Party
Dec. 21 — Longest Night Service (Memorial Service)
Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

This Saturday, March 1st, we are helping with Downtown Clean Sweep in preparation of Rumba on the Lumber! We need folks to help serve refreshments as well to clean up litter in the downtown area. Meet at the parking lot across from Adelio's to join in! Contact Rev. Tim Little for more information.



The poster features a central graphic with overlapping circles in orange, green, and yellow. The orange circle contains illustrations of an apple core and a banana peel. The green circle contains a can and a candy wrapper. The yellow circle contains a cardboard box and a piece of paper. Text is overlaid on these circles: 'DOWNTOWN CLEAN SWEEP' in large blue letters at the top, 'IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH' in a blue box, 'SATURDAY' in a blue box, 'MARCH 1ST' in a blue box, and '9 A.M. - 11 A.M.' in a blue box. At the bottom left, it says 'Free Coffee and Doughnuts! Compliments of First Baptist Church' with the church's logo. At the bottom right, it says 'Meet in the parking lot across from Adelio's. Gloves and trash bags will be provided.'

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.
- 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



FBC YOUTH SUNDAY
APRIL 6, 2025

Equal

UNDER GOD

THERE IS NEITHER JEW NOR GENTILE, NEITHER SLAVE NOR FREE, NOR IS THERE MALE AND FEMALE, FOR YOU ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS. - GALATIANS 3:28



Deacon Care Teams



SERVING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

Deacon Care Team letters are in the mail!
 If you have questions about any of our ministries, you may contact your Deacon Care team or call the church office at 910-739-4336 or email office@fblumbertonnc.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

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!

- Feb. 15 — Sanctuary Choir
- March 15 — Missions Committee
- April 19 — Susan Welsh Sunday School
- May 17 — Baptist Women's Bible Study Group
- June 21 — Young Adult Sunday School
- July 19 — Deacons
- Aug. 16 — HOST NEEDED**
- Sept. 20 — at Asbury UMC
- Oct. 18 — Collins Sunday School
- Nov. 15 — Youth
- Dec. 20 — Bridge Sunday School



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, Sr. Ad. Committee chair, to be placed on the list. Flyers with more information about the trip are in the office.