

# First Baptist News

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



SCAN ME



## Preparing for Sunday, May 11, 2025 “What Jesus Are You Looking For?” John 10:22-30 (NLT)

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/)

During Children's Sunday on May 18th, we will have a special time of family-child dedication. A dedication is a time for the child's family and the church to promise to be present and support the child on his or her faith journey. We recognize each child to be a special gift from God, and as a church, we pledge to be Christian examples, good teachers, and to help the family as they guide their child in faith. If you would like to participate, please reach out to the church office or any of the Pastors. We look forward to sharing in this great milestone in your child's development and look forward to partnering with you in the years to come!

## Coming up this week. . .

### Sunday, May 11

#### Mother's Day

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

### Monday, May 12

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm.)
- 6:00 p.m. Healthy Robeson/Duke  
Community Café for Pastors  
(Fellowship Hall)

### Tuesday, May 13

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group (Zoom)

### Wednesday, May 14

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

### Thursday, May 15

- 12:00 p.m. Military Appreciation Luncheon  
(Act. Bld.)

### Friday, May 16

- 5:00 p.m. Junioresettes Event (Fellowship Hall)

### Saturday, May 17

- 10:00 a.m. Community Cafe (Act. Bld.)  
hosted by Baptist Women's  
Bible Study Group
- 3:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry Bible  
Study (Act. Bld.)





Children will lead in elements of Worship on Sunday, May 18th including greeting, saying prayers, reading scripture, collecting the offering, participating artistically and musically, and by preparing and delivering the sermon. Please be in prayer for this group as they plan Worship on Children's Sunday.



First Baptist Early Childhood Ministry  
606 N. Walnut Street  
Lumberton, NC 28358

# CHILDCARE

FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN (AGES 5 -12)  
**SUMMER 2025**

**REGISTER MAY 6**

**\$75 REGISTRATION FEE**  
**\$150 WEEKLY TUITION**

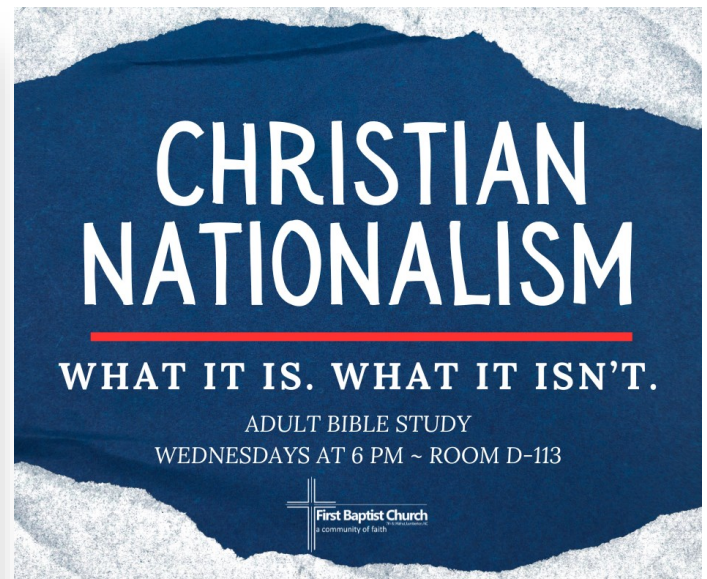
Get in touch  
Michelle Prevatte or Paula Lewis



We are so excited to announce that the ECM will be accepting applications for summer care for school-aged children on **Tuesday, May 6th!**

For current openings, registration for the upcoming school year, or for more information about our program, contact Michelle Prevatte, Director:  
Call 910-738-6608 or email  
[michelleprevatte@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:michelleprevatte@fbclumbertonnc.org).

<https://www.firstbaptistearlychildhoodministry.com/>



The term "Christian Nationalism" is something you may have heard a lot in the last several years, but may not have stopped to consider what it is and what its implications are. In this three-week series adapting curriculum published by the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty, or "The BJC," we will look at what Christian Nationalism is, what the Bible would say to this ideology, and how we can faithfully engage its viewpoint in our lives.

### 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.
- Send us your contribution by mail: 606 N. Walnut Street, Lumberton, NC 28358
- Text FBC606 to 73256 to give using your mobile device.\*



**GIVING**

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

### Scholarship Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, June 10**  
**6:30 p.m.**

### Nominating Committee will begin meeting soon to plan for the 2025-2026 year. Please be in prayer for this group and that positions may be filled quickly with folks willing to lead.

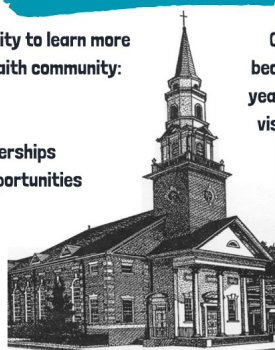




# DISCOVER FBC

A 3 week opportunity to learn more about the FBCL faith community:

- Church history
- Governance
- Missional Partnerships
- Membership Opportunities
- Involvement



Open to anyone who has become a member in the last year, or anyone who has been visiting and is interested in learning more!

**Sundays May 4, 11, 18**  
**9:30 am**

Explore our rich history, governance, missional partnerships, and ways to get involved during Discover FBC! Whether you recently became a member or are a visitor curious about FBC, this opportunity is for you. Rev. Joshua Owens will guide us through this insightful experience. Let's grow together in understanding and connection. Meetings will be held Sundays May 4, 11, and 18 at 9:30 am (during the Sunday School hour).



If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor of or in memory of a loved one, we currently have many Sundays available. 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 florist

most are using are The Secret Garden Florist on Liberty Hill Road (910-272-0000).

## ***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, Heather Walters



## MILITARY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Thursday, May 15, 2025

12:00 Noon

Activities Building

All branches of service are welcome to attend. We will have a guest speaker with complementary lunch.



Call 910-739-4336 to register, or scan the QR code to register online.



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Are you currently serving or have you served in the military? We would love for you to join us at our Military Appreciation Luncheon on Thursday, May 15, 2025 in the Activities Building. We will have a guest speaker! Our speaker for the military luncheon will be Ed Tatum. He served in The Old Guard, including a time at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. He is also a local business owner with Tatum Auto Sales here in Lumberton and his grandchild attends the ECM. A complimentary meal will be provided for all attendees. Please RSVP by Friday, May 9th by registering online or by contacting the church office at 910-739-4336 or [office@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:office@fbclumbertonnc.org).

## **Person of the Week**

Send a card, letter, or other remembrance to our very special person this week. He has a birthday coming up May 18th!

**John Wishart**  
c/o The Stratford  
405 Smith Level Road  
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

*Happy Birthday*

### *Coming Up:*

**May 18** — Children's Sunday  
**May 19** — WMU, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.  
**May 19** — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Chapel. Deacons will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.  
**May 21** — Last regular Wednesday night gathering until the Fall  
**May 26** — Memorial Day. The ECM and office are closed.  
**May 27-30** — Kandace working remotely  
**May 28** — Children's Committee Meeting, 6 pm, for VBS Planning  
**May 29** — NC PreK's year-end picnic at NE Park  
**May 31** — Scholarship applications due  
**June 1** — Grad Sunday Baccalaureate Service, 10:30 am, Sanctuary. A lunch for graduates and their families will follow in the Fellowship Hall.  
**June 5** — ECM PreK Graduation Program, 10 am, Fellowship Hall  
**June 8** — Pentecost Sunday. Wear red/orange. Worship will be held in the Fellowship Hall for the summer months starting this date. Sunset Slush will be on campus.  
**June 10** — Scholarship Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm  
**June 12** — ECM's Donuts with Dad, 7:30-9:00 am, Fellowship Hall  
**June 12** — Snr/Retired Adults trip to Vince Gill concert in Durham  
**June 14** — VBS, 9 am—12 noon  
**June 15** — Father's Day  
**June 19** — Juneteenth  
**June 21** — Community Café, hosted by Young Adult Sunday School Class  
**June 22-27** — Youth Passport Trip  
**June 23** — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Chapel. Deacons will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.  
**June 24-27** — CBF General Assembly, St. Louis  
**June 29** — BINGO, 3:00 pm, Act. Bld.  
**June 30-July 3** — Kandace working remotely.  
**July 4** — Independence Day. The offices and ECM will be closed.  
**July 12-18** — Youth Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Trip. We'll be going to Clay Co., WV.  
**July 19-21** — Friends of Jesus Happiness Retreat, Camp Caraway  
**July 19** — Children's trip to White Lake  
**July 19** — Community Café, hosted by Deacons  
**July 20** — Senior/Retired Adults trip to Branson final payment is due. We encourage to make payment before this final deadline.  
**July 21** — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Chapel. Deacons will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.  
**July 23** — Quarterly Church Conference with Nominating Committee Report

A graphic with a light blue grid background. At the top, the words "Scholarship Applications" are written in a blue, arched font. Below the text is a blue graduation cap with a yellow tassel and a rolled-up diploma tied with a red ribbon. In the center, there is a logo for "First Baptist Church" with the tagline "a community of faith". Below the logo, the text "DUE BY MAY 31, 2025" is written in bold blue letters. Underneath that, in smaller blue text, it says "For more information, please contact the church office or Rev. Doug Reedy." At the bottom, there is a red rectangular button with white text that reads "First Baptist Church" and "910-739-4336".

**Scholarship Applications**

**DUE BY MAY 31, 2025**

For more information, please contact the church office or Rev. Doug Reedy.

**First Baptist Church**  
910-739-4336

A graphic with a dark wood-grain background. On the left is a black graduation cap with a gold tassel. To its right is a gold fountain pen. In the center, there is a logo for "First Baptist Church" with the tagline "a community of faith". Below the logo, the text "GRAD SUNDAY BACCALAUREATE SERVICE" is written in white capital letters. Below that, the year "2025" is written in large, bold, white numbers, followed by "JUNE 1" in smaller white capital letters. At the bottom, the text "10:30 AM IN THE SANCTUARY" is written in white capital letters.

**First Baptist Church**  
a community of faith

**GRAD SUNDAY  
BACCALAUREATE  
SERVICE**

**2025  
JUNE 1**

**10:30 AM IN THE  
SANCTUARY**

As the school year comes to a close, we are planning our Grad Sunday baccalaureate service. If you or a family member will be graduating from high school or college or has recently graduated, please let us know so we can celebrate his or her in this important milestone.

**Parents of Youth**—check your email for the overview of the calendar for May. While we will take a break from Sunday and Wednesday night Youth activities, please note the following on your calendar:

**May 21** — Trip meeting for ASP students, chaperones, and parents at 6 pm  
**June 22-27** — Passport Choices Trip (full)  
**July 12-18** — Appalachia Service Project Trip (full). We'll be going to Clay County, WV.  
**July 26-31** — Youth Music Retreat. This is open for those who rang bells and more details and sign--up is coming up soon.





## Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

1. **Group Leaders:** Spend morning with kids of assigned age group, welcome them, and take them to various stations. Primary responsibility to know, love, supervise, and encourage students through the day! Must be adults 21+.

2. **Assistant Group Leaders:** Assist the group leader in carrying out duties. Open to any one over the age of 14.

3. **Celebration Leader:** Responsible for facilitating the opening and closing celebrations including songs, games, dancing, emphasizing the theme and theme verses. Ideally this person should be someone of high energy and have the ability to communicate effectively with little ones.

4. **Station Leaders:** Will facilitate a specified station session (craft, story, rec, or music).

\*Crafts: guide students in completing a theme-related craft.

\*Story: guide students in an intentional Bible story time by reading the text and asking questions.

\*Recreation: will prepare and carry out theme-related, team-based activities.

\*Music: will have an opportunity to teach a simple song, or use instruments that correspond to the them.

5. **Snack Coordinators:** Will ensure that we have acquired snacks and drinks for each student & volunteer, and help set-up, distribute, and clean-up snack.

### 6. Registration/Check-in

**Coordinators:** Primary role is to check-in students who have pre-registered and record any on-site registrations. These folks are some of the first faces seen so personable demeanor are desired.

### 7. Registration/Check-in

**Assistants:** Assist the Registration/Check-in Coordinators. Great opportunity for Youth.

8. **Floater:** We can always use additional hands to ensure safety and security, assist in clean-up, and smiling faces to encourage participation of students. All ages are welcome to serve in this capacity.

**Howdy!** The Children's Committee is excited to announce this year's VBS will be held Saturday, June 14th 9 am - 12 noon! Registration for students will open soon. Look for student registration info in the coming editions of *First Baptist News*.

In the meantime, will you commit to volunteering for this year's Vacation Bible School? We have several opportunities to pick from!

## How to sign-up to serve:

- Contact the office
- Contact any of the Children's Committee Members or Pastors
- Sign up to serve online through ACS Realm



## 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

**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).



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### 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 these 2025 hosts:**

May 17 — Baptist Women's Bible Study  
June 21 — Young Adult Sunday School  
July 19 — Deacons  
Aug. 16 — Children's Committee  
Sept. 20 — at Asbury UMC  
Oct. 18 — Collins Sunday School  
Nov. 15 — Youth  
Dec. 20 — Bridge Sunday School



Wednesday, May 21st will be our last regular Wednesday night gathering for Adult Bible Study, Youth Doing Missions, and Children's Music & Missions until September.

Our Baptist Women's Bible Study Group, WMU, and Fun & Fellowship Group will take a break from meeting during the summer months as well. Meetings will resume in September.

We will move 10:30 am Sunday Worship to the Fellowship Hall starting June 8th. We will continue to worship in the Fellowship Hall likely through the month of September.

Look for more summer gathering opportunities for all age groups in coming editions of *First Baptist News*.

### Contact Us

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

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Since May is the last month of the school year for my children, there are many upcoming awards days, field trips, and early release days. Due to this, my daily in-office hours will vary the remainder of this month. A calendar is on my office door, but you may also call us to be sure I'm here before you stop by. — *Kandace*