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First Baptist News

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





By Revd Ally Barrett

1 Kings 19: When Elijah couldn't even, God gave him permission to rest by providing a tree for shelter, some water and a cake. https://reverendally.org/art/

Preparing for Sunday, June 22, 2025 1 Kings 19:1-15a (NLT) "When You've Had Enough"

Join us for Sunday School at 9:30 am and Worship in-person at 10:30 am in Cherry Fellowship Hall or online on Facebook Live <u>facebook.com/firstbaptistlumbertonnc</u> or online on YouTube <u>youtube.com/c/lumbertonfbc/</u>

For the summer months, we will gather for Worship in Cherry Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. beginning this Sunday, June 15. Please enter for Worship through the Fellowship Hall lobby entrance. We will likely continue gathering in Cherry Fellowship Hall through September.

Coming up this week. . .

Sunday, June 22

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship (in Cherry Fellowship Hall)

10:30 a.m. Worship (online) 2:00 p.m. Book Study

June 22-27 Youth Passport Choices

Monday, June 23

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm.)
12:00 p.m. Meet 'n Eat at Finn Oliver's

7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, June 24

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

June 24-26 CBF General Assembly St. Louis, MO

Saturday, June 28

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



Missions Opportunity

Sunday, June 29

We will pack Backpack Snack Bags for children as a part of CBFNC's WNC Disaster Response to be sent to Mars Hill.

We are asking you to:

1. Be present & participate in the packing day during Worship June 29

2. Give sacrificially to the church's Disaster Relief Fund to purchase supplies for this response





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The Missions Committee invites you to participate in an upcoming missions opportunity to benefit children in Western North Carolina. We are assisting CBFNC in collecting Backpack Snack bags which will be sent to Mars Hill to be distributed. We plan to pack the snack bags as an element of Worship on Sunday, June 29th. We are asking you to be present and participate in the packing day. In addition, we need monetary donations designated to the church's Disaster Relief Fund to purchase supplies for this response. Be prepared to give a gift to the church's Disaster Relief fund on Sunday, June 29 in addition to your regular giving. Make checks out to First Baptist and list "Disaster Relief" in the memo line. Alternatively, you may also give online by selecting "Disaster Relief" from the fund options. We look for to this opportunity to help our littlest neighbors in our state!

Not only is there the opportunity to transport the packed bags to Mars Hill, but also to spend a few days in July packing boxes for meal distribution across the 10 sites that are set up in the mountains. We are gathering more info on this, but there is the opportunity for a small team to travel to Mars Hill for a day or two and do this work. Let Rev. Josh Owens know if you are interested!

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| How much would you like to | p give? Fund Disaster Relief |
| | Budget General Fund Memorial |
| ☐ Dedicate this gift in memory | Disaster Relief |
| GIVE ONCE | Community Assistance |
| Gift date Today | Youth Missions Memorial Community Cafe |
| SUMMARY | \$50.00 |

Scan the QR Code on the graphic above with your cell phone's camera for our secure online giving portal or visit https://onrealm.org/
FirstBaptistChu67135/give/now

When giving online select "Disaster Relief" from the fund options.

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.

SUMMER SCHEDULE 2025

Sundays — Worship in Cherry Fellowship Hall starting June 15

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School 10:30 a.m.—Worship In-person, Facebook Live, YouTube

Wednesday Night Gatherings are paused until September.

Can't make it our services inperson? 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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2025 CBF General Assembly "You Belong Here" St. Louis, Missouri June 24-26, 2025

In a year that feels more polarized than ever before, we want to be a place of belonging—where everyone is not just welcome to our table and in our communities but feel a deep sense of belonging in our Fellowship. Together, we will reflect on what radical hospitality can look like and explore the texts that call us to no longer be strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household. Rev. Josh Owens will be attending. For more information about the 2025 CBF General Assembly in St. Louis and to register, visit https://cbf.swoogo.com/assembly.

First Baptist Church, Lumberton GAMES | SNACKS | PRIZES Sunday, June 29 at 3 pm **Activities Building** Cookies and Drinks will be provided



We are so grateful for the outpouring of support for our youth traveling with Appalachia Service Project this summer! Thanks to generous donations from individuals, families, and Sunday School classes, we collected \$831.19 to help purchase toolkits and supplies for their mission work. Your giving is making a real difference - equipping our youth to be the hands and feet of Christ as they serve families in need. Thank you for helping build more than homes you are helping build hope. To learn more about ASP, visit https://asphome.org/.



The Children's Committee is planning a fun outing to White Lake Water Park on Saturday, July 19th. Save this date on your calendar and look for more information in the coming editions of *First Baptist News*!



Parents of Youth — check your email regularly for updates from Rev. Doug Reedy. He recently sent packing list and more information you will need to prepare for Passport Choices.

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. \$150 due 6/30!

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) - Ann & John Underwood ECM Entrance (Handicap) - J.W. & Angie Lawson

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

FH Lobby 10:00—11:30 am Dianne & Layton Britt

Nursery — Jenna Davis, Brooke Blackmon

Extended Session — Brooke Blackmon, Kim Gore



Senior/Retired Adults:

We have a limited number of tickets to Gaither Family Fest 2026 happening May 22-24, 2026 in Gatlinburg, TN.

The cost is \$475.00 and a \$50 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your space. The cost includes tickets to 5 events, 3 nights lodging, and transportation. You will need to prepare to purchase meals on your own. We also need a couple folks willing to drive the church van/bus for the group.

If you'd like to join or want more information, please contact the office or Phyllis Gibson as soon as possible. Let's make plans to enjoy a weekend of music and fellowship in the mountains!

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).

Person of the Week

Send a card, letter, or other remembrance to our very special person this week. She also has a birthday coming up July 3rd!

Helen Odom 212 E. 17th Street Lumberton, NC 28358



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.*



GIVING

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



Help us make sure we have the most current information on file in the church office. Complete the online form in your emails from the church or pick up a paper copy during Worship. It has been some time since we have verified contact information for our congregants, and this will help us insure we have the most current information on file for you and your family! This will also help us in assessing the need for a 2026 church directory.

Coming Up:

June 29 — WNC Backpack Snack Pack packing & disaster relief fund donations during Worship

June 29 — BINGO, 3:00 pm, Act. Bld.

June 30-July 3 — Kandace working remotely.

Thursdays in July (10, 17, 24, 31) - Bible Study at 219 Elm at 9 am

July 4 — Independence Day. Offices & ECM closed.

July 6 — Rev. Doug Reedy preaching

July 9 — Meet 'n Eat at Slim Chickens/Baskin Robbins in Pembroke, 6 pm

July 12-18 — Youth Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Trip. We'll be going to Clay Co., WV.

July 15 — Meet 'n Eat at Chick-fil-A Jackson Court location, 6 pm

July 19-21 — Friends of Jesus Happiness Retreat, Camp Caraway

July 19 — Children's trip to White Lake Water Park

July 19 — Community Café, hosted by Deacons

July 18 —Senior/Retired Adults trip to Branson final payment is due. We encourage to make payment before this final deadline.

July 20 — Sandra Cox will be preaching. We will observe the Ordinance of Communion.

July 20 — Branson trip meeting at 2 pm, Act. Bld.

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 — Meet 'n Eat at Retro City Arcade, 6 pm

July 26-31 — Youth Music Retreat

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July 30 — Endowment Committee Meeting, 5 pm

July 30— Quarterly Church Conference at 6 pm with Nominating Committee Report and Proposed Bylaws Change (*pending*).

July 30 — Meet 'n Eat at Blake's Ice Cream Parlor, following the church conference, 6:30 pm

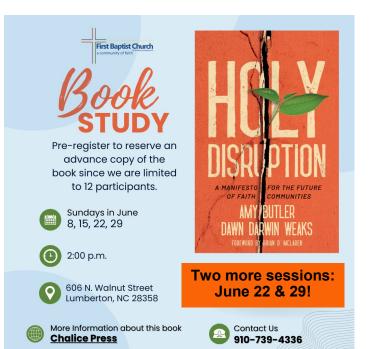
Nominations for Deacon accepted August 1-31.



Drivers & volunteers needed to drive the church bus to Wesley Pines and bring residents to church on Sundays



The church bus will begin picking up Wesley Pines residents to bring them to church starting Sunday, August 3.



We at First Baptist Church have an online community where we can connect with each other outside our Sunday gatherings. We'd love for you to take part! This is an invitation to join ACS Realm, which is a web-based program that you can access on your computer, phone, or tablet. Our hope is that this will be a helpful tool for each of us.

Some helpful features:

- Update your own demographics, such as address and phone number, and upload a photo so people can put a face with a name;
- Online giving & view your giving history;
- Register & pay for trips;
- Access our online directory!

Create an account:

https://onrealm.org/FirstBaptistChu67135

On your smartphone, you may download the Realm Connect app. Use the code FirstBaptistChu67135 when creating an account.

If you have questions about this program, please contact Kandace at 910-739-4336 or kandaceramsey@fbclumbertonnc.org.





