

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



"The Good Samaritan" an oil painting by Jared Small, 2012

Preparing for Sunday, July 13, 2025 John 10:25-37 (NLT) "The One Who Showed Mercy"

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

Coming up this week...

July 12-18 Youth on Appalachian Service Project Trip in Clay County, WV

Sunday, July 13

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship (in Cherry Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m. Worship (online)

Monday, July 14

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

Tuesday, July 15

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group (Zoom)
6:00 p.m. Meet 'n Eat at Chick-fil-A
Jackson Court location

Thursday, July 17

9:00 a.m. Bible Study (219 Elm)

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

Saturday, July 19

Children's trip to White Lake Water Park
10:30 a.m. Community Café (Act. Bld.)
hosted by Deacons
3:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry Bible
Study (Act. Bld.)

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

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A Note from the Pastor's Desk

July 2025

Each year, our congregation's denominational partner for missions and ministry, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, holds its General Assembly. This is when representatives from congregations (pastors or congregants), partner organizations, field personnel (missionaries), organizational staff, and other like-minded Christians gather together for business-related matters, worship, educational opportunities, fellowship, and yes, a little bit of fun. Some of my peers refer to it as the annual family reunion. I saw Sarah Boberg, former associate minister at nearby FBC Red Springs, refer to it as summer camp for adults! It is always an inspiring and encouraging experience for me personally. It is especially an honor for me to travel and represent our congregation, and to tell folks across the Fellowship about the amazing work being done by the people of our faith community.



I thought I would share a brief recap of some of what I experienced so you have a taste of what our larger Baptist partnerships and the experience looked like.

- Participated in the Leadership Conversation, a special presentation with Dr. Ryan Burge, a leading religious sociologist and statistician (and pastor), about church participation and expectations for 2025 and beyond.
- Attended CBFNC's "meeting," which was a meal at a nearby restaurant. I was able to sit and talk with Matt and Michelle Norman, longtime CBF Field Personnel in Spain with NC roots. The Normans recently became senior directors of field ministries, and next month I will be serving on Matt's ordination council in Leland, NC.



- Visited the Tuesday evening Welcome Party, where I was able to speak with representatives from various partners of ours, like Campbell University Divinity School, CBF Disaster Response Ministries, CBF Benefits Board, and many other schools, publishing houses, denominational services, and partner organizations.
- Attended "Late Night Worship," a special gathering led by CBF's Pan African Koinonia, which holds a service centered in the black Church experience.
- Attended additional worship services with spirited elements built around the assembly's theme of "You Belong Here" with sermons delivered by Rev. Melissa Hatfield (pastor of FBC Jefferson City, MO) and Dr. Paul Baxley (executive coordinator of CBF).
- These services also included experiences such as the commissioning of new CBF-endorsed chaplains and pastoral counselors, collections for the Offering for Global Missions, and communion.

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- Attended the business session where multiple awards and scholarships were given out, retiring field personnel were celebrated, reports were given by various CBF entities, a new slate of leaders within the organization were voted on, the budget adopted, and a rousing address was given by the outgoing moderator of CBF, Rev. Juan García, pastor of Primera Iglesia Bautista de Newport News, Va.
- I attended two large luncheons. First, the Dr. Emmanuel McCall Racial Justice Trailblazer luncheon (as a guest of CBFNC), which celebrates racial reconciliation work done by individuals and congregations in the Fellowship. Second, I went to the Baptist Women in Ministry Luncheon, where I shared lunch and conversation with Mina and Gennady Podgaisky, field personnel to Ukraine who are now serving on the Polish border ministering to refugees of the ongoing war in Ukraine. During the BWIM luncheon, the organization raised \$15,000 in less than ten minutes thanks to the 600-plus attendees in the room!
- I attended two Learning Labs (workshops): one on fostering financial giving & stewardship with younger generations in your churches, and a second on moral injury and ministering with first responders that was led by a group of chaplains from the VA, Air Force, and Kentucky Federation of Fire Chaplains.
- I networked with a pair of younger ministers wrestling with ministerial transitions and was able to offer support for them, while also connecting with friends and peers who are a support and encouragement to me.
- Attended the St. Louis Cardinals vs. Chicago Cubs baseball game on Wednesday evening with about 500 other GA attendees.
- Found some good BBQ (in St. Louis, that means ribs), and ooey gooey butter cake!



Next year's gathering will be in Jacksonville, FL, June 17-19. It is free to attend the gathering itself, so I would encourage you to consider attending with me. Lord willing, I'll be there again next year!
















If you would like to watch the worship or plenary session from the gathering, visit [CBF's Facebook page](#). For a full recap of all of the GA's events, business sessions, and major events, visit <https://cbf.net/general-assembly-25/>.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joshua Owens".

Rev. Joshua K. Owens, *Senior Pastor*

Summer at FIRST BAPTIST

JULY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29  3PM Act. Bld.  2PM Book Study	30	1	2	3	4  Independence Day Office Closed	5
6 Rev. Doug Reedy preaching	7	8	9  Meet n Eat @ Slim Chickens Pembroke 6PM	10  9AM Bible Study @219 Elm	11	12
13  Appalachia SERVICE PROJECT	14 July 12 - 18 Youth Trip	15	16  Meet n Eat @ Chick-fil-A Jackson Court 6PM	17  9AM Bible Study @219 Elm	18	19  Kids Trip to Water Park  Community Café hosted by Deacons
20 Sandra Cox preaching FOJ Happiness Retreat July 19 - 21	21	22	23  Meet n Eat @ Retro City Arcade 6PM	24  9AM Bible Study @219 Elm	25	26 
27 Youth Music Retreat July 26-31	28	29	30  Quarterly Conference MEETING Meet n Eat @ Blakes 6:30	31  9AM Bible Study @219 Elm	1 Deacon Nominations Begin Aug. 1st.	2

Sundays
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
in Fellowship Hall

Coming Up:

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

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 — Mars Hill Missions Opportunity

July 23 — Meet 'n Eat at Retro City Arcade, 6 pm

July 26-31 — Youth Music Retreat

July 30 — Endowment Committee Meeting, 5 pm

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

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.

Aug. 3 — Bus transportation begins at Wesley Pines

Aug. 5 — Youth Council meeting, 2 pm

Aug. 5 — Missions Committee meeting, 6:15 pm

Aug. 16 — Community Café, hosted by Children's Committee

Aug. 19 — Partnership for Children using the Fellowship Hall for PreK training, 8 am-3:30 pm

Aug. 19 — Youth Committee Meeting, 6 pm

Aug. 22 — ECM closed to students (teacher workday)

Aug. 24 — Education Sunday

Aug. 25 — ECM's 2025-26 School year begins

Aug. 25 — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Chapel. Deacons will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Aug. 25-29 — Kandace on vacation

Aug. 28-Sept. 7 — Len on vacation

Sept. 1 — ECM & office closed for Labor Day

QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2025

6 PM

ROOM D-113



PROPOSED CHANGES TO

BYLAWS



Please plan to attend this important meeting:

1. We'll review financial statements,
2. We'll vote to adopt the proposed changes to the Bylaws,
3. The Nominating Committee Report for the 2025-26 year will be presented.

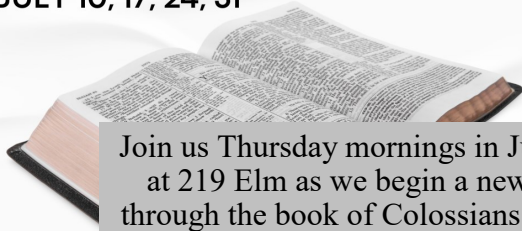
Following church conference, we'll head over to Blake's Ice Cream Parlor!

JULY

BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS | 9.00 AM

MEET AT 219 ELM
JULY 10, 17, 24, 31



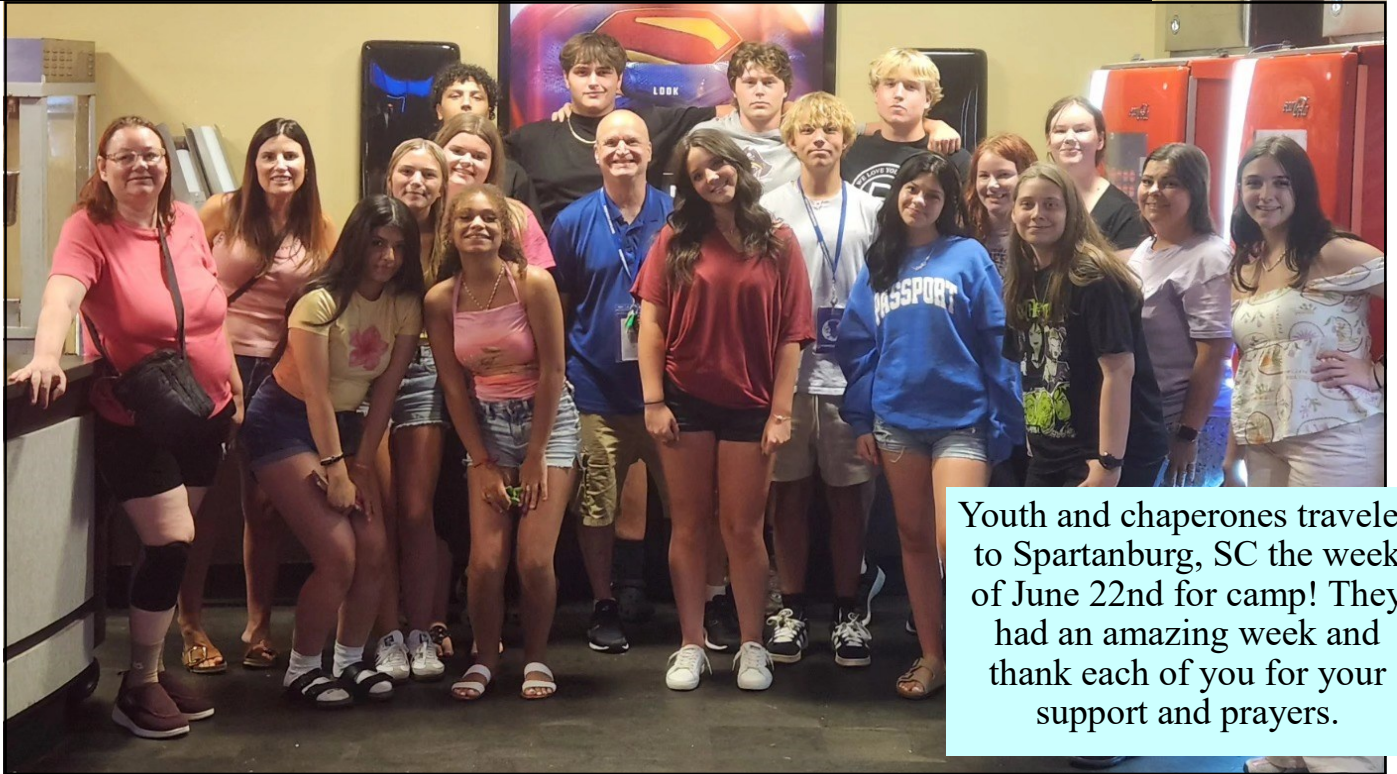
Join us Thursday mornings in July at 9 am at 219 Elm as we begin a new journey through the book of Colossians. This is an informal, Spirit-led, group discussion focusing on growing together through scripture and discussion. All are welcome - come as you are, bring your Bible, grab a coffee, and let's dive in together.



*From the pages of history...
From the church bulletin, July 12, 1953*

"THE DEACONS will meet in the Pastor's Study tomorrow night at 7:30. An important report will be brought by the committee studying the next move on our building program. Wouldn't we enjoy that air conditioned auditorium today? The time will come."

PASSPORTchoicessm 2025



Youth and chaperones traveled to Spartanburg, SC the week of June 22nd for camp! They had an amazing week and thank each of you for your support and prayers.



DO MISSIONS.
Differently
AS THE HANDS &
FEET OF JESUS.
BE LOVE
in action.

HEAL AND BE HEALED.
THOUGHTFULLY SERVE.
Making Earth
AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

PASSPORT



From our Associate Pastor

Thank you to everyone who prayed for us while we were on Passport Choices in Spartanburg! We had a wonderful trip. We safely returned to Lumberton closer to God and each other. You don't escape any trip without some mild drama and an unexpected challenge (i.e. flat tire this time), but I truly believe your prayers helped us overcome and grow as a group.

So, if you prayed for us at Passport, I ask that you pray for us again on Appalachia Service Projects. We will be in Clay County, West Virginia doing some version of home repair (roofing, porch replacement, painting, etc.). We will find out what the day before we leave. Honestly, that already has my anxiety up.

During this busy time, I just wanted to say thanks for the prayers and for the tools many of you sponsored. We are heading out on faith to try a new way to directly serve people in need. It is good to know we have your support.

Grace and Peace,
Doug



ASP Appalachia SERVICE PROJECT® warmer. safer. drier.®

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YOUTH

**APPALACHIA
SERVICE PROJECT
JULY 12-18, 2025**

**PRAY FOR THIS
GROUP EACH DAY
THIS WEEK**



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**Wesley Pines bus
transportation begins
Sunday, August 3rd!**

Pick-up time 10 am



**RETRO CITY
ARCADE**

**JULY 23
6 PM**

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828 E 24TH STREET

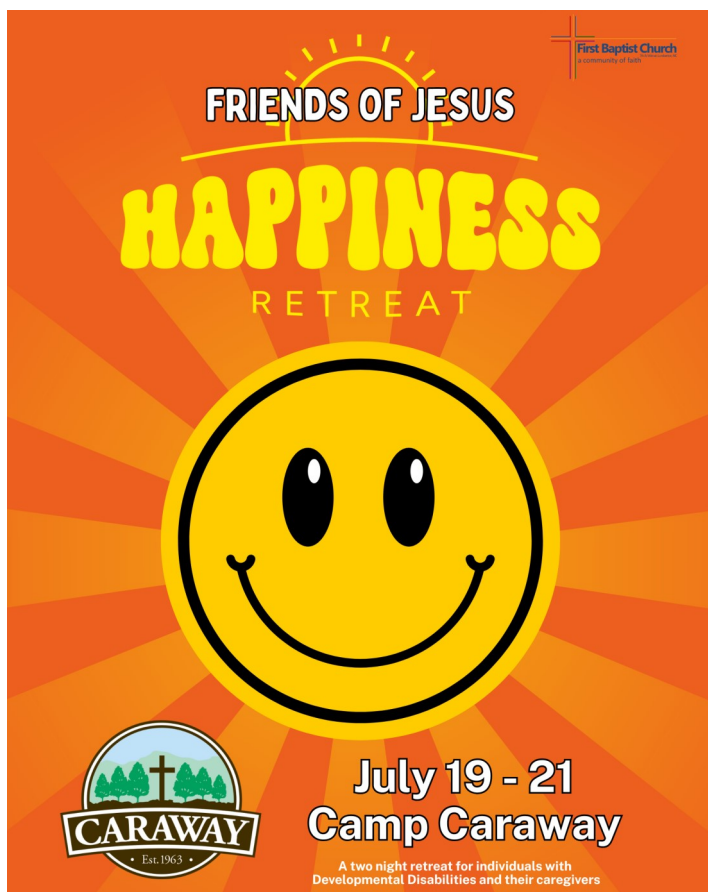
PIZZA WINGS CHICKEN TENDERS APPETIZERS

UPCOMING YOUTH TRIPS

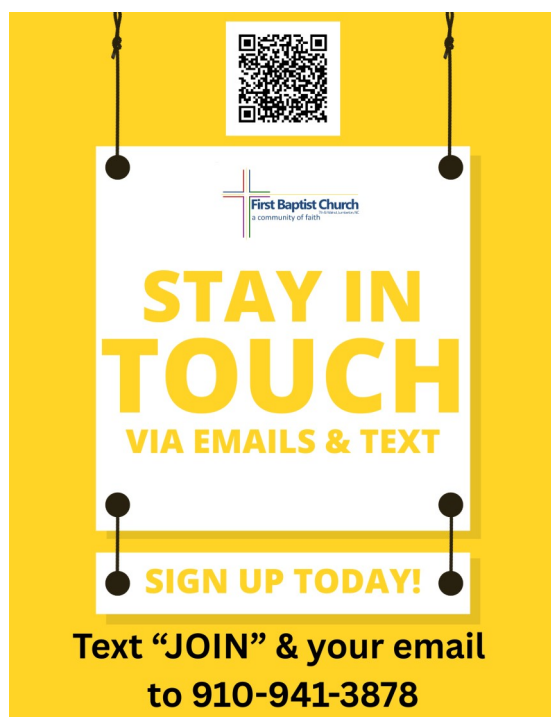
Please continue to pray for Youth and chaperones as they participate in Appalachia Service Project this week (July 12-18). They will be going to Clay County, West Virginia.

Youth will be going to their annual Youth Music Retreat July 26-31 as well.

Parents — Check your email and texts regularly from Rev. Doug Reedy for updates.



The FOJ class is headed to Happiness Retreat at Camp Caraway July 19-21! This special weekend is designed for individuals with developmental delays and their caregivers - a time to grow in faith, make new friends, and experience God's love in a fun, encouraging environment. Please continue to keep this ministry in your prayers as we prepare for this time together.



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.

SUMMER SCHEDULE 2025

Sundays — Worship in Cherry Fellowship Hall

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 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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Contact Us

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Senior/Retired Adults:

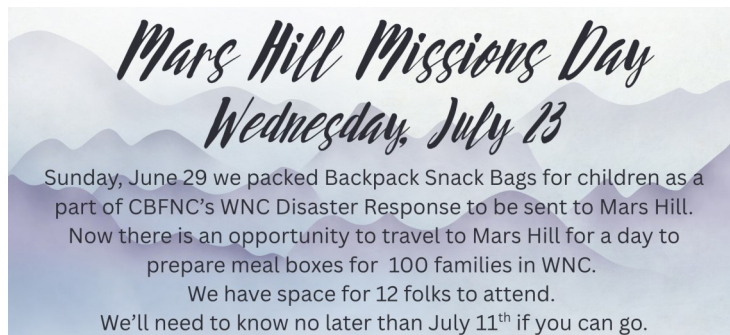
We have a few trips coming up and would love for you attend them with us.

Gaither Family Fest 2026
May 22-24, 2026 in Gatlinburg, TN
The cost is \$475.00 (\$50 deposit)

Caswell Fall Retreat 2025
October 27-29, 2025
Est. cost is \$180.00

Alabama Theatre's Christmas Show
Tuesday, November 4
Cost is \$70. Supper will be at Chesapeake House

If you'd like to join or want more information, please contact the office or Phyllis Gibson as soon as possible.



Person of the Week

Send a card, letter, or other remembrance to our very special person this week. She has a birthday July 13th!

Mary Anne Rust
1900 Windsor Run Lane
Apt SS-310
Matthews, NC 28105



Servants this Sunday

Please enter for Worship at Cherry Fellowship Hall Lobby.

9:30 Sunday School

Entrance Greeters 9:00 – 9:30 am

6th Street Ramp (Handicap) - J.W. & Angie Lawson

ECM Entrance (Handicap) - Ann & John Underwood

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

FH Lobby 10:00—11:30 am

J.W. & Angie Lawson

Nursery — Jenna Davis, Brooke Blackmon

Extended Session — Brooke Blackmon, *volunteer needed*

Upcoming



AUGUST - DECEMBER 2025

AUG
3

WESLEY PINES BUS

Transportation to church from Wesley Pines. Pick up time is 10 am.

NOV
2

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

A time of remembrance of members who passed this year

AUG
24

EDUCATION SUNDAY

Prayer for Educators for the start of the school year

NOV
22

BBQ SALE

Support the Youth by purchasing a plate or a pint of BBQ

SEPT
3

FALL KICK OFF

We'll gather together to enjoy homemade ice cream to kick off the 25-26 year.

NOV
23

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Worship will be in the Fellowship Hall

SEPT
10

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

6 pm: Adult Bible Study, Youth Doing Missions, Children's Activities Resume



SEPT
28

SENIOR ADULT SUNDAY

Our Senior Adults will lead elements of Worship

NOV
30

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HANGING OF THE GREEN DURING 10:30 WORSHIP

OCT
5

WORLD COMMUNION & DEACON ELECTION

WORSHIP SERVICE BACK IN SANCTUARY

ADVENT

FULL LIST OF ADVENT SERVICES TO BE ANNOUNCED

OCT
12

FRIENDS OF JESUS SUNDAY

Our FOJ Ministry will lead elements of Worship

OCT
29

TRUNK OR TREAT

Save the date for this community outreach event!

ADVENT CELEBRATIONS INCLUDE:

- Christmas Breakfast & FOJ Class
- Singing Carols
- Children's Christmas Party
- FOJ Christmas Party
- Children's Spontaneous Nativity
- Sanctuary Choir Cantata
- Memorial Service (Longest Night)
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service