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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.





Preparing for Sunday, July 20, 2025 Luke 10:38-42 "The 'Busy Bee' of Bethany" Sandra Cox

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>

Coming up this week. . .

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

Sunday, July 20 We will observe the Ordinance of Communion this Sunday.

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. Snr. Ad. Branson Trip Meeting

(Act. Bld.)

Monday, July 21

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

(Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, July 22

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

Wednesday, July 23 Mars Hill Mission Day

6:00 p.m. Meet 'n Eat at Retro City Arcade

9:00 a m Rible Study (219 Flm

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<u>Saturday, July 26</u> Youth Music Retreat July 26-31

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

Coming Up:

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

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

Sept. 2 — Baptist Women's Bible Study resumes

meeting, 11:45 am, Activities Building.

Sept. 3 — Fall Kick-off

Sept. 7-13 — Snr. Ad. Trip to Branson

Sept. 10 — Wednesday Nights resume meeting at 6 pm

Sept. 11 —Fun & Fellowship resumes meeting, 11 am, Activities Building

Sept. 15 — WMU resumes meeting, 11:45 am, Activities Building.



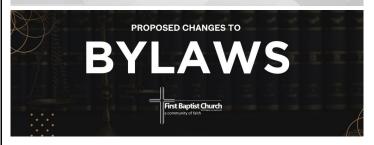
MEET AT 219 ELM JULY 10, 17, 24, 31



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 welcomecome as you are, bring your Bible, grab a coffee, and let's dive in together.

QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2025 6 PM First Baptist Church ROOM D-113



Please plan to attend this important meeting:

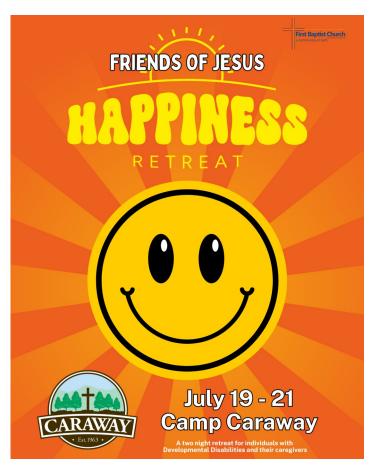
- 1. We'll review financial statements,
- 2. We'll vote to adopt the proposed changes to the Bylaws,
- 3. The Nominating Committee Report for the 2025-26 year will be presented.

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



Robeson County Church & Community Center's Back to School Project 2025

This year's back to school project will look a little different for RCCC. This year, they are sponsoring 200 local classrooms with supplies. Educators wishing to apply should complete an application. If you would like to help by purchasing supplies, you may do so through an Amazon wish list they have set up. Links to both the application and the Amazon list are provided on RCCC's Facebook page.



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. 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

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



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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

Thank you to these 2025 hosts:

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





Contact Michelle Prevatte, ECM Director: 910-738-6608 michelleprevatte@fbclumbertonnc.org



Thank you to those who have agreed to help our seniors continue to attend the church they love! You will not only be helping our members who currently reside at Wesley Pines, you will also grow our church through recruitment of other Wesley Pines residents. A schedule for August through January was recently mailed to volunteers.

We encourage you to by the church after worship Sunday, July 20th or during church conference on Wednesday, July 30th to familiarize yourself with the bus (take it for a spin, practice using the lift, etc.). If you have questions, contact the office.





Senior/Retired Adults:

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

Caswell Fall Retreat 2025

October 27-29, 2025 Cost is \$180.00

Alabama Theatre's Christmas Show

Tuesday, November 4
Cost is \$70. Supper will be at Chesapeake
House. Trip is full, but let us know if you are
interested in going in case someone cannot.

Gaither Family Fest 2026

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

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 had a birthday July 16th!

Miriam Edwards 451 Sandlin Drive Lumberton, NC 28358



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

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

FH Lobby 10:00—11:30 am Jimmy & Billie Dail

Nursery — Jenna Davis, Brooke Blackmon

Extended Session — Brooke Blackmon, Pattie Ramsaur

Photos from Meet 'n Eat at Slim Chickens & Baskin Robins and from serving lunch to Dixie Softball Tournament volunteers



Upcoming

First Baptist Church a community of faith

AUGUST - DECEMBER 2025

AUG

3

WESLEY PINES BUS

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

AUG

EDUCATION SUNDAY

Prayer for Educators for the start of the school vear

SEPT

24

FALL KICK OFF

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

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

OCT

5

WORLD COMMUNION & DEACON ELECTION

WORSHIP SERVICE BACK IN SANCTUARY

OCT

12

FRIENDS OF JESUS SUNDAY

Our FOJ Ministry will lead elements of Worship

OCT

TRUNK OR TREAT

Save the date for this community outreach event!

NOV

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

A time of remembrance of members who passed this year

NOV

22

BBQ SALE

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

NOV

23

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Worship will be in the Fellowship Hall



NOV

30

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HANGING OF THE GREEN DURING 10:30 WORSHIP

ADVENT

FULL LIST OF ADVENT SERVICES TO BE ANNOUNCED

ADVENT CELEBRATIONS INCLUDE:

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