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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.





"Reaping" a watercolor by Michael Coulter

Preparing for Sunday, July 6, 2025 Galatians 6:7-16 (NRSVue) "Freedom, Freebird, and Freewill" Rev. Doug Reedy

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/

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.*



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Coming up this week...

Sunday, July 6

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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

10:30 a.m. Worship (online)

Monday, July 7

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

Tuesday, July 8

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

Wednesday, July 9

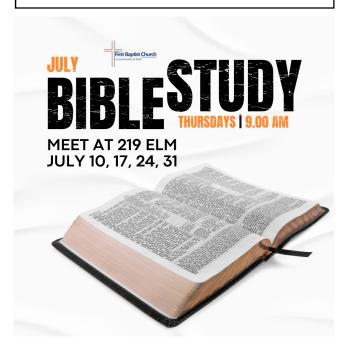
Meet 'n Eat at Slim Chickens/ 6:00 p.m. Baskin Robbins in Pembroke

Thursday, July 10

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

<u>Saturday, July 12</u> Hispanic Ministry Bible 3:00 p.m. Study (Act. Bld.)

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



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.

The monthly edition of First Baptist News, usually published the first Thursday of each month, will be mailed Thursday, July 10th. 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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Contact Us

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On Sunday, June 29th we packed snack bags for disaster relief in partnership with CBFNC. We are excited about organizing a trip to Mars Hill on Wednesday, July 23 to assist in preparing meal boxes for 100 families in western NC.

The plan is to make it a day trip - leaving around 7:30 am, working in the afternoon, and returning in the evening. We aim to gather a group of no more than 12 individuals. If you're interested, please let us know by July 11th. Looking forward to having you join us!



Sunday, June 29 we packed Backpack Snack Bags for children as a part of CBFNC's WNC Disaster Response to be sent to Mars Hill.

Now there is an opportunity to travel to Mars Hill for a day to prepare meal boxes for 100 families in WNC.

We have space for 12 folks to attend.

We'll need to know no later than July 11th if you can go.

Contact the office to register, or register online through ACS Realm Connect.



Coming Up:

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

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

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

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 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

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.



The Bylaws Committee proposed changes to the Bylaws that were presented to and approved by the Deacons on Monday, June 23, 2025. A digital copy of the proposed bylaws was emailed with last week's edition of the church newsletter. To request a paper copy of the proposed Bylaws changes in lieu of email, contact the church office.

The church will vote to adopt the proposed changes during the July 30, 2025 Quarterly Church Conference at 6:00 pm.

UPCOMING YOUTH TRIPS

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.

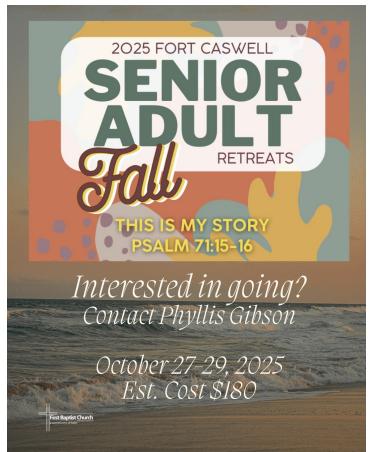


Monthly Food Drive—July 6

Many of us have never experienced true hunger, but some in our community do. In the coming weeks, you can help feed the hungry in our community by bringing canned or dry goods to donate to our monthly Food Drive. Donations collected will be sent to local food banks. As you are out and about the next couple of weeks, pick up an extra can and bring it with you Sunday. Suggestions: Poptop canned goods, cereal, peanut butter, canned meats, pasta & pasta sauce. Items should be in-date and in their original packaging.







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 has a birthday coming up July 8th!

Margie Cribb 4938 Pinedale Blvd 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) - Shirley Hickman ECM Entrance (Handicap) - Brenda & James Britt

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

FH Lobby 10:00—11:30 am Sue O'Tuel

Nursery — Jenna Davis, Brooke Blackmon

Extended Session — Brooke Blackmon, Heather Walters