

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, August 3, 2025
Luke 12:13-21 (NLT)
“Storage Wars”

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/

DEACON NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED AUG. 1-31, 2025

Prayerfully consider
your nominations for
deacon and complete a
nomination form no
later than
August 31, 2025.

Forms are available in
the church office and in
church publications.



Coming up this week...

Sunday, August 3

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

Monday, August 4

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

Tuesday, August 5

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group (Zoom)
2:00 p.m. Youth Council Meeting
6:15 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 6

5:00 p.m. Endowment Committee Meeting
6:30 p.m. Sacred Strolls (Tanglewood)

Saturday, August 9

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



Wesley Pines bus
transportation begins
Sunday, August 3rd!



Pick-up time 10 am

Starting this Sunday, our church bus will
begin picking up residents at Wesley Pines
for worship! We're so thankful for the
volunteers and everyone with a hand in this
ministry.

Coming Up:

Nominations for Deacon accepted August 1-31.

Wednesdays in August at 6:30 pm — Sacred Strolls

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. 11 — Together for Hope event in Fellowship Hall

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

Sept 20 — Community Café hosted at Asbury Methodist (Chip & Nancy Bass)

Sept. 22 — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Chapel. Deacons will meet at 7 pm in the Activities Building.

Sept. 25 — Newsletter will include Deacon Nominee Biographical information and Election information.

Sept. 28 — Senior Adult Sunday

Sept. 29-Oct. 2 — Deacon Election absentee voting

Sept. 29-Oct. 3 — Kandace & Rev. Doug Reedy on vacation

Oct. 5 — World Communion Sunday & Deacon Election; Worship service moved back to Sanctuary (subject to change).

Oct. 7 — Baptist Women's Bible Study, 11:45, Act. Bld.

Oct. 9 — Fun & Fellowship, 11 am, at Susan Noble's home in Elizabethtown

Oct. 12 — Friends of Jesus Sunday

Oct. 18 — Community Café hosted by Collins Sunday School Class

Oct. 20 — WMU, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.

Oct. 20 — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in the Chapel. Deacons will meet at 7 pm in the Activities Building.

Oct. 22 — Quarterly Church Conference w/Committee on Committees Report

Oct. 24-26 — CBFNC Youth Beach Retreat

Oct. 27-30 — Snr Ad Caswell Fall Retreat

Oct. 29 — Trunk or Treat



Introducing “Sacred Strolls”: Walking with Purpose Through Lumberton

This August, you're invited to take a deeper look at our community through Sacred Strolls, a new weekly experience that blends spiritual reflection, community connection, and intentional presence in the neighborhoods of Lumberton.

Each Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 PM, we'll gather at a different location in town to walk, reflect, and listen—for the Spirit, for our neighbors, and for new insight into how we as a church can love and serve our city well.

We'll begin each gathering with a large group time for orientation and prayer before breaking into small groups. Each group will receive a map and a set of reflection prompts to guide a short walking route through the surrounding area. We'll conclude back together for a large group debrief and closing reflection.

The purpose of Sacred Strolls is simple but powerful: to see our city with fresh eyes and to ask God to help us notice what we may have missed before—needs, possibilities, and the quiet presence of grace already at work in these neighborhoods.

Please wear comfortable shoes and clothing, and feel free to bring a water bottle.

Sacred Strolls Schedule:

- **August 6** – *Tanglewood* (Meet at Tanglewood Elementary)
- **August 13** – *Godwin Heights* (Meet at Godwin Heights Baptist)
- **August 20** – *East Lumberton* (Meet at Ivey's Park – 70 Carolina Ave.)
- **August 27** – *South Lumberton* (Meeting spot TBD)

Come walk with us (physically and spiritually) as we learn to love Lumberton more deeply, one step at a time.



Are You Balanced?

Join us for Lunch & Learn Monday, September 29, 2025 at 12 Noon at First Presbyterian Church's Fellowship Hall. Windy Christy is our speaker and will provide information and a few exercises you can do at home to help you maintain senior mobility and balance.

Please RSVP by 12 noon, Friday, September 19 so we can give First Presbyterian a number to expect from FBCL.

STAY IN TOUCH
VIA EMAILS & TEXT

SIGN UP TODAY!

Text "JOIN" & your email
to 910-941-3878

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:

Aug. 16 — Children's Committee
Sept. 20 — at Asbury UMC
Oct. 18 — Collins Sunday School
Nov. 15 — Youth
Dec. 20 — Bridge Sunday School

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 will
resume September 10.**

**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).



Contact Us

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

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Senior/Retired Adults:

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

Northwood Temple's Dinner Theatre

Saturday, October 4

12:15 buffet lunch, 1:15 showtime

\$35 per ticket

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 has a birthday coming up August 8th!

Elizabeth Hungate
1000 Wesley Pines Rd
Lumberton, NC 28358

Happy Birthday

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) - Sue O'Tuel

ECM Entrance (Handicap) - Angie & JW Lawson

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

FH Lobby 10:00—11:30 am

Ann & John Underwood

Nursery — Jenna Davis, Brooke Blackmon

Extended Session — Brooke Blackmon, Nancy Wagner

Bus Team — Phyllis Gibson, Jeanne Stevens



WHERE EVERY CHILD'S JOURNEY BEGINS!

OUR OFFERINGS:

Full Time Child
Care & NC PreK

LOCATION

606 N. Walnut St.
Lumberton, NC

CONTACT US

910-738-6608
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Still accepting applications for our 2025-2026 school year for 2's, 3's, 4's and NC PreK (spaces are limited)

WE OFFER A RESEARCH-BASED CURRICULUM ALIGNED WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA FOUNDATIONS OF EARLY LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

If you have a Kindergartener that will attend Tanglewood this school year, we are beginning a waiting list for after-school care. Please call if interested.

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.*

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



GIVING

FIRST BAPTIST

AUG 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3  Wesley Pines Bus Pick-up Begins 10 am	4	5 Youth Council 2 pm Missions Committee Meeting 6:15 pm	6 Endowment Meeting 5 pm  Sacred Stroll 6:30 pm	7	8	9
10	11	12	13  Sacred Stroll 6:30 pm	14	15	16  Community Café hosted by Children's Committee
17	18	19 PreK Training in Fellowship Hall Youth Committee Meeting 6 pm	20  Sacred Stroll 6:30 pm	21	22  ECM Closed for Teacher Work Day	23
 24 Education Sunday Emphasis	25 ECM 2025-26 Year begins Finance 5:45 pm Deacons 7 pm	26	27  Sacred Stroll 6:30 pm	28	29	30
31  Last Day for Deacon Nominations	1  Church & ECM Closed	2  Baptist Women's Bible Study 11:45 am	3  FALL KICK-OFF Wednesday Night Activities Resume Sept 10 at 6 pm	4	5	6

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

At First Baptist, deacons are elected from among the adult church membership to serve as spiritual leaders and trusted servants of the congregation. The Deacon Body is composed of 16 individuals total who are elected to four-year terms and begin their service on January 1st following their election.



Expectations & Responsibilities

Deacons are expected to attend monthly meetings and be actively engaged in the life of the church. Their most essential role is to offer spiritual servant leadership to the congregation. In addition to this, deacons also carry legal and fiduciary responsibilities, and are accountable to the congregation in all of their work. This includes:

- Modeling spiritual maturity in daily life
- Participating in worship leadership
- Serving others through acts of compassion
- Supporting the mission and ministries of the church
- Helping evaluate the church's progress toward its goals
- Listening and responding to the needs and hopes of the church community

Biblical & Church Standards for Deacons

The scriptural foundations for the role of deacon are found in 1 Timothy 3:8–13, Acts 6:1–7, Romans 16:1–2.

In accordance with these teachings, deacons are expected to be individuals who:

- Demonstrate a deep commitment to the will and ways of Jesus Christ
- Hold full membership in the church and have sufficient experience in the congregation to serve effectively
- Show a pattern of active participation in the life and ministries of the church
- Exhibit a record of constructive, servant-hearted leadership
- Faithfully steward their gifts, talents, time, energy, and financial resources

Deacons are essential partners in ministry — encouraging, supporting, and helping to lead the church in faith, mission, and love.



Deacon Nomination Form 2025

Please prayerfully consider your nominations for deacon, write their names below, and return to the church no later than August 31, 2025. You may nominate as many as you would like and turn in as many nominations as you would like during the month of August. There is no need to nominate the same person more than once. In accordance with our bylaws, those eligible must be from the adult church membership, 21 or older, and resident members of First Baptist Church for at least one year prior to October 1st of the current year.

Listed below are the names of persons elected in 2019-2024 as Deacons of this church. Do not nominate any of these persons. They are ineligible for re-election at this time.

Barbara Andrews (2026)
Danny Cook (2024)
Sandra Cox (2028)
Bruce Davis (2025)
William Davis (2026)
Judy Driscoll (2024)
Phyllis Gibson (2028)
James Gore (2027)

Betty Graham (2024)
Drina Hedgpeth (2025)
Lisa Johnson (2028)
James W. Lawson (2026)
Katherine Martin (2024)
Summer Pittman (2024)
Eddie Prevatte (2025)
David Ramsaur (2028)

Jeanne Stevens (2025)
Christy Strickland (2026)
Tony Thompson (2027)
John Underwood (2027)
Nancy Wagner (2024)
Chris Walters (2027)

Nominees will be reviewed for eligibility according to the bylaws of First Baptist Church. Eligible nominees will be contacted by the elections committee to assure their willingness to serve if elected. Deacon Election will take place October 5, 2025. You may submit forms in the church office, by fax (739-7858), by e-mail (office@fbclumbertonnc.org), or by mail (606 N. Walnut St., Lumberton, NC 28358).