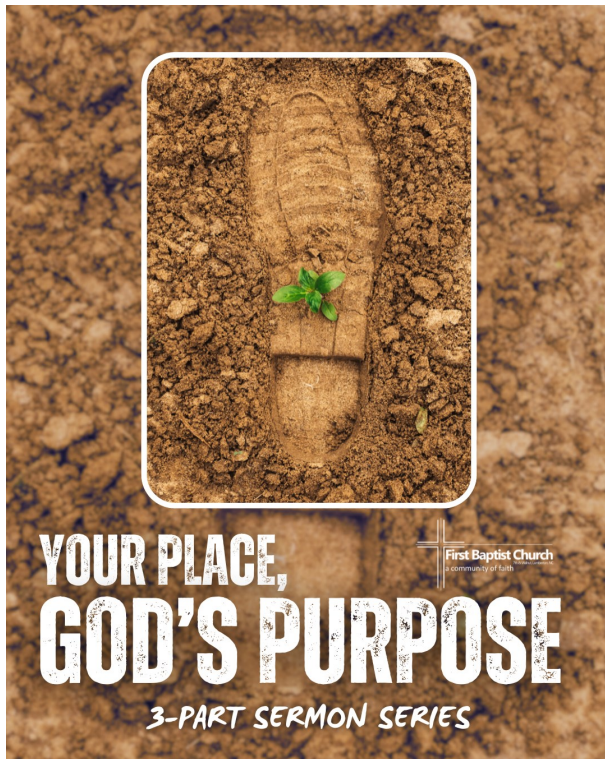


# First Baptist News

*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 17, 2025

**“Your Place, God’s Purpose:  
We Are All Created to Serve”**  
Romans 12:3-21 (NLT)

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](https://facebook.com/firstbaptistlumbertonnc)

or online on YouTube

[youtube.com/c/lumbertonfbc/](https://youtube.com/c/lumbertonfbc/)

We will serve breakfast and pray with the staff at Tanglewood Elementary as their staff comes back for the new year! We will provide breakfast on Wednesday, August 20 at 8:30 am for approx. 70 folks. If you would be willing to help, either by being present and serving, contributing food/drink, or possibly some other gift for the staff (notes of encouragement, gift bags, etc.) let any of our Pastors or the church office know ASAP. Thanks in advance everyone for prayerfully considering!

## *Coming up this week. . .*

### **Sunday, August 17**

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

### **Monday, August 18**

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

### **Tuesday, August 19**

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group (Zoom)
- 8:00 a.m. Partnership’s PreK Training (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00 p.m. Senior Adult Committee Meeting (Act. Bld.)
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting

### **Wednesday, August 20**

- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast for Tanglewood
- 6:30 p.m. Sacred Strolls (E. L’ton Ivey’s Park)

### **Friday, August 22**

- ECM closed to students for Staff Professional Development/Open House*
- 1:00-3:00 p.m. ECM Open House

### **Saturday, August 23**

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



### *Coming Up:*

**Nominations for Deacon accepted August 1-31.  
Wednesdays in August at 6:30 pm — Sacred Strolls**

**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. 27** — CBFNC Youth Beach Retreat payment due  
**Aug. 29-Sept. 16** — Len on vacation  
**Aug. 31** — Youth Sunday School moves to 2nd Floor  
**Aug. 31** — Worship will be held in the Chapel  
**Sept. 1** — ECM & office closed for Labor Day  
**Sept. 2** — Baptist Women's Bible Study resumes meeting, 11:45 am, Activities Building.  
**Sept. 2** — Committee on Committees Meeting, 6 pm  
**Sept. 3** — Fall Kick-off  
**Sept. 3** — Youth Ski Trip Deposit due (\$100)  
**Sept. 4** — *NOTE: Date Change.* Fun & Fellowship resumes meeting, 11 am, Activities Building  
**Sept. 7-13** — Snr. Ad. Trip to Branson  
**Sept. 7** — Youth Bible Study & Youth Bells resume  
**Sept. 10** — Wednesday Nights resume meeting at 6 pm. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal resumes at 7 pm.  
**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. 13-15** — *NOTE: Date Change.* Snr Ad Caswell Fall Retreat.  
**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. 29** — Trunk or Treat



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

#### **Sacred Strolls Schedule:**

- **August 20** – *East Lumberton* (Meet at Ivey's Park – 70 Carolina Ave.)
- **August 27** – *South Lumberton* (Meeting spot TBD)



#### **Monthly Food Drive**

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. Donations collected will be sent to local food banks to be distributed safely and efficiently. As you are out and about town running errands, pick up an extra can and bring it with you Sunday. Suggestions: Pop-top canned goods, cereal, peanut butter, canned meats, pasta & pasta sauce. Items should be in-date and in their original packaging.





We are thrilled about this year's Fall Kick-off event! Join us at 6 pm in Cherry Fellowship Hall for a delightful evening of homemade ice cream and desserts. We will discuss the exciting opportunities planned for the upcoming church year. You are warmly invited to bring your own homemade ice cream or dessert to share with everyone.

→ *If your small group, ministry, or program (such as Senior Adults, Youth, Children, or other groups) would like a table set up to share updates and upcoming events, please let the church office know in advance so we can reserve your space.*

Our Wednesday night activities will officially resume on September 10th, including Adult Bible Study, Youth Doing Missions, and Children's Music and Missions, all starting at 6 pm. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal will resume at 7 pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Person of the Week

Send a card, letter, or other remembrance to our very special person this week.

**Lisa Rust**  
**602 Yorkshire Place**  
**Lumberton, NC 28358**

## 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

or online on Facebook Live

[facebook.com/firstbaptistlumbertonnc](https://facebook.com/firstbaptistlumbertonnc)

or online on YouTube

[youtube.com/c/lumbertonfbc/](https://youtube.com/c/lumbertonfbc/)

**Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study,  
 Youth Doing Missions, Children's Music  
 & Missions, and Sanctuary Choir  
 Rehearsal will resume Wednesday,  
 September 10.**

## Contact Us

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

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 Lumberton, NC 28358

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Rev. Doug Reedy — Associate Pastor of Youth,  
 Young Adults and Missions;  
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First Baptist Church  
a community of faith

# Youth Ski TRIP 2026

16-20 JAN 2026

**SIGN UP**



\$100 non-refundable deposit is due Sept. 3rd

**CANAAN VALLEY**  
West Virginia

**\$600**  
Skiers

**\$400**  
Non-Skiers

Contact Rev. Doug Reedy for info

We are organizing a fun youth ski trip to Canaan Valley, West Virginia January 16-20, 2026. The total cost for this exciting trip is \$600 for skiers and \$400 for non-skiers. This includes lodging, lift tickets, transportation, and most meals (please note that not all meals are included). To secure your spot, we require a \$100 non-refundable deposit by September 3, 2025. Contact Rev. Doug Reedy, the office, or register online.

### PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- \$100 non-refundable deposit - due 9/3
- \$100 payment - due 12/3
- Remaining balance - due 1/7

Beginning this season, *Open Windows* will no longer be ordered. Over time, we've found that many of you are already using a variety of other devotional resources—both in print and online. With so many options readily available, we want to encourage everyone to continue exploring the devotional format that best fits your daily routine and spiritual growth. If you need suggestions for alternative devotional materials, please contact the church office.

CBFNC YOUTH  
**BEACH RETREAT**  
Middle and High School Students

OCTOBER 24-26  
FORT CASWELL  
OAK ISLAND, NC

**THE VOICE OF TRUTH**

**Sign up by Aug. 27th**

Cost is \$150

Contact Rev. Doug Reedy to sign up or sign up online

**SIGN UP**



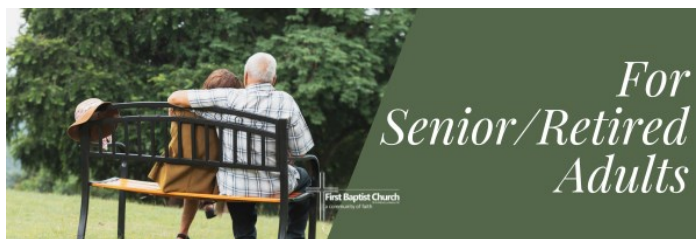
The annual CBFNC Fall Youth Beach Retreat will return to Fort Caswell in Oak Island the weekend of October 24-26, 2025. This retreat is for youth in grades 6-12 and is a weekend filled with worship, Bible study, dance party and lots of free time to play on the beach! Our 2025 theme is "The Voice of Truth" using Philippians 4:8 as our guiding verse for the weekend to encourage young people in seeking wisdom, filtering out distractions and discerning what is true in a world that often feels overwhelming and filled with competing voices. Our leaders are Dane & Caitie Jackson (co-proclaimers) and Kyle Murphy (worship). The cost of this trip is \$150.00 due by Wednesday, August 27, 2025. Contact Rev. Doug Reedy, the office, or register online.

**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





### Senior Adult Sunday

September 28, 2025

Dr. Glenn Jonas will be our guest preacher

### Northwood Temple's Dinner Theatre

Saturday, October 4

12:15 buffet lunch, 1:15 showtime

\$35 per ticket

### Caswell Fall Retreat 2025 (Full)

**DATE CHANGE: October 13-15, 2025**

Cost is \$180.00

### Alabama Theatre's Christmas Show (Full)

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.



Wesley Pines bus  
transportation begins  
Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>!



Pick-up time 10 am

### 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) - Jimmy & Billie Dail

ECM Entrance (Handicap) - *volunteer needed*

### 10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

FH Lobby 10:00—11:30 am

Shirley Hickman

Nursery — Jenna Davis, Brooke Blackmon

Extended Session — Brooke Blackmon, Pattie Ramsaur

Bus Team — Lisa Johnson, Gail Johnson



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

michelleprevatte@fbclumbertonnc.org

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.

Open House is Friday, August 22nd 1-3 pm!

### 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](https://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

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.

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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).