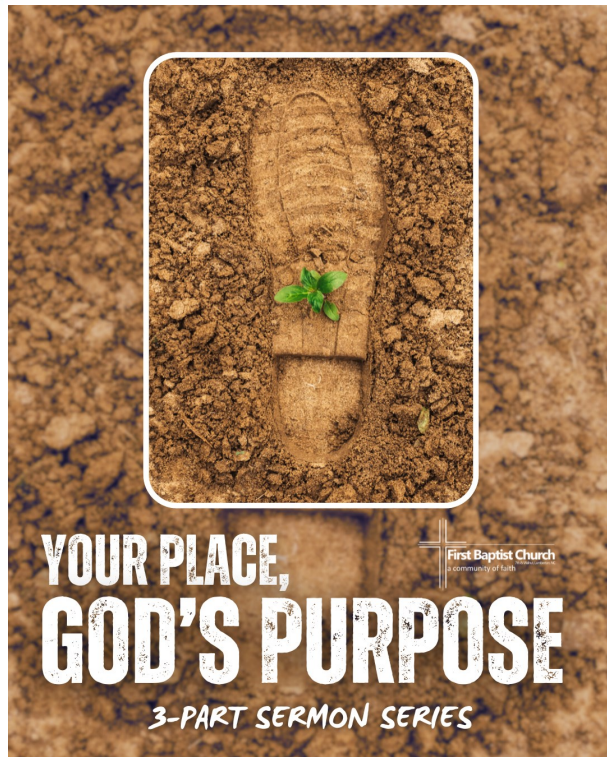


First Baptist News

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 24, 2025

**“Your Place, God’s Purpose:
Aspiring Servant Leaders”**
Matthew 20:24-28 (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
or online on YouTube
youtube.com/c/lumbertonfbc/

During Worship this Sunday, we will take time to recognize and pray for educators, students, and for our Early Childhood Ministry as they begin a new school year. We have invited our ECM staff to attend either in-person or online, so please be sure to tell them how much they are appreciated!

As a reminder to keep our education system in your prayers daily, pick up a bookmark to place in your Bible this Sunday.

Coming up this week. . .

Sunday, August 24

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

Monday, August 25

*The 2025-26 school year begins for
PSRC & ECM*

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

Tuesday, August 26

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group (Zoom)

Wednesday, August 27

CBFNC Youth Beach Retreat

Registration Due

- 6:00 p.m. Sacred Strolls (Sandy Grove)

Saturday, August 30

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

***Sunday, August 31 is the final day to
submit your nominations for Deacon. A
form is available on the back page of
this newsletter.***



Join us for

Education Sunday

August 24th

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

During worship, we will take time to
recognize and pray for educators, students,
including our ECM staff.



Coming Up:

Nominations for Deacon accepted August 1-31. Wednesdays in August at 6:00 pm — Sacred Strolls

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 Ice Cream Social, 6 pm
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. 7 — Adult Bells Rehearsal begins, 6 pm
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. 14 — Worship Planning Retreat, 12-2 pm
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. 23 — Snr. Ad. shopping trip to Dewayne's in Smithfield
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. 21 — Snr. Ad. shopping trip to McBee's Market
Oct. 22 — Quarterly Church Conference w/Committee on Committees Report
Oct. 24-26 — CBFNC Youth Beach Retreat
Oct. 29 — Trunk or Treat! Candy donations will be accepted soon. Let Rev. Doug Reedy if you can pass out candy and/or decorate your vehicle.



This Wednesday evening from 6-7 pm, we'll gather at our final Sacred Strolls community 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 will meet at Sandy Grove Baptist Church, located at 1601 M.L.K. Jr Drive. Please wear comfortable shoes and clothing, and feel free to bring a water bottle. We'll meet rain or shine!



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.

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

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:

Sept. 20 — at Asbury UMC
Oct. 18 — Collins Sunday School
Nov. 15 — Youth
Dec. 20 — Bridge Sunday School

Do you need childcare?

Openings for 2, 3, 4 year olds

REGISTER NOW
Classes start Monday, August 25th!

CALL NOW!
910-738-6608

FIRST BAPTIST
EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LUMBERTON, NC 28358

If you or someone you know needs childcare, the ECM has openings for the new school year for 2,3,4 year olds and limited availability in our NC PreK classes. Open House will be held Friday, August 22 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Call 910-739-6608 for more info!



Here's some staffing info you should know:

- Kandace, Office Assistant, will be out of the office the week of August 25. Due to this, the August 28th edition of the newsletter will not be published.
- Len, Building Superintendent, will be out of the office August 27-September 14.
- The offices and ECM will be closed Monday, September 1 in observance of Labor Day.

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

or online on YouTube

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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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



- **Shopping trip to Dewayne's at Smithfield**
Tuesday, September 23
- **Senior Adult Sunday is September 28!**
Dr. Glenn Jonas will be our guest preacher during Worship. Senior Adults will be leading in various Worship elements. Let Rev. Josh Owens know if you are willing to lead a certain element, such as prayer or scripture reading.
- **Lunch and Learn at First Presbyterian**
Monday, September 23
- **Northwood Temple's Dinner Theatre**
Saturday, October 4 lunch-time show
\$35 per ticket. THREE TICKETS available.
- **Caswell Fall Retreat 2025 (Full)**
DATE CHANGE: October 13-15, 2025
- **Shopping trip to McBee's Market**
Tuesday, October 21
- **Alabama Theatre's Christmas Show**
Tuesday, November 4
Cost is \$70. Supper will be at Chesapeake House. ONE TICKET available.
- **Greg Rowles Theatre's Christmas Show**
Tuesday, November 11
Cost is \$40. Limited tickets available.
- **Gaither Family Fest 2026**
May 22-24, 2026 in Gatlinburg, TN
The cost is \$475.00 (\$50 deposit). Several tickets still available.

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

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) - Brenda & James Britt

ECM Entrance (Handicap) - Sue O'Tuel

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, Christy Strickland

Bus Team — Rev. Josh Owens, *volunteer*

People of the Week

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

**Kaitlyn Reedy
NCSSM**

**1219 Broad Street
Durham, NC 27705**

**Gabby Hardee/NCSSM
Room 5220 5th North
901 Burkemont Ave
Morganton, NC 28655**

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).

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).