

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,
September 14, 2025
“All is Not Lost”
Luke 15:1-10 (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/

First Baptist ECM has openings in some classes and need your help filling them. If you or someone you know needs childcare for a 2, 3, or 4 year old, refer them to us. We offer a quality program with curriculum, hot meals, loving staff, and in a Christian environment. If you are a currently enrolled family, you will earn a FREE week of childcare for each successful enrollment you refer to us. Call our ECM at 910-738-6608 for more info!

Coming up this week. . .

Sunday, September 14

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (in Cherry Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (online)
- 12:00 p.m. Worship Planning Retreat
- 3:30 p.m. Buildings & Grounds Meeting
- 4:45 p.m. Youth Bells Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study (Act. Bld.)

Monday, September 15

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm.)
- 11:45 a.m. WMU Meeting (Act. Bld.)
- 5:45 p.m. Called Finance Meeting (Chapel)

Tuesday, September 16

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

Wednesday, September 17

- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (Rm D-113)
- Youth Doing Missions (Act Bld)
- Children's Music & Missions
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

September 18-19: ECM Fall Pictures

Saturday, September 20

- 10:30 a.m. Community Café
hosted by and at Asbury Methodist
(118 Orange St.)
- 3:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry Bible
Study (Act. Bld.)





This fall starting September 17th, our Wednesday night adult Bible study will be “Exploring the Spiritual Disciplines.” Together we’ll look at twelve classic spiritual practices that have shaped Christian faith throughout the centuries. We’ll use Richard Foster’s classic book, *Celebration of Discipline*, as a resource. While you are not required to purchase the book, those who want to go deeper are encouraged to get their own copy. It’s available for less than \$20 on Amazon (or free if you have a Kindle Unlimited account).



Ms. Summer is celebrating 5 years of service Monday, Sept. 15th in the ECM. She currently serves as a PreK Assistant Teacher, where her kindness, patience, and dedication shine through in all she does. We are so grateful for the love and care she pours into our children and families each day. Congratulations, Summer!

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.

Sundays

Worship in Cherry Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School
10:30 a.m.—Worship in-person or online
4:45 p.m.—Youth Bells Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.—Youth Bible Study
6:00 p.m.—Adult Bells Rehearsal (starting 10/5)

Wednesdays

6:00 p.m.—Adult Bible Study, Youth Doing Missions, and Children’s Music and Missions
7:00 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Worship services are livestreamed on Facebook Live

facebook.com/firstbaptistlumbertonnc

and on YouTube

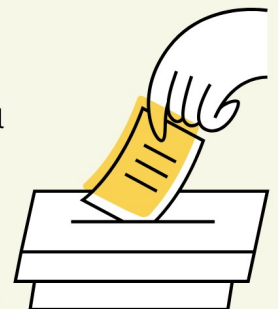
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025 IS

DEACON ELECTION

TIMELINE

- Sept. 25 - Newsletter will contain biographical info of nominees and election information
- Sept. 29 - Absentee voting begins
- Oct. 5 - Deacon Election
- Jan. 1 - New class of Deacons take office





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.

WILDERNESS TRAIL YOUTH TRIP 2026
a Christian multi-day hiking experience in southwest Virginia
July 12-18, 2026
\$300 total cost with \$100 deposit due October 8, 2025
Contact Rev. Doug Reedy for details

YOUTH TRIP PASSPORT MISSIONS 2026
JUNE 23 - JULY 3
Richmond, Virginia
\$600 total trip cost with \$100 deposit due Sept. 24
SIGN UP
More Info: Contact Rev. Doug Reedy

Parents of Youth, check your email from Doug for specifics for upcoming activities and trips.

Passport Trip deposit due Sept. 24
Wilderness Trail deposit due Oct. 8

Sign up through Rev. Doug, or scan the QR code on the flyers to securely register and pay online via card.

The Committee on Committees is currently meeting and preparing for the 2026 report. Please in prayer for those willing to serve on this committee as they call folks to determine their willingness to serve in various ministries.

The Committee on Committees report is scheduled to be presented during Church Conference October 22.

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL **BBQ PLATE SALE**
SUPPORTS YOUTH MISSIONS
606 N WALNUT STREET
LUMBERTON, NC 28358
First Baptist Church
a community of faith
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21
11:00AM UNTIL WE RUN OUT
\$10 for a pint of just BBQ or a plate, which includes BBQ, beans, slaw, bread, dessert
Tickets are available for purchase from any FBC Youth.
Call us for more info: 910-739-4336

For the Record

Budgeted 2025.....	\$646,000.00
Weekly Need (2025).....	\$12,423.08
Received September 7	\$20,591.62
Need to date	\$447,230.88
Received to date	\$418,022.17
Over (Under) Budget	(\$29,208.71)

*Sept. 7th was the 36th Sunday of the year.
Number of Sundays remaining in 2025 = 16*

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

SENIOR ADULT SUNDAY IS
September 28th
10:30 A.M. WORSHIP



Dr. Glenn Jonas will be our guest preacher & Senior Adults will lead in various elements of Worship.



Stay in touch by signing up for church emails and text messages!

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

or scan this QR code
with your cell phone's
camera to access the
sign up form



SENIOR & RETIRED ADULT ACTIVITIES

Sign up by contacting the office



910-739-4336

SEPT 23

Shopping trip to Dewayne's in Smithfield

SEPT 28

Senior Adult Sunday
10:30 am Worship
Dr. Glenn Jonas, Guest Preacher

SEPT 29

Lunch & Learn hosted at First
Presbyterian at 12 noon. RSVP by 9/19

OCT 4

Northwood Temple's Dinner Theatre
Matinee Showtime. \$35 per ticket.

OCT 21

Shopping trip to McBee's Market, SC

NOV 11

Rowles Theatre's Christmas Show
Myrtle Beach. \$40 per ticket.

**MAY
2026**

Gaither Fest in Gatlinburg, TN
May 22-24, 2026
\$475 per person

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.

If you would like to place flowers in the church 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).

Small Group Meetings Resume Meeting in Activities Building

- Baptist Women's Bible Study meets the first Monday at 11:45 am.
- Fun & Fellowship meets the second Thursday at 11 am.
- WMU meets the third Monday at 11:45 am.



Trunk or Treat!

We are excited for our Trunk or Treat community event on Wednesday, October 29th! We anticipate the need for lots of candy and treats again this year!

How you can help make this year's event the best ever:

1. CANDY & TREATS

Halloween candy seems to sell out quickly so we ask for donations well in advance of the event. Donations may be dropped off in the office, or if you have an Amazon Prime or Walmart+ you can have the candy shipped directly to us! Use mailing address 606 N. Walnut Street, Lumberton, NC 28358 if you choose this option.

2. CAR DECORATING & CANDY DISTRIBUTION

We also need people to sign-up to decorate their vehicle and/or hand out candy. Call the church office or Rev. Doug Reedy if you are willing to help (910-739-4336).

Coming Up:

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. 24 — Youth Passport Missions trip deposit due (\$100)

Sept. 25 — The October monthly edition of the newsletter will be published early on this date. It will include Deacon Nominee Biographical information and Election information.

Sept. 28 — Senior Adult Sunday. Dr. Glenn Jonas is our guest preacher.

Sept. 29 — Lunch & Learn hosted at First Pres. RSVP by Sept. 19th so we can provide them with a headcount.

Sept. 29-Oct. 2 — Deacon Election absentee voting. Available dates/hours to be announced.

Sept. 29-Oct. 3 — Kandace & Rev. Doug Reedy on vacation (school fall break)

Oct. 4 — Snr./retired Ad. trip to Northwood Temple's dinner show

Oct. 5 — World Communion Sunday, Deacon Election, and Rev. Doug Reedy recognized for 20 years of service.

Oct 5 — Adult Bells rehearsals begin, 6 pm

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

Oct. 8 — Youth Wilderness Trail deposit due (\$100)

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

Oct. 12 — Friends of Jesus Sunday

Oct. 13-15 — Snr Ad Caswell Fall Retreat

Oct. 14 — Lower Cape Fear Life Care Lunch & Learn for clergy, Act. Bld.

Oct. 18 — Community Café hosted by Collins Class

Oct. 19 — Youth Haunted House Trip (date change)

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

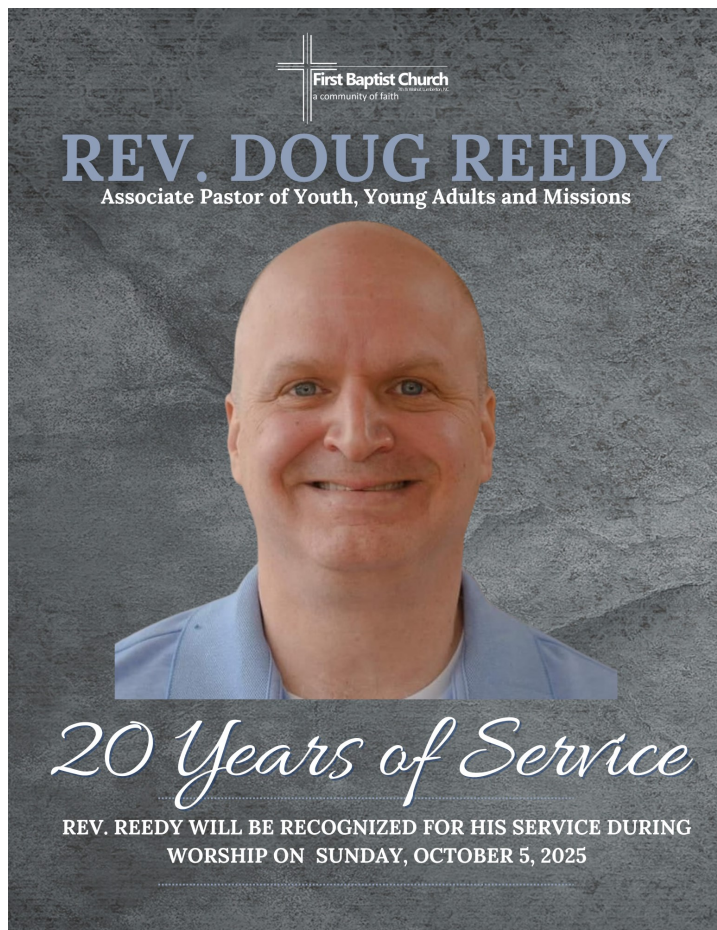
Oct. 22 — Quarterly Church Conference w/ Committee on Committees Report

Oct. 24-26 — CBFNC Youth Beach Retreat

Oct. 29 — Trunk or Treat! 6 pm

Nov. 2 — All Saints Sunday. Daylight savings time ends.

Hanging of the Green greenery fund contributions given in honor of or in memory of a loved one will be accepted in November.



Rev. Doug Reedy's 20th Year!

On October 1st, Rev. Doug Reedy (a.k.a. "Doug") reaches a BIG milestone — 20 years of faithfully serving our students and families at First Baptist Lumberton! Doug isn't one for fanfare, but we still want to honor him in a meaningful way. We invite you to share a word of thanks, a memory, or a blessing. These messages will be collected and given to Doug on Sunday, October 5th during worship.

- A link to the digital submission form is included in this week's church email. If you need the link directly, contact the church office.
- The deadline for submissions is Friday, September 19th.
- We'll also have a basket available for those who wish to bring a handwritten card.

Please share this opportunity with others who know Doug — let's shower him with gratitude for two decades of faithful ministry! Everyone is invited to join us for worship on October 5th as we celebrate Doug together.

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

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Nursery — Jenna Davis, Brooke Blackmon

Extended Session — Brooke Blackmon, Nancy Wagner

Bus Team — Eddie Prevatte, *volunteer rider needed*

Person of the Week — New Member!

Send a card, letter, or other remembrance to our very special person this week. She recently joined the church (Aug. 31st). We welcome her to our community of faith!

Linda Hedgpeth

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