

# First Baptist News

*FBC Lumberton is a community of faith committed to living out the love of Christ by serving God and all people.*



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## Coming up this week. . .

### Sunday, September 7

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (in Cherry Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (online)
- 4:45 p.m. Youth Bells Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study (Act. Bld.)

*Sept. 7-13: Snr. Ad. Trip to Branson*

### Monday, September 8

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

### Tuesday, September 9

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

### Wednesday, September 10

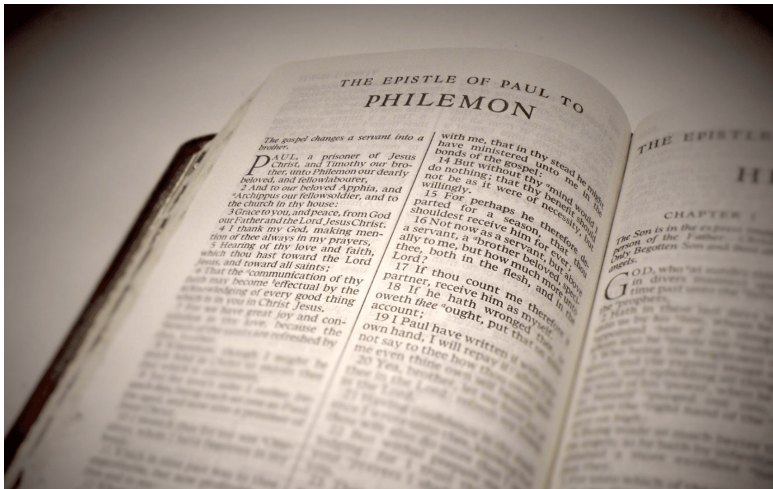
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (Rm D-113)
- Youth Doing Missions (Act Bld)
- Children's Music & Missions

### Thursday, September 11

- 5:30 p.m. Youth Council Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Together for Hope Event (Fellowship Hall)

### Saturday, September 13

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



Preparing for Sunday,  
September 7, 2025  
"What's the Use to You"  
Philemon 1:1-25 (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/)



Toiletries can be used, too!

Donations are accepted  
in the office or place  
them in the labeled bins  
around the church.

## 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.

**A Note from the Pastor's Desk**  
**September 2025**



Summer is winding down, and with it comes transitions to the rhythms of fall. I'm excited to invite you to join a transformative adult Bible study that will take place on Wednesdays this fall, beginning September 17th. Together, with inspiration from Richard Foster's beloved classic, "Celebration of Discipline," we will dive deep into the twelve traditional spiritual disciplines that have sustained and strengthened believers for centuries.

This eight-week study will guide us through three categories of spiritual practices that can revolutionize our walk with God. We'll begin with the **Inward Disciplines**—meditation, prayer, fasting, and study—practices that help us cultivate intimacy with the Lord and develop spiritual depth. These aren't merely religious exercises, but pathways to experiencing God's presence in fresh and meaningful ways.

Next, we'll explore the **Outward Disciplines** of simplicity, solitude, submission, and service. In our busy, consumer-driven culture, these practices offer freedom from the tyranny of material excess and the constant noise that drowns out God's voice. You'll discover how simplicity can bring clarity to your priorities, how solitude can restore your soul, and how service can connect you more deeply to God's heart for others.

Finally, we'll examine the **Corporate Disciplines**—confession, worship, guidance, and celebration. These communal practices remind us that spiritual growth isn't meant to be a solitary journey. Through authentic confession, we experience the healing power of vulnerability. Through worship, we align our hearts with heaven's priorities. Through seeking guidance together, we learn to discern God's will more clearly.

Whether you are new or old in your faith, these ancient practices can speak to modern struggles today. Do you find yourself constantly distracted during prayer? Overwhelmed by life's demands? Struggling to hear God's voice amid the chaos? The spiritual disciplines aren't legalistic requirements—they're gifts from our loving Father, designed to create space for His transforming presence in our lives.

These disciplines offer practical ways to deepen your relationship with God. Each week, we'll not only study these practices but also experiment with incorporating them into our daily lives, sharing our experiences and supporting one another in the journey. I look forward to seeing you all on Wednesdays this fall at 6 PM in Room D-113!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joshua Owens".

Rev. Joshua K. Owens, *Senior Pastor*





This fall, 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).

Start Date: September 17  
End Date: November 19

Note: We will take a two-week break for Trunk or Treat and Church Conference.

Special Kick-Off Night:  
Next Wednesday, September 10, we’ll welcome Rev. Dr. Jason Coker with *Together For Hope – Rural Development Coalition*. You can learn more about their inspiring work here: [tfhope.org/who-we-are](http://tfhope.org/who-we-are).

They will be on campus Thursday, September 11th for a resource mapping event starting at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in attending the mapping event, you will need to register by visiting <https://givebutter.com/lumbertonassets>.

We look forward to this season of learning, growing, and deepening our walk with Christ together.

## Worship with Us

606 N. Walnut Street  
[fbclumbertonnc.org](http://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 — starting Sept. 10

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

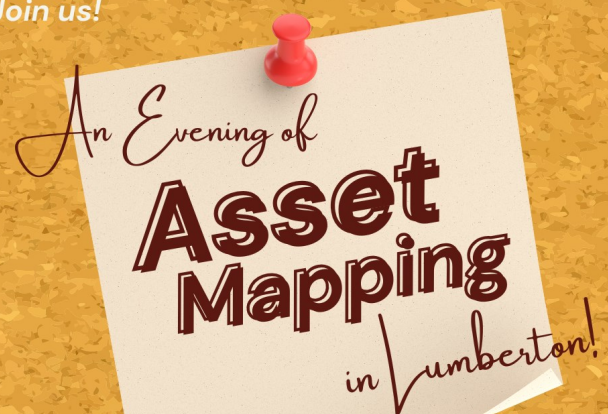
Worship services are livestreamed on  
Facebook Live

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

and on YouTube

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

Join us!



**September 11th, 2025**

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First 50 to register are welcome to dinner at 6 PM!

Mapping session begins @ 7 PM

Free childcare provided!



Together for Hope



Long Term Disaster Recovery Coalition



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### From our Associate Pastor

Happy New Year! School year that is. Everyone of our public school, early college, regular college, charter school, NCSSM, and home schoolers are officially back at it. We have had our annual Labor Day weekend service in the Chapel. Football season has begun at all levels (the NFL begins tonight). Last night was Fall Kickoff.

There is an optimism in the air around our church. Despite serious challenges ahead, we choose to face them with clear eyes and clear hearts. Our faith in God is strong and this church has a bright future. God has big plans for us.

We seem to have gotten over our nostalgic depression over the 70s and 80s. Right now, we have active vibrant senior adult, Friends of Jesus, young adult, and youth ministries. We have an impressive number of children coming down the aisle for the children's sermon. People seem more willing to volunteer (still have a long way to go). Was there a point in time when our numbers in any and all of these categories were higher? Yes. Healthier? I'm not so sure.

We do need "glass half empty" people among us. We can't just run the church on positive vibes. At the same time, we need to honor the good work God is doing among us and through us.

Jesus never said they would know us by politics, by our King James Bibles, by our correct understanding of why bad things happen, by our prudish behavior, by judging others, or by having the correct doctrine concerning free will and predestination, but by our love. Feeling overwhelmed? Join us as we attempt to love God and love our neighbor. It helps.

Grace & Peace,  
Doug

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

# BBQ PLATE SALE

SUPPORTS YOUTH MISSIONS

606 N WALNUT STREET  
LUMBERTON, NC 28358

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**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 August 31 .....	\$6,359.11
Need to date .....	\$447,230.88
Received to date .....	\$397,430.55
Over (Under) Budget .....	(\$49,800.33)

*August 31st was the 32nd Sunday of the year.  
Number of Sundays remaining in 2025 = 30*

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**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

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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

**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.\*



**GIVING**

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





## 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. 14** — Worship Planning Retreat, 12-2 pm  
**Sept. 14** — Buildings & Grounds meeting, 3:30 pm  
**Sept. 15** — WMU meeting, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.  
**Sept. 15** — Called Finance meeting for the purpose of budget planning, 5:45 pm  
**Sept. 17** — Sanctuary Choir resumes rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7 pm.  
**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. 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.  
**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. 5** — World Communion Sunday, Deacon Election, and Rev. Doug Reedy recognized for 20 years of service.  
**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. 12** — Youth Haunted House Trip  
**Oct. 13-15** — Snr Ad Caswell Fall Retreat  
**Oct. 18** — Community Café hosted by Collins 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 accepted now. Let Rev. Doug Reedy if you can pass out candy and/or decorate your vehicle.  
**Nov. 2** — All Saints Sunday. Daylight savings time ends.

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.



JOIN OUR PRESCHOOL FAMILY!

## REFER A FRIEND, EARN FREE WEEK OF TUITION



Refer new families to our preschool and receive a **free week of tuition** for each **successful** enrollment. Family enrolling **MUST** give us your name as their referral in order to receive your free week. Join us in spreading the joy! Multiple enrollments = multiple free weeks!!

Promotion runs Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - Dec. 1, 2025

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.

**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

*From the pages of history...  
 From Celebrating our Past, Embracing Our Future  
 book on church history, published 2005.*

*"Our church grounds were never landscaped until 1923. Prior to that time, the grounds were cleaned off each fall and spring by members of the congregation who came to cut the growth of weeds, and to rake and sweep the sanded lawn clean."*

### ***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) - Gene Horne  
 ECM Entrance (Handicap) - Jimmy & Billie Dail

#### **10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters**

FH Lobby 10:00—11:30 am  
 Barbara Andrews

**Nursery** — Jenna Davis, Brooke Blackmon

**Extended Session** — Brooke Blackmon, Kim Gore

**Bus Team** — John Underwood, *volunteer rider needed*

### **Person of the Week**

**Send a card, letter, or other remembrance to our very special person this week. He has a birthday coming up Sept. 9th!**

**James Stroud**  
 3660 Kale Drive  
 Lumberton, NC 28358



### **Contact Us**

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

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## **Mental Health Moment in Worship**

This fall, we are introducing a new element in worship called our “**Mental Health Moment.**” Each month, Donna Hardee will share a brief reflection, resource, or fact related to mental health. These moments will help us grow in awareness, reduce stigma, and remind us that caring for our mental health is an important part of caring for our whole selves. In preparation for this month’s segment, we would like share some hotline resources with you.

### **Hotline Numbers**

#### **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:**

1-800-273-8255- Available 24/7

Description: The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is a vital resource designed to provide immediate support and assistance to individuals in crisis. Established to reduce the incidence of suicide and promote mental health awareness, the Lifeline offers a toll-free helpline that connects callers to trained crisis counselors 24/7.

#### **The Trevor Project (LGBTQ+ Youth):**

1-866-488-7386

Description: The Trevor Project hotline is a confidential support service that provides crisis intervention and suicide prevention for LGBTQ+ youth. Available 24/7

#### **Crisis Text Line:**

Text the word HOME to 741-741

Website: [crisistextline.org](http://crisistextline.org)

Description: Offers FREE 24/7 support for people in crisis via text

#### **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) National Helpline:**

1-800-662-4357

Website: [samhsa.gov](http://samhsa.gov)

Description: A confidential, free, 24/7 information service for individuals and families facing mental and/or substance use disorders

#### **National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)- Treatment Referral Helpline**

1-800-662-4357 (Same as SAMHSA)

Website: [drugabuse.gov](http://drugabuse.gov)

Description: Provides resources and referrals for those seeking treatment for substance use disorders.

#### **National Council of Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD)**

1-800-622-2255

Website: [ncadd.org](http://ncadd.org)

Description: Offers information and resources for individuals facing alcohol and drug dependence

#### **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)**

1-212-870-3400

Website: [aa.org](http://aa.org)

Description: A fellowship of individuals who share their experiences to help each other recover from alcoholism

#### **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)**

1-818-773-9999

Website [na.org](http://na.org)

Description: A global Community of individuals supporting recovery from drug addiction

#### **Gamblers Anonymous (GA)**

1-213-624-9522

Website: [gamblersanonymous.org](http://gamblersanonymous.org)

Description: A fellowship of men and women who share their experiences and offer support to those affected by gambling addiction.