

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,
November 16, 2025
“Between Former & Future Things”
Isaiah 65:17-25 (NLT)



“Peaceable Kingdom” by Edward Hicks, 1834. Oil on canvas, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

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/

Coming up this week. . .

Sunday, November 16

- 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.)
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bells Rehearsal

Monday, November 17

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm.)
- 11:45 a.m. WMU (Act. Bld.)

Tuesday, November 18

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group (Zoom)

Wednesday, November 19

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

Friday, November 21

BBQ Sale starts at 11 am until we run out! \$10
a plate or pint available curbside on 6th Street.

Saturday, November 22

- 10:30 a.m. Community Café (Act. Bld.)
hosted by Youth
- 3:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry Bible
Study (Act. Bld.)

Join us for our Annual BBQ Plate Sale!

Friday, November 21 11:00 am—UNTIL WE RUN OUT
Pick up curbside on 6th Street

For just \$10, enjoy a delicious plate of BBQ with beans, slaw, and dessert—or grab a pint of BBQ to go! You’ll be hard pressed to find a to-go meal for that price point anywhere else, and it’s for a good cause. Every plate helps fund youth mission projects that make a difference near and far. Advance tickets are available from any FBC Youth or from the church office. BBQ will also be available on the day of sale. Pints are sold frozen.





Rev. Josh Owens will be preaching!



Each month, we have a canned and dry goods food drive, but we need even more donations the coming month. While we usually focus on collecting items the first Sunday of each month, we gladly accept donations anytime. Suggested items include pop-top canned goods (soups, veggies, fruits), cereal, peanut butter, canned meats, pasta and pasta sauce, and toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, feminine hygiene, etc.). Bring donations to the church office or place them in the labeled bins around the church.

Items most needed:

Baby formula (Similac Advance), Cereal, Ramen Noodles, Ensure/Adult Nutrition Shakes, Canned Food/Pantry Supplies



BBQ for Community Café

Youth will be hosting Community Café on Nov. 22nd. This is the day after the BBQ sale, so if your Sunday School class, small group, or group of friends are willing to purchase plates to donate to Community Café, please contact Rev. Doug Reedy or the church office.

Day-of-Sale Volunteers

As most of you are aware, proceeds from our annual sale go to support our youth group funds for mission and discipleship trips. Most of our youth could not pay for all of their trips without these funds - and many could not afford any. If you can help us on Friday, November 21st for any period of time, please contact Rev. Doug Reedy for details. There are several areas in which you may help. Thank you in advance for helping the youth of FBC. Please let us know if you have any questions!

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 hosts:

Nov. 22* — Youth
Dec. 20 — Bridge Sunday School
Jan. 17 — Fellowship Class
Feb. 21 — Sanctuary Choir

**switched hosting dates w/Chestnut Methodist*

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.

Sundays

**Worship in Cherry Fellowship Hall
will continue until further notice**

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

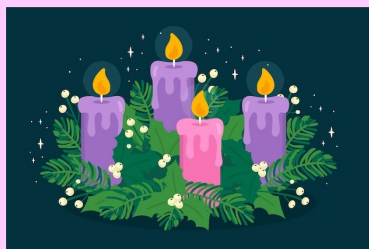
7:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Worship services are livestreamed on
Facebook Live

facebook.com/firstbaptistlumbertonnc

and on YouTube

youtube.com/c/lumbertonfbc/



Trinity Episcopal Church, located at 102 N Chestnut Street, invites us to attend Advent Noontime Concerts for 2025. Each concert will begin at

12:00 noon and will be followed by a free luncheon in the Parish Hall.

Wednesday, Dec. 3

The Trinity Episcopal Bell Choir

Wednesday, Dec. 10

Sandy Grove Baptist Church Musicians with
Zavery McDougal

Wednesday, Dec. 17

Dan Britt and Lisa Rust

Coming Up:

Nov. 23 — Christ the King Sunday

Nov. 23 — Thanksgiving Service at Trinity Episcopal at 5 pm. Rev. Owens will be preaching.

Nov. 24 — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in Rm D113. Deacons will meet at 7 pm in the Activities Building.

Nov. 26 — No Wednesday Night Activities

Nov. 27 — Thanksgiving Day. Offices and ECM closed Nov. 27 and 28.

Nov. 30 — Celebration of the Green, 10:30 am
Worship, Cherry Fellowship Hall

Dec. 2 — Baptist Women's Bible Study, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.

Dec. 3 — Youth Ski Trip Payment due (\$100)

Dec. 3 — 2026 Budget presentation & discussion during 6 pm Adult Bible Study

Dec. 5 — Meadow Lights Trip

Dec. 6 — Healthy Robeson Cookies with Santa, 10 am, Fellowship Hall

Dec. 7 — Church-wide Christmas Breakfast & FOJ Caroling during Sunday School hour (9:30 am)

Dec. 7 — 2026 Budget vote following Worship

Dec. 10 — Children's Spontaneous Nativity, 6 pm

Dec. 11 — Fun & Fellowship, 11 am, Act. Bld.

Dec. 12 — Kiwanis Exceptional Children's Christmas Event in Fellowship Hall

Dec. 13 — Children's Christmas Party gift pick-up

Dec. 14 — Friends of Jesus Christmas Party, 11:30 am

Dec. 15 — WMU, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.

Dec. 16 — ECM Christmas Program, to be announced

Dec. 17 — Youth Progressive Dinner, 5 pm. No Wednesday Night Activities.

Dec. 20 — Community Café, hosted by Bridge Class

Dec. 21 — Adult Choir's Christmas Cantata during 10:30 am Worship. *Note: This is a date change.*

Dec. 21 — Longest Night Service (Memorial Service), 5 pm, Chapel

Dec. 22 — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in Rm D113. Deacons will meet at 7 pm in the Act. Bld.

Dec. 24-26 — Offices and ECM Closed for Christmas

Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5 pm

Dec. 28 — No Sunday School

Dec. 31 — No Wednesday Night Activities

Jan. 1 — Offices & ECM Closed for New Years Day

Jan. 7 — Youth Ski trip final payment due. Ski trip is Jan. 16-20th to Canaan Valley, WV.

Bus Team Needs

We have a nice rotation of folks willing to drive our bus to Wesley Pines to pick up residents and bring them to church on Sundays, but we can use a few more "riders" to be just be a presence on the bus and offer support to the driver. If this is a role you can help fill, we will glad to add you to the schedule! Contact the office to express your willingness to assist.

Current Bus Team Needs: Nov. 30 — Rider

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



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) - *volunteer needed*

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, Sharon Prevatte

Bus Team — Eddie Prevatte, Gail Johnson

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.*



GIVING

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

For the Record

Budgeted 2025.....	\$646,000.00
Weekly Need as Budgeted (2025).....	\$12,423.08
Received November 9	\$22,227.74
Need to date	\$559,038.60
Received to date.....	\$518,351.99
Over (Under) Budget.....	(\$40,686.61)

Nov. 9th was the 45th Sunday of the year.

Number of Sundays remaining in 2025 = 7

*Amount needed for each of the next 7 Sundays to meet
needs & amount under budget = \$18,235.45*

**Contributions to be counted for 2025 must be
received or postmarked by December 31st.**



DOWNTOWN CLEAN SWEEP

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Saturday, November 15, 2025

9 am—11 am

Meet in the parking lot across from Adelio's. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. We are providing free coffee and donuts to volunteers! Help us clean up the downtown area in preparation of the Christmas Parade. See Rev. Tim Little for more info.

2026 Budget

**presentation &
discussion**

Wednesday, December 3 at 6 pm

vote

Sunday, December 7 following Worship





COOKIES With Santa

WEAR PAJAMAS | CHRISTMAS CRAFTS | PHOTO WITH SANTA
SATURDAY, 06 DECEMBER 2025 | AT 10 AM



FIRST BAPTIST LUMBERTON

(606 N Walnut St, Lumberton, NC 28358)

This event has been thoughtfully created to support and accommodate individuals with special needs.



**YOU MUST RSVP
BEFORE 11/30/25 BY
CALLING
910-610-7959.**

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Contact Us

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

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CHURCH-WIDE TRIP TO

Meadow Lights & Supper

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 4 PM
SUPPER AT MEADOW VILLAGE RESTAURANT
MEADOW LIGHTS & OLD COUNTRY STORE
ARRIVE BACK TO LUMBERTON AROUND 9 PM

Bring money for supper and for the Country Store (candy, sodas, concessions, Santa photos, etc.). Let us know you are coming by signing up through the church office.



Hey everyone! Let's meet at the church on Saturday, December 6th at 4:00 pm for a trip to Meadow Lights in Johnston County. We'll have dinner at the Meadow Village Restaurant, where you can enjoy a delicious southern buffet and the most amazing chocolate meringue pie. After dinner, we'll head over to the Meadow Lights & Old Country Store. We plan to be back in Lumberton around 9:00 pm.

The trip is free, just bring money for dinner and anything you might want to purchase at the store, like old-fashioned candy and glass bottle sodas, or for activities at the lights. While there's no cost to see the lights as you drive down the road to the country store, there are additional attractions like a small train ride, photos with Santa, carousel, and concessions that require payment.

For more information:

<https://meadowlights.com/>

Contact the church office to let us know you are joining the group. Looking forward to a fun evening with you all!

Apply today!

CHILDCARE OPENINGS

FIRST BAPTIST EARLY
CHILDHOOD MINISTRY
910-738-6608



The First Sunday of Advent Celebration of the Green



Sunday, November 30 at 10:30 a.m.
Cherry Fellowship Hall

Celebration of the Green Giving

Complete this form and return it to the church office no later than **Wednesday, November 19, 2025** if you wish to make the contribution in honor of or in memory of someone special. These memorials/honorariums will be listed in this year's program.

\$ _____ to Children's Christmas Party

\$ _____ to Friends of Jesus Christmas Party

Please print names as they should appear in the program.

In memory of: _____

And/or

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Phone: _____

Celebration of the Green Giving Opportunity

This year, instead of contributing to the Greenery Fund for our annual Celebration of the Green service, we invite you to support two of our most meaningful holiday ministries — the **Children's Christmas Party** and the **Friends of Jesus Christmas Party**. Your gifts will help bring joy, warmth, and the love of Christ to children and adults in our community who need it most this Christmas season. As we decorate the church in celebration of Christ's birth, let's also prepare our hearts by giving generously to share His light with others. Please designate your contribution for either the *Children's Party* or *Friends of Jesus Party* (or both!). Both are annual events hosted by the church, sharing the hope and joy of the season with children and adults in our area. We have already begun preparations for both events and need your contributions to make these events possible.

Complete the form on this page by November 19th for your gift to appear on the Celebration of the Green program. You may give beyond this date if you wish but the information will not appear in the program. To give, you may designate your gift by writing "Children's Christmas Party" and/or "Friends of Jesus Christmas Party" in the memo line of your check. Alternatively, scan our giving QR code and select the party name to give online.

Goal for each party: \$6,000

Advent

at First Baptist

606 N. Walnut Street
Lumberton, NC 28358
at the corner of 7th & Walnut

More information:
fbclumbertonnc.org
910-739-4336

Worship	Date	Time	Where
Celebration of the Green	Nov 30	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
Christmas Breakfast with FOJ Carols during Sunday School	Dec 7	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
Spontaneous Nativity & Meal	Dec 10	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
Sanctuary Choir Cantata	Dec 21	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
Longest Night (Memorial) Service	Dec 21	5:00 p.m.	Chapel
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Dec 24	5:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall

Sunday School classes will not meet December 7 and 28. There will be no Wednesday Night Activities December 17 and 31. The church offices and ECM will be closed November 27-28, December 24-26, and January 1.