

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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The First Sunday of Advent Celebration of the Green



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

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/

Formally called "Hanging of the Green," this celebratory, multigenerational service welcomes the Advent and Christmas seasons as we decorate our Worship space and ready our hearts for the birth of our Savior. Symbolic decorations like evergreens, which represent everlasting life and God's unchanging nature, and the Advent wreath, which represents God's love and the anticipation of Christ's arrival as the "light of the world," are placed in the Worship space. During the service, special music is performed by our choirs and handbell groups and scripture is read.

Coming up this week. . .

Sunday, November 30 First Sunday of Advent

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (in Cherry Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (online)
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bells Rehearsal

Monday, December 1

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

Tuesday, December 2

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group (Zoom)
- 11:45 a.m. Baptist Women's Bible Study (Act. Bld.)

Wednesday, December 3

Youth Ski Payment Due (\$100)

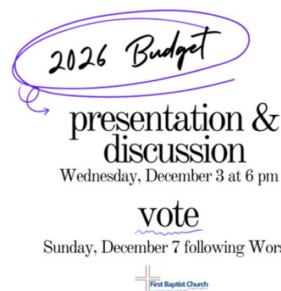
- 5:30 p.m. Children's Caroling (bus)
- 6:00 p.m. Called Church Conference for 2026 Budget Presentation & Discussion (Rm. D-113)
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Doing Missions
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 4

- 6:00 p.m. ECM Training (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, December 6

- 10:00 a.m. Healthy Robeson Cookies with Santa Event (Fellowship Hall)
- 3:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry Bible Study (Act. Bld.)
- 4:00 p.m. Meadow Lights Trip Departure



Copies of the 2026 proposed Budget are available in the church office and with this Sunday's Order of Worship.

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) - Ann & John Underwood

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

FH Lobby 10:00—11:30 am

J.W. & Angie Lawson

Nursery — Jenna Davis, Brooke Blackmon

Extended Session will not meet this Sunday.

Bus Team — Stephanie Noncil, *RIDER NEEDED*

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.*



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

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

Resourceful Connections

Presents

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

A wellness initiative of The Weigh Forward Project

November 27 - December 24

Join us as we retrace the 90-mile journey Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem!

This challenge invites you to walk, run, bike, or team up with others as we move toward better health and deeper faith.

Choose your pace:



Walk every day



Complete 90 miles before Christmas Eve



Participate solo or as a group



scan to register

For more info call Ivine @ 910-734-6175 or visit our site to register @ www.resourcefulconnections.org

Join us as we retrace the 90-mile journey Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem! This challenge invites you to walk, run, bike, or team up with others as we move forward towards better health and deeper faith. Let's prepare our hearts and strengthen our bodies this Advent season together. This is a wellness initiative of The Weigh Forward Project sponsored by Resourceful Connections of North Carolina.

Scan the QR code or visit <http://resourcefulconnections.org> for more information and to register.

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

Jan. 4, 2026—Driver & Rider

Contact Us

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

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What is Advent? November 30th is the first Sunday of Advent this year, which marks the start of the spiritual period of preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth on Christmas Day. The season of Advent recalls the long years of waiting experienced by God's people in exile, praying for the coming of the promised Messiah. It is a season of hopeful, anxious anticipation as we prepare our hearts and lives for the celebration of the birth of the Christ Child.

A calendar of Advent services is available on the bulletin boards around the church.

Children's Music and Missions will go caroling on Wednesday, December 3rd at 5:30 pm! Please note that this is a change from our regular Wednesday night meeting time. Rev. Tim Little will drive the church bus for us, and this will also be our last day of music/missions for the year.

Advent Devotional

Pick up your free copy of "Starry Nights: An Advent Devotional Full of Light and Wonder" from the church office. Additional copies will be placed around the church. This devotional is written for all ages.



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!



Church-wide Christmas Breakfast & Friends of Jesus Class Caroling Sunday, December 7 9:30 a.m. in Cherry Fellowship Hall

Join us during the Sunday School hour at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, December 7th as we enjoy a Christmas breakfast together and listen to carols performed by the Friends of Jesus Class. This event takes the place of our regular Sunday School hour. The church is providing breakfast, so just come and enjoy time together! Worship will follow at 10:30 am in the same space.

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

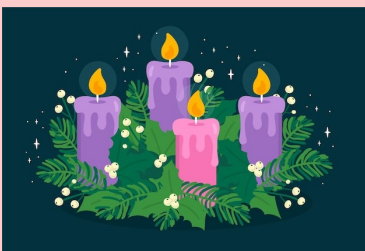
7:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

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

Person of the Week

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

John Nicoll

504 W. 18th Street
Lumberton, NC 28358



Coming Up:

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 and Fellowship Meal, 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, 10 am—12 noon

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. 19 — Act. Bld. Reserved 9 am—2 pm

Dec. 20 — Community Café, hosted by Bridge Class

Dec. 21 — Adult Choir's Christmas Cantata during 10:30 am Worship.

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.

There will be no Wednesday Night Activities November 26th. In addition, we have some staff and Ministers who will be in-and-out of the office the rest of the week. Please call before you head this way to be sure someone is in the office to meet with you.

The offices and Early Childhood Ministry will be closed Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28.