

First Baptist News

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



Preparing for Sunday,
December 21, 2025
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
“A Dark and Silent Night”
Presented by First Baptist Choir

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/

The Longest Night: An Advent Memorial Service
Sunday, December 21 at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel
 The Longest Night Memorial Service will take place Sunday, December 21st at 5:00 pm in the Chapel. This date coincides with the onset of Winter, a time characterized by the longest period of darkness in a day. The event is intended for individuals experiencing grief due to recent bereavement or any loss, regardless of the duration since the event. Candles symbolizing hope will be lighted during the service, and a crocheted snowflake ornament will be provided to those who have lost a loved one within the preceding year. This keepsake serves as a token of God's comforting presence and tranquility.

Coming up this week . . .

Sunday, December 21

9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship (in Cherry Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m.	Worship (online)
5:00 p.m.	The Longest Night Service (Chapel)

Monday, December 22

10:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm.)
5:45 p.m.	Finance Meeting (Rm. D-113)
7:00 p.m.	Deacons Meeting (Act. Bld.)

Tuesday, December 23

7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group (Zoom)
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Wednesday, December 24

5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Fellowship Hall)
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The offices and Early Childhood Ministry (daycare) is closed Dec. 24-26

Saturday, December 27

3:00 p.m.	Hispanic Ministry Bible Study (Act. Bld.)
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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST



Wednesday, December 24, 2025



5:00 P.M.



Cherry Fellowship
Hall of First Baptist
Church



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Wednesday, December 24, 2025
5:00 p.m.
in Cherry Fellowship Hall

Worship with us on Christmas Eve at 5:00 pm in Cherry Fellowship Hall for our annual Candlelight Service. During the service, the Christ Candle will be lit, we'll sing carols, read the account of the birth of Jesus, and then share the light of Christ.

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 purchase and delivery of the flowers.

Flowers are placed on the stage in Cherry Fellowship Hall for Worship and then you may take them home with you, or donate them to be gifted to local nursing homes or to the homebound. The florist most are using are The Secret Garden Florist on Liberty Hill Road (910-272-0000).



The 2026 Committee on Committees Report and the 2026 Budget have been approved during recent Called Church Conferences. You may pick up a copy of each report in the church office and a copy is in your emails from the church.

The Committee on Committees Report is effective January-December 2026. On the report, you will see columns sorted by year. The folks listed in each column will rotate off of that committee at the end of that year. Those designated with an asterisk (*) by their name is a chairperson.

OFFICE CLOSURES

Christmas

Closed Dec. 24, 25, 26

New Years' Day

Closed Jan. 1

Staff in-and-out of office

Dec. 22 - Jan. 2

*Call the office before coming by
910-739-4336*



Contact Us

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

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Person of the Week

Send a card, letter, or other remembrance to our very special person this week. She has a birthday coming up Dec. 27th!



Lucy Simmons
1000 Wesley Pines Road
Lumberton, NC 28358

For the Record

Budgeted 2025	\$646,000.00
Weekly Need as Budgeted (2025)	\$12,423.08
Received December 14	\$11,662.56
Need to date.....	\$621,154.00
Received to date	\$590,686.50
Over (Under) Budget	(\$30,467.50)

*Dec. 14th was the 50th Sunday of the year.
Number of Sundays remaining in 2025 = 2*

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

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.

Chestnut Street Methodist Church invites us to attend a Community New Year's Eve Service: "A Time of New Beginnings"

Chestnut Street Methodist Church located at 200 E. 8th Street will host a Community New Year's Eve Service on Wednesday, Dec 31, 2025, at 5:00 pm. Please join us for music and a message from Pastor Herbert Lowry.

Following the service, refreshments will be served in Asbury Hall from 6:00-7:00 pm. This is our opportunity to worship as one body in Christ and seek God's will for us.



Deacon Care Teams



SERVING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

Deacon Care Teams for 2026 are in the works!

You should receive a letter from your Deacon Care Team leaders in the coming months. If you have questions about any of our ministries, you may contact your Deacon Care team or call the church office at 910-739-4336 or email office@fbclumbertonnc.org. Thank you for allowing us to serve you!

2026 Deacons

Barbara Andrews

Allison Branch

Sandra Cox

William Davis

Phyllis Gibson (Secretary)

James Gore

Donna Hardee

Keith Hardee

Gail Johnson

Lisa Johnson

Jeffery Kinlaw

James W. Lawson

David Ramsaur (Vice Chair)

Christy Strickland (Chair)

John Underwood

Chris Walters

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:

Dec. 20 — Bridge Sunday School

Jan. 17 — Fellowship Class

Feb. 21 —Sanctuary Choir

Mar. 21 — Missions Committee

Apr. 18 — Susan Welsh Sunday School



Worship with Us

606 N. Walnut Street
fbclumbertonncc.org

Childcare is available on Sundays and Wednesdays. Nursery 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/firstbaptistlumbertonncc

and on YouTube

youtube.com/c/lumbertontfbc/

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) - Sue O'Tuel

ECM Entrance (Handicap) - J.W. & Angie Lawson

10:30 Worship Entrance Greeters

FH Lobby 10:00—11:30 am

Ann & John Underwood

Nursery—Jenna Davis, Brooke Blackmon

Extended Session—Brooke Blackmon, Heather Walters

Bus Team—Lisa Johnson, Gail Johnson

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



Coming Up:

Dec. 22-Jan. 2 — Staff will be in-and-out of the office, so please call to be sure someone is here to meet with you.

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

Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:00 pm in Cherry Fellowship Hall

Dec. 28 — No Sunday School

Dec. 31 — No Wednesday Night Activities

Happy 2026!

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

Jan. 4 — Epiphany Sunday (actual date is Jan. 6th—12 days after Christmas)

Jan. 6 — Baptist Women's Bible Study Group, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.

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

Jan. 8 — Fun & Fellowship, 11 am, Act. Bld.

Jan. 16-20 — Youth Ski trip to Canaan Valley, WV

Jan. 17 — Community Café, hosted by Fellowship Class

Jan. 19 — Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The ECM will be closed to students for a Teacher Work Day.

Jan. 19 — WMU Meeting, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.

Jan. 25 — Youth Passport trip payment due

Jan. 26 — Finance will meet at 5:45 pm in Room D-113. Deacons will meet at 7 pm in the Activities Building.

Jan. 31 — Contribution statements for 2025 will be mailed by this date.

Feb. 6-7 — Summer Literacy Initiative Retreat in Greensboro



Our church website is getting a fresh new look! We're redesigning it for better appearance, easier navigation, and updated information. The website URL will remain the same. Stay tuned for the launch!