

# 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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IHS monogram, with kneeling angels, atop the main altar, Church of the Gesù, Rome

Preparing for Sunday,  
December 28, 2025  
The Fourth Day of Christmastide  
"The Holy Name of Jesus"  
Luke 2:15-21 (NLT)

Join us for 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/)

*Sunday School classes and Extended Session will not meet this Sunday.*



Can't make it our services  
in-person? We stream  
services on Facebook Live  
and on YouTube!

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## Coming up this week...

### Sunday, December 28

10:30 a.m. Worship (in Cherry Fellowship Hall)  
10:30 a.m. Worship (online)

### Tuesday, December 30

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

*No Wednesday Night Activities December 31.*

*The offices and Early Childhood Ministry  
(daycare) are closed January 1.*

### Saturday, January 3

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



## 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.

*Bus team, please contact the office for the dates in which you can help for the month of January.*



We have a few immediate openings for childcare in our 2, 3, and 4 year old classes! Call the ECM Office and speak with our Director, Michelle Prevatte: 910-738-6608.

- Hours: 7 am to 6 pm
- Breakfast, Lunch, Snack
- Center-based Indoor Play
- Outdoor Play
- Structured Environment

Registration for the 2026-27 school year opens soon!



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).



### Contact Us

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

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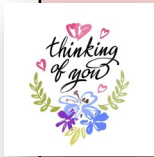


The first Sunday monthly, we have a canned and dry good food drive, but we need even more donations the coming month due to the holidays. Please consider donating non-perishable food items such as canned vegetables, pasta, rice, boxed meals, oatmeal, cereal, peanut butter, canned meats, baby formula. Bring your donations to church this Sunday or any weekday to the church office. We will work with local food charities to get the food distributed. Every donation helps bridge the gap for families who need a little extra help this season. Thank you for your generosity!



## Person of the Week

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



**Shirley Hickman**  
**303 Oak Point Circle E.**  
**Lumberton, NC 28358**



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](mailto: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

### 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](http://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.

### 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.

**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:

Jan. 17 — Fellowship Class  
Feb. 21 — Sanctuary Choir  
Mar. 21 — Missions Committee  
Apr. 18 — Susan Welsh Sunday School  
May 16 — Baptist Women's Bible Study  
June 20 — Young Adult Sunday School

## Worship with Us

606 N. Walnut Street  
fbclumbertonnc.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/firstbaptistlumbertonnc](https://facebook.com/firstbaptistlumbertonnc)

and on YouTube

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

### *Servants this Sunday*

*Please enter for Worship at Cherry Fellowship Hall Lobby.*

**Sunday School will not meet this Sunday.**

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

FH Lobby 10:00—11:30 am

Gene Horne

**Nursery** — Jenna Davis, Brooke Blackmon

**Extended Session will not meet this Sunday.**

**Bus Team** — J.W. & Angie Lawson

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!

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: 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. 11** — Rev. Lisa Rust is preaching.

**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. 26-30** — ECM in-house registration for the 2026-27 school year.

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

**Feb. 2-3** — ECM registration for the 2026-27 year opens to FBC members not currently enrolled.

**Feb. 3** — Baptist Women's Bible Study, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.

**Feb. 4** — ECM registration for the 2026-27 year opens to the public.

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

**Feb. 11** — Youth Wilderness Trail payment due

**Feb. 12** — Fun & Fellowship, 11 am, Act. Bld.

**Feb. 15** — Transfiguration Sunday

**Feb. 16** — WMU, 11:45 am, Act. Bld.

**Feb. 18** — Ash Wednesday