

# LUMBERTON, NC CHURCH PLANT

Central Carolina Presbytery

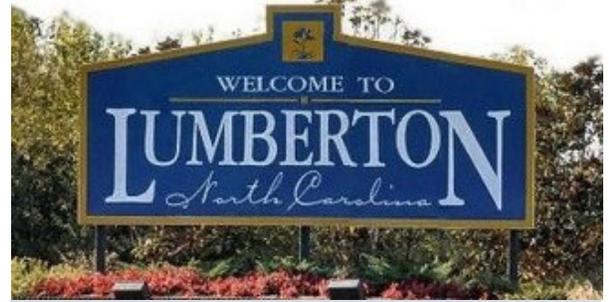
Presbyterian Church in America

## Welcome!

The Central Carolina Presbytery would like to plant a church in Lumberton, NC. This new church will be a place where people are reconciled to God, and neighbors and races are reconciled to one another.

Lumberton is the Robeson County seat and most of the county's residents live within 30 minutes of the city. Over 72,000 people in Robeson County claim to have no religious affiliation and there is little to no Reformed presence in Lumberton.

The PCA churches nearest Lumberton are committed to providing prayer, financial, and logistical support for the new church.



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## By the Numbers (City/County)

2017 Estimates (factfinder.census.gov)

Population:	21,040 / 132,606
Median family income:	\$32,054 / \$32,407
Median home value:	\$103,300 / \$72,100
Poverty Rate:	35.6% / 29%
Dec 2018 Unemployment Rate:	5.5%



In 2015 the Lumberton Tomorrow Land Use Plan was adopted with this vision: Lumberton will direct growth and investment toward areas within the city to energize and strengthen its neighborhoods, businesses, and overall quality of life. The city's vibrant future will be supported by enhanced connections between the downtown, the river and gateways, as well as growth policies that promote economic prosperity, healthy living, and preservation of the city's unique southern charm.

While this community has a land use plan to navigate the coming years, it is currently struggling with poverty, high crime, and poor school performance grades. Despite the fact that Lumberton is a racially diverse area, they tend to be more segregated than integrated, adding to racial tensions and distrust. In 2016 and 2018 hurricanes flooded Lumberton forcing families from their homes and causing millions of dollars in damage to an area already struggling financially.

Lumberton is an area with great physical and spiritual needs. As such, there exists a great need for the gospel of grace -- a gospel that can truly change an entire community.

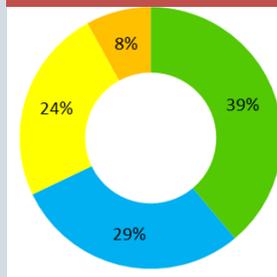
## Age Demographics

Median age: 33.2

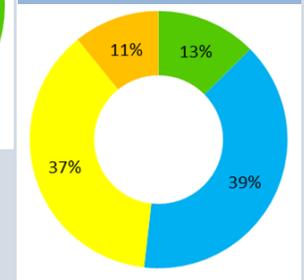
Under 18.....	26.9%
18-24.....	10.1%
25-44.....	26.8%
45-64.....	21.8%
Over 64.....	14.1%

## Racial Demographics

Robeson County



Lumberton City



## Education (population over age 25)

78% High School Graduate or higher  
18% Bachelor's Degree or higher



## Candidate Strengths

- Loves and trusts God far more than he loves or trusts anyone or anything else
- Prepared to sacrifice comfort and ease to reach the lost
- Intentional in evangelism and connects with unbelievers
- Appreciates ethnic diversity
- A strong preacher - effective communicator - able to preach Christ crucified

## Support

- Group meeting regularly for prayer since summer of 2018
- Lumberton residents committed to seeing a gospel-centered, reformed church planted in this region
- Coaching available from experienced church planter and collaboration with pastors from area
- Presbytery committed to church planting
- Close proximity to The Center for Church Planting on the nearby campus of RTS/Charlotte

## Imagine

Picture God actively calling a people to himself throughout Lumberton and the surrounding area.

Picture a new church plant freely offering God's grace and making disciples by baptizing them and teaching them to observe what Christ commanded.

Picture a church plant that is meeting spiritual needs, as well as the physical needs of its neighbors, all in the name of Jesus.

Picture a gospel-saturated, missional church plant in Lumberton, NC ... committed to planting additional churches.

Can you see it?  
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## Local Highlights

Lumber River State Park

Midpoint between New York & Florida on Interstate 95 makes it a tourist stop

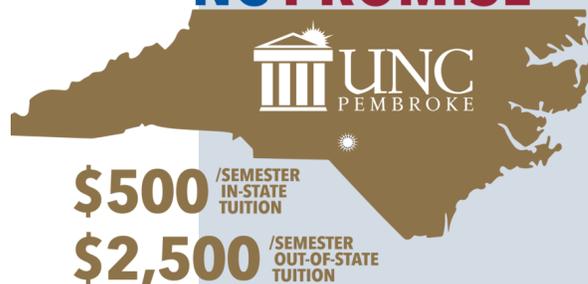
Average weather forecast is 62 degrees and sunny

Beautiful NC beaches located within a 90 minute drive

Robeson Community College

UNC Pembroke, only 25 minutes away

## NC PROMISE



First Certified Retirement Community in NC signaling an unprecedented quality of living for retirees

## Commerce/Employment

The unemployment rate has decreased by almost two-thirds, from 15% in 2011 to 5.5% in 2018

Top employers: Robeson County Gov (including schools), Southeastern Regional Medical Center, UNC-Pembroke, and several large food manufacturers

Fort Bragg, about 40 miles north, the highest populated US Army base