



Welcome to East Lumberton

As Senior Pastor of ELBC, I want to welcome you to our church. We are a diverse church of believers whose goal is to lift up the name of Jesus Christ. We welcome all races, ages and walks of life to come be a part of our church family. We are glad you came and we hope you feel at home with us today. If you are visiting for the first time, please see one of our greeters in the vestibule to get a visitor's packet, so that we can get to know you better.

MINISTERS ON-CALL

Rev. Michael Bowen (910) 736-6170

Rev. Roger Smith (423) 557-5515

EMERGENCY PRAYER REQUEST

Melissa Humphrey (910) 416-0312

Donna Holden (910) 534-0616

If you have an Emergency Prayer Request and would like for your church family to be in prayer, please contact Donna Holden or the church office. Melissa Humphrey may be unavailable for a brief period of time.

Weekly Willing Workers

<u>YAN DRIVERS</u>	
4/26: Jeff Bass (910-316-2570)	5/3: Hugh Bledsoe (910-874-1961)
<u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u>	
<i>Children's Church is provided for children ages 2 thru kindergarten</i>	
<u>2 & 3 years old</u>	
4/26: Chasity & Noah Reaves, Cindy Horne	5/3: Haley Smith, Jeff Bass, Chelsea Stone
<u>4 & 5 years old</u>	
4/26: Donna Holden, Christy Locklear, Kathy Buffkin	5/3: Sharon Locklear, Cynthia Woodell, Cassie Martin-West
<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>	
<u>newborn to 2 years old</u>	
4/26: Claudia Cooke, Jeff, Jerri-Kelly & Sofia McLamb	5/3: Claudia Cooke, Kristy Gerald, Cindy Horne, Robyn Morgan
<u>DEACONS OF THE WEEK</u>	
Nick Stone (910-740-4070) and Jerry Allen (910-608-1857)	
<u>INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY</u>	
4/26: Danny Johnson	5/3: Nancy Dudley
<u>FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM</u>	
4/26: Julia Martin, Margaret Rameriz, Joyce Simmons	5/3: Lisa Smith, Suzette Taylor, Susan Tyner

For your safety, please know we have a security team in place for all services.

SUNDAY MORNING

"Unwrapping Your Spiritual Gifts"

Romans 12:4-8

Theme: "Understanding Spiritual Gifts"

- I. Spiritual Gifts Are Diverse (v. 4a)
- II. Spiritual Gifts Are Developed (v. 4b)
- III. Spiritual Gifts Are Different (v. 4c)
- IV. Spiritual Gifts Are Dependent (v. 5)
- V. Spiritual Gifts Are Divine (v. 6a)
- VI. Spiritual Gifts Are Distributed (v. 6b)
- VII. Spiritual Gifts Are Described (v. 6c-8)

SUNDAY EVENING

"Not For the Faint of Heart"

Galatians 4:12-20

Theme: "The Calling & Cost of Sharing the Gospel"

- I. Paul's Desire (v. 12a)
- II. Paul's Devotion (v. 12b)
- III. Paul's Dedication (v. 13-15)
 - A. The Sickness That Paul Experienced (v. 13a)
 - B. The Sermon That Paul Expressed (v. 13b)
 - C. The Servant The People Embraced (v. 14)
 1. How They Received Paul (v. 14a)
 2. How They Respected Paul (v. 14b)
 - D. The Sacrifice The People Extended (v. 15)
- IV. Paul's Defense (v. 16)
- V. Paul's Declaration (v. 17-18)
 - A. Shun The Fake Zeal From The Judaizers (v. 17)
 - B. Show The Fervent Zeal For Jesus (v. 18)
- VI. Paul's Difficulty (v. 19-20)
 - A. Paul's Spirit Was Very Burdened (v. 19)
 - B. Paul's Speech Was Very Bold (v. 20)

Menu for April 29th

Menu: Hamburgers with gravy, cream potatoes, string beans, dessert and drink.

\$5.00 donation per person; Free for Children under 6

Maximum donation of \$20.00 per family.

Please sign up in the hallway



Samaritan Purse Christmas Shoe Boxes

We are collecting plastic water bottles. There is a box outside the sanctuary in the hallway for these items. Also, a special offering will be taken on Sunday, May 31st, during the morning worship service, for the Samaritan Purse Shoebox ministry. Please join us as we spread the gospel!



VBS Adult Crafts

We will be collecting paper towel rolls, toilet paper rolls and any type of wide craft ribbon for VBS adult crafts. There will be a container for these items in the hallway. If you have any questions, please contact Sabrina Sanderson-Floyd.



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April 26, 2026

Church Theme for 2026:

Keep On Keeping On - Genesis 26:12-22

EAST LUMBERTON Baptist Church

Staff Directory

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Mr. Matthew Horne

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Ms. Janet Taylor

Worship Leader/Choir Leader

Mr. Shon Anderson

Treasurer

Ms. Kenan Chance

Custodian

Mr. Jeff Pait

Theme for 2026: "Keep On Keeping On"
Genesis 26:12-22

11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude Pianist
 Invocation & Welcome Rev. Roger Smith
 Call to Worship Sanctuary Choir
"I'm Looking for Jesus To Come"
 Soloist: Lisa Stephens
 Offertory Hymn
"I Saw the Light"
 Congregational
"He Touched Me"
 Message in Song Thomas Walters
 Message in Song Sanctuary Choir
"Sinner Saved By Grace"
 Message Rev. Michael S. Bowen
"Unwrapping Your Spiritual Gifts"
 Romans 12:4-8
 *Hymn of Commitment
"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"
 Benediction Layman
 Postlude Pianist

Hymn of Commitment

During the Hymn of Commitment if you would like to talk with someone about salvation, join the church or become a candidate for baptism, our Pastors will be available at the front during this time.



Birthday Celebrations
April 26th - May 2nd

26 th John Mark Reaves (Jay)	Etta Willoughby
Madison Evers	29 th Tanner Thomas
27 th Sherry Stephens	1 st Brittany Hunt
Cynthia Martin	2 nd Rex Caulder
Olivia McLamb	Howard Reaves
28 th Linda Galacci	David Williford

Please know if your name or a family members name was omitted from the Birthday list, it was not intentional and we apologize for the oversight. Contact the church office with your correct information.

Reminder!

I love to tell the STORY! Don't forget the tracts in the hallway. Please feel free to pick one up and share a tract with a friend.

6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude Pianist
 Invocation & Welcome Rev. Roger Smith
 Call to Worship Sanctuary Choir
"Nobody"
 Soloists: Belinda Locklear & Shon Anderson
 Offertory Hymn
"Bringing in the Sheaves"
 Congregational
"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"
 Message in Song Jay Willoughby
 Message in Song Sanctuary Choir
"Miracle in Me"
 Message Rev. Michael S. Bowen
"Not For the Faint of Heart"
 Galatians 4:12-20
 *Hymn of Commitment
"Let Others See Jesus in You"

Benediction Layman
 Postlude Pianist

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Today 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Morning Worship Service
 11:00 AM Haitian Ministry
 2:00 PM Nursing Home Ministry (Harborview)
NO HANDBELLS
 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
Wednesday 5:45 PM Family Night Supper
 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting
 6:30 PM Children's Choir (Grades 1-6)
 7:00 PM Children/Youth Classes
 7:45 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CPR (Contact, Prayer, Recovery)

The regular monthly outreach will be held on Tuesday, April 28th, at 7:00 PM. We will focus on the **RECOVERY** of inactive members through visits and phone calls. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact the church office.

Free Christian Business Guide

We will be collecting information from church members who have an established business. This updated business guide will include information about your business and the services you provide. The purpose in this guide is to inform our church members of the different businesses or services they can use within our church. Last day to submit information for the Christian Business Guide is **TODAY**. If you would like more information about this opportunity or would like to participate, please contact the church office.

Tour Branson, Missouri

There is a trip planned for anyone who would like to go to the "Live Music Show Capital of the World" Branson, Missouri. This is a 9-day 8-night trip, scheduled for June 20th thru 28th. This trip will include a guided tour of Branson, shows Spirit of America Show, Doug Gabriel Morning Show, Beach Boys: California Dreamin', the Haygood show and "David" at the Sight and Sound Theatre, along with some shopping. If you are interested in going, please contact Gail Lassiter.



Bus/Van Drivers Needed



We are in need of Bus/Van Drivers to assist with the pick-up and return of our riders. This is done on a rotation bases and you are required to drive Sunday morning, Sunday evening and Wednesday evening on your designated week. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Matthew Stephens or the church office.

VolleyBall Showdown

There will be a VolleyBall Showdown on Saturday, May 16th, at 10:00 AM. This is for kids and adults or you can come and support the teams playing. Please sign-up on the sheet, in the youth dept. or beside the stairs at the youth department, so you can be placed on a team. **FREE** food and drinks will be provided. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Pastor Bowen or Pastor Roger.



Senior Adult Cook-out

The annual senior adult Hamburger and Hot Dog Cook-out, will be held on Tuesday, May 12th, at Lumber River State Park. The van will depart from the church at 10:30 AM. Please sign the sheet in the hallway by Wednesday, May 6th. We need to know how much food to prepare. Please bring your favorite dessert to share. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Ricky Donaldson or Donna Holden.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor: Colin Hewitt

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the Eagle Scout Court ceremony for Colin Hewitt on Saturday, May 9th, 12:00 PM (noon), in the Fellowship Hall. Reception to follow ceremony. Congratulations to Colin on earning the highest rank in scouting!



Senior Adult Day

Senior Adult Day will be observed on Sunday, May 3rd, during the worship services. There will be a brief choir practice on Wednesday, April 29th, for all senior adults, following the service. If you have any questions and/or concerns, contact Rev. Ricky Donaldson or Matt Horne.



Denim and Pearls

Denim and Pearls will hold a special meeting on Friday, May 8st, at 6:30 PM, Circle of Sisters Class, in the basement. This will be extra special as we honor and remember our mothers. We will be making corsages for Mother's Day! Bring you Mothers, daughters and sons and let's celebrate what our moms mean to us. A meal will be provided! If you have questions, please contact Lisa Blanton or Michelle Lewis.



Deacons Meeting

The regular monthly Deacons meeting will be held on Monday, May 4th, at 7:00 PM. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Randy Graham.

