



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

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.

Weekly Willing Workers

VAN DRIVERS	
8/16: Hugh Bledsoe (910-874-1961)	8/23: Lamar Holden (910-740-4418)
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	
Children's Church is provided for children ages 2 thru kindergarten	
2 & 3 years old	
8/16: Cindy Horne, Angel Thomas	8/23: Madison & John Reaves, Haley Smith
4 & 5 years old	
8/16: Donna Holden, Kathy Buffkin	8/23: Cynthia Woodell, Cassie West, Sofia McLamb
NURSERY WORKERS	
newborn to 2 years old	
8/16: Claudia Cooke, Jeff, Jerri-Kelly & Sofia McLamb	8/23: Claudia Cooke, Kristy Gerald, Cindy Horne, Robyn Morgan
DEACONS OF THE WEEK	
Matthew Stephens (910-234-5817) and Nick Stone (910-740-4070)	
INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY	
8/16: Danny Johnson	8/23: Nancy Dudley
FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM	
8/16: Donna Holden, Cindy Horne, Melissa Humphrey	8/23: Carrie Mae Jacobs, Gail Lassiter, Cynthia Martin

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

SUNDAY MORNING

“Stairway To Heaven”

Genesis 11:1-9

Theme: “Doing It Our Way Vs. God’s Way”

- I. The People In The Story (v. 1-2)
 - A. Their Lineage (v. 1a)
 - B. Their Language (v. 1b)
 - C. Their Location (v. 2)
- II. The Proposition In The Story (v. 3-4)
 - A. They Wanted To Build A Town (v. 3-4a)
 - B. They Wanted To Build A Tower (v. 4b)
 - C. They Wanted To Build A Title (v. 4c)
- III. The Problem In The Story (v. 4d-4f)
 - A. It Was An Issue Of Apostasy (v. 4d)
 - B. It Was An Issue Of Assurance (v. 4d)
 - C. It Was An Issue Of Arrogance (v. 4e)
 - D. It Was An Issue Of Anarchy (v. 4f)
- IV. The Punishment In The Story (v. 5-8)
 - A. God’s Inspection Of The Place (v. 5)
 - B. God’s Impression Of The People (v. 6)
 - C. God’s Indictment On The People (v. 7-8)
 - 1. He Divided Their Language (v. 7)
 - 2. He Discontinued Their Labor (v. 7)
 - 3. He Dispersed Their Laborers (v. 8)
- V. The Point Of This Story (v. 9)
 - A. The Confusion Of Babel (v. 9)
 - B. The Comparison To Babel (Acts 2:6)

SUNDAY EVENING

“Walk The Walk”

Galatians 5:16-18

Theme: “The Two Natures Of Mankind”

- I. The Believers Spiritual Side (v. 16)
 - A. The Walk In The Spirit (v. 16a)
 - 1. It Is A Continuous Walk
 - 2. It Is A Complicated Walk
 - 3. It Is A Committed Walk
 - B. The War Against The Spirit (v. 16b)
 - 1. There Is A Dilemma We Must Address
 - 2. There Is A Danger We Must Avoid
 - a. What Saints Can Do To The Holy Spirit
 - b. What Sinners Can Do To The Holy Spirit
- II. The Believer’s Secular Side (v. 17-18)
 - A. The Struggle With The Flesh (v. 17a)
 - B. The Strength Of The Flesh (v. 17b-18)



A special thank you to all VBS workers, teachers, volunteers and parents. This year’s VBS had the largest enrollment of recent years. It was a great week with many souls saved. God is good!



Reminder!

Don’t forget the tracts in the hallway. Please feel free to pick one up and share a tract with a friend.



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August 16, 2026

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



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Ms. Kenan Chance

Custodian
Mr. Jeff Pait

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Genesis 26:12-22

11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Pianist
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Call to Worship	Sanctuary Choir
Offertory Hymn	
Congregational	
Message in Song	
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
*Hymn of Commitment	
Benediction	Layman
Postlude	Pianist

“Stairway To Heaven”
Genesis 11:1-9

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
Aug 16th - Aug. 22nd



16 th	Perry Dudney	20 th	Sharon Leggett
	Kristy Gerald	21 st	Danny Leggett
	Mary Lane	22 nd	Justin Hardee
17 th	Melissa Lane		

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.



HANDICAP PARKING

Please DO NOT park in Handicap parking unless you or a passenger is handicap. We have members and guests who are truly handicapped and are in need of those spaces. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Choir Concert

The Sanctuary Choir will be hosting a Choir Concert on Sunday, August 23rd, during the evening worship service. Please come out and support the sanctuary choir and hear some of their favorite songs. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Matt Horne.



6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Pianist
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Call to Worship	Sanctuary Choir
Offertory Hymn	
Congregational	
Message in Song	
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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)
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
Wednesday		NO Handbells for the summer
		NO Family Night Supper for the summer
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting/Church Conference
		NO Children’s Choir (Grades 1-6) for the summer
	7:00 PM	Children/Youth Classes
	7:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Final Judgement: Cast and Crew Teams
There will be a meeting of all cast and crew for Final Judgement **TODAY**, at 4:00 PM, in the Sanctuary. Parts will be given out at this meeting. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Pastor Bowen.



WMU Meeting

The monthly WMU meeting will be held **TODAY**, at 4:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Molly Horne or Crystal Martin.

Baptist Men

The monthly meeting of the Baptist Men will be held on Monday, August 17th, at 7:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. A meal will be provided. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact John Reaves.



CPR (Contact, Prayer, Recovery)

The regular monthly outreach will be held on Tuesday, August 18th, at 7:00 PM. We will have **PRAYER** at the altar. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Bob or Brenda Hester.



Wednesday Cook Teams



There will be a meeting on Wednesday, August 19th, for all Cook Teams, at 6:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in being a captain or joining a team, please attend this important meeting. The more the merrier, as we work together to prepare, and serve meals. Wednesday night suppers will resume September 2nd. We are looking forward to a great year ahead! If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Kenan Chance. Thank you!

Joy Bells Trip



Joy Bells will be going to Fort Mills, SC for dinner and a show “The Gospel According to Tennessee” on Saturday, August 15th has been changed to Saturday, August 22nd. This is for those individuals who have already paid for tickets. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact Donna Holden or Rev. Ricky Donaldson.

College Students Ministry

The church would like to continue our ministry for college students. Often times these students become disconnected with the church once they go to college. This is for students who live on campus or commute to college. You will become a “secret pal” for that particular student during the school year. There are many ways to remember the student by sending them a card or small gift etc. but most of all add them to your prayer list. The student will not know who you are until the end of the school year. Somewhere around June, you will have a time where you meet your student and they have the opportunity to tell you “Thank You” for the support. Parents, please give the name of student and current mailing address along with their birthday to Kristie Martin no later than Sunday, August 30th. Also, if you would like to sponsor a student or if you have questions, please contact Kristie Martin (910-734-2922).



Samaritan Purse Christmas Shoe Boxes



We are collecting plastic water bottles. Also, we are collecting small baby dolls which can be purchased from Dollar Tree. There is a box outside the sancutary in the hallway for these items. Please join us as we spread the gospel!



“Praise God for the great things He has done! We have packed 1200 shoeboxes out of our 1500 shoebox goal!! Please continue to pray and support us as we only have 300 more shoeboxes to pack. **Our next shoebox offering will be Sunday, August 30th, the morning worship service!”**



Final Judgement
Upcoming Meetings

Sunday, August 23rd * 4:00 PM – Scene Captains Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 30th * 4:00 PM – Construction & Decorating Team, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 6th * 4:00 PM – Tour Guides & Door Knockers Meeting, Fellowship Hall