



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

7/5: Jeff Bass
(910-316-2570)

7/12: Hugh Bledsoe
(910-874-1961)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church is provided for children ages 2 thru kindergarten

2 & 3 years old

7/5: Alana Taylor, Brittlyn Stubbs, Megan Freeman

7/12: Haley Smith, Cindy Horne

4 & 5 years old

7/5: Janice & Brian Bullock, Michelle Smith

7/12: Donna Holden, Christy Locklear, Kathy Buffkin

NURSERY WORKERS

newborn to 2 years old

7/5: Claudia Cooke, Cindy & Rex Caulder, Margaret Ramirez, Leighann Martin

7/12: Claudia Cooke, Elisha Parker, Chasity Reaves, Angel Thomas

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Noah Reaves (910-618-12469) and Matthew Stephens (910-234-5817)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

7/5: Molly Horne

7/12: Howard Reaves, Jr.

FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM

7/5: Donna Holden, Cindy Horne, Melissa Humphrey

7/12: Carrie Mae Jacobs, Gail Lassiter, Cynthia Martin

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

SUNDAY MORNING

"Faith Under Fire"

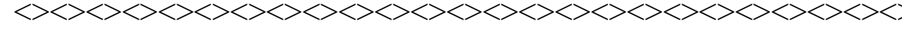
James 1:2-4

Theme: "The Trials Of Life"

- I. The Reality Of Trials (v. 2a-2d)
 - A. They Are Delightful (v. 2a)
 - B. They Are Definite (v. 2b-2c)
 1. You Can't Prevent Them (v. 2b)
 2. You Can't Predict Them (v. 2c)
 - C. They Are Diverse (v. 2d)
- II. The Reason For Trials (v. 2e)
 - A. Some Are Caused By Society (Genesis 50:20)
 - B. Some Are Caused By Satan (Job 1:12)
 - C. Some Are Caused By Storms (Matthew 5:45)
 - D. Some Are Caused By Sin (Galatians 6:7)
 - E. Some Are Caused By Spirituality (2 Timothy 3:12)
- III. The Reward For Trials (v. 3-4)
 - A. They Make Us Patient (v. 3)
 - B. They Make Us Pure (1 Peter 1:6-7)
 - C. They Make Us Perfect (v. 4a)
 - D. They Make Us Prepared (v. 4b)

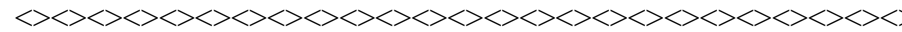
SUNDAY EVENING

"The Lord's Supper"



We have **STOPPED** Wednesday Night Supper for the summer and will resume on September 2, 2026.

Enjoy your Summer! We are looking forward to seeing you in September.



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 sanctuary in the hallway for these items. Please join us as we spread the gospel!



Church-wide Trip to Israel

There will be a church-wide trip to Israel and possibly Egypt. The dates will be March 2-11, 2027. People outside of the church are invited to attend this trip as well.

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Pastor Bowen.

ARISE Conference

Please be in prayer for our students and chaperones as they travel and attend the Arsie Conference July 19th-24th. Pray that lives will be changed.



Trash Receptacles



For your convenience, please note there are trash receptacles at each exit. Thank you!!



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July 5, 2026

Church Theme for 2026:

Keep On Keeping On - Genesis 26:12-22

EAST LUMBERTON Baptist Church

Staff Directory

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Rev. Michael S. Bowen
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Mr. Matthew Horne
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Mr. Shon Anderson

Treasurer
Ms. Kenan Chance

Custodian
Mr. Jeff Pait

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Genesis 26:12-22

11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

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| 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 |

"Faith Under Fire"
James 1:2-4

*Hymn of Commitment
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
July 5th - July 11th

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| 6 th Evita Sanderson | Lisa Reaves |
| 7 th Lucky Mckenna | 9 th Brenda Hester |
| J.C. Flanders | 10 th Dustin Cashwell |
| Leah Hunt | Aydan Scott |
| 8 th LaVon Taylor | 11 th Cathy Lee |

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.



Special Needs Sunday School Class

Anyone interested in participating in a special needs class during the weekly Sunday School time. Please contact Thomas Walters or Pastor Bowen for additional information.

VBS Adult Crafts

We have enough paper towel and toilet paper rolls but we need any type of wide craft ribbon for VBS adult crafts. There is a container for these items in the hallway. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Sabrina Sanderson-Floyd.



Reminder!



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

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| Prelude | Pianist |
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| Call to Worship | Sanctuary Choir |
| Offertory Hymn | |
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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

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| 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 for the summer |
| | 6:00 PM | Evening Worship Service |
| Wednesday | | NO Family Night Supper for the summer |
| | 7:00 PM | Prayer Meeting |
| | | NO Children's Choir (Grades 1-6) for the summer |
| | 7:00 PM | Children/Youth Classes |
| | 7:45 PM | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal |

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Important Meeting: Building Committee, Budget/Finance Committee, Deacons, Trustees and Treasurer

There will be a very important meeting of the Building Committee, Budget/Finance Committee, Deacons, Trustees and Treasurer **TODAY**, at 4:30 PM, in the choir room. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Randy Gaham.

Special Called Church Conference



There will be a Special Called Conference **TODAY**, following the evening worship service. The purpose of the conference is to discuss the loan for the Family Life Center and a change order for the kitchen area. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Randy Gaham.

Deacons Meeting

The regular monthly Deacons meeting will be held on Monday, July 6th, at 7:00 PM. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact Randy Gaham.

Denim and Pearls

Denim and Pearls will be meeting on Friday, July 10th, at 6:30 PM. There will be games, finger food and a time of fellowship. All ladies are invited to attend and bring a dessert to share! If you have questions, please contact Lisa Blanton or Michelle Lewis.



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. The group will depart from the church 8:00 AM. The cost of tickets is \$50.95 per person and must be ordered in advance. Pay your money to Donna Holden or the church office, **no later than Wednesday, July 8th**. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact Donna Holden or Rev. Ricky Donaldson.

Thank you Notes

Due to the increasing number of "Thank You" cards we will no longer read notes/cards from the pulpit. They will be placed outside the church office on the bulletin board for everyone to look at. Once they have been up there for several weeks. The cards will be taken down. Thank you for your help with this issue.



SAVE THE DATE * Vacation Bible School
August 2nd thru 7th * 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM



Our theme this year is "Junkyard Redemption" as we focus on how God can turn trash into treasure. There will be crafts, games, music, Bible study and supper each night, with classes for all ages including the adults. Our theme verse for the week is Ephesians 1:7 which says "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace". We hope you can come out and join us for this fabulous week of learning about our Lord!

VBS T-shirts

VBS t-shirts are available for purchase, at a cost of \$14.00 per shirt. Sizes range from children XXS to adult 4XL. Deadline to place your order is Wednesday, July 10th. Deadline to order shirts is Sunday, July 12th. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Bowen.



Dinner Theatre: Murder Mystery Dinner



A Murder Mystery Dinner: "Murder, Mayhem and Marshmallow Salad" will be presented Friday, July 24th and Saturday, July 25th, 2026. Cost is \$20.00 per person (reserved seating), please no children under 6 years of age.

Menu is as follows: Lemon peppered chicken, green bean casserole, potato salad, roll, salad, dessert and tea/water/lemonade. Tickets are available by contacting the church office. Make checks payable to East Lumberton Baptist Church. **LAST DAY TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS SUNDAY, JULY 12th.**

Church-wide Cruises * Two Church Cruises for 2027



Cruise 1: Will be a 7-night Caribbean cruise to Cozumel, Ocho Rios, Great Stirrup Cay and Grand Cayman. The dates are Jan. 24th-31st, 2027. on the Norwegian EPIC. If you are interested in going on this cruise, please see Mitch Lassiter.

Cruise 2: Will be a 7-night cruise with three days in Bermuda. The dates will be Oct. 30-Nov. 6, 2027, on the Norwegian Pearl. People outside of the church are invited to attend both cruises as well. If you are interested in going, please contact Pastor Bowen.

