



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>	
3/15: Donald White (910-258-2435)	3/22: Jeff Bass (910-316-2570)
<u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u>	
<i>Children's Church is provided for children ages 2 thru kindergarten</i>	
2 & 3 years old	
3/15: Chasity & Noah Reaves, Cindy Horne	3/22: Haley Smith, Jeff Bass, Chelsea Stone
4 & 5 years old	
3/15: Donna Holden, Christy Locklear, Kathy Buffkin	3/22: Sharon Locklear, Cynthia Woodell, Cassie Martin-West
<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>	
newborn to 2 years old	
3/15: Claudia Cooke, Cindy & Rex Caulder, Margaret Ramirez, Leighann Martin	3/22: Claudia Cooke, Elisha Parker, Chasity Reaves, Angel Thomas
<u>DEACONS OF THE WEEK</u>	
Matthew Stephens (910-234-5817) & Nick Stone (910-740-4070)	
<u>INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY</u>	
3/15: Molly Horne	3/22: Howard Reaves, Jr.
<u>FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM</u>	
3/15: Julia Martin, Margaret Rameriz, Joyce Simmons	3/22: Lisa Smith, Suzette Taylor, Susan Tyner

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

SUNDAY MORNING

"Doing The Right Thing The Wrong Way"
2 Samuel 6:1-7

Theme: "Respecting The Holiness Of God"

- I. How The Ark Of The Covenant Was Taken (v. 1-2a)
 - A. The People Were Careless
 - B. The Penalty Was Costly
- II. How The Ark Of The Covenant Was Troublesome (v. 2b)
- III. How The Ark Of The Covenant Was Typology (v. 2c)
- IV. How The Ark Of The Covenant Was Transported (v. 3-4)
 - A. They Excluded The Clear Word To Carry The Ark
 - B. They Employed The Carnal Way Of Carting The Ark
- V. How The Ark Of The Covenant Was Transitioned (v. 5)
 - A. The Multitude That Was Present (v. 5a)
 - B. The Music That Was Played (v. 5b)
- VI. How The Ark Of The Covenant Was Touched (v. 6-7)
 - A. Why The Ark Was Steadied (v. 6)
 - B. Why The Aftermath Was Severe (v. 7)

SUNDAY EVENING

"All Things New"

Galatians 3:26-29

Theme: "The Blessing Of Being Saved"

- I. We Get A New Father (v. 26)
 - A. The Importance Of Being A Child Of God
 - B. The Implication Of Being A Child Of God
- II. We Get A New Faith (v. 27)
 - A. The Baptism We Experience (v. 27a)
 1. There Is A Spiritual Baptism
 2. There Is A Symbolic Baptism
 - B. The Burden We Expel (v. 27b)
- III. We Get A New Family (v. 28)
 - A. No More Spiritual Divisions (v. 28a)
 - B. No More Social Divisions (v. 28b)
 - C. No More Sexual Divisions (v. 28c)
- IV. We Get A New Future (v. 29)
 - A. We Get To Experience Joy While We're Hear
 - B. We Get To Experience Jesus While In Heaven



Holy Week Worship Service

Holy Wednesday * Wednesday, April 1st * 7:00 PM

Worship & Communion Services

Easter Sunday * Sunday, April 5th

7:00 AM Sunrise (outside)

8:00 AM Family Breakfast

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Easter Celebration Service

6:00 PM Church-wide Song Service

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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March 15, 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

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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>"Revival"</i> Soloist: Jennifer Davis
Offertory Hymn	<i>"At Calvary"</i>
Congregational	<i>"Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"</i>
Message in Song	Daniel Lee
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
	<i>"Come Jesus Come"</i>
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
	"Doing The Right Thing The Wrong Way" 2 Samuel 6:1-7
*Hymn of Commitment	<i>"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"</i>
Benediction	Layman
Postlude	Pianist

6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Pianist
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Call to Worship	Sanctuary Choir
	<i>"I'm Still Amazed"</i> Soloist: Belinda Locklear
Offertory Hymn	<i>"There Is Power in the Blood"</i>
Congregational	<i>"Are You Washed in the Blood"</i>
Message in Song	Noah Reaves
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
	<i>"I've Got Joy"</i> Soloist: Cassie Martin-West
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
	"All Things New" Galatians 3:26-29
*Hymn of Commitment	<i>"Lord, I'm Coming Home"</i>
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 Nursing)
	4:30 PM	Handbells
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
	5:45 PM	Family Night Supper
	6:30 PM	Children's Choir (Grades 1-6)
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting/Church Conference
	7:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Baptist Men
The monthly meeting of the Baptist Men will be held on Monday, March 16th, 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, March 17th, at 7:00 PM. We will have **PRAYER** at the altar. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Brenda or Bob Hester.



Joy Bells Meeting: Brunch
Joy Bells meeting will be held on Saturday, March 21st, at 11:00 AM, in the Fellowship Hall. We will be hosting a brunch followed by a time of planning for events during the year. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Donna Holden or Rev. Ricky Donaldson.

Easter Bags for Rest Home

This year we will be collecting Easter Bags for patients at the Carrolton Rest Homes in Lumberton. This is a church wide project sponsored by Denim and Pearls. Some suggested items are socks, stuffed animals, lotion, sugar free candy, chap stick, seek-n-find books and etc. Please see Michelle Lewis or Lisa Blanton to get your gift bag and sign up for a patient. Place your items in the bag provided and attach the name tag and return them to the church, no later than **Wednesday, April 1st**. Thank you for your assistance as we ministry to the residents at the Carrolton.



Samaritan Purse Shoeboxes

WMU is excited to announce this year's goal: 1,500 shoeboxes, to help spread the Gospel around the world! Also, a special offering will be taken on each of the 5th Sundays, during the morning worship service, for the Samaritan Purse Shoebox ministry. Each month we will also have a special item for donation. This month's item is toiletry items. Please join us as we spread the gospel to the nations. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Molly Horne or Crystal Martin.



Song Service: Sunday, April 5th

We will be hosting a church-wide song service on Sunday, April 5th, at 6:00 PM. Anyone who would like to sing during this service, please sign the sign-up sheet in the choir room. You must sign-up no later than Sunday, March 29th. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Matt Horne.



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. There will be an important meeting on Sunday, March 22nd, at 4:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss plans. 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.



Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Celebration of the Resurrection of Christ



Saturday, April 4, 2026 * 10:00 AM-12:00 (noon)

There will be an Easter Egg hunt and celebration of the resurrection of Christ. This is for Children (birth to Grade 6), with food, games, etc. This event will be held at the church. Youth will be assisting with hiding the eggs and helping with the younger children. If you would like to help, we could use as many chaperones as possible. Also, please drop off your individually wrapped candy no later than **TODAY**. Most of all, please **PRAY** for this event.

Save The Date

Vaction Bible School
August 2nd-7th
Additional Information Forthcoming.



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
March 15th - March 21st

17 th Margaret Nance	19 th Khloe Britt
18 th Jerry Smith	20 th Deacon Taylor
Brenda Taylor	21 st Amanda Graham



Menu for March 18th

Menu: Pizza, salad, 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



HIGH ATTENDANCE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, April 5th * 9:45 AM
Each class please set a goal and turn in your number to Thomas Walters, Sunday School Director.