



## 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>	
3/22: Jeff Bass (910-316-2570)	3/29: 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 &amp; 3 years old</u>	
3/22: Haley Smith, Jeff Bass, Chelsea Stone	3/29: Debby Bledsoe, Melissa Evers
<u>4 &amp; 5 years old</u>	
3/22: Sharon Locklear, Cynthia Woodell, Cassie Martin-West	3/29: Roger Smith, Angel Thomas, Susan Tyner
<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>	
<u>newborn to 2 years old</u>	
3/22: Claudia Cooke, Elisha Parker, Chasity Reaves, Angel Thomas	3/29: Claudia Cooke, Megan Freeman, Haley Smith, Alana Taylor
<u>DEACONS OF THE WEEK</u>	
Jerry Allen (910-608-1857) & Jay Britt (910-977-7169)	
<u>INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY</u>	
3/22: Howard Reaves, Jr.	3/29: Crystal Martin
<u>FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM</u>	
3/22: Lisa Smith, Suzette Taylor, Susan Tyner	3/29: Doris Britt, Kathy Buffkin, Kenan Chance

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

## SUNDAY MORNING

"41 Will Come"

Psalms 95:10

Theme: "The Significance In 40 Days In The Bible"

- I. The Period Of 40 Days (v. 10)
  - A. It Was A Time Of Testing
  - B. It Was A Time Of Transition
  - C. It Was A Time Of Triumph
- II. The Pattern Of 40 Days (v. 10)
  - A. The Story Of Noah's Ark (Genesis 7:12)
  - B. The Story Of Moses On The Mountain (Exodus 24:18)
  - C. The Story Of The 12 Spies (Numbers 13:25)
  - D. The Story Of The Wandering In The Wilderness (Deuteronomy 8:2)
  - E. The Story Of Samson (Judges 13:1)
  - F. The Story Of David & Goliath (1 Samuel 17:16)
  - G. The Story Of Elijah (1 Kings 19:8)
  - H. The Story Of Jonah (Jonah 3:4)
  - I. The Story Of Jesus In The Wilderness (Matthew 4:1-2)
  - J. The Story Of The Ascension Of Christ (Acts 1:3)

## SUNDAY EVENING

Rev. Roger Smith,  
Speaker

"In The Middle"  
John 19:17-18



### Menu for March 25<sup>th</sup>

Menu: Grilled BBQ chicken, baked beans, additional side, rolls, 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



### Holy Week Worship Service

Holy Wednesday \* Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> \* 7:00 PM  
Worship & Communion Services  
Easter Sunday \* Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>  
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

### Save The Date

Vacation Bible School  
August 2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>

Additional Information Forthcoming.



### 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 22, 2026

Church Theme for 2026:

Keep On Keeping On - Genesis 26:12-22

# EAST LUMBERTON Baptist Church

## Staff Directory

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Minister of Senior Adults  
Rev. Ricky Donaldson  
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Worship Team Director/Church Pianist  
Mr. Matthew Horne  
(910) 734-4356

Ministry Assistant  
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  
     *"We Are the Church"*  
     Soloists: Mike White and Alana Taylor  
 Offertory Hymn  
     *"I Love to Tell the Story"*  
 Congregational  
     *"We'll Work till Jesus Comes"*  
 Message in Song Kayla Lee  
 Message in Song Sanctuary Choir  
     *"Death Was Arrested"*  
 Message Rev. Michael S. Bowen  
     *"41 Will Come"*  
     Psalms 95:10  
 \*Hymn of Commitment  
     *"Footsteps of Jesus"*  
 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**  
**March 22<sup>nd</sup> - March 28<sup>th</sup>**

22 <sup>nd</sup> Sherry Norris	Nick Stone
23 <sup>rd</sup> Robert Mishue	26 <sup>th</sup> Melvin Rogers
Denise Leavitt	Brittany Kinlaw
24 <sup>th</sup> Kimberly Baker	28 <sup>th</sup> Amy Grimsley

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.



**HIGH ATTENDANCE**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> \* 9:15 AM

Each class please set a goal and turn in your number to Thomas Walters, Sunday School Director.

6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude Pianist  
 Invocation & Welcome Rev. Roger Smith  
 Call to Worship Youth Choir  
     *"The Solid Rock"*  
 Offertory Hymn  
     *"At the Cross"*  
 Congregational  
     *"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"*  
 Message in Song Michelle Smith and Leighann Martin  
 Message in Song Youth Choir  
     *"What a Beautiful Name"*  
 Message Rev. Roger Smith  
     *"In The Middle"*  
     John 19:17-18  
 \*Hymn of Commitment  
     *"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"*

Benediction Layman  
 Postlude Pianist

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

<b>Today</b>	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
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
<b>Wednesday</b>	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



**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 **TODAY**, 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.

**CPR (Contact, Prayer, Recovery)**



The regular monthly outreach will be held on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. We will focus on the **RECOVERY** of inactive members through visits and phone calls.



**Walkers in Faith**

There will be **NO** "Walkers in Faith" this month. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Michelle Lewis.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>**



We will be hosting a church-wide song service on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Matt Horne.



**Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Celebration of the Resurrection of Christ**  
**Saturday, March 28, 2026 \* 11:00 AM-1:00 PM**  
**PLEASE NOTE DATE AND TIME CHANGE**

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. Most of all, please **PRAY** for this event.

**NC Department of Transportation Hearing: Public Hearing**



The NC Dept. of Transportation will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 PM until 7:00PM, in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of the hearing is to review the proposed safety, for all users along 2<sup>nd</sup> street, between MLK Jr. Drive and Roberts Avenue. Improvements would include new and upgraded sidewalks, high visibility crosswalks, and mid block pedestrian crossing locations. Everyone is invited to attend!



**Free Christian Business Guide**

During the next 30 to 60 days, 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. If you would like more information about this opportunity or would like to participate, please contact the church office.

**Budget/Finance Committee**



The Budget/Finance Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Jay Britt.