



## 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>	
3/29: Hugh Bledsoe (910-874-1961)	4/5: AM Matthew Stephens (910-234-5817) PM Donald White (910-258-2435)
<u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u>	
Children's Church is provided for children ages 2 thru kindergarten	
2 & 3 years old	
3/29: Debby Bledsoe, Melissa Evers	4/5: Robin Donaldson, Starla Stephens
4 & 5 years old	
3/29: Roger Smith, Angel Thomas, Susan Tynor	4/5: Sommer & Nathan Broadaway, Jamie Foster
<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>	
newborn to 2 years old	
3/29: Claudia Cooke, Megan Freeman, Haley Smith, Alana Taylor	4/5: Claudia Cooke, Vicki Hendren, Kayla & Daniel Lee, Becky Willoughby
<u>DEACONS OF THE WEEK</u>	
Bobby Cox (910-734-4539) & Perry Dudney (910-258-4952)	
<u>INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY</u>	
3/29: Crystal Martin	4/5: Brenda Hester
<u>FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM</u>	
3/29: Doris Britt, Kathy Buffkin, Kenan Chance	4/5: Linda Galacci, Terri Gerald, JoAnn Hayes

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

## SUNDAY MORNING

"Born Into The Right Family"

Isaiah 61:10

Theme: "The Blessing Of Being Saved"

- I. The Response To Our Salvation (v. 10a-10b)
  - A. Our Joy Should Be Evident (v. 10a)
  - B. Our Joy Should Be Exceeding (v. 10b)
- II. The Reason For Our Salvation (v. 10c-10d)
  - A. We Are Clothed In Redemption (v. 10c)
  - B. We Are Covered In Righteousness (v. 10d)
- III. The Reference To Our Salvation (v. 10e)
  - A. The Process Of A Wedding
  - B. The Purity Of A Wedding
  - C. The People At The Wedding

## SUNDAY EVENING

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound"

Galatians 4:1-5

Theme: "The Beauty Of The Grace Of God"

- I. The Picture Of The Saint Of God (v. 1-3)
  - A. The Restrictions Given To The Old Testament Saint (v. 1-2)
    1. Like A Servant He Had Laws He Had To Heed (v. 1)
    2. Like A Son He Had Limitations He Had To Honor (v. 2)
  - B. The Release Granted To The New Testament Saint (v. 3)
- II. The Provision Of The Son Of God (v. 4-5)
  - A. The Moment Of Christ's Birth (v. 4a)
  - B. The Miracle Of Christ's Birth (v. 4b)
  - C. The Manhood Of Christ's Birth (v. 4c)
  - D. The Meaning Of Christ's Birth (v. 5a-5b)
    1. To Grant Us Forgiveness (v. 5a)
    2. The Give Us A Family (v. 5b)
      - a. Adoption Involved Placement
      - b. Adoption Involved Permanence
      - c. Adoption Involved Parting



### Menu for April 1<sup>st</sup>

Menu: Salad bar, 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



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March 29, 2026

Church Theme for 2026:

Keep On Keeping On - Genesis 26:12-22

# EAST LUMBERTON Baptist Church

## Staff Directory

Senior Pastor

Rev. Michael S. Bowen  
(910) 736-6170

Associate Pastor for Families

Rev. Roger D. Smith  
(423) 557-5515

Minister of Senior Adults

Rev. Ricky Donaldson  
(910) 499-5218

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  
     *"Here He Comes"*  
 Offertory Hymn  
     *"Victory in Jesus"*  
 Children's Choir  
 Message in Song Tonya Head  
 Samaritan Purse Christmas Shoebox Offering  
 Message in Song Sanctuary Choir  
     *"This Blood"*  
     Soloist: Belinda Britt Locklear  
 Message Rev. Michael S. Bowen  
     *"Born Into The Right Family"*  
     Isaiah 61:10  
 \*Hymn of Commitment  
     *"I Surrender All"*  
 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.*

**Birthdays Celebrations**  
**March 29<sup>th</sup> - April 4<sup>th</sup>**

29 <sup>th</sup> Tyler Thomas	31 <sup>st</sup> Pat Dowless
30 <sup>th</sup> Benny Gerald	1 <sup>st</sup> Duane Stubbs
William Humphrey	April Willoughby
Angie Hardee	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ava Schneider

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.

**Reaching New Heights!**  
**HIGH ATTENDANCE**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
 Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> \* 9:15 AM  
**Goal: 300 in Sunday School**

6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude Pianist  
 Invocation & Welcome Rev. Roger Smith  
 Call to Worship Sanctuary Choir  
     *"Stand In Your Love"*  
     Soloist: Daniel Leggett  
 Offertory Hymn  
     *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*  
 Congregational  
     *"Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"*  
 Message in Song Shon Anderson  
 Message in Song Sanctuary Choir  
     *"It Is Finished"*  
 Message Rev. Michael S. Bowen  
     *"Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound"*  
     Galatians 4:1-5  
 \*Hymn of Commitment  
     *"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"*  
 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
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
	<b>NO CHILDREN'S CHOIR (GRADES 1-6)</b>	
<b>NO CHILDREN/YOUTH CLASSES</b>		
<b>NOSANCUTAARY CHOIR REHEARSAL</b>		

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Holy Wednesday**  
 On Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, we will have a prayer service along with the Lord's supper. This will be a time of reflection, prayer and preparation. Please make plans to join us for this special service.

**Easter Bags for Rest Home**

This year we will be collecting Easter Bags for patients at the Carrolton Rest Homes in Lumerton. 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 **TODAY**, during the morning worship service, for the Samaritan Purse Shoebox ministry. 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.



**Office Closed**



In observance of Easter the church office will be closed on Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. In case of emergency, please contact Pastor Bowen on his cell phone

**Sancutary and Children's Choir**

There will be **NO** Sancutary Choir and **NO** Children's Choir practice on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Matt Horne or Shon Anderson for Sancutary Choir and Jan or Bob Hodby for Children's Choir.



**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.



**Parent & Child Dedication Service**



If you would like to participate in the Parent & Child Dedication on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, please contact the pastor or the church office by Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**Samaritan Purse Christmas Shoe Boxes**

Items for April: toiletry items such as hair brushes, hair ties, toothbrushes and washcloths. **NO SOAP OR TOOTHPASTE OF ANYKIND IS ALLOWED**

There is box outside the sancutary in the hallway for these itesms.

