



## 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>	
3/8: Matthew Stephens (910-234-5817)	3/15: Donald White (910-258-2435)
<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>	
3/8: Angel Thomas, Margaret Ramirez	3/15: Chasity & Noah Reaves, Cindy Horne
<u>4 &amp; 5 years old</u>	
3/8: Austin & Whitney Hester, Sophia McLamb	3/15: Donna Holden, Christy Locklear, Kathy Buffkin
<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>	
<i>newborn to 2 years old</i>	
3/8: Claudia Cooke, Kristy Gerald, Cindy Horne, Robyn Morgan	3/15: Claudia Cooke, Cindy & Rex Caulder, Margaret Ramirez, Leighann Martin
<u>DEACONS OF THE WEEK</u>	
Josh Locklear (910-374-1142) & Noah Reaves (910-618-1469)	
<u>INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY</u>	
3/8: Nancy Dudney	3/15: Molly Horne
<u>FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM</u>	
3/8: Carrie Mae Jacobs, Gail Lassiter, Cynthia Martin	3/15: Julia Martin, Margaret Rameriz, Joyce Simmons

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

## SUNDAY MORNING

**"Are You A Celebrity or A Shepherd?"**

**Ezekiel 34:11-16**

**Theme: "The Picture of A Good Shepherd"**

- I. The Shepherd Who Stays (v. 11a)
- II. The Shepherd Who Searches (v. 11b)
  - A. He Keeps Track Of Their Count
  - B. He Keeps Track Of Their Condition
- III. The Shepherd Who Seeks (v. 11c-12)
  - A. Sheep Are Prone To Scatter (v. 11c-12a)
  - B. Sheep Are Prone To Stumble (v. 12b)
- IV. The Shepherd Who Supplies (v. 13)
- V. The Shepherd Who Satisfies (v. 14)
- VI. The Shepherd Who Secures (v. 15)
- VII. The Shepherd Who Saves (v. 16a)
- VIII. The Shepherd Who Soothes (v. 16b-16c)
  - A. He Heals The Backslider (v.16b)
  - B. He Heals The Broken (v.16c)
- IX. The Shepherd Who Strengthens (v. 16c)
- X. The Shepherd Who Shields (v. 16d)

## SUNDAY EVENING

### Baptist Men's Testimonies

Shon Anderson

Nick Stone

Mike White

## CALENDAR of Events

### Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Morning Worship Service

4:30 PM Handbell Choir

4:30 PM Greece Trip Meeting-Fellowship Hall

6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

### Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM Outreach Meeting

### Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

5:45 PM Family Night Supper

6:30 PM Children's Choir (Grades 1-6)

7:00 PM Prayer Meeting

7:00 PM Nursery thru Grade 12

7:45 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Joy Bells Cookbook



The Joy Bells are putting together a cookbook of everyone's favorite recipes. Everyone is invited to participate. Please submit your recipes to Robin Donaldson or email her at [rsdonaldson53@gmail.com](mailto:rsdonaldson53@gmail.com) no later than **Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. This is the absolute last date we can accept**

**recipes for the cookbook.** If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact Rev. Ricky or Robin Donaldson or Donna Holden.

### 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 8, 2026**

Church Theme for 2026:

Keep On Keeping On - Genesis 26:12-22

# EAST LUMBERTON Baptist Church

## Staff Directory

**Senior Pastor**

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**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
	<i>"King Jesus Is Coming"</i>
Offertory Hymn	
	<i>"Sunshine in My Soul"</i>
Congregational	
	<i>"Blessed Be the Name"</i>
Message in Song	Dale Johnson
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
	<i>"Nail Scarred Hands"</i>
	Soloist: Shon Anderson
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
	<i>"Are You A Celebrity or A Shepherd?"</i>
	<b>Ezekiel 34:11-16</b>
*Hymn of Commitment	
	<i>"Only Trust Him"</i>
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 8<sup>th</sup> - March 14<sup>th</sup>**

8 <sup>th</sup> Chelsea Walton	Kayleigh Locklear
9 <sup>th</sup> Avery Wilkerson	Stony Locklear
10 <sup>th</sup> Kevin Roberts	11 <sup>th</sup> Danny Johnson
Joseph White	12 <sup>th</sup> Doris Britt
Mike White	14 <sup>th</sup> Neilly Bryant
Olivia Santee	



**Menu for March 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Menu:** Grilled pork chops, mashed potatoes, green beans, 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**

6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

**Baptist Men's Service**

Prelude	Pianist
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Call to Worship	Men's Choir
	<i>"Just A Little Talk with Jesus"</i>
Offertory Hymn	
	<i>"The Solid Rock"</i>
Message in Song	Thomas Walters
Message in Song	Men's Choir
	<i>"What A Day That Will Be"</i>
Baptist Men's Testimonies	
	<b>Mike White</b>
	<b>Nick Stone</b>
	<b>Shon Anderson</b>
*Hymn of Commitment	
	<i>"Just As I Am"</i>
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 (Nursery thru Grade 12)
	7:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church-wide Greece Cruise Meeting**



There will be a church-wide cruise to the Greek Isles. The dates will be October 4-11, 2026 on the Norwegian Pearl. There will be an important meeting **TODAY**, at 4:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of the meetings is to finalize plans. People outside of the church are invited to attend this cruise 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 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. We will focus on the **CONTACT** of church prospects through visits and postcards.

**Easter Egg Hunt and Celebration of the Resurrection of Christ**

We will be collecting individually wrapped candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. If you would like to donate candy to the Easter Egg Hunt there will be a box in the hallway, by the office, for the candy. Please drop off candy no later than Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Most of all, please **PRAY** for this event that souls will be saved and people drawn closer to Christ

**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!  
Each shoebox is more than just a gift! It is an opportunity to share the love of Christ with a child and open the door for the Good News to be heard. Through these boxes, lives are touched, hearts are changed and the Gospel is proclaimed to the nations.

Each month, we will highlight a few specific items that are requested for donation to help fill the shoeboxes. Be watching for those monthly needs and prayerfully consider how you can contribute. Also, you can participate by completing one shoebox for each member of your family. Imagine the impact if every family joins in! Let's come together as a church family to reach our goal of 1,500 shoeboxes and spread the Gospel to the lost across our world. 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.

**Joy Bells Meeting: Brunch**

Joy Bells meeting will be held on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

**Youth (Grades 7-12): Battle House Laser Tag**

The youth (grades 7-12) will be going to Battle House, in Fayetteville, NC, to enjoy a time of laser tag, on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. The cost of this trip is \$20.00 per student. All money must be turned in no later the than Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> in order to get discounted tickets. Once the tickets are booked, we will announce the departure time. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Pastor Roger.