



## 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

5/17: Donald White  
(910-258-2435)

5/24: Lamar Holden  
(910-740-4418)

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

#### 2 & 3 years old

5/17: Alana Taylor,  
Brittlyn Stubbs, Megan Freeman

5/24: Robin Donaldson,  
Cindy Horne, Phelma Locklear

#### 4 & 5 years old

5/17: Sommer & Nathan  
Broadaway, Jamie Foster

5/24: Austin & Whitney Hester,  
Sofia McLamb

### NURSERY WORKERS

#### newborn to 2 years old

5/17: Claudia Cooke,  
Elisa Parker, Chasity Reaves,  
Angel Thomas

5/24: Claudia Cooke,  
Megan Freeman, Haley Smith,  
Alana Taylor

### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Randy Graham (910-374-8399) & Matthew Horne (910-734-4356)

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

5/17: Howard Reaves, Jr.

5/24: Crystal Martin

### FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM

5/17: Linda Galacci, Terri Gerald,  
JoAnn Hayes

5/24: Donna Holden, Cindy Horne,  
Melissa Humphrey

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

## SUNDAY MORNING

**"God Will Make A Way Where There Seems To Be No Way"**

**Exodus 14:10-11, 19-28**

**Theme: "7 Miracles God Did At The Red Sea"**

- I. The Major Problems The Israelites Encountered (v. 10-11)
  - A. The Problems The Lord May Send (Exodus 13:18)
  - B. The Problems That Leave Us Scared (v. 10)
  - C. The Problems That Lead To Skepticism (v. 11)
    1. They Had The Raging Soldiers Behind Them
    2. They Had The Red Sea Before Them
- II. The Miraculous Power The Israelites Experienced (v. 19-28)
  - A. God Darkened The Way (v. 19-20)
  - B. God Divided The Water (v. 21a)
  - C. God Directed The Wind (v. 21b)
  - D. God Diverted The Weather (Psalms 77:16-20)
  - E. God Dried The Wetness (v. 22)
  - F. God Destroyed The Wheels (v. 23-25)
  - G. God Drowned The Warriors (v. 26-28)

## SUNDAY EVENING

**"Free At Last"**

**Galatians 5:1-6**

**Theme: "The Freedom We Have In Christ"**

- I. The Release From The Law (v. 1)
  - A. Stand Fast In Your Freedom (v. 1a)
  - B. Stay Firm In Your Freedom (v. 1b)
- II. The Restraints Of The Law (v. 2-4)
  - A. The Legalism Of The Law (v. 2)
  - B. The Liability Of The Law (v. 3)
  - C. The Loss Of The Law (v. 4)
- III. The Replacement For The Law (v. 5-6)
  - A. How We Wait On God (v. 5)
    1. We Wait For His Redemption
    2. We Wait For His Return
    3. We Wait For His Rewards
  - B. How We Work For God (v. 6)

### Menu for May 20<sup>th</sup>

**Menu:** Tacos with fixings, 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**



### Samaritan Purse Christmas Shoe Boxes

We are collecting plastic water bottles. There is a box outside the sanctuary in the hallway for these items. Also, a special offering will be taken on Sunday, May 31st, during the morning worship service, for the Samaritan Purse Shoebox ministry. Please join us as we spread the gospel!



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**May 17, 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  
 "We Have Come Into This House"  
 Offertory Hymn  
 "At the Cross"  
 Congregational  
 "When the Morning Comes"  
 Message in Song Joe White  
 Message in Song Sanctuary Choir  
 "Believe For It"  
 Soloist: Cassie Martin-West  
 Message Rev. Michael S. Bowen  
 "God Will Make A Way Where There Seems To Be No Way"  
 Exodus 14:10-11, 19-28  
 \*Hymn of Commitment  
 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"  
 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.

**Happy Birthday TO YOU**  
**Birthday Celebrations**  
 May 17<sup>th</sup> - May 23<sup>rd</sup>

17 <sup>th</sup> Marton Young	20 <sup>th</sup> Meagan Lassiter
Jerry Faulk	21 <sup>st</sup> Ricky Parker
Jane McLean	22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan Stephens
Whitney Hester	23 <sup>rd</sup> Molly Horne
18 <sup>th</sup> Emily Smith	

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.

**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

Prelude Pianist  
 Invocation & Welcome Rev. Roger Smith  
 Call to Worship Sanctuary Choir  
 "Mercy and Love"  
 Offertory Hymn  
 "I've Never Been This Homesick Before"  
 Congregational  
 "At Calvary"  
 Message in Song Alana Taylor  
 Message in Song Sanctuary Choir  
 "Thank God I'm Free"  
 Soloist: Samantha White  
 Message Rev. Michael S. Bowen  
 "Free At Last"  
 Galatians 5:1-6  
 \*Hymn of Commitment  
 "Room at the Cross"  
 Benediction Layman  
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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)
	4:30 PM	Handbells
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:45 PM	Family Night Supper
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting/Church Conference
	6:30 PM	Children's Choir (Grades 1-6)
	7:00 PM	Children/Youth Classes
	7:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WMU Meeting**  
 The regular monthly meeting will be held **TODAY**, at 4:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Molly Horne or Crystal Martin.

**Baptist Men**

The monthly meeting of the Baptist Men will be held on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**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.



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

The regular monthly outreach will be held on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. We will have **PRAYER** at the altar. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Bob or Brenda Hester or the church office.

**Food Pantry**

The monthly food pantry will be open on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM. If you are in need of food or if know someone who is in need, please stop by the Food Pantry. You must have a valid id. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Joyce Cribb, Dale Johnson or Patsy White.



**Bus/Van Drivers Needed**

We are in need of Bus/Van Drivers to assist with the pick-up and return of our riders. This is done on a rotation bases and you are required to drive Sunday morning, Sunday evening and Wednesday evening on your designated week. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Matthew Stephens or the church office.



**VBS Adult Crafts**

We will be collecting paper towel rolls, toilet paper rolls and 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, please contact Sabrina Sanderson-Floyd.



**Father/Daughter Movie Night**

We will be hosting a Father/Daughter Movie Night on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. There is no cost for the movie and free popcorn and drinks will be provided. Please sign the sign-up sheet in the hallway. If you have any question and/or concerns, please contact Sabrina Sanderson-Floyd.



**Baby Shower: Chasity and Noah Reaves**

Everyone is cordially invited to celebrate in the arrival of Sutton Beth Reaves, proud parents Noah and Chasity Reaves and siblings Sawyer and Scarlett. We are asking you to drop off your baby wipes or gift cards (Walmart/Food Lion) at the table in the preschool area no later than Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Gift cards will help with formula and other baby needs. Thank you!



**Mandatory Meeting: Arise Conference**

All students, parents, chaperones and cook-team persons attending the Arise Conference! There will be a mandatory meeting Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at 4:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to finalize plans. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Rev. Roger Smith.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Vacation Bible School**

August 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup> \* 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Our theme this year is "Junkyard Redemption" as we focus on how God can turn trash into treasure. We will have crafts, games, music, Bible study and supper every night. Also, there will be 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!

