



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

5/24: Lamar Holden (910-740-4418)	5/31: Jeff Bass (910-316-2570)
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CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

2 & 3 years old

5/24: Robin Donaldson, Cindy Horne, Phelma Locklear	5/31: Madison & John Reaves, Margaret Ramirez
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4 & 5 years old

5/24: Austin & Whitney Hester, Sofia McLamb	5/31: Janice & Brian Bullock, Michelle Smith
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NURSERY WORKERS

newborn to 2 years old

5/24: Claudia Cooke, Megan Freeman, Haley Smith, Alana Taylor	5/31: Claudia Cooke, Vicki Hendren, Kayla & Daniel Lee, Becky Willoughby
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DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Matthew Stephens (910-234-5817) & Nick Stone (910-740-4070)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

5/24: Crystal Martin	5/31: Brenda Hester
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FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM

5/24: Donna Holden, Cindy Horne, Melissa Humphrey	5/31: Carrie Mae Jacobs, Gail Lassiter, Cynthia Martin
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For your safety, please know we have a security team in place for all services.

SUNDAY MORNING

"Going To Sleep With The Light On"
1 Thessalonians 5:6

Theme: "The Danger In The Church Going To Sleep"

- I. The State Of Being Asleep (v. 6a)
 - A. You Become Unaware
 - B. You Become Unavailable
 - C. You Become Unattached
 - D. You Become Unarmed
- II. The Setback Of Being Asleep (v. 6b)
- III. The Substitute For Being Asleep (v. 6c-6d)
 - A. Be Awake (v. 6c)
 1. The Savior Is Coming
 2. The Sinners Are Ceasing
 3. The Society Is Crumbling
 - B. Be Alert (v. 6d)

SUNDAY EVENING

Rev. Roger Smith,

Speaker

"Was It Worth It?"
Matthew 26:14-16

Menu for May 27th

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



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!



Graduates

If you are graduating from High School or College and participating in Graduation Sunday, on June 14th, at 6:00 PM, please make sure you turned in your pictures and have your accomplishments listed. If you have questions, please contact the church office.



Church-wide Cruises Two Church Cruises for 2027



Cruise 1: Will be a 7-night Caribbean cruise to Cozumel, Ocho Rios, Great Stirrup Cay and Grand Cayman. The dates are Jan. 24th - 31st, 2027, on the Norwegian EPIC. If you are interested in going on this cruise, please see Mitch Lassiter.

Cruise 2: Will be a cruise to Bermuda. The dates will be Oct. 30-Nov. 6, 2027, on the Norwegian Pearl. People outside of the church are invited to attend both cruises as well. If you are interested in going, please contact Pastor Bowen.



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May 24, 2026

Church Theme for 2026:

Keep On Keeping On - Genesis 26:12-22

EAST LUMBERTON Baptist Church

Staff Directory

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Rev. Michael S. Bowen
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Mr. Matthew Horne
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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
Remembering our Fallen Heroes		
Invocation & Welcome		Rev. Roger Smith
Samaritan Purse Christmas Shoe Box Ministry Update		Molly Horne
Call to Worship		Sanctuary Choir
	<i>"In The Morning Light"</i>	
	Soloist: Belinda Locklear	
Offertory Hymn		
	<i>"We'll Work till Jesus Comes"</i>	
Congregational		
	<i>"How Great Thou Art"</i>	
Message in Song		Shon Anderson
Message in Song		Sanctuary Choir
	<i>"Bless The Lord"</i>	
	Soloist: Alana Taylor	
Message		Rev. Michael S. Bowen
	"Going To Sleep With The Light On"	
	1 Thessalonians 5:6	
*Hymn of Commitment		
	<i>"Footsteps of Jesus"</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.

Happy Birthday TO YOU
Birthday Celebrations
May 24th - May 30th

24 th Cathy Lamb	27 th Jacob Reaves
Sharon Locklear	Hanah Baxley
25 th Tom Lee	28 th Billie Jo Driggers
26 th Cricket Bergeron	Kathy Edge
Connie Bryant	Starla Stephens

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
	<i>"Look For Me Around the Throne"</i>	
Offertory Hymn		
	<i>"Down at the Cross"</i>	
Congregational		
	<i>"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"</i>	
Message in Song		Tom Jernigan
Message in Song		Sanctuary Choir
	<i>"Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"</i>	
Message		Rev. Roger Smith
	"Was It Worth It?"	
	Matthew 26:14-16	
*Hymn of Commitment		
	<i>"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"</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)
	4:30 PM	Handbells
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
Monday		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Wednesday	5:45 PM	Family Night Supper
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
	6:30 PM	Children's Choir (Grades 1-6)
	7:00 PM	Children/Youth Classes
	7:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Office Closed
The church office will be closed on Monday, May 25th, in observance of Memorial Day.

CPR (Contact, Prayer, Recovery)
The regular monthly outreach will be held on Tuesday, May 26th, at 7:00 PM. We will focus on the **RECOVERY** of inactive members through visits and phone calls.

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.

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. You will be 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 are 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 and/or concerns, please contact Sabrina Sanderson-Floyd.

Father/Daughter Movie Night



We will be hosting a Father/Daughter Movie Night on Saturday, June 20th, 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 **TODAY**. 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 31st, 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 Pastor Roger.

SAVE THE DATE



Vacation Bible School
August 2nd thru 7th * 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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

SCAM TEXT OR E-MAIL MESSAGES

Currently, there is a scam text message or email being send out stating the Pastor is requesting you buy gift cards for him. Please understand none of our Pastor's will ask you to purchase and/or send gift cards. This is a SCAM and should be deleted or blocked. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Pastor Mike or Pastor Roger. Thank you!!!



SAVE THE DATE:



End-of-School Year Celebration

There will be an End-of-School Year Celebration for all preschool and Children (Grades 1-6) on Saturday, June 13th, at the home of Austin and Whitney Hester. There will be games, food and water slides. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Whitney Hester or Pastor Roger.