



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	
9/13: Jeff Bass (910-316-2570)	9/20: Hugh Bledsoe (910-874-1961)
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	
Children's Church is provided for children ages 2 thru kindergarten	
2 & 3 years old	
9/13: Roger Smith, Susan Tyner	9/20: Angel Thomas, Cindy Horne
4 & 5 years old	
9/13: Janice & Brian Bullock, Michelle Smith	9/20: Donna Holden, Kathy Buffkin
NURSERY WORKERS	
newborn to 2 years old	
9/13: Claudia Cooke, Megan Freeman, Haley Smith, Alana Taylor	9/20: Claudia Cooke, Vicki Hendren, Kayla & Daniel Lee, Becky Willoughby
DEACONS OF THE WEEK	
Matt Horne (910-734-4356) & Josh Locklear (910-374-1142)	
INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY	
9/13: Crystal Martin	9/20: Brenda Hester
FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM	
9/13: Doris Britt, Kathy Buffkin, Kenan Chance	9/20: Linda Galacci, Terri Gerald, JoAnn Hayes

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

SUNDAY MORNING

"It's What's on The Inside That Matters"
Hebrews 9:3-5
Theme: "The Blood Covers It All"

- I. The Context of The Ark (v. 3)
- II. The Contents of The Ark (v. 4)
 - A. The Pot of Manna Points to A Provision (v. 4a)
 - 1. The Teaching Behind It (Exodus 16:1-5)
 - 2. The Typology Behind It (John 6:35)
 - 3. The Trouble Behind It (Numbers 11:4-6)
 - B. The Rod That Budded Points to A Priesthood (v. 4b)
 - 1. The Teaching Behind It (Numbers 17:1-9)
 - 2. The Typology Behind It (Hebrews 4:14-15)
 - 3. The Trouble Behind It (Numbers 16:3)
 - C. The Tablets of Stone Point to A Problem (v. 4c)
 - 1. The Teaching Behind It (Exodus 20:1-17)
 - 2. The Typology Behind It (John 1:1)
 - 3. The Trouble Behind It (Exodus 32:1-8)
- III. The Covering of The Ark (v. 5)
 - A. It Shows How the Lost Rejects the Lord
 - 1. We Reject God's Son
 - 2. We Reject God's Sovereignty
 - 3. We Reject God's Scriptures
 - B. It Shows How the Lord Redeems the Lost

SUNDAY EVENING

"Being In Tune with The Spirit"
Galatians 5:24-26
Theme: "Walking In Step With The Spirit"

- I. It Is a Sacrificial Life (v. 24)
 - A. It Will Change How We Live (v. 24a)
 - B. It Will Change What We Love (v. 24b)
 - C. It Will Change What We Lust (v. 24c)
- II. It Is a Spirit-Filled Life (v. 25)
 - A. The Spirit Lives in Us (v. 25a)
 - B. The Spirit Leads Us (v. 25b)
- III. It Is a Simple Life (v. 26)
 - A. A Life Free of Conceit (v. 26a)
 - B. A Life Free of Conflict (v. 26b)
 - C. A Life Free of Coveting (v. 26c)



Upcoming Meetings/
Events

Tuesday, September 15th and 22nd
Outreach

Wednesday, September 16th * Prayer Meeting/Church Conference

Thursday, September 17th * Food Pantry * 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Sunday, September 20th * WMU * 4:30 PM * Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 21st * Baptist Men * 7:00 PM * Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 25th * Couples Movie Night * 6:30 PM * Fellowship Hall



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September 13, 2026

Church Theme for 2026:
Keep On Keeping On - Genesis 26:12-22



Staff Directory

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Minister of Senior Adults
Rev. Ricky Donaldson
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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
Offertory Hymn	
Congregational	
Message in Song	
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
*Hymn of Commitment	
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
Sept. 13th - Sept. 19th

15 th	Lisa White	19 th	Alana Taylor
16 th	Doris McNeill		Carl Stephens
	Kiyanna Locklear		Jeffrey Haliburton
17 th	Marcella Justice		Erin Saunders
18 th	Junior 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.



Menu for Sept. 16th

Menu: Pork chops, vegetables, dessert and drink.
\$5.00 donation per person; Free for Children under 6
Maximum donation of \$20.00 per family.

Due to the increase in the price of food, we do NOT want to waste food. Therefore, **you MUST sign-up each week.** We will no longer count people on cook-teams or those who usually are in attendance. It is extremely important that you sign-up. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



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
Offertory Hymn	
Congregational	
Message in Song	
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“Being In Tune with The Spirit”

Galatians 5:24-26

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)
	Handbells Choir will resume on Sunday, Sept. 20 th	
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
	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

IMPORTANT MEETING

The Deacons and Budget/Finance Committee, would like to meet with all committee chairs or designee at the deacons meeting on Monday, Sept. 14th, at 7:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to start the budget process for next year. Committee Chairs please make sure you or someone from your committee is in attendance. If you have any questions, please contact Randy Graham or Jay Britt.



CPR (Contact, Prayer, Recovery)

The regular monthly outreach will be held on Tuesday, September 15th, at 7:00 PM. We will have **PRAYER** at the altar. Look forward to seeing everyone!



SAVE THE DATE:
FINAL JUDGMENT

November 6th-8th

November 13th-15th

Additional information forthcoming.



Senior Adult Trip: Old Historic Conway

On Tuesday, Sept. 15th there will be a day trip to “Old Historic Conway” in Conway, SC. This will include a visit to the Rivertown Market and a dutch luncheon at the Trestle House along with some early Christmas shopping. We will be leaving the church at 8:00 AM. Please sign the sheet in the hallway, no later than **TODAY**, if interested in attending. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Ricky Donaldson.

Nominating Committee Survey

The nominating committee has provided surveys to determine where you would like to be considered to serve in the new church year. Forms are located at all the entrances and in the Sunday School classes. Also, if you currently hold a non-rotational position and would like to continue in that position, you need to fill out a form. Please check all areas of interest and turn into the church office or place in the offering plate no later than Sunday, Sept. 20th.



Food Pantry

The monthly food pantry will be open on Thursday, Sept. 17th, 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.

Tables and Chairs-Multi-Purpose Building

We are in the process of securing tables and chairs for the Multi-Purpose Building. A 60-inch round table with 6 matching chairs, will cost \$300.00, this includes taxes. These are the same tables that are currently in the Fellowship Hall. Our goal is to purchase at least 50 sets at this time. If you would like to purchase a set or make a donation to this project, please make checks payable to East Lumberton Baptist Church and in the memo field note tables and chairs. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact the church office, a deacon or a member of the building committee. Thank you in advance for your consideration.



Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 1st

Senior Adult Fish Fry * Lumber River State Park

Sunday, October 18th

Pastor Appreciation * Covered dish lunch in the Fellowship Hall

Additional information for both events' forthcoming.



Samaritan Purse Christmas Shoe Boxes

We are collecting plastic water bottles. Also, we are collecting small baby dolls which can be purchased from Dollar Tree. There is a box outside the sancutary in the hallway for these items. Please join us as we spread the gospel!



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. 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.

