



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	
9/20: Hugh Bledsoe (910-874-1961)	9/27: Lamar Holden (910-740-4418)
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	
Children's Church is provided for children ages 2 thru kindergarten	
2 & 3 years old	
9/20: Megan Wagner, Candie Scott	9/27: Madison & John Reaves
4 & 5 years old	
9/20: Angel Thomas, Cindy Horne, Kathy Buffkin	9/27: Debby Bledsoe, Cassie Martin-West, Sofia McLamb
NURSERY WORKERS	
newborn to 2 years old	
9/20: Claudia Cooke, Vicki Hendren, Kayla & Daniel Lee, Becky Willoughby	9/27: Whitney & Austin Hester, Chelsea Stone, Gail Lassiter
DEACONS OF THE WEEK	
Matthew Stephens (910-234-5817)	
INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY	
9/20: Brenda Hester	9/27: Buddy Cribb
FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM	
9/20: Linda Galacci, Terri Gerald, JoAnn Hayes	9/27: Donna Holden, Cindy Horne, Melissa Humphrey

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

SUNDAY MORNING

"It's Time To Get Out Of The Boat"

Matthew 14:28-31

Theme: "Getting Out Of Our Comfort Zone"

- I. The Convenience Of Lingering In The Boat
 - A. The Boat Was What He Was Familiar With (Matt 4:18)
 - B. The Boat Was Where His Family Was (Matt 4:18)
 - C. The Boat Was Where His Friends Were (Matt 14:22)
- II. The Challenge Of Leaving The Boat (v. 28-31)
 - A. It Involves Following (v. 28-29a)
 - B. It Involves Faith (v. 29b)
 - C. It Involves Forsaking (v. 29c)
 - D. It Involves Focusing (v. 29d)
 - E. It Involves Fear (v. 30a)
 - F. It Involves Falling (v. 30b)
 - G. It Involves Fervency (v. 30c)
 - 1. His Prayer Was Sincere
 - 2. His Prayer Was Simple
 - 3. His Prayer Was Short
 - 4. His Prayer Was Swift
 - H. It Involves Forgiveness (v. 31)
 - 1. The Lord Caught Him (v. 31a)
 - 2. The Lord Challenged Him (v. 31b)

SUNDAY EVENING

"The Road To Recovery"

Galatians 6:1

Theme: "Restoring A Fallen Christian"

- I. The Reasons For Restoration (v. 1a-1b)
 - A. Their Sin Was Unintentional (v. 1a)
 - B. Their Sin Was Uncovered (v. 1 b)
- II. The Requirements For Restoration (v. 1c, 3-4)
 - A. Be Godly (v. 1c-1d)
 - 1. The Responsibility Of The Believer (v. 1c)
 - a. You Have To Be Saved
 - b. You Have To Be Spiritual
 - 2. The Restoration Of The Backslider (v. 1d)
 - a. They Are Spiritually Hindered
 - b. They Are Spiritually Hurting
 - B. Be Gentle (v. 1e)
 - C. Be Guarded (v. 1f)



Upcoming Meetings/
Events

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

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

Tuesday, September 22nd * Outreach * 7:00 PM

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



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September 20, 2026

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



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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

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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. 20th - Sept. 26th

21 st	Noah Reaves	23 rd	Susan Norris
	Mattilyn Stephens	25 th	Shanna Halliburton
22 nd	Aryan Scott	26 th	Diane Walters

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. 23rd

Menu: Pizza, salad, 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.



Final Judgement Practice Schedule

TODAY – 4:30 PM – Scene 7, Downstairs Basement
(Duane Stubbs)

6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

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“The Road To Recovery”

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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
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



WMU meeting will be held **TODAY**, at 4:30 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, September 21st, 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.



CPR (Contact, Prayer, Recovery)

The regular monthly outreach will be held on Tuesday, September 22nd, at 7:00 PM. We will focus on the **RECOVERY** of inactive members through visits and phone calls.

Collecting New or Gently Used Clothes

“Campers on Missions” are collecting new or gently used Men and Women clothes for the NC State Fair Workers. There is a need for black pants, belts, shoes, steel toe boots, blankets, sheets and towels. These items are needed no later than Sunday, September 27th. Drop the items off at the church office or give to Bob or Jan Hobdy directly. If you have questions, please contact them.



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, Oct. 11th.

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!



Also, WMU will be hosting the last packing party, for this year, to pack the remaining 300 shoeboxes. This will be held on Saturday, October 10th, at 10:00 AM, in the basement. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Molly Horne or Crystal Martin

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.



SAVE THE DATE:
FINAL JUDGMENT
November 6th-8th
November 13th-15th

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.

