



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  
If you have an Emergency Prayer Request and would like for your church family to be in prayer, please contact Melissa Humphrey.

Weekly Willing Workers

VAN DRIVERS	
8/17: Robert Mishue (910-827-9096)	8/24: Matthew Stephens (910-234-5817)
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	
Children's Church is provided for children ages 2 thru kindergarten	
2 & 3 years old	
8/17: Haley Smith, Jeff Bass, Cassie West	8/24: Madison & John Reaves, Margaret Ramirez
4 & 5 years old	
8/17: Donna Holden, Christy Locklear, Kathy Buffkin	8/24: Sharon Locklear, Cynthia Woodell, Sydney Russ
NURSERY WORKERS	
newborn to 2 years old	
8/17: Claudia Cooke, Whitney Hester, Chasity Reaves, Alana Taylor	8/24: Claudia Cooke, Vicki Hendren, Kayla & Daniel Lee, Becky Willoughby
DEACONS OF THE WEEK	
Matthew Stephens (910-234-5817) & Nick Stone (910-740-4070)	
INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY	
8/17: Buddy Cribb	8/24: Robert Mishue
FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM	
8/17: Doris Britt, Kathy Buffkin, Debby Bledsoe	8/24: Kenan Chance, Linda Galacci, Debby Bledsoe

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

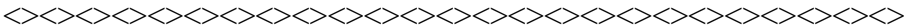
SUNDAY MORNING

“The Gates Of The City”  
Nehemiah 2:17  
Theme: “The Christian’s Journey Through  
The Ten Gates Of Jerusalem”

- I. The Sheep Gate (v. 1, 32)
- II. The Fish Gate (v. 3)
- III. The Old Gate (v. 6)
- IV. The Valley Gate (v. 13)
- V. The Dung Gate (v. 14)
- VI. The Fountain Gate (v. 15)
- VII. The Water Gate (v. 26)
- VIII. The Horse Gate (v. 28)
- IX. The Eastern Gate (v. 29)
- X. The Inspection Gate (v. 31)

SUNDAY EVENING

SANCUTARY CHOIR CONCERT



Family Night Supper

Family night supper will resume in September.  
Special “Thank You” to our cook teams  
and enjoy your summer break.



Biltmore Mansion at Christmas

There will be a trip to the Biltmore Mansion to see the beautiful lights and do some shopping, on Friday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> and returning home on Saturday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. The total cost of this trip is \$366.24 per person, which includes chartered motor coach transportation, hotel and ticket to the Biltmore Mansion. A \$145.00 per person deposit is due no later than Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. If we do not have enough for the chartered bus, we can use the church bus and the price will be reduced accordingly. Tickets to Biltmore Mansion must be purchased in advance. Make check payable to East Lumberton Baptist Church and turn into the church office. Please sign the sign-up sheet in the hallway if you are interested. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact Pastor Ricky Donaldson.



College Students

The church would like to continue our ministry for college students. Often times these students become disconnected with the church once they go to college. This is for students who live on campus or commuting to college. You will become a “secret pal” for that particular student during the school year. There are many ways to remember the student by sending them a card or small gift etc. but most of all add them to your prayer list. The student will not know who you are until the end of the school year. Somewhere around June, you will have a time where you meet your student and they have the opportunity to tell you “Thank You” for the support. Parents, please give the name of student and current mailing address along their birthday to Kristie Martin no later than Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Also, if you would like to sponsor a student or if you have questions, please contact Kristie Martin (910-734-2922).



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August 17, 2025

Church Theme for 2025:  
You Can't Out Give God - 2 Corinthians 9:6-7



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Ms. Carolyn Hedgpeth

Assistant Treasurer  
Ms. Kenan Chance

Custodian  
Mr. Jeff Pait

Theme for 2025: You Can’t Out Give God  
2 Corinthians 9:6-7

11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Pianist
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Call to Worship	Sanctuary Choir
	“House Of The Lord”
Offertory Hymn	
	“Sunshine in My Soul”
Congregational	
	“Because He Lives”
Message in Song	Evita Sanderson
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
	“Jesus Rescues Me” Soloist: Alana Taylor
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
	“The Gates Of The City” Nehemiah 2:17
*Hymn of Commitment	
	“All to Thee”
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

Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> - Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>

17<sup>th</sup>

Melissa Lane

22<sup>nd</sup>

Justin Hardee

20<sup>th</sup>

Sharon Leggett

23<sup>rd</sup>

James Jones

21<sup>st</sup>

Danny Leggett

Rev. Michael Bowen

Save the Date: Revival – September 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>

We are having a revival, September 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. Our guest speaker will be Evangelist Rick Coram. Services will begin on Sunday morning at 11:00 AM, Sunday evening at 6:00 PM and Monday thru Wednesday 7:00 PM nightly. Also, on Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup> we will observe high attendance Sunday School at 9:45 AM. Please invite your friends and family to join us. Be in prayer for our upcoming revival that many souls will be saved.

6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Pianist
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Call to Worship	Congregational
	“I Came to Praise the Lord”
	SANCUTARY CHOIR CONCERT
	“I’m Going Home with Jesus” Soloist: Nick Stone
	“My Jesus” Soloist: Alana Taylor
	“Revelation Song”
	“You Ain’t Seen the Last of Jesus
Offertory Hymn	Congregational
	“Down At the Cross”
	“Shouting Time in Heaven”
	“Revival” Soloist: Jennifer Davis
	“Goodness of God”
	“Sinner Saved By Grace”
*Hymn of Commitment	
	“Just As I Am”
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 Nursing)
		NO Handbell Choir (will resume in Sept.)
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
Wednesday		NO Family Night Supper (will resume in Sept.)
		NO Children’s Choir (Grades 1-6) (will resume in Sept.)
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
	7:00 PM	Nursery thru Grade 12
	7:45 PM	Bulletin Deadline
	7:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 PM	Google Meeting

The Final JUDGMENT

Final Judgement

Upcoming Meetings

TODAY \* 4:30 PM – Tour Guides/Door Knockers

Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> \* 4:30 PM – Counselors

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Final JUDGMENT

Final Judgement: Tour Guides and Door Knockers

There will be a meeting of Tour Guides and Door Knockers for Final Judgement TODAY, at 4:30 PM, in the hallway beside the Pastor’s Office.

WMU Meeting

WMU missions for life®

WMU meeting will be held TODAY, at 4:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Joyce Cribb or Gwen Mishue.

IT’S A GIRL

Baby Shower: Christen Rogers

Everyone is cordially invited to participate in a Drop-Off Baby Shower for Christen Rogers and her daughter, Olivia Renee Locklear. Olivia is the granddaughter of Tammy Rogers and great granddaughter of Betty Rogers. We are asking you to drop-off your gift or gift card at the table in the preschool area no later than TODAY. Diapers and wipes would be greatly appreciated.

Baptist Men

Baptist Men (ON MISSION)

The monthly meeting of the Baptist Men will be held on Monday, August 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.

CPR

CPR (Contact, Prayer, Recovery)

The regular monthly outreach will be held on Tuesday, August 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 Molly Horne.

28 Days Until Joash Chest Offering

On Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, during the morning worship service we will be having the Joash Chest march. You will be given the opportunity to bring your sacrificial gift, above your tithes, for the new Family Life Center. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact Pastor Bowen.

SNAC (Sunday Night After Church)

We are in need for four (4) families to open up their homes to our youth following the monthly youth service. The youth will come to your house after church for about an hour for fellowship after the service. Each family would provide some type of light refreshments. If you would be interested in this or would like additional information, please contact Rev. Roger Smith.

Cook Team Volunteers

Volunteers for Cook Teams

We would like to continue to offer meals each Wednesday Night. However, in order to do this, we must have additional cook teams. If you would like to start a new cook team or join a cook team, please contact Kenan Chance or the church office. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Women’s Bible Study: Revelations

There will be a new Women’s Bible Study, on the book of Revelations, beginning on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in participating, please contact Molly Horne or Jerri-Kelly McLamb.