



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	
8/3: Hugh Bledsoe (910-874-1961)	8/10: Howard Reaves, Jr. (910-316-2819)
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	
Children's Church is provided for children ages 2 thru kindergarten	
2 & 3 years old	
8/3: Alana Taylor, Brittlyn Stubbs	8/10: Chasity & Noah Reaves, Heather Williamson
4 & 5 years old	
8/3: Austin & Whitney Hester, Sophia McLamb	8/10: Janice & Brian Bullock, Michelle Smith
NURSERY WORKERS	
newborn to 2 years old	
8/3: Claudia Cooke, Margaret Ramirez, Lisa Reaves, Heather Williamson	8/10: Claudia Cooke, Megan Freeman, Gail Lassiter, Elisha Parker
DEACONS OF THE WEEK	
Matthew Horne (910-734-4356) & Danny Johnson (910-258-7383)	
INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY	
8/3: Crystal Martin	8/10: Brenda Hester
FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM	
8/3: Suzette Taylor, JoAnn Hayes, Debby Bledsoe	8/10: Susan Tyner, Heather Williamson, Debby Bledsoe

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

SUNDAY MORNING

“In Christ Alone (VBS THEME VERSE)”
1 Timothy 1:17
Theme: “Understanding Who Christ Is”

- I. A Detailed Explanation Of Christ (v. 17a-17e)
 - A. He Is Imperial (v. 17a)
 - B. He Is Infinite (v. 17b)
 - C. He Is Immortal (v. 17c)
 - D. He Is Invisible (v. 17d)
 - E. He Is Intelligent (v. 17e)
- II. A Definite Expectation Of Christ (v. 17f-17h)
 - A. He Desires Our Appreciation (v. 17f)
 - B. He Desires Our Adoration (v. 17g)
 - C. He Desires Our Affirmation (v. 17h)

SUNDAY EVENING

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Family Night Supper

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



CPR (Contact, Prayer, Recovery)

The regular monthly outreach will be held on Tuesday, August 12th, at 7:00 PM. We will focus on the CONTACT of church prospects through visits and postcards.

Dinner Theatre: Art to Die For

“Art to Die For” will be presented Aug. 22-23, 2025. Cost is \$20.00 per person (reserved seating), please no children under 6 years of age. Menu is as follows: Ham steaks, potato salad, green beans, corn, roll, salad, red velvet cupcakes and tea/water. Tickets are available by contacting the church office. Make checks payable to East Lumberton Baptist Church. **LAST DAY TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS WEDNESDAY, AUG. 13th.**



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!



Final Judgement
Upcoming Meetings

Sunday, August 10th * 4:30 PM - Scene Captains

Sunday, August 17th * 4:30 PM – Tour Guides/Door Knockers

Sunday, August 31st * 4:30 PM – Counselors



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August 3, 2025

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



Staff Directory

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Minister of Senior Adults
Rev. Ricky Donaldson
(910) 499-5218

Worship Team Leader
Mr. Matthew Horne
(910) 734-4356

Ministry Assistant
Ms. Janet Taylor

Worship Team
Mr. Larry Cooke & Mr. Shon Anderson

Treasurer
Ms. Carolyn Hedgpeth

Assistant Treasurer
Ms. Kenan Chance

Custodian
Mr. Jeff Pait

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11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Pianist
Call to Worship	Congregational
“Kneel at the Cross”	
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Offertory Hymn	
“How Great Is Our God”	
Congregational	
“Great and Mighty”	
Message in Song	Lisa Stephens
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
“In Christ Alone (VBS THEME VERSE)”	
1 Timothy 1:17	
*Hymn of Commitment	
“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”	
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. 3rd - Aug. 9th



3 rd	Jeff Bass	5 th	Gail Lassiter
	Belinda Locklear		Jerry Ivey
	Patrick Locklear	6 th	Penny Markar
4 th	Peggy Mercer		Susan Thompson
	Debbie Allen		Kevin Britt
	Shannon Foster	7 th	Jeff McLamb
	Marley Reaves	9 th	Kevin Bullard



Samaritan Purse Christmas Shoe Boxes

Items for the August: school supplies

Walkers in Faith

“Walkers in Faith” is a group that will be meeting once a month for a time of fellowship. This group is open to anyone. On Friday, August 15th we will meet, at 6:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall, for a time of fellowship, games and snack food. Please bring a \$5.00 gift and a finger food to share. Please sign the sign-up sheet in the hallway or contact Michelle Lewis at (910) 374-1131.



6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We have some cards available if you can hand out to friends and family to invite them to VBS.

Let's be the hands and feet of our Lord Jesus Christ.

BUS DRIVER FOR VBS

		SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS
Pick up	Bus	Hugh Bledsoe (910) 874-1961	Jeff Bass (910) 316-2570	Donald White (910) 258-2435	Hugh Bledsoe (910) 874-1961	Michelle Lewis (910) 374-1131
Drop-off	Bus	Hugh Bledsoe (910) 874-1961	Jeff Bass (910) 316-2570	Donald White (910) 258-2435	Hugh Bledsoe (910) 874-1961	Michelle Lewis (910) 374-1131

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

TODAY	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Morning Worship Service
	6:00 PM	VBS
MONDAY THRU THURSDAY	6:00 PM	Supper
	6:30 PM	VBS
FRIDAY	6:00 PM	VBS Commencement

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS



The church office hours will be open from 8:30 AM until 12:00 (noon) Monday, August 4th thru Thursday, August 7th due to VBS.

Sanctuary Choir Practice

There will be **NO** sanctuary choir practice on Wednesday, August 6th due to VBS. If you have questions, please contact Matt Horne or Shon Anderson.



Deacons Meeting

The regular monthly Deacons meeting scheduled to be held on Monday, August 11th, at 7:00 PM. If you have questions, please contact Randy Graham.

Baby Shower: Christen Rogers

Everyone is cordially invited to participate in a Drop-Off Baby Shower for Christen Rogers and her daughter, Olivia Renea 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 Sunday, August 17th. Diapers and wipes would be greatly appreciated.



Desperate Need for Volunteers



We are in desperate need for volunteers for Children's Church and Wednesday nights for our preschool classes. Workers are needed to keep these programs in place. If you are interested, please contact Whitney Hester, Rev. Roger Smith or the church office.



42 Days Until Joash Chest Offering

On Sunday, September 14th, 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.



Biltmore Mansion at Christmas

There will be a trip to the Biltmore Mansion, on Friday, November 14th. The cost of tickets is \$145.00 per person and due no later than Sunday, August 10th. This cost does not include hotel or chartered motor coach transportation. Hotel accommodations have not been confirmed at this time. 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.



Vacation Bible School: "Jungle Journey"

Sunday, August 3rd thru Thursday, August 7th
Supper 6:00 PM; VBS 6:30 PM-9:00 PM

THEME FOR EACH NIGHT:

Monday-Jungle Night

Tuesday-Inside/Out/Backwards Night

Wednesday-Crazy Hat Night

Thursday- Glow Stick Night

(We will provide 3 glow sticks per child, however, feel free to bring your own.)

NIGHTLY MENU:

Sunday-Sandwiches

Monday-Spaghetti

Tuesday-Chicken Nuggets

Wednesday-BBQ

Thursday-Hot Dogs

OFFERING:

Goal: \$1,000.00

Offering will go to the Building Fund.

There will be a contest between the boys and girls.

Pastor Roger will be on the boy's team and

Pastor Mike will be on the girl's team.

The offering will be taken up nightly in each classroom.

COMMENCEMENT:

Friday, August 8th, 6:00 PM -9:00 PM

Pizza and Ice Cream

Also, waterslide, bouncy house and exotic animals.

Please be in prayer for VBS teachers, workers, students and that souls will be saved. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Bowen or Melissa Reaves.