



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	
8/31: Donald White (910-258-2435)	9/7: Hugh Bledsoe (910-874-1961)
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	
Children's Church is provided for children ages 2 thru kindergarten	
2 & 3 years old	
8/31: Debby Bledsoe, Melissa Evers, Lisa Blanton	9/7: Cindy Horne, Robin Donaldson, Chelsea Stone, Starla Stephens
4 & 5 years old	
8/31: Roger Smith, Angel Thomas, Susan Tyner	9/7: Sommer & Nathan Broadway, Jamie Foster
NURSERY WORKERS	
newborn to 2 years old	
8/31: Claudia Cooke, Jeff, Jerri-Kelly & Sofia McLamb	9/7: Claudia Cooke, Kristy Gerad, Robyn Morgan, Angel Thomas
DEACONS OF THE WEEK	
Bobby Cox (910-734-4539) & Perry Dudley (910-258-4952)	
INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY	
8/31: Danny Johnson	9/7: Nancy Dudley
FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM	
8/31: Donna Holden, Cindy Horne, Debby Bledsoe	9/7: Melissa Humphrey, Carrie Mae Jacobs, Debby Bledsoe

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

SUNDAY MORNING

“How’s Your Love Life”
John 13:34-35
Theme: “The Christian’s Call To Love”

- I. The Duty Of Love (v. 34a)
- II. The Demand Of Love (v. 34b)
 - A. People Are Diverse
 - B. Personalities Are Different
- III. The Degree Of Love (v. 34c)
- IV. The Display Of Love (v. 34d)
 - A. It Is Seen Through Sacrifice (John 15:12-13)
 - B. It Is Shown Through Service (John 13:4-5)
 - C. It Is Saturated In Sincerity (John 13:4-5)
- V. The Demonstration Of Love (v. 35)

SUNDAY EVENING

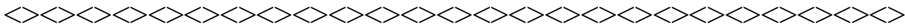
Rev. Roger Smith, Speaker
“Who Can Be Saved?”
Romans 10:13



Menu for Sept. 3rd

Fried chicken, potato salad, cabbage, rolls, dessert and drink.
\$5.00 donation per person; Free for Children under 6
Maximum donation of \$20.00 per family.

Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway as we need to know how much food to prepare.



Biltmore Mansion at Christmas

There will be a trip to the Biltmore Mansion to see the beautiful lights and do some shopping. We will leave Friday, Nov. 14th and return Saturday, Nov. 15th. 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 TODAY. 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.

Joy Bells: Southern Supreme Fruitcake

The “Joy Bells” will be going to Southern Supreme Fruitcake in Bear Creek, NC, on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd. All senior adults are invited to attend! We will be departing the church promptly at 8:30 AM and enjoy a brief tour at 11:00 AM. We will stop for a dutch lunch on the way back. Please sign the sign-up sheet in the hallway, no later than Sunday, Sept. 17th. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact Rev. Ricky Donaldson.

Preschool – Grade 6 Lumberton Bowling Center

The Preschool thru Grade 6 will be going to the Lumberton Bowling Center, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. We will meet at the Bowling Center at 11:00 AM and bowl until 1:00 PM. Cost is \$5.00 per student. Please sign the sign-up sheet in the hallway. Also, if you plan to attend, please complete a permission slip. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact Rev. Roger Smith.

Women’s Bible Study: Revelation

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



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August 31, 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
“Thank You Jesus for the Blood” Soloist: Samantha White	
Offertory Hymn	“At the Cross”
Congregational	“I Love to Tell the Story”
Message in Song	Tonya Head
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
“At the Cross (Love Ran Red)”	
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
“How’s Your Love Life” John 13:34-35	
*Hymn of Commitment	“Speak to My Heart”
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. 31st- Sept. 6th



31 st	Linda Oliver	6 th	Mary Williford
	Ashley Hunt		Suzette Taylor
	Ryker Sluder		Kathy Allen
1 st	Heather Williamson		Madison Nobles
4 th	Wayne Martin		Lauren Walton
	Jack Locklear		Lindsey Walton

Save the Date: Revival – September 14th-17th

We are having a revival, September 14th-17th. 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 14th 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	Youth Choir
“Shoutin Time in Heaven”	
Offertory Hymn	“Are You Washed in the Blood”
Congregational	“There Is Power in the Blood”
Message in Song	Lauren Locklear
Message in Song	Youth Choir
“God is Still Good” Soloist: Michelle Smith	
Message	Rev. Roger Smith
“Who Can Be Saved?” Romans 10:13	
*Hymn of Commitment	“Only Trust Him”
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.)	
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
	5:45 PM	Family Night Supper
	NO Children’s Choir (Grades 1-6) (will resume in Sept.)	
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
	7:00 PM	Nursery thru Grade 12
Thursday	7:45 PM	Bulletin Deadline
	7:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Google Meeting



Final Judgement

Upcoming Meetings

TODAY – 4:30 PM – Counselors

TODAY – 4:30 PM – Scene 2, Children’s Dept. (Ricky Tyner)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting for Cook Teams

There will be a meeting with all cook teams **TODAY**, at 4:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Kenan Chance. Thank you for your willingness to serve!



OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 1st in observance of Labor Day.

Budget/Finance Committee

The Budget/Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2025, at 6:00 PM, in the Vota Vita Sunday School class. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Jay Britt.

Deacons Meeting

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the regular monthly Deacons meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 8th, at 7:00 PM. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Randy Graham.

Denim and Pearls: Game Night

Denim and Pearls will be meeting on Friday, Sept. 12th, at 6:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall, for game night. All ladies are invited! If you have questions, please contact Lisa Hendren or Sharon Leggett.

Homecoming Sunday, September 14th

Homecoming Sunday will begin with high attendance Sunday School at 9:45 AM, with a goal of 325. Contact all your class members and friends and make sure they join us in Sunday School. Our morning worship service will begin at 11:00 AM, with guest speaker Evangelist Rick Coram. Also, during the worship service we will have our Joash Chest march. You will be given the opportunity to bring your sacrificial gift, above your tithes, for the new Family Life Center. Following the worship service, there will be lunch in the fellowship hall. Please bring a covered dish lunch to share. Thank you, Events Committee

14 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.

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 **TODAY**. Also, if you would like to sponsor a student or if you have questions, please contact Kristie Martin (910-734-2922).

College & Career: Wednesday Evening Class

There will be a new College and Career class on Wednesday Evenings, beginning on Wednesday, Sept. 3rd in the College and Career Sunday School classroom. The class will be taught by Mike White. If you have any questions, please contact Mike White or Rev. Roger Smith.

Parking

The construction company for the new Family Life Center, has placed a fence in our back parking lot, for security and protection. This fence has taken up some of our parking spaces. We would like for our younger adults to please park in the grassy area or across the road at the school and leave the parking lot for our handicapped and older adults. We appreciate everyone’s cooperation as we continue with the construction of our new Family Life Center.

Youth (Grade7-12): Main Event, Fayetteville, NC

The Youth (Grades 7-12) will be going to the Main Event in Fayetteville, NC, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. We will meet at the church at 9:00 AM and return around 12:00 (noon). Cost is \$10.00 per student plus money for food. Please sign the sign-up sheet in the hallway. Also, if you plan to attend, please complete a permission slip. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact Rev. Roger Smith.