



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
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. Melissa Humphrey may be unavailable for a brief period of time.



Weekly Willing Workers

VAN DRIVERS

12/21: Robert Mishue
(910-827-9096)

12/28: Matthew Stephens
(910-234-5817)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church is provided for children ages 2 thru kindergarten

2 & 3 years old

12/21: Chasity & Noah Reaves

12/28: Haley Smith, Jeff Bass,
Chelsea Stone

4 & 5 years old

12/21: Donna Holden,
Christy Locklear, Kathy Buffkin

12/28: Sharon Locklear, Cynthia
Woodell, Cassie Martin-West

NURSERY WORKERS

newborn to 2 years old

12/21: Claudia Cooke, Whitney
Hester, Haley Smith, Alana Taylor

12/28: Claudia Cooke, Vicki
Hendren, Kayla & Danile Lee,
Becky Willoughby

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Jay Britt (910-977-7169) & Bobby Cox (910-734-4539)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

12/21: Buddy Cribb

12/28: Robert Mishue

FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM

12/21: Suzette Taylor,
JoAnn Hayes, Debby Bledsoe

12/28: Susan Tyner,
Debby Bledsoe

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

SUNDAY MORNING

"Our Gift from God"

Isaiah 9:6

- I. Our Gift in His Humanity (v. 6a)
- II. Our Gift in His Humility (v. 6b)
- III. Our Gift in His Honor (v. 6c)

SUNDAY EVENING

"Identity Crisis"

Acts 19:15



Menu for Dec. 24th

***NO supper due to the
Christmas Holidays***



Sunday, December 21st

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Morning Worship Service

11:00 AM Haitian Ministry

2:00 PM Nursing Home Ministry (Harborview Nursing)

4:30 PM Handbell Choir

6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

Wednesday, December 24th

5:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and Lord's Supper
NO Nursery during Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 23rd thru Thursday, January 1st

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, December 25th

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 28th

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Blended Morning Worship Service

11:00 AM Haitian Ministry

2:00 PM Nursing Home Ministry (Harborview Nursing)

6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

Wednesday, December 31st

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

NO Prayer Meeting, Nursery thru Grade 12

NO Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

9:00 PM until midnight New Year's Eve Watch Night Service



*The staff of East Lumberton would like to wish
everyone a Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year*



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December 21, 2025

Church Theme for 2025:

You Can't Out Give God - 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

EAST LUMBERTON
Baptist Church

Staff Directory

Senior Pastor

Rev. Michael S. Bowen
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Rev. Roger D. Smith
(423) 557-5515

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. Kenan Chance

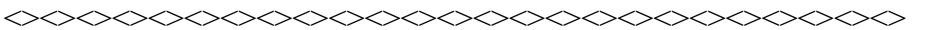
Custodian

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	Shon Anderson
Call to Worship	Sanctuary Choir
"It's Christmas"	
Offertory Hymn	
"Angels We Have Heard on High"	
Children's Choir	
Congregational	
"What Child Is This"	
Message in Song	Lisa Stephens
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
"What Christmas Really Means"	
Message	Johnnie Hursey
"Our Gift from God"	
Isaiah 9:6	
*Hymn of Commitment	
"Lord, I'm Coming Home"	
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

Dec. 21st - Dec. 27th

21 st	Frances Richardson	24 th	Mitch Lassiter
	Chris Ashworth		Latricia Freeman
	Angela Hair	26 th	Barbara Hasty
22 nd	Jo Britt		



Nominating Committee Request

The Nominating Committee is asking, if anyone is interested in serving as WMU Director, Assistant WMU Director, Sunday School Director or on the Building Committee and Personnel Committee. Please contact Cindy Horne or anyone on the Nominating Committee. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve.

Year-End Closing

Due to end of the year billing, **NO** church credit cards are available for charges from Dec. 15th until after Jan. 1st. Also, if you would like to receive a contribution statement for 2025 with your contributions listed for tax purposes, please sign the sheet in the hallway. These will be printed on an individual bases. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact Kenan Chance.



6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Pianist
Invocation & Welcome	Shon Anderson
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
"Something to Shout About"	
Soloist: Nick Stone	
Offertory Hymn	
"O Come All Ye Faithful"	
Offertory Special	Bob Hodby
Congregational	
"Emmanuel"	
Message in Song	Noah Reaves
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
"A King Like This"	
Message	Jay Willoughby
"Identity Crisis"	
Acts 19:15	
*Hymn of Commitment	
"Just As I Am"	

Benediction	Layman
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Postlude	Pianist
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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 Nursing)
	4:30 PM	Handbell Choir
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
	5:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and Lord's Supper

Thursday Merry Christmas!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CPR (Contact, Prayer, Recovery)

There will be **NO** CPR on Tuesday, Dec. 23rd, at 7:00 PM.



Proposed Budget for 2026

The proposed budget for 2026 has been placed at all entrances for your review. It will be presented for vote on Dec. 28th during the morning worship service, with no discussion.

Alabama Theatre: The Souths Grandest Christmas Show

If anyone is interested in going to Alabama Theater "The Souths Grandest Christmas Show" on Wednesday, Dec. 31st, at 3:00 PM. The cost will be \$42.00 per person, if 20 or more are attending. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Ricky Donaldson.



Christmas Card Mailbox

TODAY is the last day that the WMU will be hosting the Christmas Card Mailbox. The cards are for active church members and the cost for each card is 30 cents per card. All proceeds go to our Building Fund. **Please pick-up your cards.** Thank You!



Boys & Girls Home, Lake Waccamaw Christmas Offering

Be a part of the Great Commission this season of giving and helping others. We are collecting gifts for the Boys and Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw. **Special offering envelopes have been placed at all entrances or you may use a regular offering envelope and designate to Boys and Girls Home.** May God multiply our gifts!



Baby Shower: Lexi Britt and Wyatt Chance

Everyone is cordially invited to participate in a Drop-Off Baby Shower for Lexi Britt and Wyatt Chance. Proud Grandmother is Kenan Chance! We are asking you to drop off your gift or gift card at the table in the preschool area no later than Sunday, Jan. 4th. They are registered at Amazon. Also, diapers and wipes are greatly appreciated.

New Years' Eve Watch Night Service

On Wednesday, Dec. 31st, we will host a New Years' Eve Watch Night Service from 9:00 PM until midnight. Also, there will be **NO** nursery during the New Years' Eve Watch Night Service and there will be **NO** Wednesday Evening worship service at 7:00 PM. This event will include, games, a late-night breakfast buffet and we will pray in the New Year. This event is for the whole family and everyone is invited. Please sign-up on the sheet in the hallway, we need a headcount for the food.



Retirement Reception: Carolyn Hedgpeth



We will be honoring Carolyn Hedgpeth for her years of service to East Lumberton Baptist Church on Sunday, Jan. 4th, immediately following the evening service. This will be an opportunity for each of you to show your appreciation and wish her enjoyment as she enters a new chapter in her life. There will be a basket for cards. Also, please bring your favorite finger food to share.

Christmas Eve Service

There will be a Christmas Eve service on Wednesday, December 24th, at 5:00 PM. We will observe the Lord's Supper, with Candlelight singing and the Christmas story.



Deacons

Listed below is a list of current deacons for 2026: Jerry Allen, Jay Britt, Bobby Cox, Perry Dudley, Benny Gerald, Randy Graham, Matt Horne, Joshua Locklear, Noah Reaves, Matthew Stephens and Nick Stone.



Youth and Children Committees Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Youth Committee on Sunday, Jan. 11th and the Children's Committee on Sunday, Jan. 25th. Each committee will meet at 5:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of the meetings is to plan the 2026 calendar. Please come prepared to provide input on trips and activities. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Rev. Roger Smith.



Reminder!

Don't forget the tracts in the hallway. Please feel free to pick one up and share a tract with a friend.