



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	
12/28: Matthew Stephens (910-234-5817)	1/4: Donald White (910-258-2435)
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	
Children's Church is provided for children ages 2 thru kindergarten 2 & 3 years old	
12/28: Haley Smith, Jeff Bass, Chelsea Stone	1/4: Debby Bledsoe, Melissa Evers, Lisa Blanton
4 & 5 years old	
12/28: Sharon Locklear, Cynthia Woodell, Cassie Martin-West	1/4: Roger Smith, Angel Thomas, Susan Tyner
NURSERY WORKERS	
newborn to 2 years old	
12/28: Claudia Cooke, Vicki Hendren, Kayla & Danile Lee, Becky Willoughby	1/4: Claudia Cooke, Jeff, Jerri-Kelly, and Sofia McLamb
DEACONS OF THE WEEK	
Perry Dudley (910-258-4952) & Randy Graham (910-374-8399)	
INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY	
12/28: Robert Mishue	1/4: Danny Johnson
FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM	
12/28: Susan Tyner, Debby Bledsoe	1/4: Doris Britt, Kathy Buffkin, Kenan Chance

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

SUNDAY MORNING

“Going Out With A Bang”
2 Kings 13:21


Theme: “Making A Difference Beyond The Grave”

- I. The Procession To The Grave (v. 21a-21c)
 - A. The Corpse That Was Carried (v. 21a)
 - B. The Crowd That Was Coming (v. 21b)
 - C. The Choice That Was Considered (v. 21c)
- II. The Prophet In The Grave (v. 21d-21e)
 - A. The Impact Of Elisha While He Existed (v. 21d)
 - B. The Impact Of Elisha When He Expired (v. 21e)

SUNDAY EVENING

“The Story That Brings Glory”
Hebrews 10:5-12

- I. We Find a Parasite (v. 6)
- II. We Find a Problem (vs. 5-6, 8)
- III. We Find a Plan (vs. 7, 10)
- IV. We Find a Person (v. 10)
 - A. He Had a Perfect Prediction (Isaiah 7:14)
 - B. He Had a Perfect Birth (Luke 2:7)
 - C. He Had a Perfect Life (1 John 3:5)
 - D. He Had a Perfect Death (1 Peter 3:18)
 - E. He Had a Perfect Resurrection (Luke 24:6)



Menu for Dec. 31st
NO Wednesday Night Supper
will resume on 1/7/26



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
Monday, December 29th thru Thursday, January 1st
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Wednesday, December 31st
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NO Prayer Meeting, Nursery thru Grade 12
NO Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
9:00 PM until midnight New Year's Eve Watch Night Service

Thursday, January 1st
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
“HAPPY NEW YEARS”

Friday, January 2nd
6:30 PM Denim & Pearls

Monday, January 5th
7:00 PM Deacons Meeting



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December 28, 2025

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

EAST LUMBERTON Baptist Church

Staff Directory

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Minister of Senior Adults
Rev. Ricky Donaldson
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Mr. Matthew Horne
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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

2026 Vote on Budget

Invocation & Welcome Shon Anderson
Call to Worship Sanctuary Choir

"I Believe It All"

Offertory Hymn "There Is Power in the Blood"

Congregational "Soon and Very Soon"

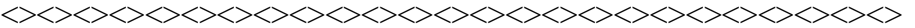
Message in Song Nick Stone

Message in Song Sanctuary Choir
"Miracle In Me"

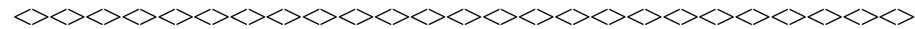
Message Rev. Michael S. Bowen
"Going Out with A Bang"
2 Kings 13:21

*Hymn of Commitment "Trust and Obey"

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.

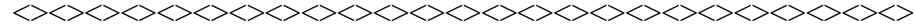


Birthday Celebrations

Dec. 28th - Jan. 3rd



28 th	Ricky Donaldson	31 st	Ashley Seals
	Jasmine Martin		Layla Willoughby
29 th	Junior McLean	3 rd	Cassie Martin-West
30 th	Daniel Leggett		Grace Schneider



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.

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. We will be departing promptly at 1:30 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Ricky Donaldson.

6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude Pianist

Invocation & Welcome Shon Anderson

Message in Song Youth Choir
"When We All Get to Heaven"

Offertory Hymn "Victory In Jesus"

Congregational "What A Day That Will Be"

Message in Song Kayla Lee

Message in Song Youth Choir
"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

Message Brody Broadway
"The Story that Brings Glory"
Hebrews 10:5-12

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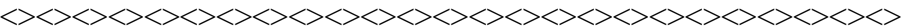


OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

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)
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service

Wednesday 9:00 PM until midnight
New Years' Eve Watch Night Service

Thursday "HAPPY NEW YEAR"



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proposed Budget for 2026



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

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.



Reminder!

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



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.



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.



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.**



Deacons Meeting

The regular monthly Deacons meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 5th, at 7:00 PM. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Randy Graham.



Deacons

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



Joy Bells Meeting: Chili & Dessert Cook-off

The Joys Bells will be hosting a Chili and Dessert Cook-off on Wednesday, Jan. 14th, at 5:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. This is for anyone who would like to participate. Please sign-up if you would like to enter the chili cook-off and/or the dessert contest. The food will be used for Wednesday night supper. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Rev. Ricky Donaldson or Kenan Chance.



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.