



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

12/7: Hugh Bledsoe (910-874-1961)	12/14: Howard Reaves, Jr. (910-316-2819)
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Children's Church is provided for children ages 2 thru kindergarten	
2 & 3 years old	
12/7: Alana Taylor, Brittlyn Stubbs, Megan Freeman	12/14: Madison & John Reaves, Margert Ramirez
4 & 5 years old	
12/7: Austin & Whitney Hester, Sophia McLamb	12/14: Janice & Brian Bullock, Michelle Smith
NURSERY WORKERS newborn to 2 years old	
12/7: Cindy Caulder, Claudia Cooke, Margaret Ramirez, Susan Tyner	12/14: Claudia Cooke, Cindy Horne, Elisha Parker, Chasity Reaves
DEACONS OF THE WEEK Robert Mishue (910-827-9096) & Matthew Stephens (910-234-5817)	
INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY	
12/7: Crystal Martin	12/14: Brenda Hester
FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM	
12/7: Margaret Ramirez, Terri Gerald, Debby Bledsoe	12/14: Joyce Simmons, Lisa Smith, Debby Bledsoe

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

SUNDAY MORNING

"I'll Fly Away"  
Genesis 8:6-12

Theme: "The Two Natures Of Every Believer"

- I. The Resting Of The Boat (v. 6)
  - A. The Purpose In The Flood
  - B. The Period Of The Flood
  - C. The Passing Of The Flood
- II. The Releasing Of The Birds (v. 7-12)
  - A. The Symbolism Of The Raven (v. 7)
    - 1. It Is An Unstable Bird (v. 7a)
    - 2. It Is An Unclean Bird (v. 7b)
  - B. The Symbolism Of The Dove (v. 8-12)
    - 1. It's Meaning (v. 8a)
    - 2. It's Mission (v. 8b-12)
      - a. The Holy Spirit Convicts Us (v. 8b-9)
      - b. The Holy Spirit Comforts Us (v. 10-11)
      - c. The Holy Spirit Controls Us (v. 12)

SUNDAY EVENING

"Somewhere In Your Silent Night"



Menu for Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>

Lasagna, corn, salad, rolls, dessert and drink.  
\$5.00 donation per person; Free for Children under 6  
Maximum donation of \$20.00 per family.

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



Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 PM Outreach

Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

5:45 PM Family Night Supper  
6:30 PM Children's Choir (Grades 1-6)  
7:00 PM Prayer Meeting/Church Conference  
7:00 PM Nursery thru Grade 12  
7:45 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM Children (Preschool-Grades 6) Sweet Valley Ranch, Fayetteville, NC  
5:00 PM Walkers of Faith-Lu Mill Light Show

Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

9:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Morning Worship Service  
4:00 PM WMU Meeting \* 5:00 PM Church Council  
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service/Deacon Ordination

Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM Baptist Men

Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM Outreach

Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

5:45 PM-6:30 PM Soup, Sandwiches, Desserts and Drinks  
6:30 PM-8:00 PM Church-wide Christmas Caroling  
8:00 PM Cookies and Hot Cocoa

There will be a hay truck going throughout the community and the bus will be going to Wesley Pines to sing to the residents there.



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December 7, 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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Associate Pastor for Families  
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	Rev. Roger Smith
Call to Worship	Sanctuary Choir
"Joy To the World (Shout for Joy)"	
Offertory Hymn	
"I'll Fly Away"	
Congregational	
"He Lives"	
Message in Song	Alana Taylor
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
"Hope for Everyone"	
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
"I'll Fly Away" Genesis 8:6-12	
*Hymn of Commitment	
"I Surrender All"	
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. 7<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>



8 <sup>th</sup>	Jordan Hope	11 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Mckenna
9 <sup>th</sup>	Joyce Simmons	13 <sup>th</sup>	Cindy Crom
10 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Edwards		

Nominating Committee Request



The Nominating Committee is asking, if anyone is interested in serving as WMU Director or Assistant WMU Director, 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. 15<sup>th</sup> until after Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, if you would like to receive a contribution statement for 2025 with your contritubitons listed for tax purposes, please sign the sheet in the hallway. These will be printed on an indivudal bases. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact Kenan Chance.



6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Pianist
Call to Worship	Sanctuary Choir
"Go Tell It on The Mountain"	
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Offertory Hymn	
"Angels From the Realms of Glory"	
<b>"Somewhere In Your Silent Night"</b>	
Presented by East Lumberton Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir	
Narrator: Randy Graham	
<u>Songs</u>	
<b>"Mary Was the First One to Carry the Gospel"</b>	
Soloist: Nick Stone	
<b>"Fear Not"</b>	
<b>"Noel"</b>	
<b>"When Hope Came Down"</b>	
Soloist: Jennifer Davis	
<b>"Call Him Jesus"</b>	
*Hymn of Commitment	
<b>"Somewhere in Your Silent Night"</b>	

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)
	4:30 PM	Handbell Choir
	6:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Musical
<b>"Somewhere In Your Silent Night"</b>		
Wednesday	5:45 PM	Family Night Supper
	6:30 PM	Children's Choir (Grades 1-6)
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting, Nursery thru Grade 12
	7:45 PM	Bulletin Deadline
	7:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 PM	Google Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Deacon Elections

Deacon election will be held during the morning worship service, **TODAY**. The candidates are: Jerry Allen, Bobby Cox, Benny Gerald, Noah Reaves and Joseph White. We are electing four (4). You must be present and a member of East Lumberton Baptist Church to vote.

Christmas Card Mailbox

WMU is hosting the Christmas Card Mailbox from Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> to Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>. 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.



Arise Conference Meeting:  
Cook Team, Chaperones & Students

There will be an very important meeting **TODAY**, at 5:00 PM, in the Felolowship Hall. This meeting is for anyone who would like to be apart of a cook team, chaperone and all students attending the Arise Conference. Parents and youth workers have first priority as chaperones. The reason this meeting is so important is to get pre-registartion information. **We must get our housing and conference reservations completed as soon as possible.** If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact Roger Smith.

Angel Tree



This year's Angel Tree is for residents at a local rest home. If you have an angel, all gifts should be returned by Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. Instructions are attached to each angel. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Sharon Leggett or Lisa Hendren.

Items for Homeless

With the weather beginning to change many of the homeless in Lumberton are without items to keep them warm. We will be collecting coats, hats/scarfs, blankets/throws or any type items to help keep the homeless warm. There will be a container for these items in the choir room. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Sherry Norris.

Proposed Budget for 2026

The proposed budget for 2026 has been placed at all entrances for your review. The budget will be discussed at church conference on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. It will be presented for vote on Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> during the morning worship service, with no discussion.



Senior Adult Christmas Party

The "Joy Bells" will be having their annual Christmas Party on Thursday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. Great food, fun and fellowship! **This will be a catered meal, therefore you MUST sign-up on the sheet in the hallway.** If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Ricky Donaldson.

Youth Grades 7-12

Youth Grade 7-12 will be going to Myrtle Beach, SC to visit the "The Great Christmas Light Show", on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. The group will be leaving at 2:00 PM. We will stop to eat. Please sign the sign-up sheet in the hallway. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact Roger Smith.



Youth (Grades 7-12)

The youth will be preparing spaghetti dinners for our houlebound/shut ins on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. We are needing youth to assist with boxing and delivering these meals. Anyone who can participate should be at the church at 4:00 PM. After the meals are delivered the youth will return to the church for their annual Christmas Party. There will be a sign-up sheet in the hallway. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact Roger Smith or Kristie Martin.



New Years' Eve Watch Night Service

On Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 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.