



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	
7/27: Jeff Bass (910-316-2570)	8/3: Hugh Bledsoe (910-874-1961)
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	
Children's Church is provided for children ages 2 thru kindergarten	
2 & 3 years old	
7/27: Roger Smith, Missy Beal, Susan Tyner	8/3: Alana Taylor, Brittlyn Stubbs
4 & 5 years old	
7/27: Becky Willoughby, Lisa Stephens	8/3: Austin & Whitney Hester, Sophia McLamb
NURSERY WORKERS	
newborn to 2 years old	
7/27: Claudia Cooke, Kristy Gerald, Robyn Morgan, Angel Thomas	8/3: Claudia Cooke, Margaret Ramirez, Lisa Reaves, Heather Williamson
DEACONS OF THE WEEK	
Perry Dudley (910-258-4952) & Randy Graham (910-374-8399)	
INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY	
7/27: Howard Reaves, Jr.	8/3: Crystal Martin
FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM	
7/27: Joyce Simmons, Lisa Smith, Debby Bledsoe	8/3: Suzette Taylor, JoAnn Hayes, Debby Bledsoe

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

SUNDAY MORNING

“Watch What You Say”
Colossians 4:6
Theme: “Guarding Our Speech”

- I. Our Speech Needs To Be Appealing (v. 6a-6b)
 - A. Our Words Need To Be Saturated With Grace (v. 6a)
 - 1. Speak Words That Provide Healing
 - 2. Speak Words That Preach Hope
 - 3. Speak Words That Present Holiness
 - 4. Speak Words That Praise Him
 - 5. Speak Words That Penetrate Hearts
 - B. Our Words Need to be Seasoned With Goodness (v. 6b)
 - 1. Salt Was Precious
 - 2. Salt Would Purify
 - 3. Salt Would Preserve
- II. Our Speech Needs To Be Appropriate (v. 6c)
- III. Our Speech Needs To Be Accurate (Matthew 12:36)

SUNDAY EVENING

“I Never Knew You”
Matthew 7:21-23

- I. Who Will Enter (v. 21)
 - A. The Division (Matthew 25:32-33)
 - 1. The Sheep (John 10:4)
 - 2. The Goats (Matthew 25:33)
 - B. The Duty (v. 21)
- II. Why Won't We Enter (v. 22)
 - A. A Faith Problem (v. 22)
 - 1. False Faith (v. 22)
 - 2. Truth Faith (John 14:6)
- III. What Is the Response (v. 23)
 - A. Hell (v. 23)
 - B. Iniquity & Sin
- IV. What Is Our Hope (Genesis 22:1-2, 11-13)
 - A. Jesus Is Our Hope



Final Judgement
Upcoming Meetings

TODAY * 4:30 PM – Cast and Crew (parts will be given out)
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

Family Night Supper

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



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July 27, 2025

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



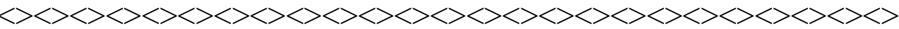
Staff Directory

Senior Pastor Rev. Michael S. Bowen (910) 736-6170	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. Carolyn Hedgpeth	Custodian Mr. Jeff Paith

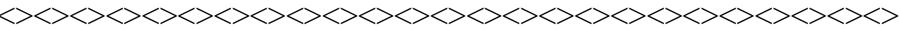
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2 Corinthians 9:6-7

11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Pianist
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Call to Worship	Sanctuary Choir
	“Revival” Soloist: Jennifer Davis
Offertory Hymn	“Bless That Wonderful Name”
Congregational	“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”
Message in Song	Kayla Lee
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
	“Gratitude”
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
	“Watch What You Say” Colossians 4:6
*Hymn of Commitment	“Speak To My Heart”
Benediction	Layman
Postlude	Pianist



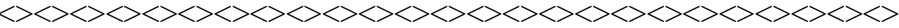
Hymn of Commitment
During the Hymn of Commitment if you would like to talk with someone about salvation, join the church or become a candidate for baptism, our Pastors will be available at the front during this time.



Birthday Celebrations
July 27th - Aug 2nd



27 th	Angel Thomas		Lisa Blanton
28 th	Julia Martin	1 st	Rubin West
29 th	Hugh Bledsoe		Mitchell Smith
	William Stevens	2 nd	Charlotte White
30 th	Dale Davis		Becky Willoughby
31 st	Claudia Cooke		Krista Morgan





Samaritan Purse Christmas Shoe Boxes
Items for the August: school supplies

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Pianist
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Call to Worship	Sanctuary Choir
	“Old Church Choir” Soloist: Nick Stone
Offertory Hymn	“Soon and Very Soon”
Congregational	“When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder”
Message in Song	Jay Willoughby
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
	“Because He Lives (Amen)”
Message	Brody Broadway
	“I Never Knew You” Matthew 7:21-23
*Hymn of Commitment	“Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”


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.)
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
Wednesday		NO Family Night Supper (will resume in Sept.)
		NO Children’s Choir (Grades 1-6) (will resume in Sept.)
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
	7:00 PM	Nursery thru Grade 12
	7:45 PM	Bulletin Deadline
	7:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 PM	Google Meeting




ANNOUNCEMENTS



Final Judgement: Construction and Decorating Teams
There will be a meeting of all cast and crew for Final Judgement **TODAY**, at 4:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. Parts will be given out at this meeting. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Pastor Bowen.

Baby Shower: Kim Greenland
Everyone is cordially invited to participate in a Drop-Off Baby Shower for Kimberly Greenland. It’s a boy! We are asking you to drop-off your gift or gift card at the table in the preschool area no later than **TODAY**. She is registered at Amazon. Also, 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.



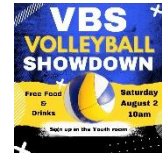
Volunteer Needed

We need a male volunteer, on Wednesday nights, for the College age students. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Roger Smith or Rev. Bowen.



49 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.



Volleyball Showdown (VBS)

There will be a Volleyball Showdown to kick-off VBS on Saturday, August 2nd, at 10:00 AM. This is for kids and adults. Please sign-up on the sheet in the hallway so you can be placed on a team. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Pastor Bowen or Pastor Roger.

New Sunday Evening Sermon Series

Pastor Bowen has begun a new sermon series, on Sunday Evenings, on the book of Galatians. Please join us for our new sermon series.



Vacation Bible School:
“Jungle Journey”

Sunday, August 4rd 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.)

OFFERING GOAL: \$1,000.00

The offering will be taken up in each classroom and go to the Chest of Joash for the building fund.

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.