



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	
11/23: Donald White (910-258-2435)	11/30: Jeff Bass (910-316-2570)
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	
Children's Church is provided for children ages 2 thru kindergarten	
2 & 3 years old	
11/23: Debby Bledsoe, Melissa Evers, Lisa Blanton	11/30: Cindy Horne, Robin Donaldson, Starla Stephens
4 & 5 years old	
11/23: Roger Smith, Angel Thomas, Susan Tyner	11/30: Sommer & Nathan Broadaway, Jamie Foster
NURSERY WORKERS	
newborn to 2 years old	
11/23: Claudia Cooke, Jeff, Jerri-Kelly & Sofia McLamb	11/30: Claudia Cooke, Kristy Gerald, Robyn Morgan, Angel Thomas
DEACONS OF THE WEEK	
Randy Graham (910-374-8399) & Matthew Horne (910-734-4356)	
INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY	
11/23: Heather Williamson	11/30: Howard Reaves, Jr.
FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM	
11/23: Cathy Lamb, Gail Lassiter, Debby Bledsoe	11/30: Cynthia Martin, Julia Martin, Debby Bledsoe

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

SUNDAY MORNING

“6 Days That Changed The World”  
Genesis 1:1-2, 2:1  
Theme: “God’s Marvelous Creation”

- I. The Commencement Of God’s Creation (Genesis 1:1-2)
  - A. The Author Of Creation (v. 1a)
  - B. The Amazement Of Creation (v. 1b)
  - C. The Absence Of Creation (v. 2a-2b)
    - 1. The Earth Was Not Formed (v. 2a)
    - 2. The Earth Was Not Filled (v. 2b)
  - D. The Activity During Creation (v. 2c)
- II. The Continuation Of God’s Creation (Genesis 2:1a)
  - A. The Duration Of Each Day
  - B. The Description Of Each Day
- III. The Completion Of God’s Creation (Genesis 2:1b)
  - A. It Was Glorious
  - B. It Was Good
    - 1. Hands Were Lifted (v. 6d)
    - 2. Heads Were Lowered (v. 6e)


SUNDAY EVENING

Rev. Roger Smith, Speaker  
“Run Forest Run, Part 2”  
Hebrews 12:1-2



Menu for Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>

**NO SUPPER DUE TO  
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 PM Outreach

Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>  
NO Family Night Supper  
NO Children’s Choir (Grades 1-6)  
7:00 PM Special Thanksgiving Service  
NO Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>  
Thanksgiving Day \* Church Offices Closed

Friday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>  
Church Offices Closed

Sunday; November 30<sup>th</sup>  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Blended Worship Service  
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

Monday, December 1st  
7:00 PM Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
5:45 PM Family Night Supper  
6:30 PM Children’s Choir (Grades 1-6)  
7:00 PM Prayer Meeting, Nursery thru Grade 12  
8:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



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November 23, 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 (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. Kenan Chance	Assistant Treasurer Ms. Carolyn Hedgpeth
	Custodian Mr. Jeff Pait

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11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Pianist
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Call to Worship	Sanctuary Choir
	“What A Wonderful Place” Soloist: Jennifer Davis
Offertory Hymn	“Where Could I Go?”
Congregational	“How Great Thou Art”
Message in Song	Tyler Thomas
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
	“Every Step” Soloist: Lauren Locklear
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
	“6 Days That Changed The World” Genesis 1:1-2, 2:1
*Hymn of Commitment	“Wherever He Leads I’ll Go”
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

Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>

23 <sup>rd</sup>	Carson McKenna	26 <sup>th</sup>	Charlie Britt
24 <sup>th</sup>	Jay Reaves		Ashley Driggers
	Lance Thompson		

Special Thanksgiving Service

There will be a special Thanksgiving Service Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Come prepared to share a brief testimony or praise report.



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


6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Pianist
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Call to Worship	Youth Choir
	“I Saw the Light”
Offertory Hymn	“Send the Light”
Congregational	“I Love to Tell the Story”
Message in Song	Justin White
Message in Song	Youth Choir
	“My Jesus” Soloist: Leighann Martin
Message	Rev. Roger Smith
	“Run Forest Run, Part 2” Hebrews 12:1-2
*Hymn of Commitment	“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”
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)
Wednesday	NO Handbell Choir	
	NO Family Night Supper	
	NO Children's Choir (Grades 1-6)	
	7:00 PM	Special Thanksgiving Service
	7:00 PM	Nursery thru Grade 12
Thursday	7:45 PM	Bulletin Deadline
	NO Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	
	7:00 PM	Google Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Weekly Bulletin Deadline*



Bulletins

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the deadline for information to be included in next week's bulletin is Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, no later than 9:00 AM. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

In observance of Thanksgiving the church office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>. In case of emergency, please contact Pastor Bowen on his cell phone.



Preschool thru Grade 6: Sweet Valley Ranch, Fayetteville, NC

Preschool thru Grade 6 will be going to Sweet Valley Ranch in Fayetteville, NC to see the “Festival of Lights” on Saturday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. The group will be leaving at 5:00 PM. The cost is \$5.00 per person plus money for food. Tickets must be purchased in advance, please sign up no later than **TODAY**. 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. As we strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus, we will be collecting coats, hats/scarfs, blankets/throws or any type items to help keep the homeless warm and show them love. 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 Trip Christmas Party

The “Joy Bells” will be having their annual Christmas Party on Thursday, December 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” and out to eat, on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. The group will be leaving at 2:00 PM. Please sign the sign-up sheet in the hallway. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact Roger Smith.



Sanctuary Choir Musical

The Sanctuary Choir will be presenting a Christmas musical “Somewhere in Your Silent Night” on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM. Please invite a friend and come and support our choir and worship our Lord.

Arise Conference Meeting: Cook Team, Chaperones & Students

There will be an very important meeting on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 PM, in the Felolowship Hall. This meeting for anyone who 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 as 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.

