



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

9/21: Howard Reaves, Jr.
(910-316-2819)

9/28: Robert Mishue
(910-827-9096)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

2 & 3 years old

9/21: Madison & John Reaves,
Margaret Ramirez

9/28: Chasity & Noah Reaves,
Heather Williamson

4 & 5 years old

9/21: Janice & Brian Bullock,
Michelle Smith

9/28: Donna Holden,
Christy Locklear, Kathy Buffkin

NURSERY WORKERS

newborn to 2 years old

9/21: Claudia Cooke,
Megan Freeman, Cindy Horne,
Elisha Parker

9/28: Claudia Cooke, Lisa Reaves,
Haley Smith, Alana Taylor

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Robert Mishue (910-827-9096) & Matthew Stephens (910-234-5817)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

9/21: Heather Williamson

9/28: Howard Reaves, Jr.

FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM

9/21: Cynthia Martin,
Julia Martin, Debby Bledsoe

9/28: Margaret Ramirez,
Terri Gerald, Debby Bledsoe

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

SUNDAY MORNING

“Remember Where You Came From”

Luke 8:2


Theme: “Don’t Forget Where Christ Brought You From”

- I. Mary’s Dilemma (v. 2a-2b)
 - A. We See Her Hellish Demons (v. 2a)
 1. The Number Of Demons
 2. The Nature Of Demons
 - B. We See Her Health Difficulties (v. 2b)
 - C. We See Her Hopeless Destination
- II. Mary’s Deliverance (v. 2c)
 - A. The Healing She Got
 - B. The Heaven She Gained
- III. Mary’s Dedication
 - A. We See It In Her Faithfulness
 1. She Followed Him All The Way To The Cross (John 19:25)
 2. She Followed Him All The Way To The Cemetery (John 20:1)
 3. She Followed Him All The Way To Completion (John 20:10-11)
 - B. We See It In Her Finances (Luke 8:3)

SUNDAY EVENING

“Camp Grace Report & Message”


Jonathan Huggins



Menu for Sept. 24th

Ham and turkey subs, chips, 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.



Samaritan Purse Christmas Shoe Boxes

Items for the September and October: sewing kits, first aid kits, a “WOW” item (small backpack or purse, doll, truck or car, small ball, stuffed animal, jewelry making or hobby kit). If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact Joyce Cribb or Gwen Mishue.

Youth Fundraiser

There will be a meeting with the Youth Committee and anyone who would like to help with a fundraiser, for the Youth Arise Conference. The purpose will be to discuss and finalize plans for this fundraiser. The meeting will be held on Sunday, September 28th, at 4:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hal. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Roger Smith.



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 14th

Senior Adult Fish Fry * Lumber River State Park

Sunday, October 26th

Pastor Appreciation * Covered dish lunch in the Fellowship Hall

Additional information for both events’ forthcoming.



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September 21, 2025

Church Theme for 2025:

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

EAST LUMBER RIVER
Baptist Church

Staff Directory

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Minister of Senior Adults

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(910) 499-5218

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Mr. Matthew Horne
(910) 734-4356

Ministry Assistant

Ms. Janet Taylor

Worship Team

Mr. Larry Cooke & Mr. Shon Anderson

Treasurer

Ms. Carolyn Hedgpeth

Assistant 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
“The Old Country Church”	
Offertory Hymn	
“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”	
Congregational	
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”	
Message in Song	Belinda Locklear
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
“Evidence” Soloist: Shon Anderson	
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
“Remember Where You Came From” Luke 8:2	
*Hymn of Commitment	
“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”	
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
Sept. 21st - Sept. 27th



21 st	Jeff Lowe	25 th	Shanna Halliburton
	Noah Reaves	26 th	Diane Walters
	Mattilyn Stephens		Amanda Parker
22 nd	Aryan Scott	27 th	Tonya Head
23 rd	Susan Norris		



Final Judgement Practice Schedule

TODAY – 5:00 PM – Scene 1, Outside Fellowship Hall
(Sabrina Sanderson-Floyd)
TODAY – 5:00 PM – Scene 6, Preschool Area (Daniel Lee)
TODAY – 4:30 PM – Scene 8, Downstairs Basement (Duane Stubbs)
TODAY – 3:30 PM – Scene 9, Heaven, Sanctuary (Johnnie Hursey)

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	Sanctuary Choir
“Trusting God”	
Offertory Hymn	
“I Came to Praise the Lord”	
Congregational	
“Because He Lives”	
Message in Song	Dale Johnson
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
“Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone”	
Message	Jonathan Huggins
“Camp Grace Report & Message”	
*Hymn of Commitment	
“Softly and Tenderly”	
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	Evening Worship Service
Wednesday	5:45 PM	Family Night Supper
	6:30 PM	Children's Choir (Grades 1-6)
	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
WMU Meeting
WMU meeting will be held **TODAY**, at 4:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Joyce Cribb.

Church Council Meeting
There will be a Church Council Meeting **TODAY**, at 5:00 PM, in the Choir Room. All Department Heads and Committee Chairpersons please be sure you or a representative are at this meeting. Please bring your calendar as we plan for the next quarter.

Baptist Men
The monthly meeting of the Baptist Men will be held on Monday, Sept. 22nd, at 7:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. A meal will be provided. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact John Reaves.

Parking

The construction company for the new Family Life Center, has placed a fence in our back parking lot, for security and protection. This fence has taken up some of our parking spaces. We would like for our younger adults to please park in the grassy area or across the road at the school and leave the parking lot for our handicapped and older adults. We appreciate everyone's cooperation as we continue with the construction of our new Family Life Center.



Joy Bells: Southern Supreme Fruitcake
The “Joy Bells” will be going to Southern Supreme Fruitcake in Bear Creek, NC, on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd. All senior adults are invited to attend! We will be departing the church promptly at 8:30 AM and enjoy a brief tour at 11:00 AM. We will stop for a dutch lunch on the way back. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact Rev. Ricky Donaldson.

Youth (Grade7-12): Main Event, Fayetteville, NC
The Youth (Grades 7-12) will be going to the Main Event in Fayetteville, NC, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. We will meet at the church at 9:00 AM and return around 12:00 (noon). Cost is \$10.00 per student plus money for food. Please sign the sign-up sheet in the hallway. Also, if you plan to attend, please complete a permission slip. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact Rev. Roger Smith.

Walkers of Faith
Walkers of Faith will hold their regular monthly meeting on Friday, Sept. 26th at 6:30 PM. The group will be going to the Carrolton to sing to the residents at 7:00 PM. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Michelle Lewis.

WMU Yard Sale/Bazaar
The WMU will be hosing a yard sale/bazaar on Saturday, October 4th, under the shelter in front of the storage building, beginning at 7:30 AM. The purpose of this fundraiser is to raise funds for our new Family Life Center. Anyone wishing to contribute any baked goods, handmade items or any other items, please drop off items at the church by 6:30 AM. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Gwen Mishue.

Operation Christmas Child
Our church is once again participating in Operation Christmas Child. Samaritan's Purse collects filled shoe boxes for boys and girls. Beginning next week, you are invited to pick up a shoe box and label. Operation Christmas Child provides kids around the world with shoe boxes filled with small toys, school supplies and gospel literature. Filled boxes should be returned to the church along with \$10.00 shipping fee no later than Wednesday, Nov. 12th. If you have any questions, please contact Gwen Mishue.

Budget Request for 2026
Committee Chairpersons please submit your budget requests for the new budget beginning in January, 2026. These requests must be submitted no later than Sunday, September 28th. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Carolyn Hedgpeth.

Women's Bible Study: Revelation
There will be a new Women's Bible Study, on the book of Revelation, on 1st and 3rd Monday evenings of each month, at 6:30 PM. If you are interested in participating, please contact Molly Horne or Jerri-Kelly McLamb.

Golf Tournament
We are planning a Golf Tournament for Saturday, October 18th, at Vineyard Golf Course, White Lake, NC. Everyone is invited to participate, members and non-members. Please contact, Perry Dudney, Daniel Leggett, Hugh Bledsoe or Randy Graham to sign-up or for additional information. Come enjoy a day of golf.