



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.

MINISTER ON-CALL

Monday-Rev. Roger Smith (423) 557-5515

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday-

Rev. Michael Bowen (910) 736-6170

Friday & Saturday-Rev. Michael Bowen (910) 736-6170

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

12/10: Howard Reaves, Jr.
(316-2819)

12/17: Robert Mishue (827-9096)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

2 & 3 years old

12/10: Gail Lassiter,
Rebecca Lamb & Katlyn Lassiter

12/17: Whitney Hester &
Cindy Horne

4 & 5 years old

12/10: Samantha White &
Amy Britt

12/17: Marsha & Lucky
McKenna

NURSERY WORKERS

12/10: Claudia Cooke,
Cindy Horne, Elisha Parker

12/17: Claudia Cooke, Haley Smith
& Alana Taylor

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Danny Leggett (740-9565) & John Locklear (738-2663)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

12/10: Buddy Cribb &
Robert Mishue

12/17: Danny Johnson &
Danny Leggett

FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM

12/10: Terri Gerald,
Melissa Humphrey, Debby Bledsoe

12/17: Maria Cooke, Linda Galacci,
Tonya & Hanah Baxley

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

SUNDAY MORNING

"Too Far Gone"

Proverbs 1:24-28

Theme: "The Importance Of Heeding The Call Of God"

- I. What Happens When God's Call Is Issued (v. 24-25)
 - A. The Call Is Initiated (v. 24a)
 - B. The Call Is Inviting (v. 24b)
 - C. The Call Is Intense (v. 25a)
 - D. The Call Is Ignored (v. 25b-25c)
 1. God's Preaching Is Refused (v. 25b)
 2. God's Power Is Rejected (v. 25c)
- II. What Happens When God's Call Is Ignored (v. 26-28)
 - A. What They Will Find (v. 26a-26b)
 1. The Consequence Of Sin Is Guaranteed (v. 26a)
 2. The Consequence Of Sin Is Great (v. 26b)
 - B. What They Will Face (v. 26c-27)
 1. They Will Face Dread (v. 26c)
 2. They Will Face Desolation (v. 27a)
 3. They Will Face Destruction (v. 27b)
 4. They Will Face Distress (v. 27c)
 - C. What They Will Fear (v. 28)
 1. They Will Speak And God Won't Hear Them (v. 28a)
 2. They Will Seek And God Won't Be Near Them (v. 28b)

SUNDAY EVENING

"Deacon Ordination"

Matthew Horne

Joshua Locklear



Birthday Celebrations

December 10th - December 16th

12th Christopher Lane
13th Shelby Hodge
Angela Wise
14th Reba Britt
Stephanie Ward

15th Thomas Walters
Elisha Parker
16th Janice Eddy
Austin Smith
Jean Bozeman



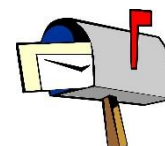
New Years' Eve Watch Night Service

On Sunday, December 31st, we will host a New Years' Eve Watch Night Service from 10:00 PM until midnight. There will be **NO** evening worship service at 6:00 PM. This event will include, 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.

Updated Mailing Address for Jordan Hope

Many have asked for an updated mailing address for Jordan Hope. Jordan is home but will continue to take chemo treatments for the next 10 weeks at Florence. Please continue to remember him and his family in your prayers.

Mr. Jordan Hope
2270 Sandhill Road
Turbeville, SC 29162



201 Whiteville Avenue * Lumberton, NC 28358

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December 10, 2023

Church Theme for 2023:

The Blessing of Kids in Church ~ Matthew 19:13-15

**EAST
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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

VACANT

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 Pait

11:00 AM BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Pianist
Call to Worship	Sanctuary Choir
“Born in Bethlehem”	
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Offertory Hymn	
“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	
Congregational Song	
“Just a Little Talk with Jesus”	
Message in Song	Ryley Floyd
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
“Noel”	
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
“Too Far Gone” Proverbs 1:24-28	
*Hymn of Commitment	
“Have You Been to Calvary”	
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.

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

Today	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Blended Worship Service
	4:30 PM	Handbell Choir
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service”
Wednesday	NO Family Night Supper	
	NO Children’s Choir (Grades 1-6)	
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting/Church Conference
	7:00 PM	Nursery thru Grade 12

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. In case of emergency, please contact Carolyn Hedgpeeth, Treasurer, at (910) 316-9766.

Live Nativity Volunteers

A sincere thanks to everyone who helped out with the Live Nativity this year. As a result of your willingness to work and serve over 2,000 people came through. We had 39 salvations and received \$1,880 in donations. If you still have a costume, please return it to the container outside the church office. Again, thank you!



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
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
“Go Tell It On The Mountain”	
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Offertory Hymn	
“We Three Kings of Orient Are”	
Congregational	
“Standing on the Promises”	
Message in Song	Jennifer Davis
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
“King Jesus Is His Name”	
Biblical Qualifications for Deacon	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
Charge to Candidates and Laying on of Hands Presentation of Certificates	
Deacon Ordination Matthew Horne Joshua Locklear	
*Hymn of Commitment	
“I Surrender All”	
Benediction	Layman
Postlude	Pianist

Menu for Dec. 13th

NO Wednesday Night Supper

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children’s Choir

NO Children’s Choir during the month of December. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Kayla Lee.



CPR (Contact, Prayer, Recovery)



The regular monthly outreach will be held on Tuesday, December 12th, at 7:00 PM. We will focus on the CONTACT of church prospects through visits and postcards.

Proposed Budget for 2024

The proposed budget for 2024 has been placed at all entrances for your review. The budget will be discussed at church conference on Wednesday, Dec. 13th. It will be presented for vote on Dec. 24th during the joint worship service, at 10:00 AM, with no discussion.



Youth (Grades 7-12) Trip



The youth (Grades 7-12) will be visiting the “Billy Graham Library” in Charlotte, NC, on Friday, Dec. 15th. We will be departing from the church at 4:30 PM. The cost of the trip is \$5.00 per person plus cost of dinner coming home. You must have a signed permission slip. Please sign-up on the sheet in the hallway. If you have any questions, please contact Roger Smith.

“Joy Bells” Christmas Celebration

There will be a “Joy Bells Christmas Celebration” on Saturday, Dec. 16th, at 7:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a time of food, fun, entertainment and fellowship. If you have questions, please contact Tony Brigman.



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering



The offering is for International Missionaries and their work to spread the Gospel. Be a part of the Great Commission this season of giving and help others have the blessing of hearing the Gospel! Our church goal this year is \$5,000.00. Special offering envelopes have been placed at all entrances or you may use a regular offering envelope and designate to Lottie Moon. May God multiply our gifts!

Christmas Card Mailbox



WMU is hosting the Christmas Card Mailbox from Nov. 26th to Dec. 17th. The cards are for active church members and the cost for each card is 25 cents per card. All proceeds go to our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Church-wide Christmas Caroling
Wednesday, December 20th



5:45 PM Supper-Soup, sandwiches, dessert and drinks
6:30 PM-8:00 PM-Church-wide Caroling
8:00 PM–Hot Cocoa and cookies, Fellowship Hall

There will be a hay truck going throughout the community and the bus will be going to Harborview Rest Home (formerly Golden Living) to sing to the residents there.



Sunday, December 10th

11:00 AM Blended Morning Worship Service
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service/
Deacon Ordination

Tuesday, December 12th

7:00 PM Outreach

Wednesday, December 13th

5:45 PM Family Night Supper

7:00 PM Prayer Meeting, Church Conference, Preschool, Children & Youth

Friday, December 15th

4:30 PM Youth (Grades 7-12) “Billy Graham Library”, Charlotte, NC

Saturday, December 16th

6:00 PM Sr. Adult Christmas Party

Sunday, December 17th

11:00 AM Blended Morning Worship Service
4:00 PM WMU * 5:00 PM Church Council
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

Wednesday, December 20th

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

Sunday, December 24th

9:45 AM NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 AM Blended Morning Worship Service

5:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and Lord’s Supper

Monday, December 25th

Merry Christmas

Plan now to make the Birth of Christ the center of your Christmas activities.