



## Welcome to East Lumberton

We gather today as children of our heavenly Creator. Please know that whoever you are and wherever you are from, you are welcome in God's house.

May every heart be warmed by God's presence. Let us show love and kindness towards one another. If you are visiting for the first time, please stop by the welcome center 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

Wednesday-Dr. Tom Martin (910) 876-3462

Tuesday & 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

12/11: Dale Davis  
(734-1255)

12/18: Howard Reaves, Jr.  
(316-2819)

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church is provided for children ages 3 thru kindergarten

12/11: Haley Smith,  
Rebecca Lamb, Crystal Martin

12/18: Willie & Carol Britt,  
Kay Taylor

### NURSERY WORKERS

12/11: Claudia Cooke,  
Cindy Horne, Elisha Parker

12/18: Claudia Cooke,  
Haley Smith, Alana Taylor

### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Jay Willoughby (734-8208) & Jerry Allen (739-0934)

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

12/11: Nancy Dudney

12/18: Howard Reaves, Jr.

### FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM

12/11: Peggy Mercer,  
Cathy Lamb, Debby Bledsoe

12/18: Heather Owens,  
Margaret Ramirez, Debby Bledsoe

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

### Online Giving Building Fund

We have added a *Building Fund* option to our current online giving platform. Please feel free to utilize this method of giving.

## SUNDAY MORNING

**"Rest In Peace?"**

**Isaiah 48:2**

**Theme: "The Peace That Comes With Knowing Christ"**

- I. The Peace That Is Absent On Earth
- II. The Peace That Is Abolished In Eternity
  - A. The Removal Of Christ
  - B. The Reason It's Created (Matthew 25:41)
  - C. The Rest That Ceases (Revelation 14:11)
  - D. The Remorse That's Constant (Matthew 8:12)
- III. The Peace That Is Available For Everyone
  - A. It's A Peace That Is Undeniable (Romans 5:1)
  - B. It's A Peace That Is Unexplainable (Philippians 4:6-7)

## SUNDAY EVENING

### **"Testimony"**

**Makaila Locklear Wright**  
**Oregon Mission**



### **Birthday Celebrations**

**Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>-Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>**

12 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Lane	16 <sup>th</sup>	Elisha Parker
13 <sup>th</sup>	Shelby Hodge	17 <sup>th</sup>	Janice Eddy
14 <sup>th</sup>	Reba Britt	18 <sup>th</sup>	Austin Smith
15 <sup>th</sup>	Stephanie Ward		Jean Bozeman
	Thomas Walters		

### Menu for December 14<sup>th</sup> No Wednesday Night Supper

#### **Christmas Card Mailbox**

WMU is hosting the Christmas Card Mailbox from Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. 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.



Due to end of the year billing, NO church credit cards are available for charges until after Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. In case of emergency, please contact Carolyn Hedgpath, Treasurer, at (910) 316-9766.



#### **Year-End Closing**

The Youth (Grades 7-12) will be going to the "Festival of Lights" at Lu Mill Vineyard in Elizabethtown, NC

for the light show and dinner, on Friday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 PM. Also, the Children (Grades 1-6) will be going

to the "Great Christmas Light Show" in N. Myrtle Beach, SC for the light show and dinner on Saturday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 PM. There is no cost for either of these trips but you must have a signed permission slip. If you have any questions, please contact Roger Smith.



## **Third Sunday Of Advent**



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**December 11, 2022**

Church Theme for 2022:  
Mighty Men of God ~ 1 Corinthians 11:3

**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**

**Dr. Tom Martin**  
(910) 876-3462

#### **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 Hedgpath**

#### **Custodian**

**Mr. Jeff Pait**

## 8:30 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

### *Third Sunday of Advent*

Prelude	Pianist
Call to Worship	<i>"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"</i>
Invocation & Welcome	Deacon of the Week
The Candle of Joy	Jeremy & Kristie Gerald
Offertory Hymn	<i>"What Child Is This"</i>
Message in Song	Joyce Cribb
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
<b>*Hymn of Commitment</b>	<b>"Rest In Peace?"</b> <b>Isaiah 48:2</b>  <i>"Have You Been to Calvary"</i>

## 11:00 AM BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE

### *Third Sunday of Advent*

Prelude	Pianist
Call to Worship	Sanctuary Choir
<i>"You'll Be Rejoicing Too"</i>	Solo: Nick Stone
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
The Candle of Joy	John & Joyce Locklear
Offertory Hymn	
Congregational Song	<i>"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"</i>
Message in Song	<i>"What Child Is This"</i>
Message in Song	Abby Britt
Message	Sanctuary Choir
<b>*Hymn of Commitment</b>	<b>"Born In Bethlehem"</b> <b>Isaiah 48:2</b>  <i>"Have You Been to Calvary"</i>

**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.*

## 6:30 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Pianist
Message in Song	<i>"King Jesus Is His Name"</i>
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Tom Martin
Offertory Hymn	<i>"O Come, All Ye Faithful"</i>
Congregational	<i>"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"</i>
Message in Song	Jay Willoughby
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
Testimony	<i>"Heaven and Nature Sing"</i>

### *Makaila Locklear Wright Oregon Mission*

<b>*Hymn of Commitment</b>	<i>"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"</i>
Benediction	Layman

Postlude	Pianist
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 **Third Sunday of Advent; Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30 AM Traditional Service;  
11:00 AM Blended Service  
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

**Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**  
No Family Night Supper  
7:00 PM Prayer Meeting, Church Conference, KIDS I and II, Youth,

**Fourth Sunday of Advent; Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30 AM Traditional Service; 11:00 AM Blended Service  
6:00 PM **"The Story of Hope"**  
Presented by the Sanctuary Choir

**Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</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

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
5:00 PM *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and Lord's Supper*

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Merry Christmas**  
10:00 AM Joint Worship Service  
No Evening Worship Service

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


### REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

<b>Today</b>	8:30 AM	Traditional Worship Service
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Blended Worship Service
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
<b>Wednesday</b>	NO Family Night Supper	
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
	7:00 PM	Nursery thru Grade 12

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Floating Baby Shower**



Please join us in honoring Makaila and Jacob Wright as they prepare for the arrival of their new little bundle of joy. There will be a floating baby shower **TODAY**, from 2:00 PM-4:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. Gift Cards are preferred due to travel or purchase an item on the gift registry and send directly to them. They are registered at Amazon.

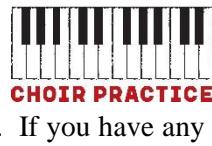


We have begun a new session on Monday evenings, at 5:30 PM. Past participants are welcome to return and new participants are encouraged to attend. If you know someone that is hurting from a loss, please encourage them to attend. They do **NOT** have to be a church member, all are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Tom Martin.



**CPR (Contact, Prayer, Recovery)**  
The regular monthly outreach will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. We will make **CONTACT** with our church prospects through visits and postcards.

### **Attention Sanctuary and Children/Youth Choir Members**



There will be an extra rehearsal for the Sanctuary and Children/Youth Choir on Tuesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM, in the sanctuary. Please make every effort to make this practice. If you have any questions, please contact Matt Horne or Shon Anderson.

### **Senior Adult Meeting "Silver Stars"**

 The regular monthly senior meeting "Silver Stars" has been cancelled for Tuesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, and rescheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. You **MUST** sign up on the sheet in the hallway, no later than Sunday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>.



**Children and Youth Choir (Grades 1-12)**  
Children and Youth Choir (Grades 1-12) will meet on **WEDNESDAYS** at 6:30 PM, in the Youth Department. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Roger Smith.



**Proposed Budget for 2023**  
The proposed budget for 2023 has been placed at all entrances for your review. The budget will be discussed at church conference on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> and will be presented for a vote on Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> during the joint worship services, at 10:00 AM, with no discussion.

### **Church-wide Christmas Caroling Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**



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.



**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!