



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	
12/15: Matthew Stephens (234-5817)	12/22: Donald White (258-2435)
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	
Children's Church is provided for children ages 2 thru kindergarten	
2 & 3 years old	
12/15: Angel Thomas, Cassie Martin-West, Kathy Buffkin	12/22: Roger Smith, Missy Beal, Susan Tyner
4 & 5 years old	
12/15: Haley Smith, Samantha White, Krista Morgan	12/22: Rebecca & Hailey Lamb, Donna Holden
NURSERY WORKERS	
newborn to 2 years old	
12/15: Claudia Cooke, Vicki Hendren, Kayla Lee, Becky Willoughby	12/22: Claudia Cooke, Jerri-Kelly, Jeff & Sofia McLamb
DEACONS OF THE WEEK	
Benny Gerald (740-5939) & Randy Graham (374-8399)	
INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY	
12/15: Robert Mishue	12/22: Danny Johnson
FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM	
12/15: Tonya & Hanah Baxley, Debby Bledsoe	12/22: Terri Gerald, Suzette Taylor, Margaret Ramirez, Debby Bledsoe

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

SUNDAY MORNING

“7 Roadblocks On The Way To Hell”
2 Peter 3:9
Theme: “God’s Call To Salvation”

- I. The Promise Of God Isn’t Cancelled (v. 9a-9b)
 - A. The Promise Defined (v. 9a)
 - B. The Promise Delayed (v. 9b)
- II. The Patience Of God Is Clear (v. 9c)
- III. The Plan Of God Is Conversions (v. 9d-9e)
 - A. The Redemption That’s For Everyone (v. 9d)
 - B. The Repentance That’s Essential (v. 9e)
 - C. The Roadblocks That He Establishes

SUNDAY EVENING

“Deacon Ordination”

Jay Britt
Matthew Stephens
Nick Stone

	Sunday, December 15th 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Blended Morning Worship Service 4:00 PM WMU Meeting 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service/Deacon Ordination
	Monday, December 16th 2:00 PM “Great Christmas Light Show” N. Myrtle Beach, SC 7:00 PM Baptist Men
	Tuesday, December 17th 7:00 PM Outreach
	Wednesday, December 18th 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
	Friday, December 20th 5:00 PM Children (Grades 1-6) “Great Christmas Light Show”
	Saturday, December 21st 12:00 PM (noon) Youth (Grades 7-12) Billy Graham Library
	Sunday, December 22nd 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Blended Morning Worship Service 5:00 PM Church Council 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
	Tuesday, December 24th 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and Lord’s Supper NO Nursery during Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Tuesday, December 24 th , thru Wednesday, January 1 st
	Wednesday, December 25th Merry Christmas
	Sunday, December 29th 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Blended Morning Worship Service 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service Plan now to make the Birth of Christ the center of your Christmas activities.



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December 15, 2024

Church Theme for 2024:
The Call to Worship ~ John 4:23-24



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 Pait

Theme for 2024: The Call to Worship
John 4:23-24

11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Pianist
Call to Worship	Sanctuary Choir
“Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”	
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Offertory Hymn	
“We Three Kings of Orient Are”	
Congregational	
“The First Nowell”	
Message in Song	LeAnn Shooter
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
“When Hope Came Down” Soloist: Jennifer Davis	
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
“7 Roadblocks On The Way To Hell” 2 Peter 3:9	
*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
Dec. 15th - Dec. 21st

15 th	Thomas Walters	Bobby Horne
	Elisha Parker	Hannah Dow
	Jean Bozeman	20 th James Hunt
18 th	Kameron Roberts	21 st Frances Richardson
19 th	Dot Pittman	Angela Hair

Christmas Card Mailbox

WMU is hosting the Christmas Card Mailbox from Dec. 1st to Dec. 22nd. 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.

Reminder!

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



EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Pianist
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
“Christmas Changes Everything”	
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Offertory Hymn	
“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”	
Congregational	
“Away in a Manger”	
Message in Song	Belinda Locklear
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
“Somewhere In Your Silent Night”	
Biblical Qualifications for Deacon	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
Charge to Candidates and Laying on of Hands	
Presentation of Certificates	
Deacon Ordination	
Jay Britt	
Matthew Stephens	
Nick Stone	
*Hymn of Commitment	
“Only Trust Him”	
Benediction	Layman
Postlude	Pianist

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Today	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Blended Worship Service
	NO Handbell Choir	
	4:00 PM	WMU Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
	5:45 PM-6:30 PM	Family Night Supper
	6:30 PM-8:00 PM	Church-wide Christmas Caroling
	NO Nursery will be available.	
	8:00 PM	Cookies and Hot Cocoa



Menu for December 18th

Church-wide Christmas Caroling
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

No Charge * Please sign up in the hallway

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU Meeting

The regular monthly WMU meeting will be held **TODAY**, at 4:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Gwen Mishue.



Baptist Men

The monthly meeting of the Baptist Men will be held on Monday, December 16th, 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.

“Great Christmas Light Show”

The church will be going to the “Great Christmas Light Show” in N. Myrtle Beach, SC, on Monday, Dec. 16th, departing promptly at 2:00 PM. The cost will be \$3.00 per person plus the cost of dinner. **YOU MUST SIGN UP ON THE SHEET IN THE HALLWAY DUE TO LIMITED SEATING.** We can only accommodate the **FIRST 27 PEOPLE** including drivers. If you have any questions, please contact Roger Smith.



CPR (Contact, Prayer, Recovery)

The regular monthly outreach will be held on Tuesday, December 17th, at 7:00 PM. We will have **PRAYER** at the altar. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Molly Horne.

Church-wide Christmas Caroling
Wednesday, December 18th

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 ride truck going throughout the community and the bus will be going to Wesley Pines to sing to the residents there.



Children (Grades 1-6) Trip



The Children (Grades 1-6) will be going to the “Great Christmas Light Show” in N. Myrtle Beach, SC, on Friday, Dec. 20th. **YOU MUST SIGN UP ON THE SHEET IN THE HALLWAY** We will be departing promptly at 5:00 PM and dinner will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Roger Smith.

Youth (Grades 7-12) Trip



The youth (Grades 7-12) will be visiting the “Billy Graham Library” in Charlotte, NC, on Saturday, Dec. 21st. We will be departing from the church at 12:00 (Noon) PM. **YOU MUST SIGN UP ON THE SHEET IN THE HALLWAY AND HAVE A SIGNED PERMISSION SLIP.** If you have any questions, please contact Roger Smith.

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 Hedgpeth, Treasurer, at (910) 316-9766.



Proposed Budget for 2025

The proposed budget for 2025 has been placed at all entrances for your review. It will be presented for vote on Dec. 29th during the morning worship service, with no discussion.



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 so the lost can hear the gospel and be represented around the throne of Jesus Christ for eternity. 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!



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 nearly 2,000 people came through. We had 20 salvations and received \$2,787 in donations that will be going into the building fund. If you still have a costume, please return it to the container outside the church office. Again, thank you!