



## 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

12/17: Robert Mishue (827-9096)

12/24: Jeff Bass (316-2570)

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

#### 2 & 3 years old

12/17: Whitney Hester & Cindy Horne

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH – CHRISTMAS EVE

#### 4 & 5 years old

12/17: Marsha & Lucky McKenna

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH – CHRISTMAS EVE

### NURSERY WORKERS

#### newborn to 2 years old

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

12/24: Shannon Blackwell, Cindy Caulder, Claudia Cooke  
Only during 10:00 AM Worship Service

### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Thomas Walters (618-8009) & David Baxley (734-0613)

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

12/17: Danny Johnson & Danny Leggett

12/24: Nancy Dudney

### FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM

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

12/24: Doris Britt, Pam Shooter, Debby Bledsole

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

## SUNDAY MORNING

“Tears In A Bottle”

Psalms 56:8

Theme: “The Power Of Tears”

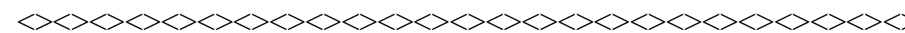
- I. David's Constant Wanderings (v. 8a)
- II. David's Constant Weeping (v. 8b-8d)
  - A. The Record Of Tears (v. 8b-8c)
    1. They Are Kept In A Bottle (v. 8b)
    2. They Are Kept In A Book (v. 8c)
  - B. The Reason For Tears (v. 8d)
    1. Tears Due To People (Psalms 126:5-6)
    2. Tears Due To Persecution (Job 16:20)
    3. Tears Due To Problems (Psalms 80:5)
    4. Tears Due To Pain (Isaiah 38:5)
    5. Tears Due To Passing (Luke 8:52)
    6. Tears Due To Pardon (Matthew 26:75)
    7. Tears Due To Prayer (Psalms 42:2-3)
  - C. The Redeemer And Tears
  - D. The Removal Of Tears (Revelation 21:4)

## SUNDAY EVENING

Rev. Roger Smith, Speaker

“Emmanuel (What a Wonderful Name)”

Isaiah 7:14



## Birthday Celebrations

December 17<sup>th</sup> - December 23<sup>rd</sup>

18<sup>th</sup> Kameron Roberts

Angela Hair

19<sup>th</sup> Dot Pittman

22<sup>nd</sup>

Darlene Scott

Bobby Horne

Craig Prevatte

Hannah Dow

23<sup>rd</sup>

Heather Locklear

21<sup>st</sup> Frances Richardson



### Minister of Senior Adults' Candidate



The Senior Adult Search Committee and the Pastor would like to recommend Rev. Ricky Donaldson as our part-time Senior Adult minister. Rev. Donaldson has pastored churches in Florida, North Carolina, and South Carolina for fifty years. Presently, he is serving at Evergreen Baptist Church in Evergreen, NC. Rev. Donaldson has degrees from Liberty University and Luther Rice Seminary. He has participated in mission trips, worked as a volunteer chaplain, and substituted at local schools. He enjoys visiting, singing, and preaching. Rev. Donaldson has been married to Dr. Robin Faulk Donaldson for thirty-nine years. She has degrees from Wake Forest University, Francis Marion University and Liberty University. She has taught middle and high school as well as college. Presently, she is a math interventionist at Green Sea Floyds High School in Green Sea, SC. The Donaldsons live outside of Tabor City on Robin's family farm. They have two adult sons, Joshua and Timothy. Joshua lives in Tabor City and Timothy lives in Savannah, GA. Timothy is married; he and his wife, Erin, have one son, Logan. They are conservative Christians who work as a team for the Lord. There will be a “Meet and Greet” on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall, for staff, deacons, Senior Adult Committee and all Senior Adults to meet Rev. Donaldson and his wife. Also, Rev. Donaldson will be preaching on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> during the morning worship service and we will be voting on him following the worship service. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact a member of the Senior Adult Search Committee, Randy Graham, Dale Johnson or Johnny Hursey.



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**December 17, 2023**

Church Theme for 2023:

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

**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

VACANT

Worship Team Leader

Mr. Matthew Horne  
(910) 734-4356

Ministry Assistant

Ms. Janet Taylor

Worship Team

Mr. Larry Cooke & Mr. Shon Anderson

Treasurer

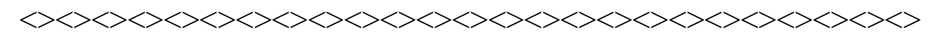
Ms. Carolyn Hedgpeth

Custodian

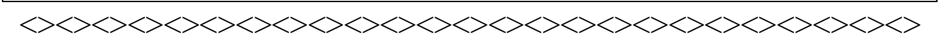
Mr. Jeff Pait

11:00 AM BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Pianist
Call to Worship	Sanctuary Choir
“Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”	
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Offertory Hymn	
“Angels We Have Heard on High”	
Congregational Song	
“O Holy Night”	
Message in Song	Noah Reaves
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
“When Hope Came Down” Soloist: Jennifer Davis	
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
“Tears In A Bottle” Psalms 56:8	
*Hymn of Commitment	
“Just As I Am”	
Benediction	Layman
Postlude	Pianist

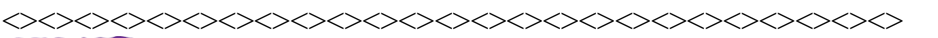


**Hymn of Commitment**  
*During the Hymn of Commitment if you would like to talk with someone about salvation, join the church or become a candidate for baptism, our Pastors will be available at the front during this time.*



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	5:45 PM-6:30 PM	Family Night Supper
	6:30 PM-8:00 PM	Church-wide Christmas Caroling
	8:00 PM	NO Nursery will be available. Cookies and Hot Cocoa



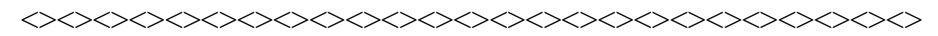
**New Years’ Eve Watch Night Service**  
On Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, we will host a New Years’ Eve Watch Night Service from 10:00 PM until midnight. Also, there will be **NO** nursery during the New Years’ Eve Watch Night Service and there will be **NO** evening worship service at 6:00 PM. This 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, we need a headcount for the food.



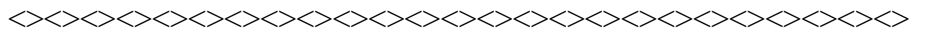
**Year-End Closing**  
Due to end of the year billing, **NO** church credit cards are available for charges from Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> until after Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. In case of emergency, please contact Carolyn Hedgpeth, Treasurer, at (910) 316-9766.

6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Pianist
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
“Joy To The World (Shout for Joy)”	
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Offertory Hymn	
“O Come, All Ye Faithful”	
Congregational	
“Emmanuel”	
Message in Song	LeAnn Shooter
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
“You’ll Be Rejoicing” Soloist: Nick Stone	
Message	Rev. Roger Smith
“Emmanuel (What a Wonderful Name)” Isaiah 7:14	
*Hymn of Commitment	
“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”	
Benediction	Layman
Postlude	Pianist



**Menu for Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>**  
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**



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.



**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.

**WMU Meeting**  
The regular monthly WMU meeting has been **CANCELLED**. 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**CPR (Contact, Prayer, Recovery)**  
The regular monthly outreach will be held on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. We will have **PRAYER** at the altar. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Molly Horne.



**Christmas Card Mailbox**  
WMU is hosting the Christmas Card Mailbox from Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> until **TODAY**. 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 20<sup>th</sup>**

5:45 PM Supper-Soup, sandwiches, dessert and drinks  
6:30 PM-8:00 PM-Church-wide Caroling  
**NO** Nursery will be available.



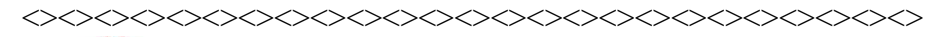
8:00 PM–Hot Cocoa and cookies, Fellowship Hall  
There will be a hay ride going throughout the community and the bus will be going to Wesley Pines Retirement Home to sing to the residents there.

**Attention Parents: Nursery**  
**PARENTS**  
This is a friendly reminder the nursey is available for children newborn to 2 years old. If you have questions and/or concners, please contact Rev. Roger Smith.

**Proposed Budget for 2024**  
The proposed budget for 2024 has been placed at all entrances for your review. It will be presented for vote on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> during the joint worship service, at 10:00 AM, 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 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!



**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**  
11:00 AM Blended Morning Worship Service  
**NO** WMU Meeting \* 5:00 PM Church Council  
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

**Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 PM Baptist Men

**Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 PM Outreach

**Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</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

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

10:00 AM Blended Morning Worship Service  
5:00 PM *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and Lord’s Supper*  
**NO** Nursery during *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**  
Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Merry Christmas**

**Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**  
11:00 AM Blended Morning Worship Service  
**NO** Evening Worship Service  
10:00 PM-midnight New Year’s Eve Watch Night Service

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