



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
Wednesday-Dr. Tom Martin (910) 876-3462
Tuesday & Thursday-Rev. Michael Bowen (910) 736-6170
Friday & Saturday-Rev. Roger Smith (423) 557-5515

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	
12/18: Howard Reaves, Jr. (316-2819)	12/25: John Reaves, Sr. (736-0158)
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	
<i>Children's Church is provided for children ages 3 thru kindergarten</i>	
12/18: Willie & Carol Britt, Kay Taylor	12/25: NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH
NURSERY WORKERS	
12/18: Claudia Cooke, Haley Smith, Alana Taylor	12/25: NO NURSERY
DEACONS OF THE WEEK	
Mitch Lassiter (827-5249) & Randy Graham (738-5785)	
INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY	
12/18: Howard Reaves, Jr.	12/25: Crystal Martin
FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM	
12/18: Heather Owens, Margaret Ramirez, Debby Bledsoe	12/25: Julia Martin, Kenan Chance, Linda Galacia

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

“When Jesus Has A Rock Concert”

Luke 19:37-40

Theme: “Have You Lost Your Praise?”

- I. The Crowd That Praised (v. 37-38b)
 - A. The Intensity Of Their Praise (v. 37a)
 - B. The Incentive For Their Praise (v. 37b-38b)
 1. The Message He Preached (Matt 7:28-29)
 2. The Miracles He Performed (v. 37a)
 3. The Majesty He Presented (v. 38a)
 4. The Misunderstanding They Perceived (v. 38b)
- II. The Christ They Praised (v. 38c)
 - A. He Came With A Purpose
 - B. He Came With A Passion
- III. The Critics Of Praise (v. 39)
 - A. Their Status (v. 39a)
 - B. Their Silencing (v. 39b)
- IV. The Command To Praise (v. 40)
 - A. Praise Is Important (v. 40a)
 - B. Praise Is Inevitable (v. 40b)

SUNDAY EVENING

“The Story of Hope”

Sanctuary Choir Musical



Birthday Celebrations

Dec. 18th-Dec. 24th

18 th	Kameron Roberts	21 st	Frances Richardson
19 th	Dorothy Pittman		Angela Hair
	Bobby Horne	22 nd	Craig Prevatte
	Hannah Dow	23 rd	Heather Locklear
20 th	Brenda Brunck	24 th	Mitchell Lassiter

Menu for December 21st

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

Christmas Card Mailbox

WMU is hosting the Christmas Card Mailbox from Nov. 27th to Dec. 18th. 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.



Year-End Closing

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



Proposed Budget for 2023

The proposed budget for 2023 has been placed at all entrances for your review. The budget will be presented for a vote on Dec. 25th during the joint worship services, at 10:00 AM, with no discussion.



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December 18, 2022

Church Theme for 2022:

Mighty Men of God ~ 1 Corinthians 11:3

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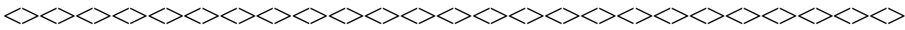
Staff Directory

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 Hedgpeth	Custodian Mr. Jeff Pait

8:30 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude	Pianist
Call to Worship	“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”
Invocation & Welcome	Deacon of the Week
The Candle of Love	Danny & Dale Johnson
Offertory Hymn	“We Three Kings of Orient Are”
Message in Song	Thomas Walters
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
	“When Jesus Has A Rock Concert” Luke 19:37-40
*Hymn of Commitment	“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”
Benediction	Layman
Postlude	Pianist



11:00 AM BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude	Pianist
Call to Worship	Sanctuary Choir
	“Joy to the World (Shout for Joy)”
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Presentation of Bibles	
The Candle of Love	Jay & Brooke Willoughby
Offertory Hymn	“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”
Congregational Song	“We Three Kings of Orient Are”
Message in Song	Kayla Lee
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
	“Something to Shout About” Soloist: Jay Willoughby
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
	“When Jesus Has A Rock Concert” Luke 19:37-40
*Hymn of Commitment	“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”
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.

6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Pianist
Invocation & Welcome	Deacon of the Week
Offertory	Pianist
	“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

“The Story of Hope”

Presented by
East Lumberton Baptist Sanctuary Choir

Actors

Children’s Home Worker – Kayla Lee
Missionaries – Jacob & Makaila Wright

Songs

“When Hope Came Down”

Soloist: Jennifer Davis

“This Holy Night/O Holy Night”

“Mary Was the First One to Carry the Gospel”

Soloist: Jay Willoughby

“Call Him Jesus”

“Noel”

“Look Who Just Checked In”

“Orphans of God”

Soloist: Belinda Locklear

“What Christmas Really Means”

Hymn of Commitment	“Somewhere in Your Silent Night”
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Benediction	Layman
Postlude	Instrumentalists



Wednesday, December 21st

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 24th

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

Sunday, December 25th

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.



Children and Youth Choir (Grades 1-12)

There will be **NO** Children and Youth Choir (Grades 1-12) on **WEDNESDAY**. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Roger Smith.



REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

Today	8:30 AM	Traditional Worship Service
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Blended Worship Service
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
Wednesday	5:45 PM	Family Night Supper
	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Church-wide Christmas Caroling

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU Meeting



There will be **NO** WMU meeting this month. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Gwen Mishue.

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 is 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, Dec. 19th, 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.

Grief Share Support Group



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)



There will be **NO** CPR prayer night this month. We will resume in January. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Molly Horne.

Church-wide Christmas Caroling
Wednesday, December 21st



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. Each lit candle in the windows represents \$500.00. **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!

Senior Adult Meeting “Silver Stars”



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