



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

12/22: Donald White (258-2435)	12/29: Jeff Bass (316-2570)
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CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

2 & 3 years old

12/22: Roger Smith, Missy Beal, Susan Tyner	12/29: Cindy Horne, Robin Donaldson, Jeff Bass
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4 & 5 years old

12/22: Rebecca & Hailey Lamb, Donna Holden	12/29: Sharon Locklear, Cynthia Woodell, Akeira West
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NURSERY WORKERS

newborn to 2 years old

12/22: Claudia Cooke, Jerri-Kelly, Jeff & Sofia McLamb	12/29: Claudia Cooke, Kristy Gerald, Robyn Morgan, Angel Thomas
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DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Matt Horne (734-4356) & Danny Leggett (740-9565)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

12/22: Danny Johnson	12/29: Nancy Dudley
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FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM

12/22: Terri Gerald, Suzette Taylor, Margaret Ramirez, Debby Bledsoe	12/29: Cathy Lamb, JoAnn Hayes, Debby Bledsoe
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For your safety, please know we have a security team in place for all services.

SUNDAY MORNING

"Unwrapping Heaven's Gift"

Galatians 4:4-7

Theme: "The Reason For The Birth Of Christ"

- I. The Moment Of Christ's Birth (v. 4a)
- II. The Miracle Of Christ's Birth (v. 4b)
- III. The Manhood Of Christ's Birth (v. 4c)
- IV. The Meaning Of Christ's Birth (v. 5-7)
 - A. To Give Us Forgiveness (v. 5a)
 - B. To Give Us A Family (v. 5b)
 1. Adoption Involved Placement
 2. Adoption Involved Permanence
 3. Adoption Involved Parting
 - C. To Give Us A Father (v. 6)
 1. How God Is Close To Us (v. 6a)
 2. How God Cares For Us (v. 6b)
 - D. To Give Us Freedom (v. 7a)
 - E. To Give Us A Future (v. 7b)

SUNDAY EVENING

Rev. Roger Smith, Speaker

"God's Love Changed It All"

Matthew 1:18-25



Menu for December 25th

NO supper due to the
Christmas Holiday

**Merry
Christmas
& HAPPY NEW YEAR**

The staff of East Lumberton would like to wish
everyone a Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year!



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December 22, 2024

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

EAST LUMBERTON Baptist Church

Staff Directory

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Minister of Senior Adults

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Mr. Matthew Horne

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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
“Call Him Jesus”	
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Offertory Hymn	
“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	
Children’s Choir	
Soloist: Oliver Hedgpeth	
Message in Song	Abby Britt
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
“It’s About the Cross”	
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
“Unwrapping Heaven’s Gift” Galatians 4:4-7	
*Hymn of Commitment	
“Speak To My Heart”	
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. 22nd - Dec. 28th

24 th	Mitch Lassiter	28 th	Ricky Donaldson
	Latricia Freeman		Jasmine Martin
26 th	Barbara Hasty		

Christmas Card Mailbox

TODAY is the last day that the WMU will be hosting the Christmas Card Mailbox. 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
Call to Worship	Sanctuary Choir
“Fear Not”	
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Offertory Hymn	
“Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”	
Handbells	
Congregational	
“Emmanuel”	
Message in Song	Matthew and Lisa Stephens
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
“Hope for Everyone”	
Message	Rev. Roger Smith
“God’s Love Changed It All” Matthew 1:18-25	
*Hymn of Commitment	
“Pass Me Not”	

Benediction	Layman
Postlude	Pianist

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Today	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Blended Worship Service
	NO Handbell Choir	
	5:30 PM	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
	MERRY CHRISTMAS	
	No Services due to Christmas Holiday	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.



New Sermon Series

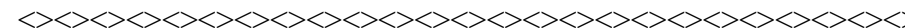
Beginning on Wednesday, Jan. 1st, Pastor Bowen will begin a new sermon series, on Wednesday nights, on “The Sermon on the Mount”. Please join us for our mid-week service.



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!



CALENDAR
of Events

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

Tuesday, December 24th thru Wednesday, January 1st
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

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

Wednesday, January 1st

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

7:00 PM Prayer Meeting, Nursery thru Grade 12
8:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 5th

9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Blended Worship Service
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

Monday, January 6th

7:00 PM Deacons Meeting