



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

12/24: Jeff Bass (316-2570)

12/31: Hugh Bledsoe (874-1961)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

2 & 3 years old

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH –
CHRISTMAS EVE

12/31: Alana Taylor &
Christy Locklear

4 & 5 years old

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH –
CHRISTMAS EVE

12/31: Roger & Kim Smith,
Missy Beal

NURSERY WORKERS

newborn to 2 years old

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

12/31: Claudia Cooke, Vicki
Hendren, Becky Willoughby

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

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

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

12/24: Nancy Dudney

12/31: Molly Horne

FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM

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

12/31: Carrie Mae Jacobs,
Cathy Lamb, Heather Owens

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

SUNDAY MORNING

“O Little Town Of Bethlehem”

Micah 5:2

Theme: “Why Did God Choose Bethlehem As The Birthplace Of Jesus”

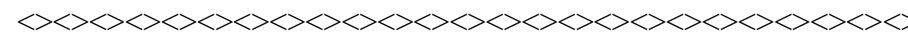
- Bethlehem Is Important Because Of The Scriptures (Micah 5:2)
- Bethlehem Is Important Because Of The Size (Micah 5:2)
- Bethlehem Is Important Because Of The Sheep (John 1:29)
- Bethlehem Is Important Because Of The Symbolism (John 6:35)
- Bethlehem Is Important Because Of The Significance
 - Rachel Was Buried There (Exodus 35:19)
 - Ruth Met Boaz There (Ruth 1:22)
 - Royalty Was Brought There (Isaiah 9:6-7)

SUNDAY EVENING

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

NO Nursery during Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service



Birthday Celebrations

December 24th - December 30th

24th Mitch Lassiter

Lexis Compton

25th Curtis Allen

29th Junior McLean

26th Barbara Hasty

30th Ronnie Faulk

27th Donna Prevatte

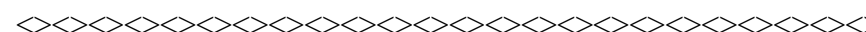
Lisa Steffes

Destiny Middlesworth

Daniel Leggett

28th Renee Hunt

Will Malone



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 20th, 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 21st 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 24, 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

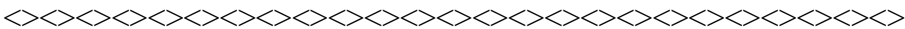
Custodian

Mr. Jeff Pait

10:00 AM BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE

Happy Birthday, Jesus!!

Prelude		Pianist
Call to Worship		Sanctuary Choir
	“Christ Is Born”	
Invocation & Welcome		Rev. Roger Smith
Presentation of Bibles		
Christmas Handbell Special		
Offertory Hymn		
	“Joy To The World”	
Congregational Song		
	“It Came Upon The Midnight Clear”	
Message in Song		Alana Taylor & Nick Stone
Message in Song		Sanctuary Choir
	“What Christmas Really Means”	
Message		Rev. Michael S. Bowen
	“O Little Town Of Bethlehem”	
	Micah 5:2	
*Hymn of Commitment		
	“Speak to My Heart”	
Benediction		Layman
Postlude		Pianist

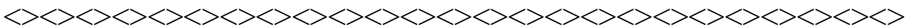


Hymn of Commitment
During the Hymn of Commitment if you would like to talk with someone about salvation, join the church or become a candidate for baptism, our Pastors will be available at the front during this time.



REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

Today	NO Sunday School
	10:00 AM Blended Worship Service
	NO Handbell Choir
	5:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and Lord’s Supper
Wednesday	NO Family Night Supper
	NO Children’s Choir (Grades 1-6)
	7:00 PM Prayer Meeting
	7:00 PM Nursery thru Grade 12



Menu for Dec. 27th

NO supper until further notice



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



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.



New Years’ Eve Watch Night Service

On Sunday, December 31st, 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 until after Jan. 1st. In case of emergency, please contact Carolyn Hedgpath, Treasurer, at (910) 316-9766.

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. 31st during the joint worship service, at 11:00 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!

Denim and Pearls

Denim and Pearls will be meeting on Friday, January 5th, at 6:30 PM
Lisa Hendren or Sharon Leggett.



Attention Parents: Nursery

This is a friendly reminder the nurse is available for children newborn to 2 years old. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact Rev. Roger Smith.



Sunday, December 24th

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

Thursday, December 21st, Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, December 25th

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 31st

9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Blended Morning Worship Service
NO Evening Worship Service
10:00 PM-midnight New Year’s Eve Watch Night Service

Monday, January 1st

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, January 1st

7:00 PM Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, January 3rd

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

Friday, January 5th

6:30 PM Denim and Pearls Meeting

Sunday, January 7th

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

Tuesday, January 9th

7:00 PM Outreach (Postcards/Visitation)

Wednesday, January 10th

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

Sunday, January 14th

Baptist Men’s Day

9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Blended Worship Service
4:00 PM WMU Meeting
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service