



## 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. 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

<u>VAN DRIVERS</u>	
<b>12/25:</b> John Reaves, Sr. (736-0158)	<b>1/1:</b> Robert Mishue (827-9096)
<u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u>	
<i>Children's Church is provided for children ages 3 thru kindergarten</i>	
<b>12/25: NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	<b>1/1:</b> Austin & Whitney Hester, Sharon Locklear, Heather Owens
<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>	
<b>12/25: NO NURSERY</b>	<b>1/1:</b> Claudia Cooke, Vicki Hendren, Dallas Ivey
<u>DEACONS OF THE WEEK</u>	
Perry Dudley (258-4952) & Thomas Walters (618-8009)	
<u>INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY</u>	
<b>12/25:</b> Crystal Martin	<b>1/1:</b> Buddy Cribb & Robert Mishue
<u>FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM</u>	
<b>12/25:</b> Julia Martin, Kenan Chance, Linda Galacia	<b>1/1:</b> Maria Cooke, Heather Owens, Carrie Mae Jacobs

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

## SUNDAY MORNING

### "How The Grinch Tried To Steal Christmas"

John 7:42

#### Theme: "How The Devil Couldn't Stop The Birth Of Christ"

- I. The Announcement Of The Birth Of Christ (v. 42a)
  - A. His Prophecy Announced (Is 9:6a)
  - B. His Power Announced (Is 9:6b)
- II. The Adversary Of The Birth Of Christ (v. 42b)
  - A. The Devil's Argument For Trying To Stop The Birth Of Christ
  - B. The Devil's Attempts At Trying To Stop The Birth Of Christ
    1. Pharaoh Couldn't Stop It (Ex 1:22)
    2. Balak Couldn't Stop It (Num 22:6)
    3. Saul Couldn't Stop It (1 Sam 18:8-9)
    4. Athaliah Couldn't Stop It (2 Ki 11:1-2)
    5. Haman Couldn't Stop It (Est 3:6)

## SUNDAY EVENING

### No Evening Worship Service



### Birthday Celebrations

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>-Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>

25 <sup>th</sup>	Curtis Allen Rebecca Freeman	30 <sup>th</sup>	Ronnie Faulk Lisa Steffes
26 <sup>th</sup>	Barbara Hasty		Daniel Leggett
27 <sup>th</sup>	Donna Prevatte Destiny Middlesworth		Will Malone
28 <sup>th</sup>	Renee Hunt	31 <sup>st</sup>	Lauren Johnson
29 <sup>th</sup>	Malcolm McLean		Layla Willoughby

### Menu for December 28<sup>th</sup>

### NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER



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## December 25, 2022

Church Theme for 2022:

Mighty Men of God ~ 1 Corinthians 11:3

# EAST LUMBERTON Baptist Church

## Staff Directory

**Senior Pastor**  
 Rev. Michael S. Bowen  
 (910) 736-6170

**Minister of Senior Adults**  
 Dr. Tom Martin  
 (910) 876-3462

**Ministry Assistant**  
 Ms. Janet Taylor

**Treasurer**  
 Ms. Carolyn Hedgpath

**Associate Pastor for Families**  
 Rev. Roger D. Smith  
 (423) 557- 5515

**Worship Team Leader**  
 Mr. Matthew Horne  
 (910) 734-4356

**Worship Team**  
 Mr. Larry Cooke & Mr. Shon Anderson

**Custodian**  
 Mr. Jeff Pait

10:00 AM JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE

Happy Birthday, Jesus!!

Prelude		Pianist
2023 Budget Vote -Randy Graham		
Call to Worship	Sanctuary Choir	
	“Fear Not”	
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith	
Offertory Hymn		
	“Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”	
Congregational Song		
	“Joy to the World”	
Message in Song	Ryley Floyd	
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir	
	“Christ Is Born”	
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen	
	“How The Grinch Tried To Steal Christmas”	
	John 7:42	
*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.

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.

Year-End Closing

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

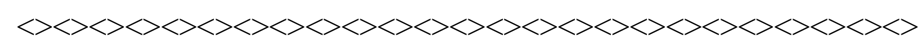
Reminder!

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



6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

No Evening Worship Service



REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

Today	10:00 AM	Joint Worship Service
		No Evening Worship Service
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
	7:00 PM	Nursery thru Grade 12



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

Proposed Budget for 2023

Deacon Ordination

Sunday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, during the evening service, we will ordain David Baxley as a deacon.



Children and Youth Choir (Grades 1-12)

There will be **NO** Children and Youth Choir (Grades 1-12) on Wednesday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Roger Smith.



Grief Share Support Group

There be **NO** Grief Share on Monday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> or Monday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Class will resume on Monday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM.

If you have questions, please contact Rev. Tom Martin.

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!



Trip to Holy Land: October/November 2023

A 10-day trip, which includes 2 days travel and 8 days in Holy Land, will be planned for either October or November 2023. There will be an informational meeting, on Sunday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall, to discuss details.



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



Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM Joint Worship Blended Service  
No Evening Worship Service

Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> thru  
Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

Church Office Closed

First Sunday; January 1<sup>st</sup>

8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service;  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Blended Worship Service  
6:00 PM Deacon Ordination Service

Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

Church Office Closed

Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

7:00 PM Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

5:30 PM “Silver Stars” Seniors Meeting

Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM Prayer Meeting, Kids I and II, Youth  
8:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

6:30 PM Denim and Pearls Meeting

Second Sunday; January 8<sup>th</sup>

8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Blended Worship Service  
4:30 PM Parents Meeting (Children and Youth) Fellowship Hall  
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM Outreach (Postcards/Visitation)

Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM Prayer Meeting, Kids I and II, Youth  
8:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

11:30 AM-1:30 PM  
Preschool, Children (Grades 1-6), Youth (Grades 7-12)  
Mr. P’s Skateworld

Third Sunday; January 15<sup>th</sup>

Baptist Men’s Day

8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Blended Worship Service  
4:00 PM WMU Meeting  
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service