



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

<u>VANDRIVERS</u>	
12/29: Jeff Bass (316-2570)	1/5: Hugh Bledsoe (874-1961):
<u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u>	
<i>Children's Church is provided for children ages 2 thru kindergarten</i>	
2 & 3 years old	
12/29: Cindy Horne, Robin Donaldson, Jeff Bass	1/5: Kristy & Jeremy Gerald
4 & 5 years old	
12/29: Sharon Locklear, Cynthia Woodell, Akeira West	1/5: Marsha & Lucky McKenna, Sofia McLamb
<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>	
newborn to 2 years old	
12/29: Claudia Cooke, Kristy Gerald, Robyn Morgan, Angel Thomas	1/5: Cindy Caulder, Claudia Cooke, Margaret Ramirez, Megan Freeman, Heather Williamson
<u>DEACONS OF THE WEEK</u>	
Joshua Locklear (374-1142) & Danny Johnson (258-7383)	
<u>INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY</u>	
12/29: Nancy Dudney	1/5: Georgia Cox
<u>FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM</u>	
12/29: Cathy Lamb, JoAnn Hayes, Debby Bledsoe	1/5: Linda Galacci, Donna Holden, Debby Bledsoe

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

SUNDAY MORNING

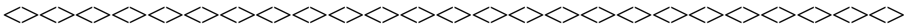
"You Can't Out Give God"
2 Corinthians 9:6-7
Theme: "The Blessing Of Giving To God"

- I. The Analogy Of Giving (v. 6)
 - A. The Hope Of The Farmer (v. 6a)
 - B. The Harvest Of The Farmer (v. 6b)
- II. The Attributes Of Giving (v. 7a-7c)
 - A. The Person (v. 7a)
 - B. The Purpose (v. 7b)
 - C. The Place (v. 7c)
- III. The Attitude Of Giving (v. 7d-7f)
 - A. The Grudge Giver (v. 7d)
 - B. The Guilt Giver (v. 7e)
 - C. The Glad Giver (v. 7f)

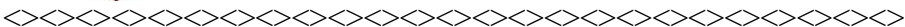
SUNDAY EVENING

"Called To Serve"
Philippians 2:19-24
Theme: "Being A True Servant Of God"

- I. The Coming Of Timothy (v. 19)
- II. The Character Of Timothy (v. 20-22)
 - A. His Comparison (v. 20a)
 - B. His Compatibility (v. 20b)
 - C. His Compassion (v. 20c)
 - D. His Commitment (v. 21)
 - E. His Commendation (v. 22a)
 - F. His Companionship (v. 22b)
- III. The Commission Of Timothy (v. 23-24)
 - A. Paul Had A Present Obstacle (v. 23)
 - B. Paul Had A Positive Outlook (v. 24)



Menu for January 1st
NO Wednesday Night Supper
will resume on 1/8/25



New Years' Eve Watch Night Service
On Tuesday, December 31st, we will host a New Years' Eve Watch Night Service from 9:00 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 on Wednesday, January 1st. This event will begin with a late-night breakfast buffet at 9:00 PM, bring your favorite board game to play with others and around 11:15 PM we will meet in the Sanctuary to sing and 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.



Joy Bells Meeting: Chili & Dessert Cook-off
Joys Bells Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 14th, at 5:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. We will be hosting a Chili Cook-off and Dessert Cook-off for anyone who would like to participate. Please sign-up if you would like to enter the chili cook-off and/or the dessert contest. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Rev. Ricky Donaldson.



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December 29, 2024

Church Theme for 2025:
You Can't Out Give God - 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

EAST LUMBERTON Baptist Church

Staff Directory

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Mr. Larry Cooke & Mr. Shon Anderson

Treasurer
Ms. Carolyn Hedgpeth

Custodian
Mr. Jeff Pait

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2 Corinthians 9:6-7

11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

2025 Vote on Budget

Prelude		Pianist
Call to Worship		Sanctuary Choir
	"I Believe It All"	
Invocation & Welcome		Rev. Roger Smith
Offertory Hymn		
	"Brining in the Sheaves"	
Congregational		
	"Standing on the Promises"	
Message in Song		Tre' Smith
Message in Song		Sanctuary Choir
	"The God I Serve"	
	Soloist: Samantha White	
Message		Rev. Michael S. Bowen
	"You Can't Out Give God"	
	2 Corinthians 9:6-7	
*Hymn of Commitment		
	"All To Thee"	
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. 29th - Jan. 4th

29 th	Junior McLean		Grace Schneider
30 th	Shelia Lee		Kenneth Lamb
3 rd	Cassie Martin-West		

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
	"Somebody Loves Me"	
Invocation & Welcome		Rev. Roger Smith
Offertory Hymn		
	"We'll Work Till Jesus Comes"	
Congregational		
	"Footsteps of Jesus"	
Message in Song		Mike Jacobs
Message in Song		Sanctuary Choir
	"Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone"	
Message		Rev. Michael S. Bowen
	"Called To Serve"	
	Philippians 2:19-24	
*Hymn of Commitment		
	"Where He Leads Me"	
Benediction		Layman
Postlude		Pianist

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Today	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Blended Worship Service
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
Tuesday	9:00 PM until midnight	
		New Years' Eve Watch Night Service
Wednesday		NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICES
		"HAPPY NEW YEAR"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Wednesday, Jan. 1st in observance of New Year's Day.

Zoom Bible Study

There will be a weekly on-line zoom Bible Study meeting beginning on Monday, Jan. 6th, from 7:00 PM until 8:00 PM, we will discuss the "End Time Events" by Dr. David Jeremiah. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Ricky Donaldson.



Denim and Pearls

Denim and Pearls will resume monthly meetings beginning in February. All ladies are invited! If you have questions, please contact Lisa Hendren or Sharon Leggett.



Deacons Meeting

The regular monthly Deacons meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 6th, at 7:00 PM. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Randy Graham.

IMPORTANT MEETING: Building and Decorating Teams

There will be a very IMPORTANT meeting of anyone who works with the building and/or decorating teams for the Final Judgement or Live Nativity, on Sunday, Jan. 5th, at 4:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. Please make every effort to attend this very important meeting as some important decisions will be made and we need your input. If you have any questions/concerns, please contact Pastor Bowen.



New Wednesday Night 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!



Baby Shower: Josh and April Ivey Willoughby



Everyone is cordially invited to participate in a Drop-Off Baby Shower for Josh and April Ivey Willoughby. Proud Grandparents are Kaye Willoughby, and Kenneth and Rebecca Lamb. We are asking you to drop off your gift or gift card at the table in the preschool area no later than Sunday, Jan. 12th. They are registered at Amazon and Wal-Mart.

CALENDAR
of Events

Sunday, December 29th

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

Tuesday, December 31st

9:00 PM until midnight
New Years' Eve Watch Night Service

Wednesday, January 1st

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NO SERVICES "HAPPY NEW YEAR"

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6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

Monday, January 6th

7:00 PM Deacons Meeting