



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. 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

12/31: Hugh Bledsoe (874-1961) 1/7: Matthew Stephens (234-5817)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

2 & 3 years old

12/31: Alana Taylor & Christy Locklear 1/7: Lisa Stephens & Lauren Locklear

4 & 5 years old

12/31: Roger & Kim Smith, Missy Beal 1/7: Sharon Locklear & Cynthia Woodell

NURSERY WORKERS

newborn to 2 years old

12/31: Claudia Cooke, Vicki Hendren, Becky Willoughby 1/7: Jerri-Kelly & Jeff McLamb

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

David Baxley (734-0613) & Benny Gerald (740-5939)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

12/31: Molly Horne 1/7: Heather Owens

FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM

12/31: Carrie Mae Jacobs, Cathy Lamb, Heather Owens 1/7: Maria Cooke, Julia Martin, Debby Bledsoe

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

SUNDAY MORNING

"The Call To Worship"

John 4:23-24

Theme: "What Is True Worship?"

- I. The Misconceptions Of True Worship (v. 23a)
 - A. It Is Not Confined To A Person
 - B. It Is Not Confined To A Place
 - C. It Is Not Confined To A Process
- II. The Meaning Of True Worship (v. 23b-23d)
 - A. The Direction Of Our Worship (v. 23b)
 - B. The Details Of Our Worship (v. 23c-23d)
 1. It Must Be Spiritual (v. 23c)
 2. It Must Be Sincere (v. 23d)
- III. The Mandate Of True Worship (v. 23e-24)
 - A. The Lord Desires Our Worship To Be Released (v. 23e)
 - B. The Lord Demands Our Worship To Be Real (v. 24)
 1. We Can Worship Through Working (Col 3:17)
 2. We Can Worship Through Offerings (Matt 5:23-24)
 3. We Can Worship Through Rejoicing (Ps 95:1)
 4. We Can Worship Through Scriptures (Col 3:16)
 5. We Can Worship Through Humility (Ps 95:6)
 6. We Can Worship Through Intercession (Phil 4:6)
 7. We Can Worship Through Praise (Ps 66:1)

SUNDAY EVENING

NO Evening Worship Service

10:00 PM Buffet Breakfast

11:00 PM Baptism and New Year's Eve

Watch Night Service



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 31, 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

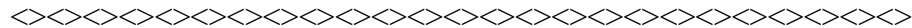
Custodian
Mr. Jeff Pait

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

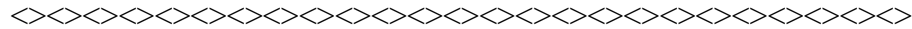
11:00 AM BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE

2024 Vote on Budget

Prelude	Pianist
Call to Worship	Sanctuary Choir
“We Have Come Into This House”	
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Offertory Hymn	
“I Came To Praise The Lord”	
Message in Song	Shon Anderson
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
“My Jesus” Soloist: Alana Taylor	
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
“The Call To Worship” John 4:23-24	
*Hymn of Commitment	
“Lord, I’m Coming Home”	
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.



Save-the Date: Church-Wide Adult Valentine Banquet

Please plan for a Church-Wide Adult Valentine Banquet on Saturday, February 17th. Also, additional information will be forthcoming.

Weekly Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for information to be included in the weekly bulletin is due by Wednesday following the evening service. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.



One Call Now

If you are not receiving the weekly One-Call with church announcements from the Pastor, please contact the church office

New Wednesday Night Sermon Series

Beginning on Wednesday, Jan. 3rd, Pastor Bowen has begun a new sermon series, on Wednesday nights, on the book of Proverbs. Please join us for our mid-week service.

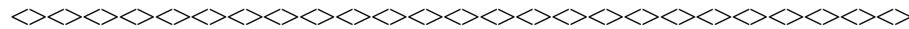


11:00 PM WATCH NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

Ordinance of Baptism

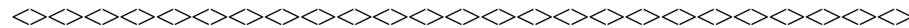
Prelude	Pianist
Call to Worship	Sanctuary Choir
“I Never Shall Forget The Day”	
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Message in Song	Thomas Walters
Congregational Song	
“Just A Closer Walk With Thee”	
Message in Song	Jay Willoughby
Devotion	Rev. Michael S. Bowen

Prayer Time Around the Altar



OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

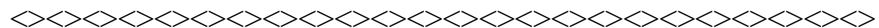
Today	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Blended Worship Service
	NO 6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE	
	10:00 PM	Buffet Breakfast
	11:00 PM	New Year’s Eve Watch Night Service
Wednesday	NO FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER	
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
	7:00 PM	Nursery thru Grade 12
	7:45 PM	Bulletin Deadline
	7:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



Birthday Celebrations

December 31st - January 6th

31 st	Ashley Seals	Lauren Davis
	Lauren Johnson	Grace Schneider
	Layla Willoughby	Triston Willoughby
3 rd	Mitch Lassiter, Jr.	4 th Kenneth Lamb
	Cassie Martin-West	Regina Fairfax



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Candidates for Baptism



We will baptize **TODAY**, during the New Year’s Eve Watch Night Service. All candidates for Baptism will meet at the front of the sanctuary, at 10:30 PM. Please bring a change of clothes and a towel.

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 1st in observance of New Year’s Day.



Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

The Sanctuary Choir will resume rehearsal on Wednesday, January 3rd, immediately following the evening worship service. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact Matt Horne or Shon Anderson.



Denim and Pearls

Denim and Pearls will be meeting on Friday, January 5th, at 6:30 PM. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Lisa Hendren or Sharon Leggett.



Deacons Meeting

The regular monthly Deacons meeting will be held on Monday, January 8th, at 7:00 PM. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Thomas Walters.

Children’s Choir

NO Children’s Choir until further notice. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Rev. Roger Smith.



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

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

Monday, January 8th

7:00 PM Deacons Meeting

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

Monday, January 15th

7:00 PM Baptist Men

Tuesday, January 16th

7:00 PM Outreach (prayer at altar)