



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	
12/8: Robert Mishue (827-9096)	12/15: Matthew Stephens (234-5817)
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	
Children's Church is provided for children ages 2 thru kindergarten	
2 & 3 years old	
12/8: Jeremy & Kristy Gerald, Chelsea Stone	12/15: Angel Thomas, Cassie Martin-West, Kathy Buffkin
4 & 5 years old	
12/8: Debby Bledsoe, Margaret Ramirez, Angel Thomas	12/15: Haley Smith, Samantha White, Krista Morgan
NURSERY WORKERS	
newborn to 2 years old	
12/8: Claudia Cooke, Whitney Hester, Haley Smith, Alana Taylor:	12/15: Claudia Cooke, Vicki Hendren, Kayla Lee, Becky Willoughby
DEACONS OF THE WEEK	
Roger Pittman (258-6033) & David Baxley (734-0613)	
INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY	
12/8: Buddy Cribb	12/15: Robert Mishue
FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM	
12/8: Julia Martin, Cindy Horne, Debby Bledsoe	12/15: Tonya & Hanah Baxley, Debby Bledsoe

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

SUNDAY MORNING

“Don’t Go A Day Without Jesus”

Luke 2:43-49

Theme: “Do You Feel Far From God?”

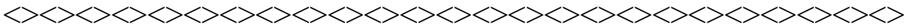
- I. How They Left Jesus (v. 43-44a)
  - A. They Were Unaware Of His Absence (v. 43)
  - B. They Were Unwise In Their Assumptions (v. 44a)
- II. How They Looked For Jesus (v. 44b-45)
  - A. The Day That Expired (v. 44b)
  - B. The Decision To Explore (v. 44c-45)
    - 1. Their First Choice To Explore (v. 44c)
    - 2. Their Final Choice To Explore (v. 45)
- III. How They Located Jesus (v. 46-49)
  - A. The Place He Was Found (v. 46a)
  - B. The People He Was Fascinating (v. 46b-47)
  - C. The Parent He Was Frustrating (v. 48-49)
    - 1. How Mary Was Aggravated (v. 48)
    - 2. How Mary Was Answered (v. 49)

SUNDAY EVENING



Drive-Thru Live Nativity

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 PM-8:00 PM



Proposed Budget for 2025

The proposed budget for 2025 has been placed at all entrances for your review. The budget will be discussed at church conference on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. It will be presented for vote on Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> during the morning worship service, 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 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!

Church-wide Christmas Caroling  
Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

5:45 PM Supper-Soup, sandwiches, dessert and drinks  
6:30 PM-8:00 PM-Church-wide Caroling  
8:00 PM–Hot Cocoa and cookies, Fellowship Hall

There will be a hay truck going throughout the community and the bus will be going to Wesley Pines to sing to the residents there.



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December 8, 2024

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

EAST LUMBERTON Baptist Church

Staff Directory

Senior Pastor  
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Associate Pastor for Families  
Rev. Roger D. Smith  
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Minister of Senior Adults  
Rev. Ricky Donaldson  
(910) 499-5218

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 MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Pianist
Call to Worship	Sanctuary Choir
“Christ Is Born”	
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Offertory Hymn	
“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”	
Congregational	
“O Come, All Ye Faithful”	
Message in Song	Ryley Floyd
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
“Born In Bethlehem”	
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
“Don’t Go A Day Without Jesus” Luke 2:43-49	
*Hymn of Commitment	
“Have You Been to Calvary”	
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. 8<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>

8 <sup>th</sup>	Rolanda Collins Stubbs	10 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Edwards
	Jordan Hope	13 <sup>th</sup>	Cindy Crom
9 <sup>th</sup>	Joyce Simmons		Angela Wise



Christmas Card Mailbox  
WMU is hosting the Christmas Card Mailbox from Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> to Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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



Drive-Thru Live Nativity

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Today	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Blended Worship Service
	NO Handbell Choir	
Wednesday	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Drive Thru Live Nativity
	5:45 PM	Family Night Supper
	6:30 PM	Children’s Choir (Grades 1-6)
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting/Church Conference
	7:00 PM	Nursery thru Grade 12
	7:45 PM	Bulletin Deadline
	7:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



Menu for December 11<sup>th</sup>

Chicken alfredo, green beans, rolls, dessert and drink.  
\$5.00 donation per person; Free for Children under 6  
Maximum donation of \$20.00 per family.

Please sign up in the hallway

ANNOUNCEMENTS



“Joy Bells” Christmas Celebration

There will be a “Joy Bells Christmas Celebration” on Tuesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a catered meal which will consist of chicken, ham, potato salad, green beans, and drinks. **YOU MUST SIGN UP SINCE THIS IS A CATERED MEAL** Also, please bring your favorite dessert to share. This will be a time of food, fun and fellowship. Ms. Bobbie Jean Nance from Evergreen Baptist Church, will be providing entertainment. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Ricky Donaldson.

“Great Christmas Light Show”

The church will be going to the “Great Christmas Light Show” in N. Myrtle Beach, SC, on Monday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, departing promptly at 2:00 PM. The cost will be \$3.00 per person plus the cost of dinner. **YOU MUST SIGN UP ON THE SHEET IN THE HALLWAY DUE TO LIMITED SEATING.** We can only accommodate the **FIRST 27 PEOPLE** including drivers. If you have any questions, please contact Roger Smith.



Children (Grades 1-6) Trip

The Children (Grades 1-6) will be going to the “Great Christmas Light Show” in N. Myrtle Beach, SC, on Friday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. **YOU MUST SIGN UP ON THE SHEET IN THE HALLWAY** We will be departing promptly at 5:00 PM and dinner will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Roger Smith.

Youth (Grades 7-12) Trip



The youth (Grades 7-12) will be visiting the “Billy Graham Library” in Charlotte, NC, on Saturday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be departing from the church at 12:00 (Noon) PM. **YOU MUST SIGN UP ON THE SHEET IN THE HALLWAY AND HAVE A SIGNED PERMISSION SLIP.** If you have any questions, please contact Roger Smith.

Year-End Closing

Due to end of the year billing, **NO** church credit cards are available for charges from Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> until after Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. In case of emergency, please contact Carolyn Hedgpeth, Treasurer, at (910) 316-9766.



Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 PM Joys Bells Christmas Celebration  
7:00 PM Outreach

Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>  
5:45 PM Family Night Supper  
6:30 PM Children’s Choir (Grades 1-6)  
7:00 PM Prayer Meeting/Church Conference  
7:00 PM Nursery thru Grade 12  
7:45 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Blended Morning Worship Service  
4:00 PM WMU Meeting \* 5:00 PM Church Council  
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service/Deacon Ordination

Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 PM “Great Christmas Light Show” N. Myrtle Beach, SC  
7:00 PM Baptist Men

Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 PM Outreach

Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>  
5:45 PM-6:30 PM Soup, Sandwiches, Desserts and Drinks  
6:30 PM-8:00 PM Church-wide Christmas Caroling  
8:00 PM Cookies and Hot Cocoa

Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 PM Children (Grades 1-6) “Great Christmas Light Show”

Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>  
12:00 PM (noon) Youth (Grades 7-12) Billy Graham Library

Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Blended Morning Worship Service  
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and Lord’s Supper  
NO Nursery during Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, thru Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
Merry Christmas

Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Blended Morning Worship Service  
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

Plan now to make the Birth of Christ the center of your Christmas activities.