



## 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.

### MINISTERS ON-CALL

Rev. Michael Bowen (910) 736-6170

Rev. Roger Smith (423) 557-5515

### EMERGENCY PRAYER REQUEST

Melissa Humphrey (910) 416-0312

Donna Holden (910) 534-0616

If you have an Emergency Prayer Request and would like for your church family to be in prayer, please contact Donna Holden or the church office. Melissa Humphrey may be unavailable for a brief period of time.

## Weekly Willing Workers

### *VAN DRIVERS*

**2/8:** Donald White  
(910-258-2435)

**2/15:** Jeff Bass  
(910-316-2570)

### *CHILDREN'S CHURCH*

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

#### ***2 & 3 years old***

**2/8:** Haley Smith, Jeff Bass,  
Chelsea Stone

**2/15:** Debby Bledsoe,  
Melissa Evers, Lisa Blanton

#### ***4 & 5 years old***

**2/8:** Sharon Locklear,  
Cynthia Woodell, Cassie West

**2/15:** Roger Smith,  
Angel Thomas, Susan Tyner

### *NURSERY WORKERS*

#### ***newborn to 2 years old***

**2/8:** Caludia Cooke, Vicki  
Hendren, Kayla & Daniel Lee,  
Becky Willoughby

**2/15:** Whitney & Austin Hester,  
Chelsea Stone, Gail Lassiter

### *DEACONS OF THE WEEK*

Nick Stone (910-740-4070) & Jerry Allen (910-608-1857)

### *INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY*

**2/8:** Brenda Hester

**2/15:** Buddy Cribb

### *FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM*

**2/8:** Lisa Smith, Suzette Taylor,  
Susan Tyner

**2/15:** Doris Britt, Kathy Buffkin,  
Kenan Chance

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

## SUNDAY MORNING

**"Only Time Will Tell"**

**Mark 4:3-9**

**Theme: "4 Types Of People In The Church"**

- I. The Sower That Is Present (v. 3a)
- II. The Seed That Is Planted (v. 3b)
- III. The Soil That Is Portrayed (v. 4-8)
  - A. The Hard Soil (v. 4)
    1. The Condition Of It (v. 4a)
    2. The Cause Of It (Luke 8:5)
    3. The Curse Of It (v. 4b)
    4. The Cure For It (Hosea 10:12)
  - B. The Hindered Soil (v. 5-6)
    1. The Ground Was Shallow (v. 5a)
    2. The Gain Was Swift (v. 5b)
    3. The Growth Was Stopped (v. 6)
  - C. The Hurtful Soil (v. 7)
    1. It Was Crowded By The Weeds (v. 7a)
    2. It Was Choked By The World (v. 7b)
    3. It Was Consumed By The Wealth (v. 7b)
  - D. The Healthy Soil (v. 8)
    1. It Was Fertile Ground (v. 8a)
    2. It Was Fruitful Ground (v. 8b)
- IV. The Statement That Is Provoking (v. 9)
  - A. Examine Your Faith (2 Corinthians 13:5)
  - B. Examine Your Fruit (Matthew 7:20)

## SUNDAY EVENING

**"Standing On The Promises"**

**Galatians 3:15-25**

**Theme: "Our God Is A Promise Keeper"**

- I. Understanding The Covenants Of God (v. 15-18)
  - A. The Different Covenants God Announced (v. 15)
    1. They Were Important Covenants (v. 15a)
    2. They Were Imperative Covenants (v. 15b)
  - B. The Detailed Covenant With Abraham (v. 16-18)
    1. A Covenant That Was Hopeful (v. 16)
    2. A Covenant That Would Hold (v. 17)
    3. A Covenant That Was Honored (v. 18)
- II. Understanding The Commands Of God (v. 19-25)
  - A. Why They Were Issued (v. 19-20)
    1. To Reveal To Us The Seriousness Of Sin (v. 19a)
    2. To Reveal To Us The Solution For Sin (v. 19b-20)
  - B. Why They Were Integral (v. 21)
    1. The Commands Prove Something
    2. The Covenant Provides Something
  - C. Why They Were Important (v. 22)
  - D. Why They Were Instrumental (v. 23-25)
    1. The Law Trapped Us Like A Fish (v. 23)
    2. The Law Taught Us About Faith (v. 24)
    3. The Law Took Us To Freedom (v. 25)

**Reminder!**

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



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**February 8, 2026**

**Church Theme for 2026:**

**Keep On Keeping On - Genesis 26:12-22**

# 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**

**Rev. Ricky Donaldson**

**(910) 499-5218**

Theme for 2026: “Keep On Keeping On”  
Genesis 26:12-22

11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude		Pianist
Invocation & Welcome		Rev. Roger Smith
Call to Worship		Sanctuary Choir
	“Old Church Choir” Soloist: Nick Stone	
Offertory Hymn		
	“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”	
Congregational		
	“Victory in Jesus”	
Message in Song		Alana Taylor
Message in Song		Sanctuary Choir
	“It Matters to The Master” Soloist: Dale Johnson	
Message		Rev. Michael S. Bowen
	“Only Time Will Tell” Mark 4:3-9	
*Hymn of Commitment		
	“Softly and Tenderly”	
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

Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> - Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>

1 <sup>st</sup>	Linda Leggett	Brenden Hunt
	Gary Allen	Kinsley Bullard
	Gwen Mishue	5 <sup>th</sup> Cindy Ivey
	Brittlyn Stubbs	Kim Smith
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gaye Carroll	Ethan Hunt
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shon Anderson	7 <sup>th</sup> Melissa Humphrey
4 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Dudney	Matt Horne

Birthday Celebrations

Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> - Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>

9 <sup>th</sup>	Diane Sellers	11 <sup>th</sup> April Ashworth
	Elijah Wiggins	Dallas Ivey
10 <sup>th</sup>	Melba Floyd	12 <sup>th</sup> Brittany Bass
	Linda Haymore	13 <sup>th</sup> Kadia Locklear


6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude		Pianist
Invocation & Welcome		Rev. Roger Smith
Call to Worship		Sanctuary Choir
	“I’ve Never Seen the Righteous Forsaken” Soloist: Belinda Locklear	
Offertory Hymn		
	“Standing on the Promises”	
Congregational		
	“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”	
Message in Song		Kayla Lee
Message in Song		Sanctuary Choir
	“Waymaker” Soloist: Mike White	
Message		Rev. Michael S. Bowen
	“Standing On The Promises” Galatians 3:15-25	
*Hymn of Commitment		
	“Only Trust Him”	

Benediction		Layman
Postlude		Pianist

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Today	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Morning Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Haitian Ministry
	2:00 PM	Nursing Home Ministry (Harborview Nursing)
	4:30 PM	Handbells
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
	5:45 PM	Family Night Supper
	6:30 PM	Children’s Choir (Grades 1-6)
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting (Nursery thru Grade 12)
	7:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



**Menu for Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Menu:** Lasagna, string 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

**Children’s Committee Meeting**  
The Children’s Committee will meet **TODAY**, at 5:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of the meetings is to plan the 2026 calendar. Please come prepared to provide input on trips and activities. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Rev. Roger Smith.



Deacons Meeting

The regular monthly Deacons meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Randy Graham.

CPR (Contact, Prayer, Recovery)

The regular monthly outreach will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. We will focus on the **CONTACT** of church prospects through visits and postcards.



Graduates

If you are graduating from High School or College, please contact the church office by Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. We would like to acknowledge you on Graduation Sunday.

Reserving Church Van/Bus

Friendly reminder! If you plan on using the church bus or van, you must complete a request form through the church office. If a form is **NOT** completed, we cannot guarantee a vehicle will be available for you. Planning has to be done in order for the vehicles to be serviced and readied for trips. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact Matthew Stephens or the church office.



Bereavement Food Committee

As part of our ministry here at the church, the bereavement food committee provides a meal to the family during the death of a church member. If you would like to assist with this ministry by providing a food item for this meal, please sign the sheet in the hallway. The church provides the fried chicken. This will be on a rotation basis. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact Joyce Cribb, Patsy White or Dale Johnson.

Church-Wide Adult Valentine Banquet

There will be a church-wide Adult Valentine Banquet on **Saturday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> (change of date)**, at 5:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. Also, carriage rides will be provided prior to dinner, free of charge, from 4:00 PM until 5:00 PM. If you are interested in attending, please complete a form which can be found on the table at each entrance. Return the completed form along with \$25.00 per person (steak, baked potato, salad, rolls, dessert, drink and entertainment) to the church office or Sabrina Sanderson-Floyd. **The absolute last date we can accept reservations is Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> as food must be pre-ordered.** Make checks payable to East Lumberton Baptist Church.



Joy Bells Cookbook

The Joy Bells are putting together a cookbook of everyone’s favorite recipes. Everyone is invited to participate. Please submit your recipes to Robin Donaldson or email her at [rsdonaldson53@gmail.com](mailto:rsdonaldson53@gmail.com) no later than Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact Rev. Ricky or Robin Donaldson or Donna Holden.

Mission Trip: Burlington, NC

We are in the process of looking into a possible Mission Trip (youth or adults) to Burlington, NC, during March or April, 2026. Anyone who would like to participate is welcome, no matter your skill set or experience. Anyone interested in going, please sign the sheet in the hallway. Those unable to attend, please remember the group in your prayers. Once everyone has signed up, we will schedule a meeting to secure an exact date. If you have question and/or concerns, please contact Noah Reaves.

