



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	
1/11: Jeff Bass (910-316-2570)	1/18: Hugh Bledsoe (910-874-1961)
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	
Children's Church is provided for children ages 2 thru kindergarten	
2 & 3 years old	
1/11: Alana Taylor, Brittlyn Stubbs, Roger Smith	1/18: Robin Donaldson, Starla Stephens
4 & 5 years old	
1/11: Austin & Whitney Hester, Sophia McLamb	1/18: Janice & Brian Bullock, Michelle Smith
NURSERY WORKERS	
newborn to 2 years old	
1/11: Claudia Cooke, Kristy Gerald, Cindy Horne, Robyn Morgan	1/18: Claudia Cooke, Cindy & Rex Caulder, Margaret Ramirez, Leighann Martin
DEACONS OF THE WEEK	
Bobby Cox (910-734-4539) & Perry Dudley (910-258-4952)	
INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY	
1/11: Nancy Dudley	1/18: Molly Horne
FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM	
1/11: Linda Galacci, Terri Gerald, JoAnn Hayes	1/18: Donna Holden, Cindy Horne, Meliss Humphrey

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

SUNDAY MORNING

“One Letter Can Change Your Destiny”
Genesis 17:5

Theme: “There Is Always Hope With The Lord”

- I. The Letter That Changed Abraham’s Life (v. 5a)
 - A. The Adding Of The Letter
 - B. The Arrangement Of The Letter
 - C. The Announcement Of The Letter
- II. The Lord That Changed Abraham’s Life (v. 5b)
 - A. What God Overlooked In Abraham
 - 1. He Overlooked His Accidents
 - 2. He Overlooked His Absence
 - 3. He Overlooked His Age
 - B. What God Offered To Abraham
 - 1. He Would Produce Children (v. 6a)
 - 2. He Would Produce Crowds (v. 6b)
 - 3. He Would Produce Crowns (v. 6c)

SUNDAY EVENING

“The Law Says Do, The Lord Says Done”
Galatians 3:1-5

Theme: “Salvation By Grace Alone”

- I. The Concern Paul Had For The Galatians (v. 1)
 - A. The Galatians Were Being Mislead (v. 1a)
 - B. The Gospel Was Being Minimized (v. 1b-1c)
 - 1. They Were Questioning The Truth That Was Conveyed (v. 1b)
 - 2. They Were Questioning The Truth That Was Clear (v. 1c)
- II. The Challenge Paul Had For The Galatians (v. 2-5)
 - A. He Challenged Their Salvation (v. 2)
 - B. He Challenged Their Sanctification (v. 3)
 - C. He Challenged Their Sufferings (v. 4)
 - D. He Challenged Their Signs (v. 5)



Sunday, January 11th
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Morning Worship Service
4:30 PM Handbell Choir
5:00 PM Youth Committee
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

Tuesday, January 13th
7:00 PM Outreach

Wednesday, January 15th
5:45 PM Joy Bells – Chili and Dessert Cook-off
6:30 PM Children’s Choir (Grades 1-6)
7:00 PM Prayer Meeting
7:00 PM Nursery thru Grade 12
7:45 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



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January 11, 2026

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



Staff Directory

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Ms. Janet Taylor

Worship Team
Mr. Shon Anderson

Treasurer
Ms. Kenan Chance

Custodian
Mr. Jeff Pait

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
“I’m Going Home with Jesus” Soloist: Nick Stone	
Offertory Hymn	“I Never Shall Forget the Day”
Congregational	“To God Be the Glory”
Message in Song	Belinda Locklear
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
“All My Hope” Soloist: Ricky Tyner	
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
“One Letter Can Change Your Destiny” Genesis 17:5	
*Hymn of Commitment	“Only Trust Him”
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

Jan. 11th - Jan. 17th



11 th	Bennie Todd	15 th	John Locklear
	Lisa Tyson		William Baker
	Justice Butler	16 th	Barbara Glisson
12 th	Cindy Caulder		Kylie Baker
	Tiffany Newberry	17 th	Johnnie Hursey
13 th	Paulette Grimsley		Brianna Stephens
	Kelli Roberts		Adilynn Thomas
	Jackson Hester		

Deacons



Listed below is a list of current deacons for 2026: Randy Graham (Chairman); Benny Gerald (Vice Chairman); Matthew Stephens (Secretary); Jerry Allen, Jay Britt, Bobby Cox, Perry Dudley, Matthew Horne, Josh Locklear, Noah Reaves and Nick Stone.

6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Pianist
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Call to Worship	Sanctuary Choir
“Trusting God”	
Offertory Hymn	“At Calvary”
Congregational	“Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound”
Message in Song	Shon Anderson
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
“Sinner Saved by Grace”	
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
“The Law Says Do, The Lord Says Done” Galatians 3:1-5	
*Hymn of Commitment	“Grace Greater than Our Sin”

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth and Children Committees Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Youth Committee **TODAY**, at 5:00 PM, in the Youth Department. The Children’s Committee will meet on Sunday, Jan. 25th. 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.

CPR (Contact, Prayer, Recovery)

The regular monthly outreach will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 13th, at 7:00 PM. We will focus on the **CONTACT** of church prospects through visits and postcards.



Reminder!

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



Church-wide Cruise

There will be a brief meeting **TODAY**, at 5:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall, for anyone going on the cruise in January. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Gail Lassiter.

Joy Bells Meeting: Chili & Dessert Cook-off



The Joys Bells will be hosting a Chili and Dessert Cook-off on Wednesday, Jan. 14th, at 5:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. This is 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. The food will be used for Wednesday night supper. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Rev. Ricky Donaldson or Kenan Chance.

Walkers in Faith

There will be **NO** “Walkers in Faith” this month due to the number of people sick. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Michelle Lewis.



Contribution Statements



If you would like to receive a contribution statement for 2025 with your contributions listed for tax purposes, please sign the sheet in the hallway. These will be printed on an individual bases. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact Kenan Chance.

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 vehicles to be gassed up and serviced for them to be ready 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 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.

2026 Church Committees

We need for all the 2026 Church Committees to meet and choose a chairperson, before January 31st. Once this is completed, please notify the church office, of your committee chairperson. Thank you in advance for your assistance.



SAVE THE DATE: Church-Wide Adult Valentine Banquet



The church-wide Adult Valentine Banquet will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th, at 6:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. Additional information will be forthcoming.



Menu for Jan. 14th

Church-wide Joy Bells Chili and Dessert Cook-off
5:00 PM- 5:30 PM Drop-Off Chili and Dessert for Judging
5:30 PM -5:45 PM Judging of Chili and Desserts
5:45 PM-6:30 PM Chili, Desserts and Drinks
6:30 PM Children’s Choir
7:00 PM Evening Worship Service
No Charge * Please sign up in the hallway