



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

1/21: Jeff Bass (316-2570)

1/28: Hugh Bledsoe (874-1961)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

2 & 3 years old

1/21: Kristy & Jeremy Gerald

1/28: Whitney Hester,
Cindy Horne

4 & 5 years old

1/21: Haley Smith,
Rebecca Lamb

1/28: Samantha White,
Amy Britt

NURSERY WORKERS

newborn to 2 years old

1/21: Claudia Cooke,
Margaret Ramirez, Lisa Smith

1/28: Claudia Cooke,
Lisa Hendren, Gail Lassiter

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Danny Johnson (258-7383) & Mitch Lassiter (827-5249)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

1/21: Crystal Martin

1/28: Brenda Hester

FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM

1/21: Melissa Humphrey, Donna
Holden and Debby Bledsoe

1/28: Suzette Taylor,
Margaret Ramirez, Debby Bledsoe

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

SUNDAY MORNING

Rev. Ricky Donaldson, Speaker

"The Fear of the Lord is Wisdom"

Ecclesiastes 12:8-14

- I. The Fear of the Lord is Defined
- II. The Fear of the Lord is Described
- III. The Fear of the Lord is Demanded



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. 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.

SUNDAY EVENING

"When A Christian Goes Hog Wild"

Luke 15:11-24

Theme: "What Happens When A Child Of God Comes Back Home"

- I. The Disobedient Follower (v. 11-19)
 - A. His Deliverance (v. 11)
 - B. His Disposition (v. 12)
 - 1. It Was Shameful (v. 12a)
 - 2. It Was Shocking (v. 12b)
 - 3. It Was Selfish (v. 12c)
 - C. His Decline (v. 13)
 - 1. He Became Wayward (v. 13a)
 - 2. He Became Wicked (v. 13b)
 - D. His Downfall (v. 14-15)
 - 1. He Was Hopeless (v. 14a)
 - 2. He Was Helpless (v. 14b)
 - E. His Desperation (v. 16)
 - F. His Decision (v. 17-20a)
 - 1. What He Realized (v. 17a)
 - 2. What He Remembered (v. 17b)
 - 3. What He Resolved (v. 18-19)
 - 4. When He Returned (v. 20a)
- II. The Devoted Father (v. 20b-24)
 - A. His Patience (v. 20b)
 - B. His Pursuit (v. 20c)
 - C. His Protection (v. 20d)
 - D. His Passion (v. 20e)
 - E. His Pardon (v. 21)
 - F. His Provisions (v. 22-23)
 - 1. His Filth Was Covered (v. 22a)
 - 2. His Finger Was Covered (v. 22b)
 - 3. His Feet Were Covered (v. 22c)
 - 4. His Feast Was Covered (v. 23)
 - G. His Praise (v. 24)



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January 21, 2024

Church Theme for 2024:

The Call to Worship ~ John 4:23-24

EAST LUMBERTON Baptist Church

Staff Directory

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Rev. Michael S. Bowen
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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

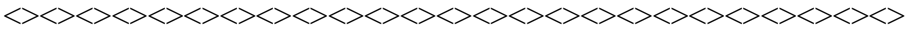
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Ms. Carolyn Hedgpeth

Custodian
Mr. Jeff Pait

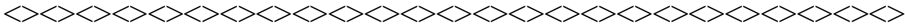
Theme for 2024: The Call to Worship
John 4:23-24

11:00 AM BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Pianist
Call to Worship	Sanctuary Choir
“Getting Ready to Leave This World”	
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Offertory Hymn	
“Are You Washed in the Blood”	
Congregational	
“Great and Mighty”	
Message in Song	Belinda Locklear
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
“At the Cross (Love Ran Red)”	
Message	Rev. Ricky Donaldson
“The Fear of the Lord is Wisdom” Ecclesiastes 12:8-14	
*Hymn of Commitment	
“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”	
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.



NO WEDNESDAY
NIGHT SUPPER



Deacons

Listed below is a list of current deacons for 2024: Randy Graham (Chairman); Danny Johnson (Vice Chairman); Danny Leggett (Secretary); David Baxley, Benny Gerald, Matt Horne, Joshua Locklear, Mitch Lassiter, John Locklear, Robert Mishue and Roger Pittman.



New Wednesday Night Sermon Series



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

Children’s Choir

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



Treasurer: Contribution Statements

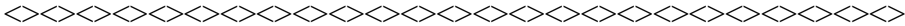


Contribution Statements and on-line contribution statements have been prepared. If you have questions, please contact Carolyn Hedgpeith, Treasurer, at the church office on Monday thru Wednesday.

6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Pianist
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
“I’ve Never Seen the Righteous Forsaken” Soloist: Belinda Locklear	
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Offertory Hymn	
“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”	
Congregational	
“Have Faith in God”	
Message in Song	Tre’ Smith
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
“God Really Loves Us” Soloist: Jennifer Davis	
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
“When A Christian Goes Hog Wild” Luke 15:11-24	
*Hymn of Commitment	
“Grace Greater than Our Sin”	

Benediction	Layman
Postlude	Pianist



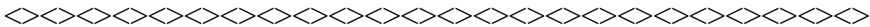
OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Today	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Blended Worship Service
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
	5:45 PM	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
January 21st - 27th

21 st	Dalton Hursey	25 th	Bianca Powers
23 rd	Billy Allen	26 th	Ben Morgan
	Craig Kinlaw		Deborah Taylor
24 th	Joyce Locklear	27 th	Brianna Walters
	Alexis Baxley		Allison Collins



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU Meeting

WMU meeting will be held **TODAY**, at 4:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Gwen Mishue.

Also, WMU will be collecting clean new or used blankets or throws for the homeless. These items will be donated to the Lumberton Police Dept. and the Robeson County Sherrieff’s Office for them to pass out to individuals in need. There will be a container in the hallway by the office or contact Gwen Mishue.



CPR (Contact, Prayer, Recovery)

The regular monthly outreach will be held on Tuesday, January 23rd, at 7:00 PM. We will focus on the **RECOVERY** of inactive members through visits and phone calls.

Denim and Pearls



Due to many of the ladies going on the church-wide cruise. The Denim and Pearls monthly meeting for February has been rescheduled to Friday, January 26th, at 6:30 PM. All ladies are invited! If you have questions, please contact Lisa Hendren or Sharon Leggett.



Skating – Students Grades 1-12

Children (Grades 1-6) and Youth will be going to Mr. P’s Skateworld in Lumberton on Saturday, February 24th, from 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM. Cost is \$5.00 per student. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Roger Smith.

Final Judgement Meeting



There will be meeting on Sunday, January 28th, at 4:00 PM, in the sancutary for all individuals involved in Final Judgement. The purpose is to assign parts and scene captains. If you have any questions and/or concenrs, please contact Rev. Michael Bowen.



Sunday; January 21st

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Blended Worship Service

Speaker: Rev. Ricky Donaldson

4:00 PM WMU Meeting

6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

Tuesday, January 23rd

7:00 PM Outreach

Wednesday, January 24th

7:00 PM Prayer Meeting, Nursery thru Grade 12

8:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 26th

6:30 PM Denim and Pearl

Sunday; January 28th

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Blended Worship Service

6:00 PM Evening Worship Service



Church-Wide Adult Valentine Banquet

There will be a church-wide Adult Valentine Banquet on Saturday, Feb. 17th, at 6:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. 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 \$15.00 per person (steak, baked potato, salad, rolls, dessert, drink and entertainment) to the church office or Melissa Reaves. **The absolute last date we can accept reservations is Sunday, Feb. 4th as food must be pre-ordered.** Make checks payable to East Lumberton Baptist Church.

Also, we will have a time fun and fellowship as we play games which will start at 5:30 PM. Each person needs to bring one wrapped gift. Please do not feel like you have to go buy a new gift just bring something you have at home. You can bring your gifts prior to the banquet and place them outside the preschool room in the box.