



## 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

**1/25:** Robert Mishue  
(910-827-9096)

**2/1:** Matthew Stephens  
(910-234-5817)

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

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

**1/25:** Madison & John Reaves,  
Margaret Ramirez

**2/1:** Chasity & Noah Reaves,  
Cindy Horne

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

**1/25:** Sommer & Nathan  
Broadaway, Jamie Foster

**2/1:** Donna Holden, Christy  
Locklear, Kathy Buffkin

### NURSERY WORKERS

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

**1/25:** Claudia Cooke,  
Elisha Parker, Chasity Reaves,  
Angel Thomas

**2/1:** Claudia Cooke,  
Megan Freeman, Haley Smith,  
Alana Taylor

### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Matthew Horne (910-734-4356) & Josh Locklear (910-374-1142)

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

**1/25:** Howard Reaves, Jr.

**2/1:** Crystal Martin

### FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM

**1/25:** Carrie Mae Jacobs,  
Gail Lassiter, Cynthia Martin

**2/1:** Julia Martin, Margaret  
Rameriz, Joyce Simmons

**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

**Rev. Roger Smith,  
Speaker**

**"And You Thought That You Had a Bad Day"**

**Job 1:13-22**

# January

**Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Morning Worship Service

4:30 PM Handbell Choir

5:00 PM Children's Committee Meeting

6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

**Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 PM Outreach

**Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

5:45 PM Family Night Supper

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 25, 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	“Old Church Choir” Soloist: Nick Stone	Sanctuary Choir
Offertory Hymn	“Standing on the Promises”	
Congregational	“Victory in Jesus”	
Message in Song		Alana Taylor
Message in Song	“It Matters to The Master” Soloist: Dale Johnson	Sanctuary Choir
Message	“Only Time Will Tell” Luke 8:5-8	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
*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



Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> - Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>

25 <sup>th</sup>	Ben Morgan	30 <sup>th</sup>	Tony Brigman
28 <sup>th</sup>	Hope Stephens		Tony McNeill
	Robin Donaldson		Bobby Newberry
	Rolanda Stubbs		Sam Hucks
	Lisa Bass	31 <sup>st</sup>	Kathy Buffkin
	Marsha Jo Mckenna		Michelle Smith



Menu for Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>

Menu: BBQ, slaw, baked 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

6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude		Pianist
Invocation & Welcome		Rev. Roger Smith
Call to Worship	“Bless That Wonderful Name”	Youth Choir
Offertory Hymn	“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”	
Congregational	“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”	
Message in Song		Kayla Lee
Message in Song	“Great Are You Lord”	Youth Choir
Message	“And You Thought That You Had a Bad Day” Job 1:13-22	Rev. Roger Smith
*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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CPR (Contact, Prayer, Recovery)

The regular monthly outreach will be held on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. We will focus on the **RECOVERY** of inactive members through visits and phone calls.



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.

Reminder!

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



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.

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 31<sup>st</sup>. Once this is completed, please notify the church office, of your committee chairperson. Thank you in advance for your assistance.



Church-Wide Adult Valentine Banquet

There will be a church-wide Adult Valentine Banquet on Saturday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup> as food must be pre-ordered.** Make checks payable to East Lumberton Baptist Church.

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.



Deacons Meeting

The regular monthly Deacons meeting will be held on Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 PM. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Randy Graham.

Denim and Pearls

Denim and Pearls will be meeting on Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM. All ladies are invited! Please sign the sign-up sheet in the hallway, as a meal will be provided. If you have questions, please contact Michelle Lewis or Lisa Blanton.

