



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

<u>VAN DRIVERS</u>	
1/4: Donald White (910-258-2435)	1/11: Jeff Bass (910-316-2570)
<u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u>	
Children's Church is provided for children ages 2 thru kindergarten	
2 & 3 years old	
1/4: Debby Bledsoe, Melissa Evers, Lisa Blanton	1/11: Robin Donaldson, Starla Stephens
4 & 5 years old	
1/4: Roger Smith, Angel Thomas, Susan Tyner	1/11: Sommer & Nathan Broadaway, Jamie Foster
<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>	
newborn to 2 years old	
1/4: Claudia Cooke, Jeff, Jerri-Kelly, and Sofia McLamb	1/11: Claudia Cooke, Kristy Gerald, Cindy Horne, Robyn Morgan
<u>DEACONS OF THE WEEK</u>	
Jerry Allen (910-608-1857) & Jay Britt (910-977-7169)	
<u>INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY</u>	
1/4: Danny Johnson	1/11: Nancy Dudney
<u>FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM</u>	
1/4: Doris Britt, Kathy Buffkin, Kenan Chance	1/11: Linda Galacci, Terri Gerald, JoAnn Hayes

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

SUNDAY MORNING

"Keep On Digging"

Genesis 26:12-22

Theme: "Keep On Keeping On"

- I. Isaac Had Great Fame (v. 12a)
 - A. It Is Seen Through His Sacrifice
 - B. It Is Seen Through His Status
- II. Isaac Had God's Favor (v. 12b-14a)
 - A. He Had Major Prosperity (v. 12b)
 - B. He Had Many Possessions (v. 13-14a)
- III. Isaac Had Gained Foes (v. 14b-16)
 - A. The Enemies Envied Him (v. 14b)
 - B. The Enemies Exasperated Him (v. 15)
 1. The Wells Were Inherited
 2. The Wells Were Important
 - C. The Enemies Expelled Him (v. 16)
- IV. Isaac Had Godly Fervor (v. 17-22)
 - A. He Fixed Old Wells (v. 17-18)
 - B. He Fought Other Wells (v. 19)
 - C. He Fought Opposed Wells (v. 20-21)
 1. Sometimes We Have To Fight Sinners (v. 20)
 2. Sometimes We Have To Fight Satan (v. 21)
 - D. He Finally Owned Wells (v. 22)

SUNDAY EVENING

"Wanted: Dead & Alive"

Galatians 2:19-21

Theme: "Dead To Sin But Alive In Christ"

- I. Paul's View Of The Law (v. 19)
 - A. What The Law Could Do
 - B. What The Law Couldn't Do
- II. Paul's Victory In The Lord (v. 20-21)
 - A. The Picture Of Salvation (v. 20)
 1. It's A Complete Life (v. 20a)
 2. It's A Crucified Life (v. 20b)
 - a. The Cross Portrays Suffering
 - b. The Cross Portrays Shame
 - c. The Cross Portrays Solitude
 3. It's A Christ-Filled Life (v. 20c)
 4. It's A Complicated Life (v. 20d)
 5. It's A Confident Life (v. 20e-20f)
 - a. Putting Faith In The Lord Who's Devoted To Us (v. 20e)
 - b. Putting Faith In The Lord Who Died For Us (v. 20f)
 - B. The Proclamation About Salvation (v. 21)
 1. His Death Wasn't In Vain
 2. His Death Was Victorious



Menu for Jan. 7th

Hamburgers and hot dogs with fixings, chips, 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



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January 4, 2026

Church Theme for 2026:

Keep On Keeping On - Genesis 26:12-22

EAST LUMBERTON
Baptist Church

Staff Directory

Senior Pastor

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(423) 557-5515

Minister of Senior Adults

Rev. Ricky Donaldson
(910) 499-5218

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Mr. Matthew Horne
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Ms. Janet Taylor

Worship Team

Mr. Larry Cooke & 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>"Good Morning Mercy"</i> Soloist: Shon Anderson
Offertory Hymn	
	<i>"Keep On the Firing Line"</i>
Congregational	
	<i>"Where Could I Go?"</i>
Message in Song	
Message in Song	
	<i>"You've Already Won"</i>
Message	Sanctuary Choir
	<i>"Keep On Digging"</i> Genesis 26:12-22
*Hymn of Commitment	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
	<i>"Wherever He Leads I'll Go"</i>
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. 4th-Jan. 10th



5 th	Regina Fairfax	9 th	Luma Blakenship
	David Edge		Jackson Taylor
7 th	Stacy Taylor		Weston Willoughby
	Kenadde Bryan	10 th	Frankie Head
8 th	Joshua Willoughby		Chasity Reaves
	Dale Johnson		Lillie-Kate Smith
	Jason Ashworth		

Nominating Committee Request

The Nominating Committee is asking, if anyone is interested in serving as WMU Director, Assistant WMU Director, Sunday School Director or on the Building Committee and Personnel Committee. Please contact Cindy Horne or anyone on the Nominating Committee. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve.



6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Pianist
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Call to Worship	Sanctuary Choir
	<i>"Somebody Loves Me"</i>
Offertory Hymn	
	<i>"Are You Washed in The Blood"</i>
Congregational	
	<i>"He Set Me Free"</i>
Message in Song	
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
	<i>"It Is Finished"</i>
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
	"Wanted: Dead & Alive" Galatians 2:19-21
*Hymn of Commitment	
	<i>"Jesus Paid It All"</i>
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
	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



We will be honoring Carolyn Hedgpeth for her years of service to East Lumberton Baptist Church **TODAY**, immediately following the evening service. This will be an opportunity for each of you to show your appreciation and wish her enjoyment as she enters a new chapter in her life. There will be a basket for cards. **Also, please bring your favorite finger food to share. Cake and Ice Cream will be provided.**

Baby Shower: Lexi Britt and Wyatt Chance

Everyone is cordially invited to participate in a Drop-Off Baby Shower for Lexi Britt and Wyatt Chance. Proud Grandmother is Kenan Chance! We are asking you to drop off your gift or gift card at the table in the preschool area no later than **TODAY**. They are registered at Amazon. Also, diapers and wipes are greatly appreciated.



Church DEACONS

The regular monthly Deacons meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 5th, at 7:00 PM. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Randy Graham.



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.

Youth and Children Committees Meeting



There will be a meeting of the Youth Committee on Sunday, Jan. 11th and the Children's Committee on Sunday, Jan. 25th. Each committee will meet 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.



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.



Boys & Girls Home, Lake Waccamaw Christmas Offering

Be a part of the Great Commission this season of giving and helping others. We are collecting gifts for the Boys and Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw. **Special offering envelopes have been placed at all entrances or you may use a regular offering envelope and designate to Boys and Girls Home.** May God multiply our gifts!



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.



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.



Sanctuary Choir

The Sanctuary Choir will resume practice on Wednesday, Jan. 7th, following the evening worship service. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Matt Horne or Shon Anderson.



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.



Reminder!

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