



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. Michael Bowen (910) 736-6170

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	
1/5: Hugh Bledsoe (874-1961)	1/12: Howard Reaves, Jr. (316-2819)
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	
Children's Church is provided for children ages 2 thru kindergarten	
2 & 3 years old	
1/5: Kristy & Jeremy Gerald	1/12: Alana Taylor, Chelsea Stone
4 & 5 years old	
1/5: Marsha & Lucky McKenna, Sofia McLamb	1/12: Becky Willoughby, Lisa Stephens, Michelle Smith
NURSERY WORKERS	
newborn to 2 years old	
1/5: Cindy Caulder, Claudia Cooke, Margaret Ramirez, Megan Freeman, Heather Williamson	1/12: Claudia Cooke, Gail Lassiter, Elisha Parker
DEACONS OF THE WEEK	
David Baxley (910-734-0613) & Jay Britt (910-977-7169)	
INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY	
1/5: Georgia Cox	1/12: Heather Williamson
FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM	
1/5: Linda Galacci, Donna Holden, Debby Bledsoe	1/12: Cathy Lamb, Jo Ann Hayes, Debby Bledsoe

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

SUNDAY MORNING

“He Touched Me”
Matthew 8:1-4

Theme: “Do You Need A Touch From The Master”

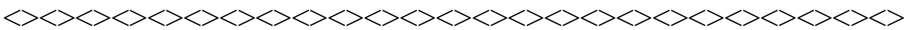
- I. The Leprous Man (v. 1-2)
 - A. His Condition (v. 1-2a)
 - 1. The Definition Of Leprosy (Lev 13:44a)
 - 2. The Defilement Of Leprosy (Lev 13:44b-45)
 - 3. The Distance Of Leprosy (Lev 13:46)
 - 4. The Devastation Of Leprosy
 - 5. The Development Of Leprosy (Lev 13:7)
 - 6. The Destruction Of Leprosy (Lev 13:52)
 - 7. The Death Of Leprosy
 - B. His Confidence (v. 2b)
 - C. His Consideration (v. 2c)
 - D. His Cry (v. 2d)
- II. The Loving Master (v. 3)
 - A. His Tenderness (Mark 1:41)
 - B. His Touch (v. 3a)
 - C. His Timing (v. 3b)
 - D. His Transformation (v. 3c)
- III. The Lord's Mandate (v. 4)
 - A. A Strange Request (v. 4a)
 - B. A Stern Requirement (v. 4b)

SUNDAY EVENING

“A Man After God's Own Heart”
Philippians 2:25-30

Theme: “The Ministry Of Epaphroditus”

- I. Epaphroditus Was A Balanced Man (v. 25)
 - A. We See It In His Christianity (v. 25a)
 - B. We See It In His Companionship (v. 25b)
 - C. We See It In His Combat (v. 25c)
 - D. We See It In His Consideration (v. 25d)
- II. Epaphroditus Was A Burdened Man (v. 26-27a)
 - A. His Burden Was Sickness (v. 26a)
 - B. His Burden Was Selfless (v. 26b)
 - C. His Burden Was Severe (v. 27a)
- III. Epaphroditus Was A Blessed Man (v. 27b-30)
 - A. He Was Supernaturally Healed (v. 27b-27c)
 - 1. His Healing Blessed Him Personally (v. 27b)
 - 2. His Healing Blessed His Partner (v. 27c)
 - B. He Was Sent Home (v. 28)
 - 1. His Return Would Bless Phillipi (v. 28a)
 - 2. His Return Would Bless Paul (v. 28b)
 - C. He Was Shown Honor (v. 29-30)
 - 1. How He Was Supposed To Be Received (v. 29a)
 - 2. How He Was Supposed To Be Rewarded (v. 29b)
 - 3. How He Was Supposed To Be Respected (v. 30)



Menu for January 8th

Fried chicken, string beans, corn, 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



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January 5, 2025

Church Theme for 2025:
You Can't Out Give God - 2 Corinthians 9:6-7



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Worship Team
Mr. Larry Cooke & Mr. Shon Anderson

Treasurer
Ms. Carolyn Hedgpeth

Custodian
Mr. Jeff Pait

Theme for 2025: You Can’t Out Give God
2 Corinthians 9:6-7

11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude		Pianist
Call to Worship	<i>“I’ll Put On A Crown”</i> <i>Soloist: Nick Stone</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Invocation & Welcome		Rev. Roger Smith
Offertory Hymn	<i>“I Never Shall Forget The Day”</i>	
Congregational	<i>“He Touched Me”</i>	
Message in Song		Jennifer Davis
Message in Song	<i>“Even In The Valley”</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Message	“He Touched Me” Matthew 8:1-4	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
*Hymn of Commitment	<i>“Softly and Tenderly”</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. 5th- Jan. 11th

5 th	Regina Fairfax	9 th	Weston Willoughby
	David Edge	10 th	Frankie Head
7 th	Stacy Taylor		Chasity Reaves
	Kenadde Bryan		Lillie Kate Smith
8 th	Joshua Willoughby	11 th	Bennie Todd
	Dale Johnson		Lisa Tyson
	Luna Blakenship		Justice Bulter

Reminder!

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



EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude		Pianist
Call to Worship	<i>“Evidence”</i> <i>Soloist: Shon Anderson</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Invocation & Welcome		Rev. Roger Smith
Offertory Hymn	<i>“Since Jesus Came Into My Heart”</i>	
Congregational	<i>“Where Could I Go?”</i>	
Message in Song		
Message in Song	<i>“God Is Still Good”</i> <i>Soloist: Belinda Locklear</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Message	“A Man After God’s Own Heart” Philippians 2:25-30	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
*Hymn of Commitment	<i>“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”</i>	
Benediction		Layman
Postlude		Pianist

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Today	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Morning Worship Service
	4:30 PM	Handbell Choir
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
Wednesday	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	Bulletin Deadline
	7:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Deacons Meeting
The regular monthly Deacons meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 6th, at 7:00 PM. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Randy Graham.

Zoom Bible Study

There will be a weekly on-line zoom Bible Study meeting beginning on Monday, Jan. 6th, from 7:00 PM until 8:00 PM, we will discuss the “End Time Events” by Dr. David Jeremiah. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Ricky Donaldson.



New Wednesday Night Sermon Series
Beginning on Wednesday, Jan. 8th, Pastor Bowen will begin a new sermon series, on Wednesday nights, on “The Sermon on the Mount”. Please join us for our mid-week service.



Building and Decorating Teams
The meeting with the Final Judgement or Live Nativity Building and Decorating Teams has been cancelled until a later date. If you have any questions/concerns, please contact Pastor Bowen.

CPR (Contact, Prayer, Recovery)

The regular monthly outreach will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 14th, at 7:00 PM. We will focus on the **CONTACT** of church prospects through visits and postcards.



Baby Shower: Josh and April Ivey Willoughby

Everyone is cordially invited to participate in a Drop-Off Baby Shower for Josh and April Ivey Willoughby. Proud Grandparents are Kaye Willoughby, and Kenneth and Rebecca Lamb. We are asking you to drop off your gift or gift card at the table in the preschool area no later than Sunday, Jan. 12th. They are registered at Amazon and Wal-Mart.



Joy Bells Meeting: Chili & Dessert Cook-off

Joy Bells Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 14th, at 5:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. We will be hosting a Chili Cook-off and Dessert Cook-off 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. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Rev. Ricky Donaldson.

Youth and Children Committees Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Youth Committee on Sunday, Jan. 12th and the Children’s Committee on Sunday, Jan. 26th. Each committee will meet at 5:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of the meetings is to plan the 2025 calendar. Please come prepared to provide input on trips and activities. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Rev. Roger Smith.



Samaritan Purse Christmas Shoe Boxes

During 2025, we will be changing how we do the Christmas Shoe boxes. We will be collecting different items each month and then we will have a packing party to assemble the shoeboxes. Items for the month of January are: hair brushes, combs, washcloths, Ivory soap (must be bar soap **NO** liquids.) We are hoping the change will make things easier for everyone as we reach children with the Gospel of Christ. There will be a container outside the church office to drop off your items. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Joyce Cribb.

CALENDAR
of Events

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11:00 AM Morning Worship Service
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7:00 PM Deacons Meeting
7:00 PM ZOOM Bible Study

Wednesday, January 8th

5:45 PM Family Night Supper
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7:00 PM Prayer Meeting
7:00 PM Nursery thru Grade 12
7:45 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal