



## 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  
Wednesday-Dr. Tom Martin (910) 876-3462  
Tuesday & 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

<u><b>VAN DRIVERS</b></u>	
<b>7/23:</b> Robert Mishue (827-9096)	<b>7/30:</b> Jeff Bass (316-2570)
<u><b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b></u>	
<i>Children's Church is provided for children ages 2 thru kindergarten</i>	
<u><b>2 &amp; 3 years old</b></u>	
<b>7/23:</b> Kristy & Jeremy Gerald	<b>7/30:</b> Heather Owens, Karen Schwanger
<u><b>4 &amp; 5 years old</b></u>	
<b>7/23:</b> Haley Smith, Rebecca Lamb	<b>7/30:</b> Brooke Willoughby, Sharon Locklear, Cynthia Woodell
<u><b>NURSERY WORKERS</b></u>	
<b>7/23:</b> Claudia Cooke, Kristy Gerald, Robyn Morgan	<b>7/30:</b> Claudia Cooke, Margaret Ramirez, Lisa Smith
<u><b>DEACONS OF THE WEEK</b></u>	
Thomas Walters (618-8009) & David Baxley (734-0613)	
<u><b>INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY</b></u>	
<b>7/23:</b> Heather Owens	<b>7/30:</b> Howard Reaves, Jr.
<u><b>FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM</b></u>	
<b>7/23:</b> Terri Gerald, Cindy Horne, Pam Shooter	<b>7/30:</b> Maria Cooke, Cathy Lamb, Heather Owens

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

## SUNDAY MORNING

**"Stop Playing Favorites"**  
**James 2:1-4, 8-9**

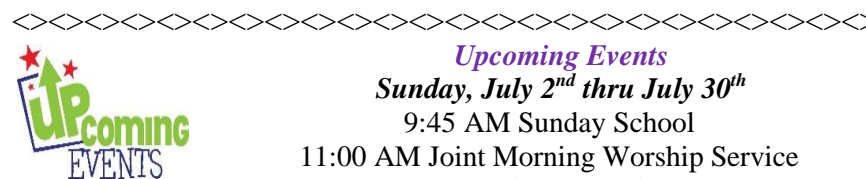
**Theme: "The Danger Of Showing Partiality In The Church"**

- I. The Account God Gives (v. 1)
  - A. Who He Is Referring To (v. 1a)
  - B. What He Is Referring To (v. 1b)
    1. Some Show Partiality When It Comes To Rituals
    2. Some Show Partiality When It Comes To Race
    3. Some Show Partiality When It Comes To Religion
    4. Some Show Partiality When It Comes To Relatives
    5. Some Show Partiality When It Comes To Riches
- II. The Analogy God Gives (v. 2-4)
  - A. The Appearance Of Visitors In The Church (v. 2)
    1. The Picture Of The Prosperous Man (v. 2a-2b)
      - a. Notice His Gold Ring (v. 2a)
      - b. Notice His Glorious Raiment (v. 2b)
    2. The Portrait Of The Poor Man (v. 2c-2d)
      - a. Notice His Destitute Condition (v. 2c)
      - b. Notice His Dirty Clothing (v. 2d)
  - B. The Attitude Towards The Visitors In The Church (v. 3)
    1. The Prosperous Man Is Respected (v. 3a)
    2. The Poor Man Is Rejected (v. 3b)
- III. The Admonition God Gives (v. 4)
  - A. You Are Not Being Just (v. 4a)
  - B. You Are Now Being Judgmental (v. 4b)
- IV. The Advice God Gives (v. 8-9)
  - A. If You Display Passion, You Do Well (v. 8)
  - B. If You Demonstrate Partiality, You Do Wrong (v. 9)

## SUNDAY EVENING

*Jay Willoughby, Speaker*

**"Make It Count"**  
**Mark 10:17-22**



### Upcoming Events

**Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> thru July 30<sup>th</sup>**

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Joint Morning Worship Service

6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

**Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 PM Outreach

**Sunday-Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>-August 4<sup>th</sup>**

Vacation Bible School

**Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 PM Deacons Meeting

**Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 PM Outreach

**Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 PM Denim and Pearls

**Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 PM Movie Night "Overcomer"



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**July 23, 2023**

Church Theme for 2023:

The Blessing of Kids in Church ~ Matthew 19:13-15

**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**  
**Dr. Tom Martin**  
(910) 876-3462

**Worship Team Leader**  
**Mr. Matthew Horne**  
(910) 734-4356

**Ministry Assistant**  
**Ms. Janet Taylor**

**Worship Team**  
**Mr. Larry Cooke & Mr. Shon Anderson**

**Treasurer**  
**Ms. Carolyn Hedgpeth**

**Custodian**  
**Mr. Jeff Pait**

11:00 AM JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Pianist
Call to Worship	Sanctuary Choir
“Let the Rocks Keep Silent”	
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Offertory Hymn	
“I Feel Like Traveling On”	
Congregational Song	
“Have Faith in God”	
Message in Song	Kayla Lee
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
“Forever We Sing Hallelujah” Soloist: Jennifer Davis	
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
“Stop Playing Favorites” James 2:1-4, 8-9	
*Hymn of Commitment	
“I Surrender All”	
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.*

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

TODAY	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Joint Worship Service (JULY ONLY)
	4:30 PM	Handbell Choir
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
	7:00 PM	Nursery thru Grade 12

Menu for July 26<sup>th</sup>

Pizza, bread sticks, dessert and drink.  
\$4.00 per person; Free for Children under 6  
Maximum of \$20.00 per family \*

Please sign up in the hallway, as we need to make sure we prepare for those attending. We do not want to waste food.

Save the Date:

Revival – August 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>

We will be having a revival on August 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> with Evangelist Rick Coram. Please be in prayer for our upcoming revival and that many souls will be saved.



6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Ordinance of Baptism

Prelude	Pianist
Call to Worship	Sanctuary Choir
“Tell Somebody” Soloist: Dale Johnson	
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Tom Martin
Offertory Hymn	
“Footsteps of Jesus”	
Congregational	
“Onward, Christian Soldiers”	
Children’s Choir	
Message in Song	Shon Anderson
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
“I’m Still Amazed” Soloist: Belinda Locklear	
Message	Jay Willoughby
“Make It Count” Mark 10:17-22	
*Hymn of Commitment	
“Wherever He Leads I’ll Go”	
Presentation of License	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
Benediction	Layman
Postlude	Pianist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Candidates for Baptism

We will baptize **TODAY**, during the evening worship service. All candidates for Baptism will meet at the front of the sanctuary, at 5:30 PM. Please bring a change of clothes and a towel.



Children’s Choir



There will be NO Children’s Choir on Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> (VBS). If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Kayla Lee.

Change in Schedule for July

During the month of July, we will have one joint Morning Worship Service at 11:00 AM. This change is due to vacations and many people being out of town. This will continue thru July 30<sup>th</sup>. We will still have Sunday School at 9:45 AM and Evening Worship Service at 6:00 PM.



Nominating Committee Survey



The nominating committee has provided surveys to determine where you would like to be considered to serve in the new church year. Please check all areas of interest and turn into the church office or place in the offering plate no later than **TODAY**.

Grief Share Support Group



We have completed the third 13-week cycle of **GRIEF SHARE!** It’s amazing the wonderful way God has helped us all during this process and the closeness we have developed with Him and each other. We are going to take some time off and plan to start the next cycle in the Fall. Please share this opportunity with others that have experienced a loss so they can join us. Thank you ELBC for providing this opportunity. Tom and Kay Martin



Intercessory Prayer Team

The Intercessory Prayer Team members pray for the Pastor and congregation during the morning worship service. If you would like to join the prayer team, please contact Molly Horne.

In Case of An Emergency



We would like to develop a list of nurses, paramedics and doctors along with the phone numbers and Sunday School class attending. This list would be used in case of an emergency and will be posted beside the emergency bag. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board or contact the church office. Thank you for your assistance.



Birthday Celebrations  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> - July 29<sup>th</sup>

23 <sup>rd</sup>	Briana Wyatt	26 <sup>th</sup>	Kayla Lee
	Aaron Bowen	27 <sup>th</sup>	Maebell Richardson
	Chrisa Britt		Denise Davis
	Jena Baker		Angel Thomas
24 <sup>th</sup>	Tommy Hodge		Kaitlyn Shockley
	Amber Fisher	28 <sup>th</sup>	Julia Martin
25 <sup>th</sup>	Rose Strickland		Renee Cooper
	Mackie Register	29 <sup>th</sup>	Hugh Bledsoe
	Tim Davis		Traci Jolly
	Robyn Morgan		Madison Norris
	Rhonda Willoughby		Kimora McCain



Vacation Bible School:  
“Keepers of the Kingdom”

Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Supper 6:00 PM; VBS 6:30 PM-9:00 PM

THEME FOR EACH NIGHT:

**Monday**-King and Queen Night (Dress like royalty)

**Tuesday**-Crazy Hair Night

**Wednesday**-Duct Tape Night

**Thursday**- Glow Stick

(We will provide 3 glow sticks per child, however, feel free to bring your own.)

**OFFERING: Goal:** \$1,000.00

The offering will be taken up in each classroom.

COMMENCEMENT:

Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM -9:00 PM

Pizza, Ice Cream, Snow Cones

Also, waterslide and bouncy house

Please be in prayer for VBS teachers, workers, students and that souls will be saved. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Bowen or Melissa Reaves.