



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	
3/16: Donald White (910-258-2435)	3/23: Jeff Bass (910-316-2570)
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	
Children's Church is provided for children ages 2 thru kindergarten	
2 & 3 years old	
3/16: Donna Holden, Melissa Evers, Chelsea Walton	3/23: Roger Smith, Missy Beal, Susan Tyner
4 & 5 years old	
3/16: Janice & Brian Bullock, Angel Thomas	3/23: Haley Smith, Samantha White, Krista Morgan
NURSERY WORKERS	
newborn to 2 years old	
3/16: Claudia Cooke, Jeff, Jerri-Kelly & Sofia McLamb	3/23: Claudia Cooke, Kristy Gerald, Sharon Locklear, Robyn Morgan
DEACONS OF THE WEEK	
Matthew Stephens (910-234-5817) & Nick Stone (910-740-4070)	
INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY	
3/16: Heather Williamson	3/23: Howard Reaves, Jr.
FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM	
3/16: Suzette Taylor, Jo Ann Hayes, Debby Bledsoe	3/23: Susan Tyner, Debby Bledsoe, Heather Williamson

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

SUNDAY MORNING

“Are You Ready To Go”
2 Timothy 4:6-8
Theme: “When Life Comes To An End”

- I. Paul's Awareness Of His Life Coming To An End (v. 6)
 - A. His Readiness To Die (v. 6a)
 - B. His Reference To Dying (v. 6b)
 - C. His Realization Of Death (v. 6c)
- II. Paul's Assessment Of His Life Coming To An End (v. 7)
 - A. He Had A Good Fight (v. 7a)
 - B. He Had A Great Finish (v. 7b)
 - C. He Had A Guarded Faith (v. 7c)
- III. Paul's Anticipation Of His Life Coming To An End (v. 8)
 - A. The Judgment He Would Face (v. 8a-8b)
 - 1. The Lord Would Review His Life (v. 8a)
 - 2. The Lord Would Reward His Life (v. 8b)
 - B. The Judgment We Will Face (v. 8c-8d)
 - 1. The Ones He Is Referencing (v. 8c)
 - 2. The Ones Who Are Ready (v. 8d)
 - a. Are You Looking For His Return
 - b. Are You Longing For His Return

SUNDAY EVENING

“I'm Looking Forward To It”
Philippians 3:20-21
Theme: “Three Things Every Christian Should Look Forward To”

- I. The City That Will Be Received (v. 20a)
 - A. It Should Encourage Us In This Current Life
 - B. It Should Excite Us In The Coming Life
- II. The Christ That Will Be Returning (v. 20b)
 - A. A Guaranteed Return
 - B. A Glorious Return
- III. The Christian That Will Be Restored (v. 21)
 - A. The Perfecting Of Our Appearance (v. 21a)
 - B. The Power Of The Almighty (v. 21b)



Menu for March 19th
BBQ, baked beans, slaw, 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



Youth (Grades 7-12) Lumberton Bowling Center
The Youth (Grades 7-12) will be going to the Lumberton Bowling Center, on Saturday, April 12th. We will meet at the Bowling Center at 11:00 AM and bowl until 1:00 PM. Cost is \$5.00 per student. Please sign the sign-up sheet in the hallway. Also, if you plan to attend, please complete a permission slip. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact Rev. Roger Smith.

Easter Egg Hunt and Celebration of the Resurrection of Christ
We will be collecting individually wrapped candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. If you would like to donate candy to the Easter Egg Hunt there will be a box in the hallway, by the office, for the candy. Please drop off candy no later than Sunday, April 6th. Also, we could use as many chaperones as possible at the Easter Egg Hunt. Most of all, please PRAY for this event that souls will be saved and people drawn closer to Christ



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March 16, 2025

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



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	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

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2 Corinthians 9:6-7

11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Pianist
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Call to Worship	Sanctuary Choir
	“Oh, My My”
Offertory Hymn	“When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”
Congregational	“When We All Get to Heaven”
Message in Song	Alissa Meszaros
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
	“Living Hope”
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
	“Are You Ready To Go” 2 Timothy 4:6-8
*Hymn of Commitment	“Lord, I’m Coming Home”
Benediction	Layman
Postlude	Pianist

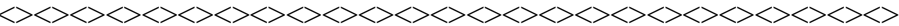


Hymn of Commitment
During the Hymn of Commitment if you would like to talk with someone about salvation, join the church or become a candidate for baptism, our Pastors will be available at the front during this time.



Birthday Celebrations
March 16th - March 22nd

17 th	Margaret Nance	20 th	Burnis Wilkins
18 th	Jerry Smith		Deacon Taylor
	Brenda Taylor	21 st	Christopher Fisher
	Jean Jacobs		Amanda Graham
19 th	Khloe Britt	22 nd	Sherry Norris



Samaritan Purse Christmas Shoe Boxes
Items for the March: small toys and small stuffed animals

Reminder!

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



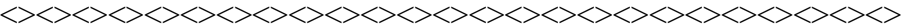
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Pianist
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Call to Worship	Sanctuary Choir
	“Heaven Is”
Offertory Hymn	“When the Morning Comes”
Congregational	“There’s a Land That Is Fairer Than Day”
Message in Song	Mike Jacobs
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
	“Revelation Song”
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
	“I’m Looking Forward To It” Philippians 3:20-21
*Hymn of Commitment	“Softly and Tenderly”
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
Monday	7:00 PM	Zoom Bible Study
Wednesday	5:45 PM	Family Night Supper
	6:30 PM	Children’s Choir (Grades 1-6)
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting/Church Conference
	7:00 PM	Nursery thru Grade 12
	7:45 PM	Bulletin Deadline
	7:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptist Women Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Baptist Women will be held **TODAY**, at 4:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Joyce Cribb.

Baptist Men Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Baptist Men will be held on Monday, March 17th, at 7:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. A meal will be provided. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact John Reaves.

CPR (Contact, Prayer, Recovery)

The regular monthly outreach will be held on Tuesday, March 18th, at 7:00 PM. We will have **PRAYER** at the altar. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Molly Horne.

Arise Conference Meeting

There will be an important meeting of all parents and students attending the Arise Conference on Sunday, March 30th, at 5:00 PM. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact Rev. Roger Smith.

Children (Preschool-Grades 6) Lumberton Bowling Center

The Children (Preschool-Grades 6) will be going to the Lumberton Bowling Center, on Saturday, March 29th. We will meet at the Bowling Center at 11:00 AM and bowl until 1:00 PM. Cost is \$5.00 per student. Please sign the sign-up sheet in the hallway. Also, if you plan to attend, please complete a permission slip. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact Rev. Roger Smith.

5th Sunday Night Singing

There will be an in-house singing service on Sunday, March 30th, at 6:00 PM. If you would like to sing, please sign the sign-up sheet in the choir room. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, March 26th! If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Matt Horne.

Trip to Holy Land: October 13-22, 2025

If you would like to attend a 10-day trip, to Israel which is planned for October 13th thru 22nd, please contact Pastor Bowen, as soon as possible.

Church-wide Cruises: Two Church Cruises for 2026

Cruise 1: Will be an 8-night Caribbean cruise to Curacao, Aruba and Celebration Key. The dates are January 24th to February 1st on the Carnival Vista. If you are interested in going on this cruise, please see Mitch Lassiter. **Cruise 2:** Will be a cruise to the Greek Isles. The dates will be October 4-11, 2026 on the Norwegian Pearl. This is a 7-night cruise with 8 ports of call including Venice Italy, Dubrovnik Croatia, Kotor Montenegro, Corfu Greece, Olympia Greece, Mykonos Greece, Santorini Greece and Athens Greece. People outside of the church are invited to attend both cruises as well. If you are interested in going, please contact Pastor Bowen.

Children’s Easter Egg Hunt and Celebration of the Resurrection of Christ

Saturday, April 19, 2025 * 10:00 AM-12:00 (noon)

There will be an Easter Egg hunt and celebration of the resurrection of Christ. This is for Children (birth to Grade 6), with food, games, etc. This event will be held at the church. Youth will be assisting with hiding the eggs and helping with the younger children. If you would like to help, we could use as many chaperones as possible. Most of all, please **PRAY** for this event.

Event, Children Committees and Volunteers for Easter Egg Hunt

There will be an important meeting with the Events and Children’s Committees and anyone wanting to volunteer to assist with the Easter Egg Hunt and the Celebration of the Resurrection of Christ, on Sunday, March 23rd, at 5:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to finalize plans and make sure everything is in place. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact Rev. Roger Smith.



Sunday, March 16th

9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Morning Worship Service
4:00PM Baptist Women Meeting
4:30 PM Handbell Choir
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

Monday, March 17th

7:00 PM ZOOM Bible Study
7:00 PM Baptist Men Meeting

Tuesday, March 18th

7:00 PM Outreach (prayer at the altar)

Wednesday, March 19th

5:45 PM Family Night Supper
6:30 PM Children’s Choir (Grades 1-6)
7:00 PM Prayer Meeting/Church Conference
7:00 PM Nursery thru Grade 12
7:45 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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11:00 AM Morning Worship Service
4:30 PM Handbell Choir
5:00 PM Events and Children’s Committees and anyone wanting to help with Easter Egg Hunt
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service