



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	
3/17: Hugh Bledsoe (874-1961)	3/24: John Reaves, Sr. (316-2819)
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	
Children's Church is provided for children ages 2 thru kindergarten	
2 & 3 years old	
3/17: Terri Gerald, Robyn Morgan	3/24: Angel Thomas, Cindy Horne
4 & 5 years old	
3/17: Becky Willoughby, Amy Grimsley	3/24: Marsha & Lucky McKenna
NURSERY WORKERS	
newborn to 2 years old	
3/17: Claudia Cooke, Margaret Ramirez, Lisa Smith:	3/24: Claudia Cooke, Lisa Hendren, Gail Lassiter
DEACONS OF THE WEEK	
David Baxley (734-0613) & Benny Gerald (740-5939)	
INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY	
3/17: Crystal Martin	3/24: Brenda Hester
FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM	
3/17: Doris Britt, Suzette Taylor, Debby Bledsoe	3/24: Allison & Maranda Collins, Debby Bledsoe

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

SUNDAY MORNING

"A Matter Of Life & Death"

Psalms 90:10, 12

Theme: "Living Life To The Fullest"

- I. The Life Span That Is Expected (v. 10a)
 - A. The Average Life Span Of Mankind
 - B. The Abnormal Life Span Of Mankind
- II. The Life Span That Is Extended (v. 10b)
 - A. Obeying Your God Can Lengthen Your Days (Prov 3:1-2)
 - B. Obeying Your Guardians Can Lengthen Your Days (Eph 6:1-3)
- III. The Life Span That Is Expired (v. 10c)
 - A. Our Death Is Planned (Ecc 3:2)
 - B. Our Death Can Be Premature (1 John 5:16)
- IV. The Life Span That Is Examined (v. 12)
 - A. Our Days Can't Be Retrieved (v. 12)
 - B. Our Days Will Be Reviewed (Heb 9:27)

SUNDAY EVENING

"Getting The Job Done"

Ephesians 6:5-9

Theme: "God's Plan For Bosses & Employees"

- I. The Obedience Of The Employee (v. 5-8)
 - A. The Employee's Requirements (v. 5-7)
 - 1. Understand The Command (v. 5a)
 - 2. Understand The Courtesy (v. 5b)
 - 3. Understand The Commitment (v. 5c)
 - 4. Understand The Consistency (v. 6a)
 - 5. Understand The Call (v. 6b-7)
 - a. Are You Pleasing The Man (v. 6b)
 - b. Are You Pleasing The Master (v. 7)
 - B. The Employee's Reward (v. 8)
- II. The Obligation Of The Employer (v. 9)
 - A. A Word About Mutual Responsibility (v. 9a)
 - B. A Word About Managerial Restraint (v. 9b-9d)
 - 1. Avoid The Abuse Of Power (v. 9b)
 - 2. Avoid The Abuse Of Position (v. 9c-9d)
 - a. Realize The Lord Is Foremost (v. 9c)
 - b. Recognize The Lord Is Fair (v. 9d)



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

Saturday, March 30, 2024 * 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.



Holy Week Worship Service
Good Friday * Friday, March 29th * 7:30 PM
Drive In Movie – "The Passion of Christ"
Popcorn and Drinks will be provided.
Easter Sunday * Sunday, March 31st
7:00 AM Sunrise (outside)
8:00 AM Family Breakfast
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Easter Celebration Service
6:00 PM Easter Communion Service & Singing



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March 17, 2024

Church Theme for 2024:
The Call to Worship ~ John 4:23-24



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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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11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude Pianist
Call to Worship Sanctuary Choir
"Good Morning Mercy"
Soloist: Shon Anderson
Invocation & Welcome Rev. Roger Smith
Offertory Hymn
"I Am Thine, O Lord"
Congregational
"Kneel at the Cross"
Message in Song Tyler and Adilynn Thomas
Message in Song Sanctuary Choir
"Not One Word"
Soloist: Ethan Baker
Message Rev. Michael S. Bowen
"A Matter Of Life & Death"
Psalms 90:10, 12
*Hymn of Commitment
"I Need Thee Every Hour"

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.

Menu for March 20th

Pizza, salad, 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



Birthday Celebrations
March 17th - March 23rd

17 th	Margaret Nance	20 th	Burnis Wilkins
18 th	Jerry Smith		Ricky Tyner
	Brenda Taylor		Deacon Taylor
	Jean Jacobs	21 st	Chris Fisher
19 th	Don McCormick	22 nd	Sherry Norris
	Khloe Britt	23 rd	Robert Mishue

6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude Pianist
Message in Song Sanctuary Choir
"Look For Me Around the Thorne"
Invocation & Welcome Rev. Roger Smith
Offertory Hymn
"We'll Work Till Jesus Comes"
Congregational
"Footsteps of Jesus"
Message in Song Cassie Martin-West
Message in Song Sanctuary Choir
"Because He Lives (Amen)"
Message Rev. Michael S. Bowen
"Getting The Job Done"
Ephesians 6:5-9
Hymn of Commitment
"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

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 Rehearsal
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/Church Conference
	7:00 PM	Nursery thru Grade 12
	7:45 PM	Bulletin Deadline
	7:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU Meeting

The monthly WMU meeting will be **TODAY**, at 4:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Gwen Mishue.



Handbell Choir

The Handbell Choir will meet **TODAY**, at 4:30 PM, in the Youth Department. All who are interested please come. If you have questions, please contact Bob Hobby.

Church Council Meeting

There will be a Church Council Meeting **TODAY**, at 5:00 PM, in the choir room. All Department Heads and Committee Chairpersons please be sure you or a representative is at this meeting. Please bring your calendar as we plan for the next quarter.



Baptist Men

The monthly meeting of the Baptist Men will be held on Monday, March 18th, 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 19th, at 7:00 PM. We will have **PRAYER** at the altar. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Molly Horne.



Children's Choir

Children's Choir will practice on Wednesday's, at 6:30 PM, in the Worker's Bible Class. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Jan or Bob Hodby.



Church-wide Cruise: Hawaii

Anyone interested in going on a church-wide cruise to Hawaii, August 30-September 7, please contact Pastor Bowen. This will be a 7-night round trip cruise out of Honolulu on the Norwegian Pride of America ship. The ports we will visit will be Honolulu (overnight), Maui (overnight), Hilo, Kona and Nawiliwili (overnight). We will visit 5 ports in 7 days on all 4 of the major Hawaiian Islands. We will most likely fly out of Raleigh/Durham to Honolulu. The cost will vary based on the number of people in your party, room selection and the flight you choose.

Mission Project-Collecting Shoes



Our Youth will be attending a weekend retreat at Ridgecrest on March 22nd-24th. During this conference, they will be collecting shoes for people in Guatemala. These shoes can be new or gently used shoes. Please place each pair of shoes in a ziplock bag (1 or 2 gallon size bag works best) along with \$2.00 (no checks). The youth will take them with them to Ridgecrest and they will sort and package them for shipment. There will be a container in the hallway, by the office, for your donations. Shoes must be dropped off no later than Wednesday, March 20th. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Roger Smith. Thank you for your support \

Instant Church Directory



We have created an online church directory for our members. There will be a brief presentation after church conference on Wednesday night. You can download "Instant Church Directory" from your app store on your phone for this presentation. There will also be a meeting on Sunday March 24th, at 4:30 PM, in the social hall, for anyone having issues getting connected. If you have questions, please contact Matt Horne.

Final Judgement
Upcoming Meetings



Sunday, March 17th
4:30 PM Scene 1 (The Hospital) Practice
5:00 PM Scene 2 (The Home) Practice
4:30 PM Scene 3 (The Foster Home) Practice - Choir Room
4:30 PM Scene 5 (The Ice Cream Shop)
4:30 PM Scene 8 (Hell) Practice
4:30 PM Scene 9 (Heaven) Practice