



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	
3/2: Robert Mishue (910-827-9096)	3/9: Matthew Stephens (910-234-5817)
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	
Children's Church is provided for children ages 2 thru kindergarten	
2 & 3 years old	
3/2: Rebecca & Hailey Lamb, Jeff Bass	3/9: Cindy Horne, Robin Donaldson
4 & 5 years old	
3/2: Becky Willoughby, Lisa Stephens, Michelle Smith	3/9: Janice & Brian Bullock, Brittlyn Stubbs
NURSERY WORKERS	
newborn to 2 years old	
3/2: Claudia Cooke, Whitney Hester, Haley Smith, Alana Taylor	3/9: Claudia Cooke, Vicki Hendren, Chasity Reaves, Becky Willoughby
DEACONS OF THE WEEK	
Matthew Horne (910-734-4356) & Danny Johnson (910-258-7383)	
INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY	
3/2: Nancy Dudney	3/9: Molly Horne
FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM	
3/2: Margaret Ramirez, Terri Gerald, Debby Bledsoe	3/9: Joyce Simmons, Lisa Smith, Debby Bledsoe

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

SUNDAY MORNING

“Are You a Doorkeeper or A Tent Dweller”
Psalms 84:10
Theme: “The Blessing Of Going To Church”

- I. The Time We Spend In Church (v. 10a-10b)
 - A. The Purpose In Going To Church (v. 10a)
 - 1. It's A Place Where We Can Encounter God
 - 2. It's A Place Where We Can Exalt God
 - 3. It's A Place Where We Can Experience God
 - B. The Priority Of Going To Church (v. 10b)
- II. The Talents We Share In Church (v. 10c-10e)
 - A. The Desire To Serve (v. 10c)
 - B. The Diversity Of Service (v. 10d)
 - C. The Depth Of Service (v. 10e)

SUNDAY EVENING

“If You Don't Aim for Something, You Will Hit Nothing”
Philippians 3:12-14
Theme: “2 Goals Every Christian Ought To Have”

- I. The Need For Spiritual Maturity (v. 12)
 - A. Have An Honest Admission (v. 12a)
 - B. Have A Holy Ambition (v. 12b)
- II. The Need For Stronger Ministries (v. 13-14)
 - A. Be Forgetful Of The Past (v. 13a)
 - 1. Forget Past Sins
 - 2. Forget Past Sorrows
 - 3. Forget Past Successes
 - B. Be Focused On The Possibilities (v. 13b-13c)
 - 1. Goals That Are Real (v. 13b)
 - 2. Goals That Are Reachable (v. 13c)
 - C. Be Faithful In The Present (v. 14)
 - 1. We Have A Goal To Achieve (v. 14a)
 - 2. We Have A Glory To Receive (v. 14b)
 - a. The Higher Calling
 - b. The Honorable Crowns



Menu for March 5th
Chicken-n-pastry, butter beans, 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



Sunday, March 2nd
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Morning Worship Service
NO Handbell Choir
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

Monday, March 3rd
7:00 ZOOM Bible Study

Friday, March 7th
6:30 PM Denim & Pearls



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March 2, 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 Paith

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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
“We Have Come into This House”	
Offertory Hymn	
“I Never Shall Forget the Day”	
Congregational	
“Every Day with Jesus”	
Message in Song	Daniel Lee
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
“For All He’s Done” Soloist: Alana Taylor	
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
“Are You a Doorkeeper or A Tent Dweller” Psalms 84:10	
*Hymn of Commitment	
“I Am Thine, O Lord”	
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 2nd - March 8th

2 nd	Donna Holden	6 th	Amy Lassiter Smith
	Jennifer Davis	7 th	Rhonda Huggins
4 th	April Streater		Jeremy Gerald
5 th	Jaxson Long	8 th	Chelsea Walton



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
“What A Wonderful Place” Soloist: Jennifer Davis	
Offertory Hymn	
“We Have Heard the Joyful Sound”	
Congregational	
“Footsteps of Jesus”	
Message in Song	Thomas Walters
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
“You’ve Already Won”	
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
“If You Don’t Aim for Something, You Will Hit Nothing” Philippians 3:12-14	
*Hymn of Commitment	
“Speak to My Heart”	
Benediction	Layman
Postlude	Pianist

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Today	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Morning Worship Service
		NO 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

Denim and Pearls

Denim and Pearls will be meeting on Friday, March 7th, at 6:30 PM. All ladies are invited! If you have questions, please contact Lisa Hendren or Sharon Leggett.



Deacons Meeting

The regular monthly Deacons meeting has been changed to Monday, March 10th, at 7:00 PM. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Randy Graham.

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



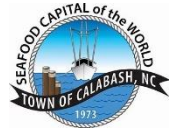
Cruise 1: Will be an 8-night Caribbean cruise to Curacao, Aruba and Celebration Key. The dates are January 24th to February 1st on the Carnival Vista. If you are interested in going on this cruise, please see Mitch Lassiter.

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.



Ark Encounter and Creation Museum in Williamstown, Kentucky

There will be a trip to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum, in Williamstown Kentucky, on June 16th-19th. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Rev. Ricky Donaldson.



Calabash Trip

There will be day trip to Calabash on Tuesday, March 11th. We will be departing from church at 10:00 AM. We will have lunch, enjoy some shopping and fellowship. Please sign-up on the sheet in the hallway, so we can make sure we have transportation for everyone. There is **NO** cost for this trip, except for lunch which will be dutch treat. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Rev. Ricky Donaldson.

Handbell Choir

There will be **NO** Handbell Choir on Sunday, March 2nd.



Youth (Grades 7-12) Hockey Game Fayetteville, NC

The Youth (Grades 7-12) will be going to the Marksmen Hockey Game in Fayetteville, NC, on Friday, March 14th. We will depart the church promptly at 4:00 PM. Each student will need to bring money for food. Tickets are limited to the first 20 people who sign-up. Please sign the sign-up sheet in the hallway. Also, if you plan to attend, please complete a permission slip. If you have questions or need assistance, 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 or need assistance, please contact Rev. Roger Smith.



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 or need assistance, please contact Rev. Roger Smith.



Daylight Saving Time
Move clocks ahead one hour.
Sunday, March 9th