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	
5/12: John Reaves, Sr. (736-0158)	**5/19:** Howard Reaves, Jr. (316-2819)
CHILDREN'S CHURCH *Children's Church is provided for children ages 2 thru kindergarten*	
2 & 3 years old	
5/12: Kristy & Jeremy Gerald	**5/19:** Cindy Horne, Robin Donaldson, Jeff Bass
4 & 5 years old	
5/12: Becky Willoughby, Amy Grimsley	**5/19:** Marsha & Lucky McKenna
NURSERY WORKERS	
newborn to 2 years old	
5/12: Claudia Cooke, Kristy Gerald, Robyn Morgan	**5/19:** Claudia Cooke, Lisa Hendren, Gail Lassiter
DEACONS OF THE WEEK	
Joshua Locklear (374-1142) & Danny Johnson (258-7383)	
INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY	
5/12: Howard Reaves, Jr.	**5/19:** Crystal Martin
FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM	
5/12: Terri Gerald, Julia Martin, Heather Williamson, Debby Bledsoe	**5/19:** Margaret Ramirez, Suzette Taylor, Debby Bledsoe

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

SUNDAY MORNING

"Forgive & Forget"
Mark 11:25-26
Theme: "The Command To Forgive"

I. The Prayer To Forgive (v. 25a)
II. The Pathway To Forgiveness (v. 25b)
   A. Find The Party (Matthew 18:15)
   B. Forgive The Person (Matthew 18:21-22)
   C. Forsake The Problem
      1. The Example Of The Prodigal (Luke 15)
      2. The Example Of Philemon (Philemon 1)
      3. The Example Of Peter (John 21)
III. The Person Who Forgives (v. 25c)
IV. The People We Forgive (v. 25d)
V. The Purpose Of Forgiveness (v. 25e)
VI. The Problem Of Forgiveness (v. 26)
VII. The Picture Of Forgiveness (Luke 23:34)

SUNDAY EVENING

"Paul's Farewell Address"
Ephesians 6:21-24
Theme: "Paul's Final Words To The Ephesians"

I. Paul's Fellow Worker (v. 21-22)
   A. His Titles (v. 21)
      1. A Sibling In Christ (v. 21a)
      2. A Servant Of Christ (v. 21b)
   B. His Task (v. 22)
      1. To Educate The Ephesians On Behalf Of Paul (v. 22a)
      2. To Encourage The Ephesians On Behalf Of Paul (v. 22b)
II. Paul's Final Words (v. 23-24)
   A. A Word Of Peace (v. 23a)
   B. A Word Of Love (v. 23b)
   C. A Word Of Grace (v. 24)

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

11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude — Pianist
Call to Worship — Sanctuary Choir
"I'm Still Amazed"
Soloist: Belinda Locklear

Invocation & Welcome — Rev. Ricky Donaldson

Offertory Hymn
"Blessed Be the Name"

Remembering and Honoring Mothers
Parent Child Dedication

Message in Song — Nick Stone

Message in Song — Sanctuary Choir
"I've Got Joy"
Soloist: Cassie Martin-West

Message — Rev. Michael S. Bowen
"Forgive & Forget"
Mark 11:25-26

*Hymn of Commitment
"Jesus Paid It All"

Benediction — Layman
Postlude — Pianist

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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.

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The flowers on the communion table are in memory and honor of all mothers.

"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies."
Proverbs 31:10 KJV

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Menu for May 15th

Chicken bog, 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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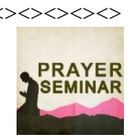
Joy Bells: Prayer Seminar



There will be a prayer seminar for Joy Bells on Saturday, May 25, 2024, from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. The speaker will be Ms. Phyllis Elvington. There is **NO** cost for this seminar and lunch will be provided. Please sign the sheet in the hallway, so we will have a count for lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Ricky Donaldson.

6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude — Pianist

Message in Song — Sanctuary Choir
"Just Any Day Now"

Invocation & Welcome — Rev. Ricky Donaldson

Offertory Hymn
"Sunshine in My Soul"

Congregational
"Because He Lives"

Message in Song — Ryley Floyd

Message in Song — Sanctuary Choir
"God Is Doing Something Good"
Soloist: Alana Taylor

Message — Rev. Michael S. Bowen
"Paul's Farewell Address"
Ephesians 6:21-24

Hymn of Commitment
"I Surrender All"

Benediction — Layman

Postlude — Pianist

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Today	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Morning Worship Service
	4:30 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	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/Church Conference
	7:00 PM	Nursery thru Grade 12
	7:45 PM	Bulletin Deadline
	7:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Handbell Choir

The Handbell Choir will resume **TODAY**. If you have questions, please contact Bob Hobdy.

Washington, D. C. Trip

Anyone interested in going to Washington, D.C., July 22-26, 2024. There will be a very important meeting **TODAY**, at 5:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like more information on this trip, please contact Rev. Ricky or Robin Donaldson or the church office for an informational sheet.

CPR (Contact, Prayer, Recovery)

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

Children Choir (Grades 1-6)

The Children Choir (Grades 1-6) will resume on Wednesday night. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Roger Smith.

Food Pantry for May

During the month of May, the food pantry is requesting 2-pound bags of grits. There will be a box in the hallway for these items. If you have any questions and/or concerns, contact Joyce Cribb.

Baby Shower: Chasity and Noah Reaves

Everyone is cordially invited to participate in a Drop-Off Baby Shower for Chasity, Noah and Sawyer Reaves. We are asking you to drop off your gift or gift card at the table in the preschool area no later than **TODAY.** They are registered at Amazon.

Preschool and Children (Grades 1-6):
Urban Air Trampoline and Adventure Park

Preschool and children (Grades 1-6) will be going to Urban Air Trampoline and Adventure Park, on Saturday, May 25th, from 10:00 AM -2:00 PM. We will leave the church promptly at 9:00 AM. If you plan on attending you **MUST**, sign the sign-up sheet in the hallway. The cost of tickets are $20.00 per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance, to get the discounted rate. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Roger Smith.

Save Date: Manic Mondays

The Youth (grades 7-12) will be having Manic Mondays for each Monday in June and July 1st and Saturday, Aug, 3rd. Listed below are the events:

- Monday, June 10th, Black Ops Paintball & Airsoft, Fayetteville, NC.
- Monday, June 17th, Broadway Grand Prix, Myrtle Beach, SC.
- Monday, June 24th, Carowinds.
- Monday, July 1st, WonderWorks, Myrtle Beach, SC.
- Saturday, August 3rd, Shark Wake Aqua Park, N. Myrtle Beach, SC.

These events are for active church youth only. The departure time, return time and cost will be announced at a later date. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact Rev. Roger Smith.

Golf Tournament

We are planning a Golf Tournament for Saturday, June 1st, at Vineyard Golf Course, White Lake, NC. Everyone is invited to participate, members and non-members. Please contact, Perry Dudney, Randy Graham or Daniel Leggett to sign-up or for additional information. Come enjoy a day of golf.

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.

Senior Adult Day

Senior Adult Day will be observed on Sunday, May 26th. There will be brief choir practice on Wednesday May 22nd, for all senior adults, following the service. Regular scheduled choir practice will also be held. If you have any questions and/or concerns, contact Rev. Ricky Donaldson or Matt Horne.