



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

11/19: Matthew Stephens
(234-5817)

11/26: John Reaves (736-0158)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church is provided for children ages 2 thru kindergarten

2 & 3 years old

11/19: Lisa Stephens &
Lauren Locklear

11/26: Kristy & Jeremy Gerald

4 & 5 years old

11/19: Heather Owens &
Karen Schwanger

11/26: Kayla Lee &
Margaret Ramirez

NURSERY WORKERS

11/19: Claudia Cooke,
Kristy Gerald, Robyn Morgan

11/26: Claudia Cooke,
Margaret Ramirez, Lisa Smith

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

David Baxley (734-0613) & Bobby Cox (734-4539)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

11/19: Howard Reaves, Jr.

11/26: Crystal Martin

FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM

11/19: Doris Britt,
Margaret Ramirez, Debby Bledsoe

11/26: Carrie Mae Jacobs,
Cathy Lamb, Suzette Taylor

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

SUNDAY MORNING

"Another Day In Paradise"

Luke 23:43

Theme: "Is Paradise Different From Heaven?"

- I. The Pre-Resurrection Location Of Paradise (Luke 16:22-23)
 - A. The Compartment For Those Waiting On Jesus
 - B. The Compartment For Those Waiting On Judgment
- II. The Post-Resurrection Location Of Paradise (Ephesians 4:8-10)
 - A. Jesus Removed Paradise
 1. He Confronted The Spirits Who Were Down There
 2. He Collected The Saints Who Were Dwelling There
 - B. Jesus Relocated Paradise
 - C. Jesus Restored Paradise

SUNDAY EVENING

Rev. Roger Smith, Speaker

"It's Time To Stop Playing Church"

Revelations 3:15-21



Birthday Celebrations November 19th - November 25th

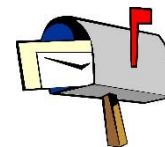
19 th	Roger Smith	Sommer Broadway
	Katie Thorndyke	Kenan Parker
	Curtis Nye	22 nd Joshua Stephens
	Bela McCormick	23 rd William Carroll
20 th	Mauren Rozier	Carson McKenna
	Lily McCormick	24 th John Mark Reaves
21 st	Marilyn Marino	Sammy Maningding
	Michelle Britt	Lance Thompson

Joint Morning Worship Service

There will be only one morning worship service at 11:00 AM, for the months of November, December, and January. The purpose of this is to do a feasibility study to see if we need to build a new sanctuary.

Mailing Address for Jordan Hope

Many have asked for a mailing address for Jordan Hope.
Medical University of South Carolina
25 Courtenay Drive
Mr. Jordan Hope,
Ashley River Tower Room 7034
Charleston, SC 29425



Drive-Thru Live Nativity

Wednesday, Nov. 29th, Thursday, Nov. 30th

6:30 PM-8:00 PM

Friday, Dec. 1st

6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Saturday, Dec. 2nd,

6:00 PM-8:30 PM

Sunday, Dec. 3rd

6:00 PM -8:00 PM



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November 19, 2023

Church Theme for 2023:

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



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

VACANT

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 BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Pianist
Call to Worship	Sanctuary Choir
"I'll Take the Old Highway"	
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Offertory Hymn	
"When We All Get to Heaven"	
Congregational Song	
"Heaven Came Down"	
Message in Song	Tonya Head
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
"Forever We Sing Hallelujah"	
Soloist: Jenifer Davis	
Message	Rev. Michael S. Bowen
"Another Day In Paradise"	
Luke 23:43	
*Hymn of Commitment	
"Lord, I'm Coming Home"	
Benediction	Layman
Postlude	Pianist

6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Pianist
Call to Worship	Sanctuary Choir
"Oh, My My"	
Invocation & Welcome	Rev. Roger Smith
Offertory Hymn	
"Kneel At the Cross"	
Congregational Song	
"The Dearest Friend I Ever Had"	
Message in Song	LeAnn Shooter
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir
"I Speak Jesus"	
Soloist: Lauren Locklear	
Message	Rev. Roger Smith
"It's Time To Stop Playing Church"	
Revelations 3:15-21	
*Hymn of Commitment	
"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"	
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	Blended Worship Service
	4:30 PM	Handbell Choir
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
Wednesday	NO Family Night Supper	
	NO Children's Choir (Grades 1-6)	
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
	7:00 PM	Nursery



The harvest display on the communion table today is in memory of Harold and Lennie Ruth Smith. Their home was always a home of love, compassion and a desire to share with their friends, neighbors, and strangers.
Forever missed!
Harold Jr., Ray, Kaye, Terri, Lisa and their families

Menu for Nov. 22nd

NO SUPPER DUE TO
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Live Nativity: Cast and Crew

There will be a **MANDATORY** meeting of all cast and crew for the Live Nativity **TODAY**, at 4:00 PM, in the sanctuary. Costumes will be passed out at this time. If you still have your costume from last year, and have not already contacted Paulette Grimsley, Terri Gerald or JoAnn Hayes please do so. If you have any other questions, please contact Sharon Leggett.

WMU Meeting

WMU meeting will be held **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 Hobdy.

Senior Adult Trip

The Senior Adults will be going to "Carolina Opry Theater" for their Annual Christmas Show on Friday, Dec.8, 2023. The cost is \$64.00 per person, which includes show, all you can eat seafood buffet and transportation. **ALL MONEY IS DUE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE NO LATER THAN TODAY.** This is the absolute last day for a reservation, as we must pre-pay for tickets and meals. If you have any questions, please contact Tony Brigman or the church office.

Attention Sanctuary and Children Choir Members

There will be an extra rehearsal for the Sanctuary and Children Choir on Monday, Nov. 20th, at 6:30 PM, in the sanctuary. Please make every effort to make this practice. If you have any questions, please contact Matt Horne, Shon Anderson or Kayla Lee.

CPR (Contact, Prayer, Recovery)

The regular monthly outreach will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 21st, 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

NO Children's Choir on Wednesday, Nov. 22nd. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Kayla Lee.

Social

There will be a social following the musical "Christmas Changes Everything" in the fellowship hall, Sunday, Nov. 26th. Everyone is invited to bring your favorite finger food or dessert to share.

Office Closed



In observance of Thanksgiving the church office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23rd and Friday, Nov. 24th. In case of emergency, please contact Pastor Bowen on his cell phone.

Angel Tree

We will be jointly hosting an Angel Tree for foster children and elderly nursing home patients. If you have taken an angel from the Angel Tree, all gifts should be turned in by Sunday, Dec. 3rd. There is a sign-up sheet beside the tree. Please sign your name on the sign-up sheet, beside with the corresponding number. The angels are color coded with pink for girl, blue for boy and yellow for senior. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Leggett.

Preschool and Children (Grades 1-6) Trip

The Preschool and Children (Grades 1-6) will be going to the "Great Christmas Light Show" in N. Myrtle Beach, SC for the light show and dinner on Saturday, Dec. 9th. The cost is \$5.00 per person and you must have a signed permission slip. We will be departing promptly at 3:30 PM and dinner will be provided. Please sign-up on the sheet in the hallway. If you have any questions, please contact Roger Smith.

Youth (Grades 7-12) Trip

The youth (Grades 7-12) will be visiting the "Billy Graham Library" in Charlotte, NC, on Friday, Dec. 15th. We will be departing from the church at 4:30 PM. The cost of the trip is \$5.00 per person plus cost of dinner coming home. You must have a signed permission slip. Please sign-up on the sheet in the hallway. If you have any questions, please contact Roger Smith.

Proposed Budget for 2024

The proposed budget for 2024 has been placed at all entrances for your review. The budget will be discussed at church conference on Dec. 13th and will be presented for vote on Dec. 24th during the joint worship service, at 10:00 AM, with no discussion.

Deacon Elections

Deacon elections will be held during the morning worship service, on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023. The candidates are: Randy Graham, Matt Horne, Joshua Lockear, Harold Phillips and Tyler Smith. We are electing three. You must be present and a member of East Lumberton Baptist Church to vote.

Upcoming Events

Monday, November 20th and 27th

9:45 AM Visitation

Tuesday, November 21st and 28th

7:00 PM Outreach

Sunday, November 19th

4:00 PM WMU Meeting

Monday, November 20th

6:30 PM Sanctuary and Childrens' Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 22nd

7:00 PM Special Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th

Thanksgiving Day (CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED)

Sunday, November 26th

11:00 AM Deacon Elections

6:00 PM Christmas Musical "Christmas Changes Everything"