



Welcome to East Lumberton

We gather today as children of our heavenly Creator. Please know that whoever you are and wherever you are from, you are welcome in God's house. May every heart be warmed by God's presence. Let us show love and kindness towards one another. If you are visiting for the first time, please stop by the welcome center 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
 Wednesday-Dr. Tom Martin (910) 876-3462
 Tuesday & Thursday-Rev. Michael Bowen (910) 736-6170
 Friday & Saturday-Rev. Roger Smith (423) 557-5515

Weekly Willing Workers

<u>VAN DRIVERS</u>	
12/19: Robert Mishue (827-9096)	12/26: Jeff Bass (316-2570)
<u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u>	
<i>Children's Church is provided for children ages 3 thru kindergarten</i>	
12/19: Debby Bledsoe, Rebecca Lamb, Sandra White	12/26: Willie & Carol Britt, Kay Taylor
<u>NURSERY WORKERS</u>	
12/19: Claudia Cooke, Dallas Ivey, Malisa Capps	12/26: Jeff & Jerri-Kelly McLamb
<u>DEACONS OF THE WEEK</u>	
Rex Caulder (885-1788) & Randy Graham (738-5785)	
<u>INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY</u>	
12/19: Barry Williamson	12/26: Danny Johnson & Danny Leggett
<u>FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM</u>	
12/19: Debby Bledsoe, Aaron Bowen, Cindy Horne	12/26: Maria Cooke, Tonya & Hannah Baxley

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

Menu for Dec. 22nd

5:45 PM Soup, sandwiches, dessert and drink.
 6:30 PM-8:00 PM-Church-wide Caroling
 8:00 PM-Cocoa and cookies
 NO CHARGE

Please sign up in the hallway

It is important you sign up so we have an accurate count of those eating so we will have enough food. Thank you!



SUNDAY MORNING

"Happy Birthday Jesus"
 Matthew 2:11

Theme: "How To Worship The Christ Of Christmas"

- I. The Popular Myths Concerning The Wisemen (v. 11a)
 - A. Their Number
 - B. Their Notoriety
 - C. Their Nativity
- II. The Proper Method Concerning True Worship (v. 11b-11g)
 - A. The Wisemen Gathered (v. 11b)
 1. They Were Humble Before Christ (v. 11c)
 2. They Were Honoring Christ (v. 11d)
 3. They Were Honed In On Christ (v. 11e)
 - B. The Wisemen Glorified (v. 11c-11e)
 1. A Gift To Symbolize His Divinity (v. 11f)
 2. A Gift To Symbolize His Deity (v. 11g)
 3. A Gift To Symbolize His Death (v. 11h)

SUNDAY EVENING

"Noel Born Is the King"
 Sanctuary Choir Musical



Birthdays Celebrations

Dec. 19th - Dec 25th

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| 19 th Dot Pittman | 23 rd Malisa Capps |
| Bobby Horne | Heather Locklear |
| Hannah Dow | 24 th Mitchell Lassiter |
| 20 th Brenda Brunck | 25 th Curtis Allen |
| 21 st Frances Richardson | Crystal Wright |
| 22 nd Craig Prevatte | |



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

The offering is for Southern Baptist International Missionaries and their work to spread the Gospel. Be a part of the Great Commission this season of giving and help others have the blessing of hearing the Gospel! Our church goal this year is \$6,000.00. **Special offering envelopes have been placed at all entrances or you may use a regular offering envelope and designate to Lottie Moon.** May God multiply our gifts!

Year-End Closing

Due to end of the year billing, **NO** church credit cards are available for charges until after Jan. 1st. In case of emergency, please contact Carolyn Hedgpeth, Treasurer, at (910) 316-9766.

Church-wide Christmas Caroling Wednesday, December 22nd



5:45 PM Supper-Soup, sandwiches, dessert and drinks
 6:30 PM-8:00 PM-Church-wide Caroling
 8:00 PM-Hot Cocoa and cookies, Fellowship Hall

There will be a hay truck to go throughout the community caroling.

Fourth Sunday Of Advent



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December 19, 2021

Church Theme for 2021:
 A Call to Prayer ~ Psalms 5:1-3

EAST LUMBERTON Baptist Church

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 Dr. Tom Martin (910) 876-3462	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

8:30 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude Handbells
 Call to Worship
 “Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”

Invocation & Welcome Deacon of the Week
 Presentation of Bibles
 The Candle of Love Jeff, Jerri-Kelly, Sofia, & Olivia McLamb & Jerry Allen
 Offertory Hymn
 “What Child Is This?”

Offertory Handbells
 Message in Song Michelle Smith, Kelli Roberts & Thomas Walters
 Message Rev. Michael S. Bowen
 “Happy Birthday Jesus”
 Matthew 2:11

*Hymn of Commitment
 “Just As I Am”

Benediction Layman
 Postlude Pianist

11:00 AM BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude Pianist
 Message in Song Sanctuary Choir
 “Fear Not”

Invocation & Welcome Rev. Roger Smith
 Presentation of Bibles
 The Candle of Love Josh & Lauren Locklear
 Offertory Hymn
 “Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”

Message in Song Belinda Locklear
 Congregational
 “What Child Is This?”

Message in Song Sanctuary Choir
 “What Christmas Really Means”

Message Rev. Michael S. Bowen
 “Happy Birthday Jesus”
 Matthew 2:11

*Hymn of Commitment
 “Just As I Am”

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.

6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Baptism

Prelude Pianist
 Invocation & Welcome Deacon of the Week
 Offertory Pianist
 “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

“Noel! Born Is the King”
 Presented by
 East Lumberton Baptist Sanctuary Choir

Songs
“The First Noel”
“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”
“Mary Was the First One to Carry the Gospel”
 Soloist: Jay Willoughby
“Carol Medley”
“Noel”
“O, Holy Night”
“The King of Who I Am”
 Soloist: Kayla Lee
“The First Noel”

Hymn of Commitment
 “Silent Night”

Benediction Layman
 Postlude Instrumentalists



Wednesday, December 22nd
 5:45 PM-6:30 PM Soup, Sandwiches,
 Desserts and Drinks
 6:30 PM-8:00 PM Church-wide Christmas Caroling
 8:00 PM Cookies and Hot Cocoa

Friday, December 24th
 5:00 PM *Christmas Eve - Candlelight Service and Lord’s Supper*

Saturday, December 25th
Merry Christmas

Sunday, December 26th
 8:30 AM Traditional Service; 11:00 AM Blended Service
 6:00 PM Youth Worship Service

Plan now to make the Birth of Christ the center of your Christmas activities.

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

Today 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Blended Worship Service
 6:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Musical

Wednesday 5:45 PM Family Night Supper
 6:30 PM Church-wide Christmas Caroling

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Candidates for Baptism

We will baptize **TODAY**, during the evening worship service. All candidates for Baptism will meet at the front of the sanctuary, at 5:30 PM. Please bring a change of clothes and a towel.



Church Council Meeting

There will be a Church Council Meeting **TODAY**, at 4:30 PM, in the College and Career Class. All Department Heads and Committee Chairpersons please be sure you or a representative are at this meeting. Please bring your calendar as we plan for the next quarter.

Christmas Card Mailbox

WMU will host the Christmas Card Mailbox from Nov. 28th until **TODAY**. The cards are for active church members and the cost for each card is 25 cents per card. All proceeds go to our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.



WMU and Baptist Men Meeting

WMU and Baptist Men will meet Monday, December 20th, 7:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall.



A meal will be provided. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Gwen Mishue or John Reaves, Sr.



Christmas Caroling at the Robeson County Jail

The church choir has been invited to sing Christmas Carols at the Robeson County Detention Center. Caroling will be on Thursday, December 23rd, at 7:00 PM. We still have room for 10 more individuals. Anyone, who is not in the choir, and would like to attend, please contact Matt Horne.

Christmas Eve Service

There will be a Christmas Eve service on Friday, December 24th, at 5:00 PM. We will observe the Lord’s Supper, with Candlelight singing and the Christmas story.



Church-Wide Prayer Time

Beginning January 18, 2022, the church will meet for a church wide prayer meeting once a month. We will come and pray at the altar for our church, our nation, and each other. If you have any questions, please contact Molly Horne.

Proposed Budget for 2022

The proposed budget for 2022 has been placed at all entrances for your review. The budget will be presented for a vote on December 26th during the morning worship services with no discussion.



New Online Giving Platform!

We are in the process of changing our online giving platform to a new provider called Subsplash. If you are currently giving online now, please go to our website and register with our new provider. If you have any questions, please contact Matt Horne.



The staff of East Lumberton would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year!