



THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

VBS 2021
JESUS, OUR FIRM FOUNDATION
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MONDAY - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7 - 9
FROM 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Did you know the P.A.T. Prayer Warriors pray for the needs of Eastern Hills and much more, Sunday afternoons from 4:00-5:00 via Zoom. Prayer is voluntary, God tells us we are "to pray without ceasing". To sign up or for more information on meeting dates, contact Joan Welsch at jwelsch68@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday School Teacher Monthly Meeting
Sunday, April 25 — Adult SS, 3:30 PM in Room 154 and Children's SS, 4:00 PM in Room 150.

Senior Adult Council Meeting
Monday, April 26, 8:00 AM at Chappy's on Perry Hill Road.

VBS Volunteers Meeting
Sunday, May 2, 4:00 PM in Room 135.

Carpenters for Christ
Sunday, May 2, 2:00 PM in Room 150.
Informational meeting for this year's project.

Living In Darkness

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. John 8:12.

Recently I was doing some yard work. The afternoon soon turned to dusk, but I worked on to finish up the project at hand. I had enough light for completion, not realizing how dark it was until I came inside. My mother-in-law greeted me and asked how was I working in the dark? I guess it was at that point I appreciated how dark it was outside. Being fully immersed in the light of inside, pointed out the darkness from which I just came. My eyes had adjusted to the low lighting as I pressed on to finish my work. Not until being removed from the darkness, did I truly understand how the lateness of the hour had crept in.

Sin, often analogous to darkness, is much the same. When we are in it, we don't realize how it has consumed us until we step out of it. The only way to step out of it in victory is through a relationship with Jesus Christ. As the darkness came upon me gradually, a rather slow fade, it occurred to me sin does the same. We become comfortable in the darkness and forget what living in the light is even like. It is only when our eyes are illumined by the light that we fully grasp the severity of our situation.

As Christians, we can step out of the light. It doesn't mean we have lost our salvation, but our focus can be obscured, allured by other things that pull us from the light. This happens incrementally and often unnoticed, otherwise we would take note much sooner. It creeps up on us much like the light of day fades into night.

The Psalmist reminds us in Psalm 119:105, **Your Word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.** God's Word is what helps keep the light on in our lives. Our path is illuminated by it. Otherwise, we will pursue what we think to be true, but is obscured by the darkness of sin that has gradually crept in.

Today, if you don't have the Light of Christ living inside you, receive the gift of salvation and follow Him. If you are a Christian but have neglected your time with Him, run to His Word for illumination. All else is darkness.

Pastor Keith

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT

Cooperative Program Sunday on April 25. Pray for churches as we continue to work together to expand the Kingdom.



MINISTRY ORDINATION | This Sunday, April 25, 5:00 PM, Michael Myrick will be ordained into the gospel ministry. We are excited to be a part of such an important event in his life. All church family is invited and encouraged to attend! We will continue to practice social distancing and other safety precautions during this service.

FAMILY NEWS

Christian Sympathy

To **Clarence Franklin and Family** in the death of his grandson Prentice Murphy.

IN THE PULPIT

10:30 A.M.
"Jesus On Trial",
Mark 14:43-15:15

EHBC KIDZ

BIRTHDAY BOARD

Maddie Stinson (7) April 24
Chandler Bice (9) April 25

CHURCH OFFICE FRIDAY HOURS

In order for the Support Staff to be available on Sunday mornings, the church office will close at noon on Fridays beginning April 23, 2021.

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

Sunday, April 18, 2021

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| Adult SS | 173 |
| Children & Students | 62 |
| Worship | 235 |

BUDGET REPORT

YEAR TO DATE

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| Budget Requirements | \$539,870.08 |
| Budget Receipts | 509,935.92 |
| UNDER Budget | 29,934.16 |

WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

April 18, 2021

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| Budget Requirements | \$33,741.88 |
| Budget Receipts | 26,628.50 |
| UNDER BUDGET | 7,113.38 |

DESIGNATED

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| Designated | \$2,010.00 |
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EHBC Men & CFC Work Day

Saturday, May 1, EHBC Men and Carpenters for Christ will be having a work day to clean the fence row behind the Missions house and Mrs. Smith's house. The work day will begin around 8:00 AM. Contact Dan Harrison if you are planning to help!

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Sunday School, 9:00 AM
Worship Service, 10:30 AM
Library Hours, 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

TUESDAY

Men's Prayer Meeting, 6:00 AM in the RR
Library Hours, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Real Men & Acteens, 5:30 PM
SLAM (Children ages 2-6th grade), 6:00 PM
Adult Bible Study, 6:00 PM in the RR
ONE (Student Ministry), 6:30 PM
Library Hours, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

THE SBC

The Southern Baptist Convention will be in Nashville, TN on June 15-16 this year. Let the church know if you would like to attend and be a messenger from Eastern Hills. Call Cindy at 272-0604. There are currently 4 spots left!

CFC 2021 TRIP

EHBC's Carpenter's for Christ (CFC) would like to invite all men from ages 12 to 92 to join us for this year's mission trip. This year we will be working at the Highland Gardens Baptist Mixteco Building and also doing fence repairs at EHBC. Work days will be Monday through Friday (June 14 - 18, 2021), from 8 AM - 4 PM. Please plan to help out the entire week or as many days as you can.

An information meeting is scheduled for May 2nd from 2 PM - 3 PM in Reception Room to discuss this project.

There will not be any cost to participate in this year's project, but we will be accepting donations to supplement expenses. Daily snacks, drinks, and lunch will be provided. In an attempt to determine the number of those participating this year, please sign up on the forms that will be located by the Sanctuary doors. We will need your name, age, contact number, and shirt size.