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EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



CHRISTMAS HOPE 2021!

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Peace Forever

On Christmas Eve in 1914 many British, Belgian, and French soldiers put down their rifles, stepped out of the trenches, and spent Christmas mingling with their German enemies. Most accounts suggest the truce began on Christmas Eve with the Germans singing carols from the trenches. The next morning these same German soldiers emerged from their trenches, calling out "Merry Christmas" in English. It is said that over the course of the day, troops exchanged gifts, food, buttons, and hats. Several accounts even mention impromptu soccer matches with makeshift soccer balls. German Lieutenant Kurt Zehmisch recalled: "How marvelously wonderful, yet how strange it was." The English officers felt the same way about it. Some soldiers used this time of truce to retrieve the bodies of fellow combatants who had fallen within the no-man's land between the lines. I love this account of the Christmas truce of 1914. Can you imagine the scene? In the midst of a war, gunfire, and death there comes a day of peace. Imagine the feeling of those short hours of peace.

Micah 5:2 is a familiar passage we typically hear this time of year. "Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are small among the clans of Judah; one will come from you to be ruler of Israel for me. His origin is from antiquity, from ancient times." This text written some 700 years before the birth of Jesus very specifically states that Messiah will be born in Bethlehem. As this prophecy unfolds, Micah tells us that this Ruler will be from antiquity, that He will stand and shepherd the people of Israel, and He will be their peace. Micah begins with a prophecy of judgement. Now as you move through the book of Micah, the prophecies of judgement and destruction alternate back and forth with promises of hope and deliverance. If you look from beginning to end one of major themes of the book is peace in the midst of judgement. At no point is this theme clearer than in chapter 5. God's answer to the question of where you find peace in the midst of judgement and fear is in the Advent of Messiah.

Micah 5:2 is not only good news in that it tells us that Messiah is coming once, but the remaining verses in Micah 5 point to a day in which this Ruler's reach will extend to the ends of the earth and will last for eternity. Friends, we can take great encouragement from these words of Micah in knowing that the peace that is spoken about here will not last 24 hours and then the war begins again, but this peace will last forever. God's answer for us today in the midst of dark and trying times is still Jesus. In a world of uncertainty, the one true thing that is certain is that Jesus will come back. So as we celebrate the birth of Jesus during these days let us remember that the birth of Jesus is a guarantee of peace forever.

Pastor Jeff

PRAYER EMPHASIS

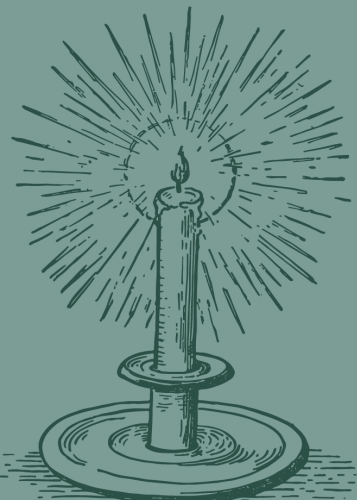
Pray for the students and adults attending strength to stand student conference the last week of December.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER —

Wednesday Night Suppers will begin again on Jan. 5, 2022.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 5PM
EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH
3604 PLEASANT RIDGE ROAD, 36109



FAMILY NEWS

Library Memorials

The book “Marriage” by Paul David Tripp given in memory of **Peggy Struthers** by Jean Cannon.

In Memory Of

We gratefully acknowledge the flower arrangement that will be placed in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 19, in loving memory of **Jason Armstrong** on the anniversary of his birthday given by the Armstrong family.

Thank You

Thanks to my Church Family for all the cards, calls, and books (Storming the Gates of Heaven by Ann Graham Lotz and The Letter Keeper by Charles Martin). Also donations to EHBC given in memory of my sister, Gaynelle Burns. Love in Christ, Judi Minister

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

On Sunday, Dec. 26, we will not meet for Sunday School or have donuts. Worship will be at 10:30 AM.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Sunday School, 9:00 AM
Worship Service, 10:30 AM
Library Hours, 8:30 AM - 10:15 AM

TUESDAY

Men’s Prayer Meeting, 6:00 AM in the RR

WEDNESDAY

No Wednesday Night activities
on Dec. 22 & Dec. 29

*Schedule may change due to special events
or holidays

RED CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Given By: In Honor/Memory Of:

- Bobby and Angela Carmichael

John Smith and

Bobby and Angela Carmichael

Charles and Dinah Bundrick

Sharon Myers

CeCelia Armstrong

Grace Veazey

Judy Duncan and Family

Nancy and Jimmy Lee

Nancy Adams and Family

Larry & Jeannie Lanier

Cherry Payne

Don and Pat Walker

Robert and Robbie Barnes

Mark and Margaret Spain

Kay, Anthony, and Brian

Elea, Danny, and Marty Peppers

Dot and Family

Ruth Smith and Family

Russell Lackey

Kenneth Banks

Debbie Johnson and Family

Peggy Penn

Polly and Horace Tillery

Nell Flournoy and Family

Jim Christopher and Family

Jack and Lisa Lumpkin Morris

Betty McGraw and Family

David and Terry Grimes

Sarah Hill

Sheron Poole and Family

Miranda Tatum

Larry and Barbara Kennedy

Dennis W. Boyer
- Virginia Carmichael

Ann E. Smith

Jim and Betty Martin

Ron Myers

Larry Armstrong

J.W. Veazey

Howard Duncan

Thelma and Leonard Nelson

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Lee

Louise Sanders

Polly Sanford

34th Wedding Anniversary

Ted Payne

Curtis and Marie McKay

Harry and Maggie Walker

Robert and Margie Stripling

Julie Barnes

Parents

Stacy and Shannon Bradford

Johnny Swanner

Chuck Peppers

Joe Smith

Charles Smith

Judi Lackey

Annette Banks

Dr. Alex Johnson

Linda Westbrook

Josh Wootton Family

Daryl Tillery

Gene and Scott Flournoy

Kay Christopher

Dawson Morris

DeKovin McGraw

Danny McGraw

and Mary Claire Sellers

Eunice and Grady Grimes

Don and Nelda Miller

Luther Hill

Roger Poole

Win Lansdon

John Tatum

Harlowe Hawkins Kennedy

Leslie and Birchlyn Boyer

Brendan Ross Boyer

IN THE PULPIT

10:30 A.M.

“Children of Hope: John the Baptist”, Luke 1

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, Dec. 12, 2021

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children/Preschool	32
Student	30
Adult	275

Worship Care	33
Worship	283

JOB OPENING

Full-time Ministry Assistant
Job Opening. Please contact
Dan Harrison at dan@ehbcon-
line.com for more info.

BUDGET REPORT

YEAR TO DATE

Budget Requirements	\$1,687,093.12
Budget Receipts	1,553,155.31
UNDER Budget	133,937.81

WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT DECEMBER 12, 2021

Budget Requirements	\$33,741.88
Budget Receipts	18,949.30
UNDER BUDGET	14,792.58

DESIGNATED

Designated	\$6,925.00
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CHURCH HOURS

The church office will be closed
on December 23, 24 & 27 for
Christmas. For New Years, the
office will be open for 1/2 day
on Dec. 30 and then closed on
Dec. 31.

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SERVICE PROJECT

EHBC Deacons worked two days to assist a young widow, Rena Stinson, by installing a chain link fence. Deacons not pictured are Sandy Noah & Dan Harrison.

ATTENTION DEER HUNTERS

It's deer season and once again deer meat is needed for our upcoming Wild Game Dinner on Saturday, February 26. The first eight (8) hunters to donate a whole processed deer for this event will receive a free reserved table for 8 people. We will need as much ground meat as possible and a bunch of cubed meat.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY WINTER BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 4 at 9:30 AM — “Truthfilled: A Study of Colossians” by Ruth Chou Simons, a 7 week study led by Lynne Huett. “Precepts: Job” by Kay Arthur, a 9 week study led by Judy Ray. Tuesdays at 9:30 AM at the church & 6:30 PM at Judy’s home.