



# THE MESSENGER

## EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

**ONE VOICE - ALL STATE YOUTH CHOIR**  
**Worship starts at 10:15 AM THIS SUNDAY. ONE VOICE** – All-State Youth Choir will be leading worship. Please note that we will be starting our worship service early this Sunday. This choir is made of 75 students from across the state and 10 of those students will be from EHBC!



**ALABAMA WMU WOMEN'S EVENT**  
April 9, 2022 - Gardendale First Baptist Church in Gardendale, AL  
\$35 per person (includes lunch)  
Visit [alabamawmu.com/renew](http://alabamawmu.com/renew) for more information.

### LOVE LOUD MONTGOMERY FOOD DRIVE

In the month of March, we will be collecting food for Love Loud Montgomery! Bags and the list of items that are needed will be available at each Sanctuary entrance. Deadline to turn bags in will be March 31. **Our goal for this year is to collect 200 bags of food!**



**CURRENT AMOUNT: \$5,440.00 | GOAL: \$18,000**

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY SPRING BIBLE STUDY

Beginning March 29 on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM —  
"Encountering God: Cultivating Spiritual Disciplines" by Kelly Minter, a 7 week study led by Jenean Sprayberry.

### MENTOR'S MEETING

Thursday, March 24, 1:00 PM in Room 154. Debbie Jones from Samaritan Inn Ministry will be the guest speaker. All ladies are invited to join!

### NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

There will be no Wednesday Night Activities next week, March 23, because of the Spring Break holiday.

## What's Down in the Well, Comes up in the Bucket.

Many years ago, I heard a dear friend use an expression I have remembered and shared on numerous occasions. "What's down in the well, comes up in the bucket." She was referring to what's deep inside us eventually comes out in our words and actions.

Very early in my ministry I recall a snippet of a sermon our pastor at the time delivered to a group of senior adults in a local nursing home. He had a knack for speaking directly to a point and challenging this age group at their level and in the circumstances in which they lived. I recall him sharing, "Some people think that as you age you get sweeter. Well, I am here to tell you that is not so. If you were a sweet and kind young person, you most likely are a sweet and kind old person. But if you were a mean, ornery young person, you are probably a mean, ornery old person."

The older I get the more I realize that in many cases physicians treat symptoms, rather than curing illnesses. We have high blood pressure; we take a pill to lower it. We suffer with joint pain; we take an anti-inflammatory to help with the pain. In both cases the doctor prescribes a treatment to help alleviate our pain, but neither treatment addresses the core issue of what is causing these symptoms and corrects that.

Jesus came not just to change behavior or symptoms, but to transform our hearts; to make us into new creatures through the conversion of our spirits. This requires a giving over of ourselves totally to Him. C. S. Lewis on page 196 of his book "Mere Christianity" says it this way. "Christ says, 'Give me All. I don't want so much of your time and so much of your money and so much of your work: I want You. I have not come to torment your natural self, but to kill it. No half-measures are any good....Hand over the whole natural self, all the desires which you think innocent as well as the ones you think wicked—the whole outfit. I will give you a new self instead.'"

Dr. David Jeremiah in his study Bible says it this way. "Jesus plus or minus anything does not equal faith; it is a formula. Formulas do not free anyone. Instead, they compel us to create wearying lists of do's and don'ts that confine us, rules that restrict us, and ultimately a false gospel that steals the joy of a relationship with the Lover of our souls. Only faith in Christ alone leads to freedom. And that freedom produces life-giving spiritual fruit in our lives by which we can bless others."

As we give over more and more of ourselves to God's control, through the power of the Holy Spirit, there is a supernatural working within us that occurs. This working is a daily process, conforming us into His image, the result of which is a life of self-control. Galatians 5:22-25 describes the characteristics of this transformational living. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit." Because what's down in the well, comes up in the bucket!

**Pastor Keith**

### PRAYER EMPHASIS

Pray that God would transform our hearts and minds to be more like His, filled with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control!



## Easter Hydrangea

ORDER FORM

If you wish to purchase a Hydrangea plant in memory or in honor of someone, please complete this form and bring to the church office or drop in the offering boxes outside the Sanctuary. Forms can be found in the Messenger or in the kiosks around the Church building. There are only 50 hydrangeas available. Reserve yours today!

**Pink Hydrangeas - \$20.00 Please Include Payment**

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_

# FAMILY NEWS

## Christian Sympathy

To **Debbie Farthing and Family** in the death of her mother, Mary Ann Cone.

## In Memory Of

We gratefully acknowledge the flowers that will be placed in the Sanctuary on Sunday, March 20, in memory of **JW Veazey** given by his wife, Grace.

## IN THE PULPIT

10:30 A.M.

Striving for Unity —  
“Why Should We Be Unified?”  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9

## BUDGET REPORT

### YEAR TO DATE

Budget Requirements	\$369,556.22
Budget Receipts	362,866.21
UNDER Budget	6,690.01

### WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

#### MARCH 13, 2022

Budget Requirements	\$33,596.02
Budget Receipts	24,170.75
UNDER BUDGET	9,425.27

### DESIGNATED

Designated	\$4,681.00
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## ATTENDANCE

Sunday, March 13, 2022

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children/Preschool	43
Student	28
Adult (In-Person)	197
Adult (Remote)	42

Worship Care	22
Worship	267

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY

Sunday School, 9:00 AM  
Worship Service, 10:30 AM  
Library Hours, 8:30 AM - 10:15 AM  
Student Choir, 4:00 PM

### TUESDAY

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

### WEDNESDAY

No Wednesday Night Activities on March 23, 2022 due to Spring Break

\*Schedule may change due to special events or holidays



EHBC Acteens enjoyed Alabama WMU's Complete Conference for teen girls hosted recently by Heritage Baptist Church. We are proud of several Eastern Hills families that helped lead at the conference. Thank you for your support!