



THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

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: \$7,705.00 | 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.

UPCOMING SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

Senior Adult Breakfast at Chappys on Perry Hill Road.
Monday, March 28 at 8:00 AM.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER MENU —

Chick-fil-A Box: Sandwich, chips, and a cookie.

Hot Meal: Fried chicken, green beans, rice and gravy,

pineapple casserole, biscuit, and peach cobbler. **Boxed**

Salad: Cobb caesar salad. Sign up online, on the Realm app or by calling the church offices. **Deadline every week is Monday at noon — no exceptions.**



MINISTRY ORDINATION |

Sunday, April 3, 5:00 PM,
Carl MacCarthy 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!

MINISTERIAL ORDINATION COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a council meeting for the Ministry Ordination of Carl MacCarthy on Sunday, March 27 at 2:00 PM in Room 141. All ordained men are encouraged to attend!

Righteous Ambition

"I just want God to use me for something great." At first reading, these words may seem like the bigheaded musings of an immature Christian. You might imagine someone like James or John thinking this way when their mother asked Jesus if her boys could sit at his right and left hands when he brings about his kingdom. Indeed, the idea of striving to be something great for God seems to go against the very teaching of Jesus. Just look how he responded to James and John's mother: "whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave," (Matt. 20:21, 26–27). So, at first glance, it looks like the proper answer to anyone who wants to be used by God for great things in this world is, "Sorry man, we just don't do think that way around here."

But wait, there's more to this picture than meets the eye. Jesus didn't say it was wrong to desire greatness in God's kingdom. He just said that greatness comes differently in his kingdom than it does in this world. There is greatness for which Christians should strive, a Christ-honoring greatness that comes in the form of serving others. Seeking to attain this kind of greatness is a truly righteous ambition.

We see this ambition in the early church as they served the world by tenaciously spreading the gospel message of Christ everywhere they went. They sacrificed their ordinary lifestyles so they could care for one another and for those who did not yet know Christ. You can see this kind of tenacity in Paul's writings. He inspires his readers to "press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:14). He urges his readers to build on the foundation of Christ in a way that will last through the ages (1 Cor. 3:12–15). He challenges his readers to live disciplined lives, the way an elite athlete might, but for heavenly glory rather than earthly glory (1 Cor. 9:24–27). Think about that for a minute. Think about the intentionality, the sacrifice, the determination, the "blood, sweat, and tears" that go into training for top-level athletic events. Now, think about putting that kind of effort into being the greatest servant of the gospel of Christ you can possibly be. If you are looking for permission to be great in God's kingdom, you just got it. Strive to be an Olympic-level servant of Christ!

But wait, there's more. You aren't the only one. The Christian life is a team sport. We strive together for greatness. You don't have to carry all the weight yourself. We share the load. This means that whether young or old, rich or poor, healthy or infirm, well-read or streetwise, as a Christian you are part of a team, a body, that works together to be great in serving. So let each one of us cultivate a righteous ambition. Let us be great in serving. Let us be great for the sake of the gospel and the glory of the Lord. And, in the end, we will stand on the winner's podium together celebrating our victory in Christ for all time.

Pastor Josh

PRAYER EMPHASIS

Pray that each member of Eastern Hills would cultivate a righteous ambition and that together we would strive to be Olympic-level servants of Christ.

IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

The Implementation Team has begun their work in determining the best way to carry out the Futures Team's proposal. Please pray for the team as they seek God's direction.



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 **Karen and Paul Russell and Family** in the death of her father, Tom Beckham Jr.

To **Elizabeth and Jonathan Lowe and Family** in the death of their uncle, Robert Johnson.

To **Brenda Kitchens and Family** in the death of her brother, Tony Lash.

To **Jimmy Lee and Family** in the death of his sister-in-law.

In Memory Of

We gratefully acknowledge the flowers that will be placed in the Sanctuary on Sunday, March 27, in loving memory of **Billy Turner** given by his family.

IN THE PULPIT

10:30 A.M.
Striving for Unity —
“Where are the lines of unity drawn?” 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, March 20, 2022

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children/Preschool	51
Student	27
Adult (In-Person)	241
Adult (Remote)	47
Worship Care	30
Worship	516

BUDGET REPORT

YEAR TO DATE

Budget Requirements	\$403,152.24
Budget Receipts	390,905.61
UNDER Budget	12,246.63

WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT MARCH 20, 2022

Budget Requirements	\$33,596.02
Budget Receipts	28,039.40
UNDER BUDGET	5,556.62

DESIGNATED

Designated	\$5,135.00
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FAMILY FISHING DAY!

Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
at Billy and June Pertree’s Fish Pond named Harper’s Place. More information will be coming soon



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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

Supper in the Gym, 5:00 PM
ACTEENS & Real Men, 5:30 PM
SLAM (ages 2-6th grade), 5:30-7:15 PM
Adult Choir, 6:00 PM
Adult Bible Study, 6:00 PM in the RR
Men’s Bible Study, 6:00 PM in Room 150
ONE (Student Ministry), 6:15 PM
Library Hours, 5:15 PM - 6:15 PM

*Schedule may change due to special events
or holidays

Why join our team?

First Choice needs more
volunteers. Here is your
chance to make a difference
for generations to come!



FIRST CHOICE
WOMEN’S MEDICAL CENTER

VOLUNTEER INTEREST MEETING

Friday, April 1
12:00 - 1:00pm

First Choice East
380 Mendel Parkway East
Montgomery, AL 36117

CANDY NEEDED

Candy is needed for our upcoming Easter egg hunt! Bags of candy can be dropped off in the CLC Lobby or at the Karen Road entrance.