

THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY DETAILS

We will not be meeting for Sunday School on Easter Sunday. Coffee and donuts will be available at the Pines on Sunday beginning at 9:30 AM!

HEAR FROM THE RISEN CHRIST

Easter Sunday, April 17 Outdoor Service, 10:30 AM The Pines At Eastern Hills

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

IN THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS

APRIL 15, 6:00 PM IN THE SANCTUARY

An evening spent reflecting on Christ's great sacrifice and lingering beneath the shadow of the cross.

SENIOR ADULT TECH WORKSHOP

Understanding The Church Data Base (Realm)
Learn how to use the Realm App and miscellaneous
technology questions. Thursday, April 14th at 2:00 PM
in the Reception Room

Easter Hydrangeas

Given By

Trey & Jessica Kennedy Angie Simmons, Darla Perry, Kathy Eckermann, & Pat Ward Lenora Jackson and Family Jack & Lisa Lumpkin Morris

> Debbie Cauthen Larry & Jeannie Lanier Judy Duncan & Family Dot Smith & Family Kenneth Banks Cherry Payne

Debbie Johnson and Family Terri Golden and Family Walt Edmonds' Family

Mike, Elaine, and Clayton Hoskins

Given By

Elaine Hoskins

Angie Simmons, Darla Perry, Kathy Eckermann, & Pat Ward

In Memory Of

Harlowe Kennedy
Our Daddy, Dewey Best

My Mother, Pyrene Welsh Dawson Morris

S. Landis Cauthen, Jr. Mothers and Grandmothers Howard Duncan Joe Smith Annette Banks Ted Payne and Curtis & Marie McKay

Dr. Alex Johnson My Mom, Dotty Blevins Rev. and Mrs E.F. Edmonds and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Dworak

Lez Edmonds Jeffrey Hoskins

In Honor Of

Doug & Diane Weaver and Eva Preston (Meme) Our Mother, Miriam Best

Easter Eggs

He is not here. He has risen just as He said! Matthew 28:6

I have loved hunting Easter Eggs my whole life. As an adult, I love watching kids run around picking up those sparkling, plastic treasures. I am not sure why hunting eggs is so much fun. There really isn't much of a reward. Today most families hunt plastic filled eggs. There is even a special prize for the golden egg, but it wasn't always like that.

My mom would not buy the fancy Easter Egg dye kits. We used vinegar and food coloring. My brother, sister and I would dye dozens of eggs so we could hunt all day. The problem with the Easter Bunny was he didn't do anything with Cleo, our basset hound. Cleo also loved hunting Easter Eggs but for different reasons, and she was good! By the time we got out to hunt the eggs, Cleo had eaten most of them, the shells and all.

The Easter Bunny did a great job on the candy end and the eggs. I guess that's a bonus if your Dad manages a grocery store.

For a lot of families, Easter ends with a bunny hiding eggs and kids stuffing their mouths full of chocolate, jelly beans and marshmallow treats.

Easter is about Jesus death, burial and His coming back to life in order that we might receive Eternal Life. Somehow, our Easter celebrations have become two separate events. We go to church and hear about Jesus and the empty tomb, then we come home and turn on the TV and find Peter Cottontail hopping down the bunny trail.

What are we teaching our children about the most important event in history? How can we redeem the day? We really are without an excuse for not teaching our children what Easter is all about. At least 58% of kids believe in the Easter Bunny and that it is a celebration of the Easter Bunny's birthday. Ask your child if they know what Easter is all about. Younger kids may not know the fine details, but by first grade they should know the whole Easter Story and why lesus died on the cross.

There is a ton of information online about using Easter Eggs to teach the meaning of Easter. Eggs can represent the Trinity. The eggshell, yoke and white of an egg is all still an egg. Chicks hatch from eggs which represent new life. Bunnies represent new life.

Get children's books that talk about the true meaning of Easter. There are lots out there. My favorite is called "The Best Thing About Easter" by Christine Tangvald. You can read the Easter Story from a children or preschool Bible. Put religious based candy in their baskets such as chocolate crosses, or chocolate coins to represent Judas betraying Jesus. Give a religious gift in their basket, things such as cross jewelry, a Bible or a fun Christian book. The church provides Right Now Media to every member of our congregation. There are hundreds of programs for children, all faith based. The church library is full of books about Easter. There are videos and DVD cartoon movies explaining the true meaning of Easter as well.

The Church provides so much information and opportunities for our children to know who Jesus is and His purpose for us. We look forward to seeing everyone this Sunday as we celebrate our Risen I ord

We will be celebrating outside at the Pines. There will be coloring books and crayons for the kids, candy bags and Resurrection Eggs for those who did not get them on Palm Sunday (we only have about 20 left).

What a day this will be. He is Risen! Hallelujah!

Pastor Greg

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER MENU -

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

Hot Meal: Smothered center-cut pork chop with cornbread dressing and gravy, King's Table green beans, squash casserole, roll, and banana pudding. Salad: Cobb salad. Sign up online, on the Realm app or by calling the church offices. Deadline every week is Monday at noon — no exceptions.

FAMILY NEWS

Library Memorials

The book "The Hand of God" by Alistair Begg was given in memory of **E. Charles McDuffee** by the Weaver class.

The book "Pray Confidently and Consistently" was given in memory of **Lois Freeman** by the Caldwell class.

The book "The Simple Difference" was given in memory of **Gabriele L. Veazey** by the Weaver class.

Pray for Terry Veazey

Pray for Terry Veazey while he is on mission in Albania from April 19-28, 2022.

IN THE PULPIT

10:30 A.M.

Easter Sunday —
"Hear from the Risen Christ"
Luke 24:13-35

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, April 10, 2022 SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children/Preschool 53 Student 35 Adult (In-Person) 238 Adult (Remote) 47

Worship Care 38 Worship 206

BUDGET REPORT

YEAR TO DATE

Budget Requirements \$503,940.30 Budget Receipts 482,625.36 UNDER Budget 21,314.94

WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT APRIL 10, 2022

Budget Requirements \$33,596.02 Budget Receipts 25,968.00 UNDER BUDGET 7,628.02

DESIGNATED

Designated \$4,367.00

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed on Friday, April 15, 2022 for Good Friday.

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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. Sign-up on Realm today!



CURRENT AMOUNT: \$16,171.00 | GOAL: \$18,000





MIX MusiCamp JULY 11-15, 2022 @ Shocco Springs in Talladega

Early Rate of \$310 to first 20 campers that sign up and pay their deposits. Second Best Rate if pay by May 19, 2022 – \$330/person, Regular Price after May 19, 2022 – \$340.

Mix Music Camp is open to students who have completed 3rd-12th grade. Register online at **www.easternhills.church/events**