

# THE MESSENGER

## EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Jeff is now wearing

**TWO HATS...**

Youth Ministry AND  
Children's Ministry!

He is eager to work with all of  
these families!



### STUDENT MINISTRY EVENTS

(RSVP for all events to Pastor Jeff at [jeff@ehbconline.com](mailto:jeff@ehbconline.com))

February 17-19 - Amplify Weekend 2023

March 23-25 - Spring Break Retreat

Pray for Terry Veazey

on mission in

**KOSOVO**

**FEBRUARY 13-23**

*"Pray without ceasing"*  
1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

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### SENIOR ADULT VALENTINE BANQUET

**VOLUNTEERS**  
*Needed*

#### FOOD DISTRIBUTION

- FRIDAY, FEB. 17, 1:00-2:00 P.M. TO ORGANIZE BAGS
- SATURDAY, FEB. 18, 9:00-11:00 A.M. TO DISTRIBUTE FOOD

#### REALITY AND TRUTH

- THE THIRD THURSDAY EACH MONTH
- WE STILL NEED SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TO SIGN UP FOR THIS AMAZING MINISTRY.

#### WORSHIP CARE

- VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP IN BABIES AND PRESCHOOL WORSHIP CARE ONE SUNDAY PER MONTH

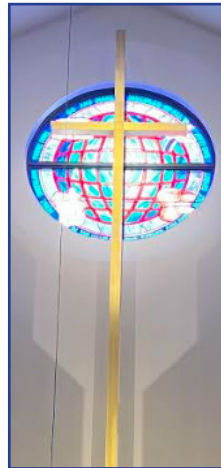
#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- JUNE 5-9 WORKERS NEEDED

Call the church office and let us know how you can help.



### It's Vertical First, Then Horizontal!



*"But seek first the kingdom and His righteousness, all these things shall be given to you as well."* Matthew 6:33

The Cross is a beautiful picture of our relationship with God and others. The vertical beam is representative of our relationship with God. It indicates what God has done for us. It pictures God's supreme love and saving grace, or the unmerited favor of God, that reconciles sinners to Him through Jesus Christ. Relationally, it is to be a continuous flow of communication from God to us and from us back to Him.

The horizontal beam of the cross represents our relationship with each other. Love flowing from us to others, practical living, reminding us to look around and give our lives over to helping and supporting one another.

In Matthew 22:37-39 Jesus gave us the formula for how we are to navigate this thing called life. When asked what the greatest commandment was, He said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself." All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

These two things, loving God, and loving others are inseparably linked, just as the vertical and horizontal beams of the cross. However, if you look at the cross one beam is longer than the other, the vertical. I don't think this is by accident. It is a visual reminder that we first and foremost need that relationship in place to hold up the other. When it is too short, we fall, even while serving with a heart of compassion and love for others.

Kneeling at the cross, giving our lives over in complete submission to Jesus Christ, is at the centerpiece of our existence as His followers. We must be fervent in prayer (communication with Him) and ever in the Word (God's Word). But even more than that, we can be in the Word and prayed up, but unless the Word is in us, we are wasting our time. For that to happen, we need the constant filling and transformational power of the Holy Spirit teaching us, convicting us, guiding us... reconstructing who we are. (Romans 12:1-2).

Relationally, possibly some of our issues now at Eastern Hills stem from too much horizontal looking and not enough vertical. That is not to minimize, rationalize, or trivialize what has happened. However, our focus now needs to center on our mutuality at the cross. We have no hope with horizontal relationships if we neglect the vertical! It is vertical first, then horizontal.

In His love,

**Pastor Keith**

### UPCOMING GUEST PREACHERS

February 19th - Jay Wolf

February 26th - Rob Jackson

**THANK YOU FROM BILL & REBA SUMMERS**  
 Thank you for the many acts of kindness shared with us during the home going of my dad, Mr. Curtis Wells. We are truly blessed to belong to such a loving, Christ-like church family! To God be the glory!



The organization Send Relief is partnering with the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions and River Region Associations to make it easy for volunteers to care for hurting communities in Montgomery on March 10th & 11th. Anyone interested in volunteering needs to visit the following website to learn more and to register to participate. <https://www.sendrelief.org/serve-tour/montgomery>

**IN THE PULPIT**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 | 10:30 A.M.**  
 Guest Preacher: Jay Wolf  
 "The Beauty and Joy of Following Jesus TOGETHER!"  
 Matthew 22:37-40, 28:19-20

**ATTENDANCE**  
**Sunday, February 12, 2023**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Preschool/Children.....	43
Youth.....	18
Adults In-Person.....	177
Total In-Person.....	238
Adults (Remote).....	46
Worship Care.....	12
Worship Service.....	286

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**  
 If you would like to provide flowers for the sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one, please call the church office or contact Michelle Baxley: [michelle@ehbconline.com](mailto:michelle@ehbconline.com).

**BUDGET REPORT**  
**MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT**

Budget Requirements	\$200,490.57
Budget Receipts	166,770.33
<b>UNDER BUDGET</b>	<b>33,720.24</b>

**WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT**  
**FEBRUARY 12, 2023**

Budget Requirements	\$28,641.51
Budget Receipts	32,849.00
<b>OVER BUDGET</b>	<b>4,207.49</b>

**DESIGNATED**  
 Designated \$1,355.00

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT!**

Congratulations to Liam and Leigh Pyle on the birth of their son **KIAN ELIAS PYLE** February 11, 2023 7 lbs. 10 oz.

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 3604 Pleasant Ridge Road, Montgomery, Alabama 36109.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

**Abiding in Christ**

with Tara-Leigh Cobble

Host of The Bible Recap Podcast



**March 31 - April 1, 2023**

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH  
 FRI PM | SAT AM | BRUNCH INCLUDED

\$30 BEFORE JAN 1 | \$35 IN ADVANCE | \$40 DAY OF  
 334.272.0604 | WWW.EASTERNHILLS.CHURCH  
 FACEBOOK.COM/EHBC.WOMENSMINISTRY

**P.A.T. (Prayer Assault Team)**  
 We meet every Wednesday from 3:30 - 4:30 PM in Room 128. All ages are welcome to join us. We pray for our church, city, world, missionaries, any requests and the Life Line. Come visit and join us if the Lord puts it on your heart.

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY**  
 Sunday School, 9:15 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  
 WEM Bible Study, 9:30 AM in the RR

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Real Men and Acteens (7th-12th grades), 5:30 PM  
 SLAM / Music & Missions (babies-6th grade), 5:45 PM  
 ONE (7th-12th grades) Student Room, 6:15 PM  
 Adult Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 PM  
 Adult Bible Study, 6:00 PM,  
 Pastor Dan Harrison, Reception Room  
 Library Hours, 5:15 PM - 6:15 PM

INTRODUCING

**LISA MONTGOMERY**

DIRECTOR OF EASTERN HILLS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



**Wednesday Night, February 22**  
**Hot Meal: Fried chicken, green beans, rice and gravy, pineapple casserole, biscuit, and fruit cobbler.**

**SUPPER MENU**  
 Sign up online, on the Realm App, under the Events tab at [easternhills.church](http://easternhills.church) or call the church office. \$8 per person, \$30 max per family.  
**Deadline every week is Monday at noon - no exceptions.**