



THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

On March 12th
EHBC Welcomes
GUEST PREACHER
NEAL HUGHES



Longsuffering in a Microwave Society!

“Longsuffering” is sometimes translated patience. Some synonyms for the word include: patient, uncomplaining, forbearing, obliging, restrained, composed, subservient, disciplined, constrained, self-controlled. One source I read defined it this way, “longsuffering is sometimes translated as patiently enduring wrongs or difficulties, enduring mental and/or physical difficulties without complaint from which the cause is people.” Another description, “Patience, as a noun, is having the quality of bearing provocation, annoyance, or pain without complaint, loss of temper, irritation, or the like, from which the cause is circumstance or events.”

The Bible has much to say about longsuffering. In the King James version, it is a fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23.

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, **longsuffering**, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*

The Apostle Paul when writing to the church at Ephesus urged the church on toward unity in Ephesians chapter 4.

*¹I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, ²with all lowliness and gentleness, with **longsuffering**, bearing with one another in love, ³endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (NKJV)*

Again, in Colossians Paul describes the characteristics of a new believer in chapter 3.

*¹²Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, **longsuffering**; ¹³bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. ¹⁴But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. ¹⁵And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. ¹⁷And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

In our microwave society we see little longsuffering. We are quick to judge, quick to act, and quick to dismiss those with whom we disagree. We want results immediately, not only results, but our presupposed results. We often overlook the fact that God in His Sovereignty may be allowing us to go through certain events to teach us some truth we have yet to grasp. A truth or realization we would not fully understand by merely reading it in Scripture. Read it – yes, but experience it – WOW! YES!

A dear pastor friend years ago said that in ministry we will encounter people who are our sand paper. They really rub us the wrong way. They irritate us. However, this grating process may be gradually eroding something in us that needs smoothing off. Our rough edges are being softened, to make us more useful for the Kingdom of God. In like manner, we may be someone else’s sandpaper performing a similar function for them. Don’t dismiss or shun the sandpaper folks from your life, these may be the very people God has placed in your path to transform you more fully into His image.

Are these encounters desirous and fun? Certainly not--yet, very much needed if we are serious about our walk of faith and the sanctification process that is at work in us! We can remove ourselves from the painful situations, but we may miss the greatest lesson God has for us by doing so. Let us be long-suffering with each other. God is at work, even during great pain, discomfort, confusion, and distress.

⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. (1 Corinthians 13:4-7, NIV)

I pray we can persevere together for the Kingdom’s sake!

Pastor Keith

Congratulations!
Destiny MacCarthy
of EHBC Named to 2023
National Acteens Panel
Full article
published in the
Alabama Baptist Paper
January 16, 2023
<https://thealabamabaptist.org>



Reminder to
SPRING FORWARD
Daylight Savings Time
March 12, 2023



OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT
Beginning on April 2, Palm Sunday
the offering once again will be
collected on Sunday mornings by
passing the offering plates.




Seven children from EHBC auditioned and were selected for 2023 Alabama Baptist State Children’s Honor Choir. This choir consisted of 116 children in 4th-6th grades from Baptist churches throughout the state.

Pictured: Lilly Hilliard, Sarah Kate Leavell, Bayleigh Allen, Addy Hilliard, Tessa Haynes, Cooper Baxley, J. J. Newell

Thank you to Chaperones: Jeff Baxley, Connie Barnett, Traci Brown. Thanks also to Sissy Harris, Rachel Peters, Ethan Brown for rehearsing each week to prepare the children for this choir weekend.

STUDENT MINISTRY EVENTS

(RSVP for all events to Pastor Jeff at jeff@ehbconline.com)

March 12 - Youth Family Potluck Lunch after worship service

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Observance of the Lord's Supper, Thursday, April 6th at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary. This is a reflective worship service, lingering at the cross, remembering Christ's sacrifice for us.

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 26th. Collected bags will be placed in the sanctuary along the stage steps.

SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

Thursday, March 23rd, 9:30 AM - Celebration Singers, Choir Suite

Monday, March 27th, 8:00 AM - Breakfast Bunch at Chappy's on Perry Hill Road

IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, March 12 | 10:30 A.M.
Guest Preacher: Dr. Neal Hughes
"Facing the Giants"
1 Samuel 17:45-47

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, March 5, 2023

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Preschool/Children.....38
Youth.....7
Adults In-Person.....183
Total In-Person.....228
Adults (Remote).....39
Worship Care.....7
Worship Service.....292

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

ONE Student Worship.....22

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.

BUDGET REPORT

YTD BUDGET REPORT

Budget Requirements	\$286,415.10
Budget Receipts	286,835.58
OVER BUDGET	420.48

WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

MARCH 5, 2023

Budget Requirements	\$28,641.51
Budget Receipts	76,318.25
OVER BUDGET	47,676.74

DESIGNATED

Designated \$2,641.00

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22nd

There will be no Wednesday Meal, Bible Study or children's/youth activities due to Spring Break.

UPCOMING GUEST PREACHERS

Wednesday, March 15th - Rob Jackson

Sunday, March 19th - Rick Lance

Sunday, March 26th - Rob Jackson

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The Messenger, Eastern Hills Baptist Church
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

Women's Spring Bible Studies

The Faithful

Heroes of the Old Testament

Priscilla Shirer, Kelly Minter, Beth Moore, Jennifer Rothschild, Lisa Harper

Begins April 4th (5 Weeks)

Tuesday, 9:30 AM, Reception Room
Facilitated by Lynne Huett

Precepts: Spiritual Warfare:

Overcoming the Enemy

Kay Arthur

Begins April 4th (6 Weeks)

1 hour study/no homework

Tuesday, 9:30 AM, Room 139

Led by Rebecca Morris

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Sunday School, 9:15 AM
Worship Service, 10:30 AM
Library Hours, 8:30 AM - 10:15 AM
Grief Share, 3:00 PM, Conference Room
Student Choir, 4:00 PM

TUESDAY

Men's Prayer Meeting, 6:00 AM in the RR
WEM Bible Study, 9:30 AM in the RR
Handbell Rehearsal, 5:45 PM, in the Choir Room

WEDNESDAY

P.A.T (Pray Assault Team) 3:30-4:30 PM, Room 128
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

Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering

OUR CHURCH'S GOAL:

\$18,000

GIVING TO DATE:

\$2,495

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

March 5-12, 2023

YOUR PRAYERS HAVE ETERNAL IMPACT

SUPPER MENU

Wednesday Night, March 15

Hot Meal: Spaghetti, mixed green salad, garlic toast, and chocolate cake.

Sign up online, on the Realm App, under the Events tab at easternhills.church or call the church office. \$8 per person, \$30 max per family.

Deadline every week is Monday at noon - no exceptions.