



# THE MESSENGER

## EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

HAPPY  
MOTHER'S  
DAY

SO NOW FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE ABIDE, THESE THREE; BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.  
1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

Join us for a breakfast honoring  
PASTOR JEFF BAXLEY AND FAMILY  
on their last Sunday at Eastern Hills Baptist Church



MAY 21, 2023  
8:00 a.m. IN THE GYM

THERE WILL BE A DESIGNATED PLACE FOR YOU TO LEAVE CARDS OR ANY OTHER WELL WISHES FOR PASTOR JEFF AT THE BREAKFAST.



**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!**

Congratulations to Susan Sessions who completes 19 years as Pianist on May 9th!

Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> is the National Day of Prayer for VBS. After Worship that day we will have a Prayer Walk and cover Forest Hills Neighborhood with prayer. We will also be hanging door hangers inviting them to VBS. We will go out in groups of three or more, so get your group ready!




**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, we want to let our EHBC Childcare Development Center teachers know how much we appreciate them and thank them for all they do for the children!

### GOD IS ENOUGH

**“Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray.**

**Later that night, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, because they all saw him and were terrified.**

**Immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened.” (Mark 6:45-52 NIV).**

This incident occurred immediately after the miraculous feeding of the five thousand. The people were ready to crown Jesus as their earthly king. However, that was not why Jesus came, nor what they needed. The people were not in need of another political superhero. What they needed was one who would save them from their sins, from their own blind rebellion.

Jesus sent the disciples away, to their next mission on the other side of the Sea of Galilee while He went to the mountain to pray, to rejuvenate, to re-focus His attention on His true mission. The disciples encountered a strong wind (storm) while rowing to the other side of the lake.

Apparently, this storm had been going on for at least six hours. Jesus sees them in distress from the mountain and walks on the water towards them. The disciples see Him but think He is a ghost and are terrified. In verse 50 Jesus identifies Himself and admonishes them not to be afraid. He then climbs in the boat with them and the storm ceases.

**Why does adversity come our way when we are following God’s directive?** In this story Jesus tells the disciples to get in the boat and go to the other side of the lake. While being obedient to His command a storm arises. Their efforts to continue across the lake were thwarted by the incessant winds. They had just experienced the mighty miracle of the feeding of the five thousand and then came a battle with a storm. Why couldn’t they enjoy the triumph of their recent success?

Doug Van Meter, pastor of Brakenhurst Baptist Church in South Africa explains it this way. “They were experiencing a miracle and yet were in danger of being blind to the identity of Jesus. (They at first thought he was a ghost walking on the water.) They were in danger of experiencing the blessing while giving little heed to the Blessor. They were in danger of enjoying the meal while not paying attention to the Master. They were in danger of being caught up with the crowd while never truly knowing Christ.”

Sometimes in our successes we are in danger of losing focus. It takes times of testing and discouragement to point us to the real reason we exist as believers...to exalt Christ. Van Meter further explains, “...the reason that he allowed us to go through times out at sea away from what were previous blessings; ministry successes, great times of learning, many prayers answered, church growth, relational harmony; etc. By doing so, we are in a position where we can learn that having Christ is enough.”

God is enough! When the storms come, when heartache ensues, when friends betray or abandon us, when circumstances pile in with voluminous speed...God is enough! We need only recognize His presence, accept His plan, and obey His Word!

Follow on Eastern Hills family! God is enough!

**Pastor Keith**



**BIRTHDAY WISHES!**

On May 14th, church member Lou Groves turns 93 years old! Happy Birthday Lou!

**IN THE PULPIT**

SUNDAY, May 14 | 10:30 A.M.  
Interim Pastor: Rob Jackson  
"Thank God for Women"  
II Timothy 1:5

**ATTENDANCE**

Sunday, May 7, 2023

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Preschool/Children.....36  
Youth.....8  
Adults In-Person..... 200  
Total In-Person..... 224  
Adults (Remote)..... 19  
Worship Care.....10  
Worship Service..... 202

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

ONE Student Worship..... 13

**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**

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Budget Requirements	\$544,188.69
Budget Receipts	502,955.66
<b>UNDER BUDGET</b>	<b>41,233.03</b>

**WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT**

**MAY 7, 2023**

Budget Requirements	\$28,641.51
Budget Receipts	40,375.83
<b>OVER BUDGET</b>	<b>11,734.32</b>

**DESIGNATED**

Designated	\$3,048.00
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**SENIOR ADULT EVENTS**

Thursday, May 18th, 6:00 PM - Senior Adult Movie Night - Reception Room, The movie will be *Jesus Revolution*, Cost \$6.00.

Chappy's Breakfast Bunch will not meet in May due to Memorial Day.

**MENTORS**

Plan to attend Mentor's meeting on Thursday, May 25th at 1:00 PM in Room 154. All ladies are invited.

**HOSPICE PANTRY**

The Hospice Pantry needs to be restocked. Donations can be made to the Hospice Pantry account. Thank you for helping with this ministry.

**LIBRARY NEWS:**

The book, *Bittersweet*, given in memory of *Donna Bailey* by the Women of Faith Sunday School Class.



**THE MESSENGER**

**EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH**

The Messenger, Eastern Hills Baptist Church  
3604 Pleasant Ridge Road, Montgomery, Alabama 36109.

**July 10-14** • \$100 deposit due at time of registration  
4 spaces available at early rate of \$330  
REGISTER with EASTERN HILLS for the early rate  
[Easternhills.church/events](http://Easternhills.church/events)

MIX Camp is for students who have completed 2nd grade up through 12th grade  
MIX (2nd-5th grades) • MIX6 (6th grade) • REMIX (7th - 12th grades)

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - EHBC**

The Weekday Program is looking to hire some new staff. We are looking for ladies ages 19 and older who love children and want to help us grow our program. Please contact Lisa Montgomery at (334) 277-5414.

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY**

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

**TUESDAY**

6:00 AM - Men's Prayer Meeting in the RR  
9:30 AM - WEM Bible Study in the RR

**WEDNESDAY**

3:30-4:30 PM - P.A.T (Pray Assault Team), Room 128  
5:30 PM - Real Men and Acteens (7th-12th grades)  
5:45 PM - SLAM / Music & Missions (babies-6th grade)  
6:15 PM - ONE (7th-12th grades) in the Student Room  
6:00 PM - Adult Bible Study, Reception Room  
Interim Pastor Rob Jackson  
6:00 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

**VBS 2023**  
**JUNE 4-8**  
From 5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Scan code to register as volunteer or participant

**EHBC KIDZ!**

**Wednesday Night, May 17**  
**Hot Meal: Fried chicken, green beans, rice and gravy, sliced tomatoes, biscuit and brownie.**

**SUPPER MENU**  
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.**