



THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS

Simply Christmas

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd
3:00 PM

Featuring the Eastern Hills
Adult Choir and Guest Orchestra

Also Features: Children's Choirs and Celebration Ringers (Handbell Choir)



EASTERN HILLS
BAPTIST CHURCH

3604 Pleasant Ridge Road
Montgomery, AL 36109
Located in the Forest Hills Community
easternhills.church



PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

THE COUNT IS IN AND THE COMMITTEE IS FORMED.
THE NEW PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE WILL BE:

MEN

KEN MCGRAW
MARTIN GLOVER
MIKE FREE

WOMEN

TAYLOR NOAH
CANDACE MCINTOSH
CAROLYN KING

As Christmas is coming, I am reminded of what a season of hope we have coming toward us. One of the things that I remember growing up is watching a movie called "The Legend of the Candy Cane." I always knew candy canes became popular around the holidays, but who really knows why? It's because they are a reminder to us of what Christmas is really about.

- When flipped upside-down, the candy cane makes the letter "J" to remind us that Jesus is the reason we celebrate Christmas. Without Him, there would be no cause for celebration.
- A candy cane is a hard candy. Some say it is as hard as a rock, similar to the rock we as believers should build our life on.
- The red on the candy cane reminds us of the blood that was shed on the cross on our behalf. It is a reminder of what promise was fulfilled by Jesus' birth.
- The white stripe reminds us of how perfect and blameless Jesus was in His time on this earth.
- The cane reminds us of a staff that shepherds use. We learn that Jesus is our good shepherd in Psalm 23.
- The stripes remind us of Jesus' suffering and death.

Suffering and death do not exactly seem like reasons to be celebrating. It is not that we celebrate because of his death, we celebrate because of His life. Because of his life, death, and resurrection, we as believers are no longer on the hook for our sin. That is cause for celebration!

Church, as we begin eating candy canes, singing Christmas carols, setting up nativity scenes, and getting caught up in the hustle and bustle that this season brings, my hope is that you will slow down and be reminded of why we celebrate this season. My prayer is that as we remember the cause of celebration, we welcome others to take part in the celebration as well by inviting them to know why we celebrate.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

**In Christ,
Taylor Noah**

River Region Brass Band Christmas Program

SUN, DEC 10, 2023 | 3:00 PM
Eastern Hills Baptist Church
3604 Pleasant Ridge Road
Montgomery, AL 36109



A COOKIE FELLOWSHIP
will follow the
Simply Christmas Choir Program,
December 3, EHBC Gym.
Hot chocolate & coffee
will be provided.



Sunday, December 24
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
December 24 - 5:00 p.m.

NO CHILDCARE FOR EVENING SERVICE



REACHING THE NATIONS, TOGETHER.

100%

of your gifts go to the
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®
to enable gospel transformation
among the unreached.



EHBC CHURCH GOAL:
\$32,000



As we continue to invite those in our sphere of influence to visit EHBC, the Outreach Bazaar at The Fitzgerald Museum, Nov. 18, was no exception. Thank you to those who staffed the booth and shared with the attendees, and a special thanks to Sandra Wilson for her donation of the 2 beautiful Christmas wreaths that were given away. Both of the recipients of those wreaths had marked on the event cards that they were interested in more information about EHBC: one a young couple, and the other a single mom with 2 children. As you continue warmly welcoming all who visit with us, please be sure to also be inviting family, friends, neighbors, and business contacts to Sunday School, Worship, and upcoming special events. You'll be blessed and so will they! Sharon Myers

LET'S MAKE CHRISTMAS!

Saturday, December 9th

8:00 AM - Breakfast in Bethlehem / Reception Room,
Breakfast with story time & activity

9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon / Gym,
Make crafts and gifts for parents

For children birth to 6th grade

Register online or call the church office by Friday, December 1st.

We need several volunteers for this event.
Please call the church office if you can help.



IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, December 3 | 10:30 AM

Interim Pastor: Rob Jackson

“There is Hope Because of Christmas”

Luke 1:5-25

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, November 26, 2023

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 189

Remote..... 30

WORSHIP

Worship Care..... 6

Worship Service..... 154

Total Worship..... 160

Wednesday Night Supper

December 6 | 5:00 PM - GYM

Hot Meal: *Sunday chicken, rice pilaf, carrots, lima beans, roll and strawberry shortcake.*

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 household.

Deadline every week is Monday, at noon - no exceptions.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS | December 3, 2023

In Loving Memory of

**Ray & Claudine Nobles,
Billy & Faye Deal**

given by,

Franklin & Rachel McKenzie



BUDGET REPORT

YTD BUDGET REPORT

Budget Requirements \$1,374,792.48

Budget Receipts 1,162,664.90

UNDER BUDGET 212,127.58

WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Budget Requirements \$28,641.51

Budget Receipts 22,667.75

UNDER BUDGET 5,973.76

DESIGNATED

Designated \$8,000.00

SOUND/MEDIA SYSTEM (Audio/Visual)

Thank you to everyone who contributed their monetary gift toward the Sound/Media System and helped us meet our church goal!

If you have not yet contributed, you may still do so online.

CHURCH GOAL: \$60,000

TOTAL COLLECTED: \$64,896.50



FBC - Montgomery | Friday, December 8th at 7:00 PM | Tickets: \$5.00

The bus will leave the church at 5:30 PM.

We need to arrive at FBC by 6:00 PM to be seated.

Please sign up this Sunday in Sunday School
or call church office by Tuesday, December 5th.

SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 | 6:00 PM

RECEPTION ROOM

\$10.00 PER PERSON

Please sign up in Sunday School or call the church office by Tuesday, December 12th.



MEMORIAL DONATION

A donation was made to
Carpenters for Christ
In Memory of
Morris & Peggy Kendrick.

EHBC EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

- DAYCARE WORKER

If you are interested in applying or
want more information, please call
277-5424.



Christmas Poinsettia
Order Form

40 Poinsettias are available for those who would like to place a flower in the Sanctuary this Christmas in memory or honor of a loved one. Please fill out the form below along with a \$16.00 payment and mail or drop in the offering plate or offering boxes located by the Sanctuary doors. We will print in THE MESSENGER the names of those giving poinsettias and to whom they are given in memory or honor. **Deadline is Sunday, December 10th.**

You may pick up your poinsettia following the Christmas Eve Service on Dec. 24th!

Given By: _____

In Memory Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

STS CONFERENCE

JANUARY 13-15, 2024



EHBC YOUTH - STRENGTH TO STAND CONFERENCE

January 13-15, 2024 | Pigeon Forge, TN

The cost is \$260 per person. You can register online through the Realm App or easternhills.church. The cost includes conference fee, hotel, meals, and ticket to the Titanic Museum. If you have questions, please contact Taylor Noah.

LOTTIE MOON | GA POST OFFICE

You can mail your Christmas cards to anyone in the church by sending them through the GA's mailbox located in the CLC lobby.

Write the name *only* of the person you are sending it to - no address needed! Place the cards in the slot by the first letter of the LAST name. Pay the normal postage by check or cash, drop into the lock box located next to the GA Post Office.

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The Messenger, Eastern Hills Baptist Church
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EHBC KIDZ!

LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, SOUL, MIND AND STRENGTH

December 3

Children's Worship
Bible Skills, Drills & Thrills

POSTAGE

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
(Grief Share will resume January 7, 2024.)

TUESDAY

6:00 AM - Men's Prayer Meeting in the RR

WEDNESDAY

3:30-4:30 PM - P.A.T (Prayer Assault Team), Room 128
5:00 PM - Supper, Gym
5:45-7:15 PM - M² / Music & Missions (3 years-6th grade)
6:15 PM - ONE (7th-12th grades) in the Youth Room
6:00 PM - Adult Bible Study - Reception Room,
Interim Pastor Rob Jackson
6:15 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

ADDRESS LABEL