



THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



Christmas Poinsettia

In Memory/Honor Of: Given By:

Judi Lackey	Russell Lackey
Howard Duncan	Judy Duncan and Family
Joe Smith	Dot Smith and Family
Ed Kitchens	Brenda Kitchens and Family
Annette Banks	Kenneth Banks
Dawson Morris	Jack and Lisa Lumpkin Morris
G. I. Jackson	Lenora Jackson and Family
Barbara Wilson	Lenora Jackson and Family
Oma Jeffcoat	Lenora Jackson and Family
Larry Armstrong	CeCelia Armstrong
Ted Payne and	Cherry Payne
Curtis and Marie McKay	
Gene and Scott Flournoy	Nell Flournoy
Chuck Peppers	Elea, Danny & Marty Peppers
Henry and June Richards	Sandra Wilson & Family
Donnie Richards	Sandra Wilson & Family
Ralph Beasley	Linda Beasley
Virginia Carmichael	Bobby & Angela Carmichael
Ann E. Smith	Bobby & Angela Carmichael
Walt Edmonds	Bette Edmonds
Lez Edmonds	Bette Edmonds
Mom & Dad Dworak	Bette Edmonds
Bradley Fitzgerald	Pam & Neal Kendrick
Grady & Eunice Grimes	David & Terry Grimes
Don & Nelda Miller	David & Terry Grimes
Dr. Alex Johnson	Debbie Johnson
Morris & Peggy Kendrick	Pam & Neal Kendrick
Jim & Betty Martin	Charles & Dinah Bundrick
Linda Westbrook, and	Sandy Harmann
Norman & Bobbie Rahn	
J.C. Conner and Sandy Conner	Brenda Soloman
Moses & Johnnie Mae Stevens	Brenda Soloman
Earl & Clara Watson and	Gray & Judy Watson
Bob & Clara Piper	
Walter & Steve Sievers	Betty Hutchinson
Our Mothers, Polly Sanford	Larry & Jeannie Lanier
and Zem Lanier	
Our 36th Wedding Anniversary	Larry & Jeannie Lanier
Ray & Bonnie Morris	Rebecca Morris, Amanda & Jamie
	Fowler
Craig Hill, Britt Howard,	Jan Howard
Cooper & Hurley Families	
Lubye & Dorothy Paul	Jim & Beverly Crain
Martin & Brenda Glover	Jim & Beverly Crain

LOVE Exhibited in Unity

We are approaching the third week of Advent. The themes of the Advent season include Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Each of these are intertwined and exhibited in the person and presence of Jesus Christ. It is through His coming to earth in human flesh, living among us, demonstrating how we are to live and treat each other that these attributes are fully revealed.

Several years ago, when I was still early in my ministry, the chairman of deacons at that time challenged us to memorize Romans 12. I did so, but over time I am afraid I have only retained the first two verses that I can recite with surety. Our recent Experiencing God study has awakened me to understand why this deacon thought the chapter was important for our memorization. It speaks to both our individual and corporate responsibility to Christ and His Church.

It starts with Paul urging us to present our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God...to not conform to the standards of the world but to live according to God's calling—renewing our minds through a constant dependency upon Him. As a result, we will know His pure and perfect will (verses 1-2).

It goes on to explain how God's people are joined together as a church body. He illustrates this through sharing the interconnectedness and interdependency of the parts of the body. Each part has a function and when one is absent or impaired the whole body is affected (verses 3-8).

The second half of the chapter is about love. He explains how we are to love one another, be devoted to one another, honor one another even above ourselves (v 10). He goes further to share that this love is displayed through harmonious living (v 16).

Harmonious living—unity. Here is where sometimes we make a mistake. We think harmony means unanimity or being unanimous on each issue that arises. That is probably impossible on this side of Heaven. However, we can be unified even when we disagree if we have true love for each other. In music, harmony occurs when notes are sounded simultaneously to produce chords that are pleasing to the listener. In chordal progressions there are often dissonant chords that produce a strident, harsh, or grating effect. These chords when sounded in isolation are usually not very pleasing to the ear, however they can add musical interest to the piece, and when resolved to a more pleasing consonant chord there is a release of energy that is exhilarating.

In the church we will never have complete agreement on every issue, however we can agree on the main thing that in God alone, revealed in the personage of Jesus Christ, we have Hope and when we receive that Hope we can live in Peace with one another.

This season clothe yourself in God's love. Live in harmony with those in the fellowship. Extend grace and forgiveness generously. Then JOY will fill your heart and our fellowship this most blessed season!

God bless you all!

Pastor Keith Pate

***Please pick up poinsettias at the end of the
Christmas Eve Service, Sunday, December 24.***



The River Region Band presented a tremendous, festive Christmas concert this past Sunday at Eastern Hills Baptist Church! Their directors, Dale Worth and Major Joe Hansen (USAF), led the group in an uplifting and exciting instrumental program. The group was comprised of approximately 30 instrumentalists. Our own Mark Spain is a member of this delightfully entertaining band.

EHBC'S GOAL: \$32,000
TOTAL COLLECTED: \$15,149.00

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Church Office will be closed
 Monday, December 25, Tuesday, December 26,
 and Monday, January 1.

There will be no Wednesday services, activities or
 supper on December 20 and December 27 due to the
 upcoming holidays. Wednesday services, activities, &
 supper will resume on Wednesday, January 3.

VOLUNTEERS Needed

REALITY AND TRUTH

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



SANCTUARY FLOWERS | December 17, 2023

In Loving Memory of
Jason Armstrong on the
 anniversary of his birthday
 given by the Armstrong family.

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

IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, December 17 | 10:30 AM

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Jay Stewart

BUDGET REPORT

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Budget Requirements	\$1,432,075.50
Budget Receipts	1,219,100.44
UNDER BUDGET	212,975.06

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, December 10, 2023

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 176
Remote..... 33

WORSHIP

Worship Care.....9
Worship Service.....213
Total Worship.....222

WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

DECEMBER 10, 2023

Budget Requirements	\$28,641.51
Budget Receipts	24,865.54
UNDER BUDGET	3,775.97

DESIGNATED

Designated \$5,185.00

Wednesday Night Schedule

There will be no Wednesday services, activities or supper on December 20 and December 27 due to the upcoming holidays. Wednesday services, activities, & supper will resume on Wednesday, January 3.

Hot Meal: January 3, 2024

Spaghetti, mixed vegetables, mixed green salad, garlic toast and chocolate cake.



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.

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.

YEAR END GIVING

We are in the last month to give to our church for this calendar year. If you have any questions concerning your year-to-date contributions, please contact Donna Brown at 272-0604. Remember, all gifts must be received at the church or postmarked by December 31 in order to get proper credit for 2023 contributions.

ONLINE GIVING

If you give online as a recurring giver, make sure your gifts do not end at year end. You can also go online to verify your gifts for 2023.

If you need assistance with your online giving, please call the church office at 272-0604.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The offering envelopes are available and are located in the Library Hallway.



December 17
Children's Worship
Bible Skills, Drills & Thrills

CHRISTMAS CARDS

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.

Volunteers Needed for Food Distribution

Friday, December 15 at 1:00 p.m.

- Meet in the EHBC gym to prepare bags for distribution on Saturday.

Saturday, December 16 9:00 a.m.

- Meet in the EHBC gym to prepare for distribution.



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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 14, 2024.)

TUESDAY

6:00 AM - Men's Prayer Meeting in the RR
(Men's Prayer Meeting will not meet December 19, 26,
or January 2. We will resume on January 9, 2024.)

WEDNESDAY

There will be no services or activities on Wednesday, December 20, and Wednesday, December 27, due to the Christmas Holidays.

Wednesday services, activities, & supper will resume on Wednesday, January 3.

***We hope you and your family have a Merry Christmas
and a blessed New Year!***

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