



THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

Dear Church Family,

As the Pastor Search Committee begins their work, we would like to ask you to join us in prayer. Over the next few weeks, would you pray and:

- Ask the Lord to have His hand upon the body of Eastern Hills Baptist Church as the process of searching for a pastor begins, asking that He would give our church one heart and one mind as we prepare for our next pastor.
- Ask the Lord to give the Pastor Search Committee deep wisdom and unity of spirit as they begin their work.
- Lift up the man God has prepared for Eastern Hills. Ask God to increase this man's love for Him, His Word, and others.

Gratefully,
Pastor Search Committee

Pastor Search Committee Update:

On Sunday, December 17, Ken McGraw, Chair of the Pastor Search Committee, gave the following brief update.

- The Pastor Search Committee has met three times.
- Officers are Ken McGraw-Chair, Dr. Martin Glover-Vice Chair, and Taylor Noah-Secretary.
- The Committee met with State Missionary, Ken Allen, who trains pastor search committees across the state. Mr. Allen guided the committee in the next steps and emphasized that prayer is crucial to the process of searching for a pastor.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Church Office will be closed on the following days:

Monday, December 25
Tuesday, December 26
Monday, January 1

There will be no Wednesday services, activities or supper on December 27 due to the upcoming holidays.

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

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God...and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." John 1:1; 14 ESV

As we celebrate Christmas, we remember that God became flesh. The incarnation of God coming to earth in the person of Jesus. These terms are difficult for us to understand with our finite human wisdom. It goes against what we know as the 'norm' in nature. The unbelieving mind is confused by this truth.

As sinful people we are not capable of coming to God by our own efforts. God in His love and mercy came to earth to save us because we were not capable of going to Him. The mystery of the incarnation that God loved us and sent His son to save us from our sins is the 'Miracle of Christmas'.

From His birth in the manger, Jesus was recognized as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Wise men brought him gifts and shepherds bowed down and worshiped Him. Over two thousand years later we are still worshiping Him. Like Thomas, our response today must be to bow down and confess, "My Lord and my God!" John 20:28

I never celebrate Christmas without thinking of the thousands of people who are lonely and troubled. Christmas is a hard time for many that are dealing with loneliness and isolation. Christmas is God's reminder that we are not alone. God has come down from heaven to tell us He loves us. He is here to give us hope and to offer us forgiveness for our sins. The Christmas message is still the same. Christmas reminds us that Christ is with us. If you are lonely this Christmas, welcome Christ into your life. Then ask Him to help you reach out to someone else who is lonely and show that person His Love.

From the Harrison's home, we wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year!

Pastor Dan Harrison



Christmas Poinsettia

In Memory/Honor Of: Given By:

Judi Lackey	Russell Lackey
Howard Duncan	Judy Duncan & Family
Joe Smith	Dot Smith & Family
Ed Kitchens	Brenda Kitchens & Family
Annette Banks	Kenneth Banks
Dawson Morris	Jack & Lisa Lumpkin Morris
G. I. Jackson	Lenora Jackson & Family
Barbara Wilson	Lenora Jackson & Family
Oma Jeffcoat	Lenora Jackson & Family
Larry Armstrong	CeCelia Armstrong
Ted Payne and	Cherry Payne
Curtis & Marie McKay	
Gene & Scott Flournoy	Nell Flournoy
Chuck Peppers	Elea, Danny & Marty Peppers
Henry & 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	Neal & Pam Kendrick
Morris & Peggy Kendrick	Neal & Pam Kendrick
Grady & Eunice Grimes	David & Terry Grimes
Don & Nelda Miller	David & Terry Grimes
Dr. Alex Johnson	Debbie Johnson
Jim & Betty Martin	Charles & Dinah Bundrick
Linda Westbrook, and	Sandy Harmann
Norman & Bobbie Rahn	
J.C. Conner, Sandy Conner	Brenda Solomon & Family
Moses & Johnnie Mae Stevens	Brenda Solomon & Family
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
	Jan Howard
Craig Hill, Britt Howard,	
Cooper & Hurley Families	
Luby & Dorothy Paul	Jim & Beverly Crain
Martin & Brenda Glover	Jim & Beverly Crain

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

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

EHBC'S GOAL: \$32,000
TOTAL COLLECTED: \$20,006.00

100% of your gifts to the
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®
enable gospel transformation
among the unreached.

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The Lord's Supper
will be served at the
worship service,
Sunday, January 7, 2024.

A benevolence offering will
be taken at the close of the
service as you exit.

EHBC EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

- DAYCARE DIRECTOR
- DAYCARE TEACHER

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

VOLUNTEERS Needed

REALITY AND TRUTH

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



IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, December 24 | 10:30 AM

Interim Pastor: Dr. Rob Jackson

“Love is Seen Because of Christmas”

Luke 2:1-7

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, December 17, 2023

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 207

Remote..... 37

WORSHIP

Worship Care..... 9

Worship Service..... 226

Total Worship..... 235



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to provide flowers in the sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one, please call the church office.

BUDGET REPORT

YTD BUDGET REPORT

Budget Requirements \$1,460,717.01

Budget Receipts 1,245,482.15

UNDER BUDGET 215,234.86

WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

DECEMBER 17, 2023

Budget Requirements \$28,641.51

Budget Receipts 26,381.71

UNDER BUDGET 2,259.80

DESIGNATED

Designated \$5,297.00

Wednesday Night Schedule

There will be no Wednesday services, activities or supper on December 27 due to the upcoming holidays.

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Hot Meal: January 3, 2024

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

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.



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

December 24

Children's Worship
Bible Skills, Drills & Thrills

Praying with Color

Like to Doodle? Like to pray? Let's put it together and have an intentional way to pray for someone that leaves a legacy or creates a valuable ministry for someone!

Let's journey together to create a memorable praying experience. Being artistic is NOT a requirement!

Date/Time: Sunday, ^{*}January 21, 2024 | 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Led By: Karen Gosselin

Cost: \$5.00

Items Needed: Bring 2 to 4 of your favorite colored pens . If you forget, don't worry, we have plenty.

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Sign up online or call the church office.

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(Park on Karen Road side near playground.)

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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.)
5:00 PM - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Dec. 24)

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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