



# THE MESSENGER

## EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

### Celebrating the Christmas Season

The Christmas season is one of the most memorable times of the year in the life of a church. It is a season when people are especially receptive to discussing spiritual things. Here are eight ideas you can do during this Christmas season:

- 1. Don't stop at the birth story.** The Christmas story is powerful—God came to dwell among us as a baby in Bethlehem. But this birth narrative is only part of the redemption story. Jesus grew, lived a sinless life, was crucified for sinners, buried, and rose again. Don't assume everyone you are in contact with is a follower of Christ. Let them hear the Gospel.
- 2. Look for ways to celebrate with others.** Reach out to others during this time of the year. It provides an opportunity to build relationships with neighbors. Take them some cookies or hot chocolate.
- 3. Open your eyes to see the needs around our community.** The “y'all come” mentality is not what is needed. Granted, we do desire people to come to our services. However, let Christmas be a springboard to point our church to the needs around you. This is a perfect time to meet some of these needs.
- 4. Christmas can enhance our giving to others.** At Christmas, people are open to giving. God gave; therefore, we give. Capitalize on the giving spirit during this special time of celebration.
- 5. Embrace those persons whom you haven't seen since “Easter.”** Don't jest, “Happy Easter; I'll see you then.” Instead, open your arms of love to these people who haven't attended in a while.
- 6. Reach inwardly.** Intentionally go through the church Sunday school rolls and invite everyone to celebrate the coming of the Newborn King this Christmas season.
- 7. Reach outwardly.** Again, people are receptive to the Gospel during Christmas. This time provides an opportunity to share Christ with friends and acquaintances. At a minimum, offer gospel tracts for your members to include in their gifts to others.
- 8. Capitalize on all the pageantry of the Christmas story.** Let's get busy inviting people to all our special celebrations at EHBC.

These are only a few suggestions. Whatever you do, remember the hope of the world has come wrapped in swaddling clothes.

God bless you,

**Brother Rob Jackson**



**SUN, DEC 10, 2023 | 3:00 PM**

*Eastern Hills Baptist Church*

**3604 Pleasant Ridge Road  
Montgomery, AL 36109**

**EHBC'S GOAL: \$32,000**  
**TOTAL COLLECTED: \$11,624.00**

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

[imb.org/lottiemoon](http://imb.org/lottiemoon)

Thank you to everyone who brought cookies to share at the fellowship following our Simply Christmas Music Program. It was a wonderful evening of music and fellowship!





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

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

NO CHILDCARE FOR EVENING SERVICE



## IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, December 10 | 10:30 AM

Interim Pastor: Rob Jackson

“There is Peace Because of Christmas”

Luke 2:8-14

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday, December 3, 2023

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 214

Remote..... 29

### WORSHIP

Worship Care..... 5

Worship Service..... 184

Total Worship..... 189



### 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.

## BUDGET REPORT

### YTD BUDGET REPORT

Budget Requirements \$1,403,433.99

Budget Receipts 1,194,234.90

UNDER BUDGET 209,199.09

### WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

DECEMBER 3, 2023

Budget Requirements \$28,641.51

Budget Receipts 31,570.00

OVER BUDGET 2,928.49

### DESIGNATED

Designated \$8,226.00

### Wednesday Night Supper

December 13 | 5:00 PM - GYM

Hot Meal: *Smothered center-cut pork chop, with cornbread dressing and gravy, King's Table green beans, squash casserole, roll and banana pudding.*

Sign up online, on the Realm App, under the Events tab at [easternhills.church](http://easternhills.church) or call the church office.

\$8 per person, \$30 max per household.

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

## 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](http://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.

## LIBRARY MEMORIAL:

The childrens book,  
"The Gift I Can Give" by  
Kathie Lee Gifford,  
given in memory of  
*baby Dallas Walker*,  
by the Sisters in Christ  
Sunday School Class



**December 10**  
**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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## 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 - M<sup>2</sup> / 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