

THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH





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!

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





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.





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 10 | 10:30 AM Interim Pastor: Rob Jackson "There is Peace Because of Christmas" Luke 2:8-14



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 or call the church office.

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

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

SIS 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.

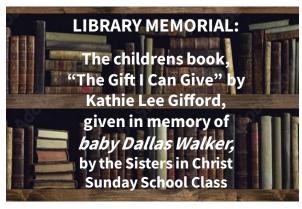
YEAR END GIVING

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.





December 10 Children's Worship Bible Skills, Drills & Thrills



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 - 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