

THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

Women's Ministry Winter Bible Study

*He's Where the Joy Is
God of the Trinity
Tara-Leigh Cobble*

*Begins January 16th
7 Weeks*

*Tuesdays @ 9:30 AM
EHBC Reception Room
Facilitated by Susan McKim*

Anniversary Celebration



**Congratulations to
Keith Pate who
completes 19 years
as Minister of Music
on January 12th!**

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

**Our Quarterly Church Business
Meeting will be
Wednesday, January 17
at 6:00 p.m.
in the Reception Room.**



CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

**The 2023 Contribution Statements will
be available to be picked up after Sunday
School this Sunday in the CLC Lobby.**

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Matthew 5:8.

Who are the pure in heart?

Recently a friend gave me a New Testament which included a daily plan for reading it through in a year. Each day there is a Scripture reading with a brief synopsis/devotional thought about the passage. Recently I read from Matthew 5. The above verse stood out and caused me to pause for reflection. I immediately went back to John 15:5, *I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.*

Blessed are the pure in heart. This does not necessarily mean "happy." Circumstances can and do affect our happiness. The phrase relates more closely to feeling hopeful, having a purpose or direction. This hopefulness comes from our relationship with Jesus Christ—the Vine.

Purity of heart – what does this mean? After some research I found the following definitions, clean, blameless, unstained from guilt. The meaning in the passage goes deeper than merely a representation as seen in our behavior. It is not about keeping a set of rules, rituals, or prescribed regulations. It is about our character, who we are when no one is watching.

One commentator wrote the following.

*Being **pure in heart** involves having a **singleness of heart toward God**. A pure heart has no hypocrisy, no guile, no hidden motives. The pure heart is marked by transparency and an **uncompromising desire to please God in all things**. It is more than an external purity of behavior; It is an **internal purity of soul**.*


Purity of heart only comes through complete submission of our lives into the hands of Jesus. He does the cleansing. He does the changing of heart. He refines our attitudes and forms us in His image. Psalm 1:10 says, *Create in me a clean heart, O God and renew a steadfast spirit within me.* God cleanses, sanctifies, and helps us remain steadfast in our daily walk with Him.

The words of an old hymn written by J. Edwin Orr express it best, as we abide in Christ may this be our prayer as we begin 2024. If we truly surrender to His will, we will bear much fruit both individually and as the Body of Christ – Eastern Hills!

*Search me, O God, and know my heart today.
Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts I pray.
See if there be some wicked way in me.
Cleanse me from every sin and set me free.*

*Lord, take my life, for I would live for You.
Fill my poor heart with Your great love so true.
Take all my will, my passion, self, and pride.
I now surrender; Lord in me abide.*

Pastor Keith



GRIEF SHARE

If you or someone you know has lost a love one and would like to join our Grief Share Group, please contact the church office.

We will meet on Sunday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. The next class will begin on Sunday, February 4, 2024.

CHURCH EVENT CALENDAR

For ALL new or recurring events happening at Eastern Hills, you must complete a NEW green Event Request form for any event to be added to the 2024 Church Event Calendar. Please call the church office to check the calendar to see if a date is available for your event. Your event is not confirmed on the church calendar until a green event form is completed and returned to the Pastor's Assistant, Lisa Merrell. If you want the event promoted in The Messenger, please be sure to mark it on the back of the form. These forms may be picked up from Lisa or Sandra.



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.

Eastern Hills Baptist Church (Room 141)
3604 Pleasant Ridge Road, Montgomery, AL 36109

Sign up online or call the church office.

(334) 272-0604 | easternhills.church

(Park on Karen Road side near playground.)

RSVP: awilliams@alsbom.org | Angie 334.320.5179



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

IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, January 14 | 10:30 AM
Interim Pastor: Dr. Rob Jackson
Finding Your Purpose in 2024:
"You Must Be Growing"
Ephesians 4:11-15

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, January 7, 2024

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 209
Remote..... 40

WORSHIP

Worship Care.....5
Worship Service.....168
Total Worship.....173

Wednesday Night Supper
January 17

Hot Meal:

*Poppy seed chicken, rice, pineapple
casserole, turnip greens, roll and peach
cobbler.*

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

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

2023

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Budget Requirements	\$1,518,000.00
Budget Receipts	1,304,862.90
UNDER BUDGET	213,137.10

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2024

WEEKLY REPORT

January 7, 2024

Budget Requirements	\$27,664.96
Budget Receipts	23,699.00
UNDER BUDGET	3,965.96

DESIGNATED

Designated	\$2,836.75
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VBS Workers Needed!

June 2 - 6, 2024

5:00-8:00 PM

Contact **Sandy Harmann**

Vacation Bible School Training

February 24 - Glynwood Baptist Church, Prattville

**Save
The Date**



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.



January 14
Children's Worship
Bible Skills, Drills & Thrills

Mentors Meeting
Everyone is encouraged to attend!
Thursday, January 25
1:00 PM | Room 154
Special Speaker:
Tara Davis, Director of Friendship Mission
They run a women's shelter, a men's shelter and a full-time soup kitchen.

SENIOR EVENTS

Thursday, January 25th, 9:30 AM -
Celebration Singers, Choir Suite

Food Distribution Volunteers

Friday, January 19 at 1:00 p.m.

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

Saturday, January 20 at 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 February 4, 2024.)

TUESDAY

6:00 AM - Men's Prayer Meeting in the RR
9:30 AM - WEM Bible Study 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