

THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



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.

January 1 is the beginning of a new calendar year. It also means wanting to make changes, so we make New Year's resolutions. The two most common resolutions every year are to get fit/lose weight and improve finances. Studies show that 23% of people quit their resolutions by the end of the first week, and 43% quit by the end of January. Only 9% of Americans that make a resolution keep them. Maybe that's why I don't make resolutions anymore.

You know all the old wives' tales: don't clean your house on New Year's Day or you'll wash away any good luck coming your way, open the door at midnight to let the old year out, eat collards and black-eyed peas to bring wealth, or kiss at midnight and this will be our lifelong love. I think there should be one for sleeping in the New Year, like sleep the New Year in and you will be rested and ready to take on the year. I might stay up until 11:00 and the next thing I know it's morning! If I believed in all those tales, I would be in trouble on day one! At my house, New Year's Day means taking down the tree and all the decorations in between watching the Rose Bowl Parade, eating black-eyed peas, and watching football. Luckily, I don't believe those old wives' tales. I just put my faith in Jesus.

If committing to get in the Word and start a plan to read through the Bible in a year is something you've thought about, great! We will call that challenging yourself to create a new routine of spending time with The Father, not a resolution. The more time we spend with Him and in the Word, the more in love with Him we become!

Since Tara-Leigh Cobble came and spoke at the Women's Conference, I started her book "The Bible Recap." I started on April 1, of all days! After getting through the tough chapters, I got to the history and couldn't wait to read God's Word! Isn't that what God desires for us to spend time with Him? During the fall, I got a little off with the busyness of life and work, but I kept going. Just maybe one chapter a day rather than three to five. I picked up where I left off and kept reading. My goal was to read through the Bible. If I did it in a year that would be fantastic! I downloaded the Holy Bible app on my phone, and as I walk my circle, I can listen to God's Word as I read along.

If having a specific time and place to read your Bible is new to you, then start by deciding the time of day and create a space for your prayer closet. This can be a home office, a corner in your bedroom, guest room, or sitting at your table, somewhere quiet and comfortable. Have your Bible, pen, journal, and maybe even a way to play worship music in your prayer closet. After all, praising God is one of the steps in prayer. If we live our life following His Word and His plan for our life, we won't need luck. He will guide us and provide all that we need for a great year ahead. I love my church and I love you.

Happy New Year!
Sandy Harmann

GOAL EXCEEDED!: \$33,598
EHBC GOAL: \$32,000

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Anniversary Celebration



Congratulations to
Donna Brown who
completes 22 years as
Financial Assistant
on January 7th!

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 PM in the Conference Room. The next class will begin on February 4, 2024.

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

SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR

WITH A NEW YEAR BEGINNING, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DEDICATE FLOWERS IN LOVING MEMORY OR IN HONOR OF SOMEONE SPECIAL, PLEASE CONTACT SANDRA WILSON IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

THERE ARE SEVERAL CHANGES WE NEED TO MAKE YOU AWARE OF REGARDING OUR FLORIST. WE HAVE USED ROSEMONT GARDENS IN THE PAST. ON NOVEMBER 1, THEY ANNOUNCED THEY WERE CLOSING THE RETAIL FLORAL SIDE OF THEIR BUSINESS. SINCE THEN, WE HAVE BEEN USING *WHERE THE FLOWERS GLOW*, A NEW FLORIST LOCATED IN EASTBROOK SHOPPING CENTER.

THE NEW COST TO PROVIDE FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY IS \$75. IF YOU HAVE SIGNED UP FOR SANCTUARY FLOWERS IN THE PAST YEAR, SANDRA WILL CONTACT YOU CLOSE TO THE SCHEDULED DATE TO CONFIRM IF YOU STILL WANT TO DO FLOWERS FOR THAT WEEK.

IF YOU WISH TO CHECK, CANCEL OR CHANGE YOUR WEEK, PLEASE CONTACT SANDRA IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS IN ALL YOU DO!

VOLUNTEERS Needed

REALITY AND TRUTH

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



QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

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



EASTERN HILLS
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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.

IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, January 7 | 10:30 AM
Interim Pastor: Dr. Rob Jackson
Finding Your Purpose in 2024:
“You Must Be Growing”
Ephesians 4:11-15

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, December 31, 2023

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 158
Remote..... 35

WORSHIP

Worship Care..... 7
Worship Service..... 147
Total Worship..... 154

Wednesday Night Supper January 10

Hot Meal:

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

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 for the sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one, please call the church office.

BUDGET REPORT

YTD BUDGET REPORT

Budget Requirements	\$1,518,000.00
Budget Receipts	1,297,677.90
UNDER BUDGET	220,322.10

WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2023

Budget Requirements	\$28,641.51
Budget Receipts	20,703.03
UNDER BUDGET	7,938.48

DESIGNATED

Designated	\$6,900.00
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January 7
Children's Worship
Bible Skills, Drills & Thrills

SENIOR ADULT COUNCIL MEETING

The Senior Adult Council will meet on
Thursday, January 11 at 3:00 in the
Reception Room.

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.

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.


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
(Men's prayer meeting will resume on January 9, 2024.)

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