

# THE MESSENGER

## EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

**AMPLIFY 2024**  
Montgomery DNOW Weekend  
Taylor Road Baptist Church

Ephesians 2:10



February 23, 6:00 PM -  
February 25, 12:00 PM  
Cost: \$40

Sign up online, the Realm App,  
or call the church office.

Our theme this year is "Make It Matter". Make It Matter shows how much difference a life empowered by the Word can make; how Jesus is the power source for a life that matters; how God designed us to impact the world together; and how trusting in God's plan is the key to real impact.

Contact Taylor Noah

**Mentors will not meet on Thursday, February 22nd.**  
**Mentors will meet Tuesday, February 20th, at 5:00 PM in the big kitchen. We will be prepping a meal for AUM BCM.**

### Anniversary Celebration



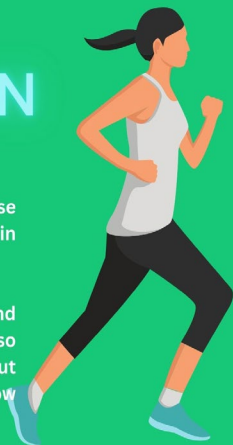
**Congratulations to Lisa Montgomery who completes 1 year as Daycare Director on February 13th!**

## MISSIONS WALK-A-THON

Wednesday, February 21 | GYM  
5:30-5:45 and 7:00-7:15 PM

The GA's & RA's are having a Walk-A-Thon to raise money for a local church plant, Imago Dei in Lowndesboro.

Make a donation when you come to the gym and walk as many laps as you would like. You can also sponsor a GA/RA to walk. You will learn about Davey & Amber Lyon, the church planters, and how God is working in their midst.



### 6 Ways to Build a More Loving Church Family in 2024

Serving as a pastor, I always prayed our congregation would be warm and friendly. A loving church builds up the body and often attracts new members. Each of us can do our part in fostering a gracious and welcoming church. Consider these six simple ways to cultivate an inviting and nurturing church family.

**1. Sit with someone you don't know well.** I get it; we all struggle to leave our "seat." Sitting by someone you don't know well, a guest, or someone who often sits by themselves goes a long way in fostering a friendlier church environment.

**2. Greet each other.** Whether you are a staff member, church leader, or layperson, try to greet everyone with Christ's love. Romans 16:11 says, "Greet one another with a holy kiss." While I don't advocate kissing each other, a friendly handshake, side hug, and words of encouragement are paramount if you want a warm church.

**3. Include everyone.** We must move beyond our "holy huddles" and allow others to join our "group." People are not looking for "friendly churches." They are looking for friends! The difference between a friendly church and a church that fosters friends is in relationships.

**4. Write notes.** I occasionally receive encouraging cards and notes in the mail. These notes make me feel like a million bucks. A text message is good, but a personal letter is 1000 times better. Take time to write a few cards to guests and members.

**5. Smile and laugh with people.** Being a Christian is fun. Sing. Joke. Laugh. People are attracted to congregations that have fun together.

**6. Plan fellowships.** Invite people to eat with you. If you have guests, go out to eat after church. Regularly plan Sunday School/ small group get-togethers and church-wide fellowships. You have heard it said, "A church that prays and plays together stays together."

These six practices can help us build a warmer church. The heart of all these behaviors is the love of Christ Jesus through intentional Christian relationships.

**Loving with you,  
Brother Rob Jackson**





## MAT MINISTRY VOLUNTEER DAY A SUCCESS!

With 21 people from EHBC and 8 people from other churches, the work day on Saturday, February 10 was as much fun as it was helpful! Volunteers ranged from 8 years old to the 80's and from school girls to a deacon! We folded approximately 2700 bags, so our team of cutters can get their part to those who loop in one or two regular sessions, which take place every Tuesday & Thursday morning. After that, it's to the looms for weaving to add to the 460 sleeping mats already completed & distributed to the homeless. Thank you to all our volunteers, and especially to those requesting another such work day soon. For more details on how to help, please contact Karla Groves by email, [karlasmilie626@gmail.com](mailto:karlasmilie626@gmail.com).

**EHBC WOMEN'S MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO**

but God ...

**A Spring Breakfast**  
featuring **Sophie Corder**



**March 9, 2024 | 8:30 AM | Reception Room**  
**\$15 Per Person - Sign up online or through the church office.**

**VBS Workers Needed!**  
**June 2 - 6, 2024**  
**5:00-8:00 PM**  
Contact **Sandy Harmann**

*Vacation Bible School Training, 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM*  
*February 24 - Glynwood Baptist Church, Prattville*





# IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, February 18 | 10:30 AM  
Interim Pastor: Dr. Rob Jackson  
Finding Your Purpose in 2024:  
"You Must Be Sowing"  
2 Corinthians 9:6-14

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday, February 11, 2024

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 212  
Remote..... 23

### WORSHIP

Worship Care.....9  
Worship Service.....179  
Total Worship.....188

# BUDGET REPORT

## YTD BUDGET REPORT

Budget Requirements	\$165,989.80
Budget Receipts	142,682.60
UNDER BUDGET	23,307.16

## WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Budget Requirements	\$27,664.96
Budget Receipts	31,989.38
OVER BUDGET	4,324.42

## DESIGNATED

Designated	\$1,281.00
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## Sanctuary Flowers

February 18, 2024

In Loving Memory of

**John & Buna Mae Arnett**

given by,

Mark & Sandy Arnett Harmann,

Emily and Sarah Grace

**EHBC KIDZ!**  
LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, SOUL, MIND AND STRENGTH

February 18

Children's Worship

Bible Skills, Drills & Thrills

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

February 21

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

*Cost is \$8 per person, \$30 max per household.*

*Reservations must be made by noon on Monday.*

Reservations can be made online, by calling the church office, or by completing a reservation card located in the back of the pews. Completed cards can be placed in the offering plate or boxes.



# Easter Hydrangea

## ORDER FORM

40 Pink Hydrangea are available for those who would like to place a flower in the Sanctuary this Easter in memory or honor of a loved one. Please fill out the area below along with a \$21.00 payment and mail or drop in the offering plate or offering boxes located by the Sanctuary doors. We will print in THE MESSENGER the names of those giving a hydrangea and to whom they are given in memory or honor.

**Deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 24th.**

*You may pick up your hydrangea following the Easter Service on March 31.*

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of \_\_\_\_\_

### SENIOR EVENTS

**Thursday, February 22, 9:30 AM - Celebration Singers, Choir Suite**

**Monday, February 26, 8:00 AM - Breakfast Bunch, Chappy's on Perry Hill Road**

### Food Distribution Volunteers

**Friday, February 16 at 1:00 p.m.**

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

**Saturday, February 17 at 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

#### TUESDAY

6:00 AM - Men's Prayer Meeting in the RR  
9:00 AM - Ladies' Precepts Bible Study, Room 139  
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 - 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