

THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

MOOOO...Who Are You Following?

It is the Lord your God you must follow, and Him you must revere. Keep His commands and obey Him; serve Him and hold fast to Him. Deuteronomy 13:4 (NIV)

Recently, my wife and I had a conversation about how some...many people move in herds. She has bandied the expression..." don't be such a cow" to me for years, challenging me not to be so influenced by the group, rather stand for what's right even if it is uncomfortable or means going down an unplowed path.

For those who did not grow up on a farm, let me paint a picture of how cows move. If you observe a pasture that has a herd of cattle, you will quickly notice smooth trails meandering throughout. The trails lead to various points, the local watering hole, their feeding area, the barn, or sometimes they just hobo about with no real rhyme or reason. You see, cows seldom move as individuals. They follow the leader. The leader could be wise and lead them to the watering hole or mischievous and through a hole in the fence only to end up at the local sale, for you see when we had a cow that led others to tear out of the pasture that is where they ended up.

Unfortunately, people, though we think ourselves much wiser than cows, often are just as prone to follow the herd. Standing alone or with a smaller group can lead to ridicule. It is much easier, more convenient, less taxing, and takes little pondering to follow someone else's lead or better yet a group. We don't even have to understand why we are following or be dogmatically grounded in any philosophical bent. We just float along, gleefully commiserating with those in the group as we journey together. The problem occurs when we don't question the decisions of the group and just join in, sometimes with disastrous results.

The Mama Cass song "Make Your Own Kind of Music" is one I often remember singing in my pre-teens when I thought the world didn't understand me. I internally laugh at myself now as I remember those moody emotional swings of pubescent fickleness. The words of the song have merit even if they are not of a spiritual nature. The chorus says.

You gotta, make your own kind of music, Sing your own special song. Make your own kind of music, even if nobody else sings along.

Following God sometimes, no most of the time, means standing out from the crowd and singing all alone. The passage from Deuteronomy 13 was written to remind the children of Israel false prophets may appear and even do great wonders but beware and make sure you are following the true God. An old hymn, "Follow On," came to mind as I was reflected on this passage.

*Down in the valley with my Savior I would go,
Where the flowers are blooming and the sweet waters flow.
Everywhere He leads me I would follow, follow on,
Walking in His footsteps 'til the crown be won.*

*Down in the valley with my Savior I would go,
Where the storms are sweeping and the dark waters flow.
With His hand to lead me I will never, never fear,
Danger cannot fright me if my Lord is near.*

May we follow God today even when the crowd would lead a different direction!

Pastor Keith

Valentine's Banquet
Tuesday, February 13 | 6:00 PM
\$15 Per Person
 Sign up online, in Sunday School or call the church office by Friday, February 9th.
 Everyone is invited to a night of fun & laughter.
Special Guest: Matt Fore
 Comedian, Magician & Minister

M2 CHILDREN'S VALENTINE NIGHT
 Enjoy a night of fun, games, crafts, and a snack. We will meet in choir class and then go to the Gym.
Preschool - 6th Grade
Wednesday, February 14th
5:45 PM - 7:15 PM
 Bring your Parents and Grandparents to join in the fun!

AMPLIFY 2024
 Montgomery DNOW Weekend
Taylor Road Baptist Church
 Ephesians 2:10
MAKE IT MATTER
 YMSGO EVENT
 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



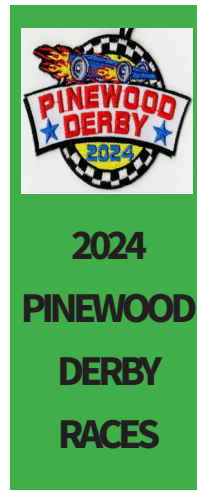
EHBC FINALS

Best Looking Car

- 1st - Ryder Lowe
- 2nd - Jakobe Staley
- 3rd - Caleb Laney

Fastest Car

- 1st - Brody Hilliard
- 2nd - Ryder Lowe
- 3rd - Eli Duncan



MBA FINALS

1ST - 3RD GRADE DIVISION
ELI DUNCAN
 3rd Place
 Fastest Car

4TH - 6TH GRADE DIVISION
BRODY HILLIARD
 2nd Place
 Best Looking Car
 3rd Place
 Fastest Car

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



HOSPICE PANTRY

IT IS TIME TO RESTOCK



On January 9, 2009, we made our first purchase for the Hospice Pantry. In 15 years, Christ has touched so many lives by our pantry. Donations can be made to the Hospice Pantry account. Thank you for helping with this ministry!

MARCH 8-9, 2024
EASTMONT BAPTIST CHURCH
 MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

\$40 PER PERSON
 INCLUDES REGISTRATION,
 SATURDAY LUNCH & T-SHIRT

COURTNEY VEASEY
 Bible Study Leader

March 8 - 9, 2024
 Register by February 23
 Sign up online, the Realm App, or call the church office.

All teen girls, grades 7-12 and their leaders
 Come and bring your girls for a day of
 Solid Bible Teaching,
 Missionary Testimonies,
 Authentic Worship,
 and Relevant Breakouts,
 for today's culture, and more!
 Check-in begins at 7:00 PM on Friday.
 Worship begins at 8:00 PM on Friday.
 Complete concludes by 3:00 PM on Saturday.
 Contact Taylor Noah

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.

IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, February 11 | 10:30 AM
Interim Pastor: Dr. Rob Jackson
Finding Your Purpose in 2024:
"You Must Be Bowing"
Mark 5:1-20

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, February 4, 2024

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 175
Remote..... 40

WORSHIP

Worship Care.....5
Worship Service.....180
Total Worship.....185

BUDGET REPORT

YTD BUDGET REPORT

Budget Requirements \$138,324.80
Budget Receipts 110,694.22
UNDER BUDGET 27,630.58

WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Budget Requirements \$27,664.96
Budget Receipts 28,265.02
OVER BUDGET 600.06

DESIGNATED

Designated \$2,365.00



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.

EHBC KIDZ!

LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, SOUL, MIND AND STRENGTH

February 11
Children's Worship
Bible Skills, Drills & Thrills

NOTE FROM SANDY HARMANN:

If you want to stay connected and get reminders when we have an event, I have created a Remind Group. You will get a text with information you need. If you want to be added to the group, just text 81010 with the message @ehbcch.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

February 14

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

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.

Cost is \$8 per person, \$30 max per household.
Reservations must be made by noon on Monday.

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RETURN BY FEBRUARY 28

ITEMS WILL BE COLLECTED ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT ALL CHURCH BUILDING ENTRANCES AND DURING THE WEEK AT THE KAREN ROAD ENTRANCE.

SUGGESTED FOOD LIST: powdered milk, pudding, pop tarts, dried beans/peas, rice, flour, masa corn, jelly, jell-o, soap, shampoo, deodorant, canned meat, peanut butter, canned fruit, canned vegetables, cereal, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, ramen noodles, pasta, dried/chilis, dried or canned black beans, vienna sausages, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet tissue.

Save
The Date

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



Homeless Mat Ministry

Volunteer Opportunity

Saturday, February 10

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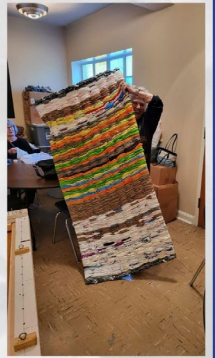
Reception Room

8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

The mats are given to the homeless to help them have a comfortable place to rest. The process to weave a mat is time consuming. The mat can be woven in a day. In order to get to that point, we need your help. We need volunteers to assist by folding, cutting and looping plastic bags. We would love to have you come out and help us in this ministry.

PLEASE RSVP: KARLA GROVES

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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

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 - 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