

THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



WEDNESDAY NIGHT ANNOUNCEMENT

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The adult choir will meet at 6:00 PM.



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, March 29 - The church office will be closed on Good Friday.

Jesus Is The King People Weren't Expecting Him To Be.

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me.³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

5 "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." [a]

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna[b] to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"[c]

"Hosanna[d] in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" ¹¹ The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee." Matthew 21:1-11 (NIV)

When Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, it was the equivalent of walking the red carpet at the Oscars. He was at movie star status. Except, in this case, the red carpet was made of palm fronds spread out for Him to walk on. Palm fronds were a sign of respect and adoration, but also insurrection. The Jewish people had been waiting for the Messiah, their promised deliverer who would save them from oppression (Isaiah 9:6-7). They looked to Jesus to be their liberator and future king. But in a few short days, all of those hopes would be dashed. Fair weather fans of Jesus would scatter. Jesus came to die for the sins of the world, to liberate us in ways God's people were not expecting.

We read about Palm Sunday with the benefit of hindsight. We know the kingdom Jesus established was an eternal one, not an earthly one. Yet, we still find ourselves in the same place as those who were confused when Jesus didn't live up to their expectations.

We, too, can walk through life with expectations for God. While God does wonderful things for us, His plans don't necessarily follow our expectations. In these times, we must decide whether we are faithful followers or fair-weather fans.

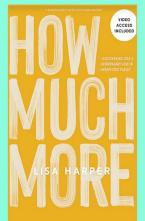
Are we willing to trust God and His plans for our lives — even when things don't look like we thought they would?

Reflect:

- Do you have expectations of God? If so, what are they? Be honest.
- Do you let your expectations and outcomes affect your love and pursuit of God? If so, how? Think back.
- When is the last time God moved in a way you didn't expect? What did you learn from that experience?

Dan Harrison





Mark your calendars for our
Spring Bible Study
beginning March 26th,
at 9:30 AM in the
Reception Room.
This seven week study will be
How Much More by Lisa Harper.
Please join us!

EHBC Women's Ministry

Eastern Hills Acteens and their leaders enjoyed participating in Complete a conference for teen-girls hosted by Alabama WMU.

VBS NEEDS

We are in need of large boxes (appliance size) and the styrofoam from inside the boxes. Please save your card board egg cartons. Please contact Sandy Harmann if you can help with any of these items.



REALITY AND TRUTH

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

WORSHIP CARE

 VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP IN BABIES AND PRESCHOOL WORSHIP CARE ONE SUNDAY EVERY OTHER MONTH

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

• JUNE 2-6 WORKERS NEEDED

Call the church office and let us know how you can help.



Easter Hydrangea

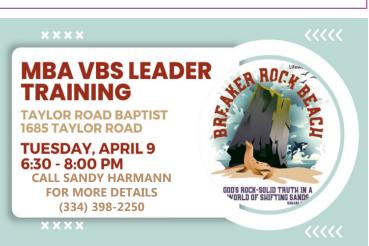
Deadline for ordering is this Sunday, March 24th.

There are 15 Hydrangea 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 order form 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.

NOTE: Hydrangea Outreach

See Sharon Myers to deliver a left-over hydrangea on Easter Sunday to an EHBC guest who lives in Forest Hills.



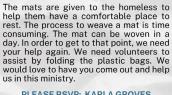




Homeless Mat Ministry

Volunteer Opportunity

Saturday, April 6
EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH
Reception Room
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Coffee & Donuts Provided



PLEASE RSVP: KARLA GROVES karlasmilie626@gmail.com



IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, March 24 | 10:30 AM Interim Pastor: Dr. Rob Jackson Lessons from Easter: "Behold The Lamb!" Luke 19:28-44

ATTENDANCE		4
Sunday, March 17, 202	4	
SUNDAY SCHOOL		
Total In-Person	183	
Remote	31	
WORSHIP		
Worship Care		
Worship Service	161	
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SENIOR EVENTS

Monday, March 25, 8:00 AM - Breakfast Bunch, Chappy's on Perry Hill Road

Tuesday, April 9, 5:30 PM - Catfish House, Millbrook The bus will leave the church at 5:00 PM. Sign up in Sunday School or call the church office.

Thursday, April 11, 9:30 AM - Celebration Singers, Choir Suite

Thursday, April 18, 7:30 PM - Millbrook Players Theater featuring *The Hallelujah Girls*. The bus will leave the church at 6:00 PM. Tickets are \$15. You can sign up & pay online, or in Sunday School and pay in the church office. *Please sign up and pay for tickets no later than Monday, April 15.*

BUDGET REPORT

YTD BUDGET REPORT

Budget Requirements	\$304,314.56
Budget Receipts	256,393.58
UNDER BUDGET	47,920.98

WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

March 17, 2024

Budget Requirements	\$27,664.96
Budget Receipts	32,080.00
OVER BUDGET	4,415.04

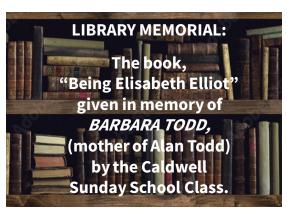
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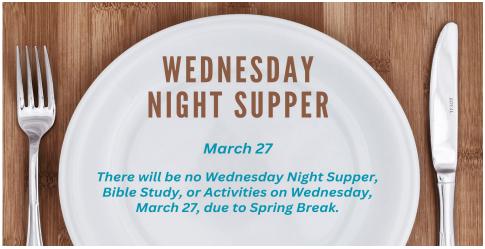
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March 24
Children's Worship
Bible Skills, Drills & Thrills









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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

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POSTAGE

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