

THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

FOCUSED

One of the casualties of aging to which I find myself a victim is the dimming of the eyes. Ecclesiastes 12 counsels the young person to remember God, their Creator, in their youth before the aging process takes over and various faculties, as listed in verses 1-7, are diminished.

Clear eyesight when we are young may be something we take for granted. However, as we age the realization that our vision is not as sharp as it once was takes hold. "Readers" become standard fare for all intricate tasks. Our once keen laser sharp focus is now blurry and in need of help to restore its youthfulness. That restoration is found through glasses or some sort of rejuvenating surgery. Especially in the early stages of this degenerative eye problem we may be able to fake it and get by, but eventually we must relent and do something to correct the problem.

There is a parallel between physical and spiritual vision. "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" was written in the early 20th century. The hymn writer, Helen Lemmel, was strongly influenced by the artist and later little-known missionary, Lilia Trotter. Miss Trotter started off as an aspiring artist but early on felt a call from God to reach the lost. She began her ministry by rescuing prostitutes from the streets of London. Later she went to Africa, without missionary funding, and served for over forty years. While there she penned a poem that would greatly influence the writing of the hymn "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus." The poem was entitled "Focused: A Story and Song."

The poem centers around focusing one's attentions fully and completely upon God. She writes that Satan knows that if a person uses all their powers of concentration on being led by God's Spirit, they will have a great intensity and impact upon those to whom they are called to minister. Lilia Trotter, writing in a more formal use of the English language than we are accustomed, shares some timeless insights which could very easily have been written today but with a different accent. She writes: "Never has it been so easy to live in half a dozen good harmless worlds at once—art, music, social science, games, motor-ing, the following of some profession, and so on. And between them we run the risk of drifting about, the 'good' hiding the 'best' even more effectually than it could be hidden downright frivolity with its smothered heartache at its own emptiness."

The "good" hiding the "best" leads us to emptiness. Could this be true of us today especially as American Christians? Have we sought the "good" while missing the "best"? The chorus of the hymn, which we will be singing in worship this Sunday, says it best.

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light
of His glory and grace.*

Keith Pate

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

MAKE JESUS KNOWN

EHBC GOAL: \$18,000

COLLECTED: \$3,057.00

100% of your gifts support North American missionaries

North American Mission Board AnnieArmstrong.com

Reminder to

SPRING FORWARD

Daylight Savings Time
March 10, 2024

Renew
a day away with friends

April 13, 2024
First Baptist Church, Trussville

\$35 per person
Register by April 5

Join us at Renew 2024 for:
Outstanding Bible teaching, moving worship, a missions focus, an environment for spiritual renewal, time with friends and the WorldCrafts store

Bible Study Leader:
Rendee Wilks
Speaker and Pastor's Wife

MORE INFORMATION:
AlabamaWMU.org/Renew
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REGISTER HERE!



INTRODUCING

MELISSA LIST
Daycare Director
March 1, 2024

CARPENTERS FOR CHRIST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Proceeds go to support
Carpenters for Christ
men's mission group



Tuesday, April 16, 2024
Arrowhead Country Club

Shotgun Start 8:30 AM, Scramble format

Entry fee is \$100 and includes: green fees, cart,
range balls, mulligans, golf balls, towel, lunch, drinks, and prizes

PRIZES For:

1st and 2nd Place Teams along with longest drives for all age categories, Closest to
the pin on all par 3 holes, random drawings and more

Seniors Age 70 and over – hit from the #4 Tees
55-69 Hit from the #3 Tees
All others hit from the #2 Tees

On-site check-in begins at 7:30 am. Lunch served after golf
Deadline for registration is 10 April 2024

Register as teams or individually, Registration forms available at the Arrowhead
Pro shop or the church office. Call Dave Furst, (334) 652-3355, Larry Kennedy,
(334) 312-8088 or Don Walker (334) 277-3257 to register or with questions.

Thank you for helping us build for God's Kingdom

EHBC KIDZ!

EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, MARCH 16 | 10:00-11:30 AM

FUN
GAMES

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Contact
Sandy
Harmann

THE PINES
Eastern Hills Baptist Church

In case of rain, event will be moved to the Gym.

Art for Annie

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 | 9:00 AM - NOON

ART/CRAFT ITEMS WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR DONATION AND/OR PURCHASE IN THE GYM,
BEFORE SUNDAY SCHOOL & AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE.

THESE ITEMS HAVE BEEN LOVINGLY
CREATED BY OUR GA'S & RA'S.

THE PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT THE
ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING.

THE BLIND MOVIE PODCAST

THE ROBERTSON FAMILY STORY

Senior Movie Night
Thursday, March 14
6:00 p.m. | Reception Room
Hotdog Supper
\$6.00 Per Person

In 1960s Louisiana,
future "Duck Dynasty" star
Phil Robertson falls in love and starts
a family, but his demons
soon threaten to tear everyone apart.
As he seeks to conquer the shame
of his past, he ultimately
finds redemption in an unlikely place.

Mentors Meeting

Thursday, March 28

1:00 PM | Room 154

Come hear the exciting
news about
Christmas in August!

"IT IS THE HIGH POINT OF THE YEAR.
ADVENTURE WEEKEND IS GLORIFYING
THE LORD BY MAKING DISCIPLES."
-DON, LAKESIDE BAPTIST

Cost: \$35
Contact:
Sandy Harmann



Register through
the link below:

<https://alabamamen.org/event/adventure-weekend-3/>

MARCH 22-23, 2024 | 1ST-6TH GRADE BOYS
SHOCCO SPRINGS ADVENTURE CAMP

IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, March 10 | 10:30 AM
Interim Pastor: Dr. Rob Jackson
Lessons from Easter:
“When Lazarus Dies”
John 11:1-15

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, March 3, 2024

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 183
Remote..... 31

WORSHIP

Worship Care.....4
Worship Service.....163
Total Worship.....167

SENIOR EVENTS

Thursday, March 14, 9:30 AM - Celebration Singers, Choir Suite

Thursday, March 14, 6:00 PM - Senior Movie Night and Hotdog Supper. Cost is \$6.00 per person. The movie will be The Blind. You can sign up in Sunday School, register online or call the church office.

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

Thursday, March 28, 9:30 AM - Celebration Singers, Choir Suite

Tuesday, April 9, 5:30 PM - Catfish House, Millbrook
The bus will leave the church at 5:00 PM.

BUDGET REPORT

YTD BUDGET REPORT

Budget Requirements	\$248,984.64
Budget Receipts	210,439.08
UNDER BUDGET	38,545.56

WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

March 3, 2024

Budget Requirements	\$27,664.96
Budget Receipts	29,753.00
OVER BUDGET	2,088.04

DESIGNATED

Designated	\$2,820.00
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Food Distribution Volunteers

Friday, March 15 at 1:00 p.m.

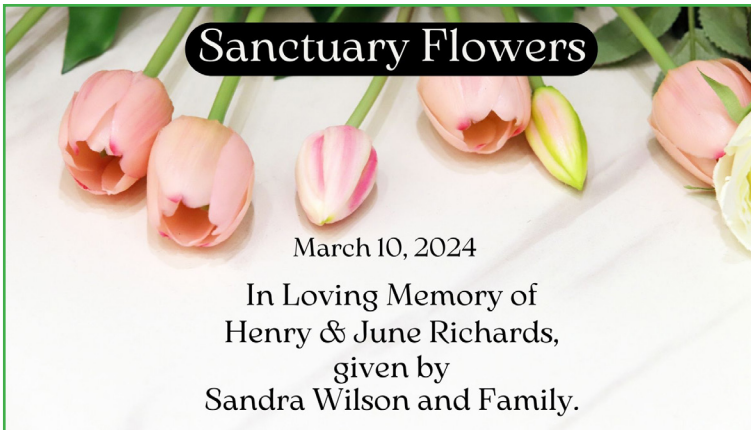
- Meet in the EHBC gym to prepare bags for distribution on Saturday.

Saturday, March 16 at 9:00 a.m.

- Meet in the EHBC gym to prepare for distribution.



Sanctuary Flowers



March 10, 2024

In Loving Memory of
Henry & June Richards,
given by
Sandra Wilson and Family.



March 10
Children’s Worship
Bible Skills, Drills & Thrills

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

March 13

Meatloaf/sauce, mashed potatoes, steamed cabbage, corn muffin and fried apple pie

*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

March 16 Easter Egg Hunt | 10:00-11:30 AM | The Pines

March 28 Maundy Thursday Service, 6:00 PM
A meditative and reflective Lord's Supper Service centered on our brokenness and Christ's redemption.

March 29 Good Friday - Church office will be closed.

March 31 Easter Celebration:
Sunday School 9:15 AM | Worship 10:30 AM
Covered dish luncheon after Worship Service in the Reception Room. RSVP to church office by Thursday, March 28.

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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