

THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

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Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering

EHBC GOAL:
\$18,000

COLLECTED:
\$17,264.00

MAKE JESUS KNOWN

100% of your gifts support North American missionaries

North American Mission Board AnnieArmstrong.com

GA/RA MISSION PROJECT

Saturday, April 13, 7:00 AM - The GA'S & RA'S will be traveling to Imago Dei Church at the 45 in Lowndesboro, AL. They will deliver a check for the amount raised in The Missions Walk-A-Thon and help with their food outreach. We will meet at the church at 6:50 AM and return back by 11:30 AM. Please contact Sandy Harmann at (334) 398-2250 if you can attend.

Don't Be Near Sighted...Look Beyond Yourself!

Recently, after a prompting through a conversation with some dear friends, I read an article entitled "The Story Behind Soaring Myopia Among Kids." It was an article published by National Public Radio in October 2023. It stated the following:

The World Health Organization warns that by 2030, 40% of the world's population will be nearsighted. In the U.S. alone, myopia rates have soared over the past 50 years, from 25% in 1971 to nearly 42% in 2017. Many of these cases are in children—who are becoming nearsighted at increasingly younger ages. In China, where they specifically track early onset myopia, over 80% of teens and young adults are nearsighted.

Many experts now agree that there is a resulting shift in how children spend most of their time and subsequent nearsightedness. Children are spending too little time outside, too much

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time indoors, often staring at screens. The article states: "For a young child whose eyes are still developing, **these habits cause their eyes to prioritize near vision rather than distance vision.** In turn, their eyeballs begin to elongate, triggering nearsightedness."

When this information was shared with me, I immediately began to draw a spiritual parallel. In Philippians 2, the Apostle Paul encourages us to be imitators of Christ and to treat each other with respect and exercise humility in all our dealings. Philippians 2:3-5 says:

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.

When we are self-consumed, which often leads to depression and anxiety, we become fixated on our problems; whether these are physical infirmities, monetary issues, job security, trying to fit in with a particular group, or looking to the past where seemingly were your best days. This nearsighted disposition leads us to only see the bleakness of our situation.

However, as Christians, when we look beyond our immediate discomfort and discover ways we can help someone else, our attitude shifts. Our purpose for living is renewed. We discover God has something bigger in mind for us.

Even if we are not as mobile as we once were, or even home-bound, there are still ways we can be of service to the Kingdom. First, we can **pray**. Pray for the ministers, Sunday School teachers, missions' leadership, children's music and missions' leaders, choir, deacons, pastor search team, sound and media teams, outreach leadership, and more. Secondly, **call or send cards** to others when God places them on your heart. Encouraging words have great influence on those who are serving. These are just a few ideas which will help build the church and help it move forward.

If you are in church on a weekly basis, **be a welcoming personality**. Welcome visitors with a smile. Invite them to sit with you in worship. Take them to lunch with your family. Get to know them and help them connect with a group in the body to grow in their faith.

As we move forward at Eastern Hills **let us develop farsightedness** and look beyond our own immediate needs and reach out to those around us. God has a future and a plan for us as we serve together!

Keith Pate



July 8-12 | Monday - Friday

Worship Arts Camp is open to students that have completed 2nd grade through 12th grade. Campers are divided by grade levels: 2nd-5th grades, 6th grade, 7th-12th grades.

12 spaces available for early rate of \$320.

After those are filled, rate is \$340.

Register & pay \$100 deposit on realm.org/registration events or contact Joy, 272-0604 ext.214 or joy@ehbconline.com.

\$100 scholarship available to first 10 students with "Perfect Attendance" in Choir.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Our Quarterly Church Business

Meeting will be

Wednesday, April 17

at 6:00 p.m.

in the Reception Room.



EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

Eastern Hills Celebration Singers and Voices of Victory (Heritage BC)

Mini-Choir Tour "Until Then", April 24-26

Ministry Venues

- Piedmont Healthcare Center
- FBC-Piedmont
- FBC-Wedowee

"Until Then" Homecoming Worship Service at EHBC, Sunday, April 28, 5:00 PM

Make plans to attend this time of worship led by our Senior Adult Choirs.

Mentors Meeting

Thursday, April 25

1:00 PM | Room 154

Gracie Sullivan will be

sharing about her experiences while teaching English in East Asia!



VBS NEEDS

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

Resurrection Sunday A beautiful day of worship!

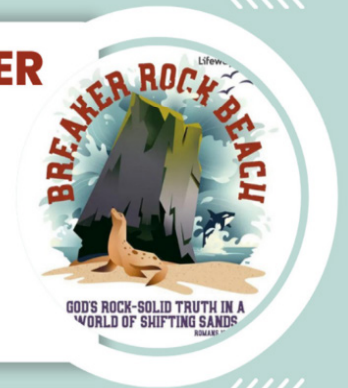


MBA VBS LEADER TRAINING

TAYLOR ROAD BAPTIST
1685 TAYLOR ROAD

TUESDAY, APRIL 9
6:30 - 8:00 PM

CALL SANDY HARMANN
FOR MORE DETAILS
(334) 398-2250



MOM & ME SPRING FLING 2024

April 19-20, 2024
at WorldSong Missions Place

JOIN US FOR AN ACTION-PACKED, OVERNIGHT CAMP THAT WILL:

- be filled with fun camp activities like crafts, hiking, canoeing, archery, s'mores around the campfire and so much more
- provide meaningful, memorable one-on-one time for you and your daughter
- strengthen your desire to be a part of God's mission in the world

For girls in grades K-6 and their moms
\$65 per person
Register by April 11

Camp runs Friday 6:00 PM through Saturday 3:00 PM

Contact Sandy Harmann
Register online, the Realm App
or call the church office.



IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, April 7 | 10:30 AM
Interim Pastor: Dr. Rob Jackson
"There is Hope"
I Thessalonians 1:1-10

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, March 31, 2024

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 230
Remote..... 27

WORSHIP

Worship Care.....14
Worship Service.....350
Total Worship.....364
3/28 Maundy Thursday.....110

SENIOR EVENTS

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

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 6:30 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.*

Tuesday, April 30, 6:00 PM - Montgomery Biscuits Baseball Game. The bus will leave the church at 5:00 PM. Tickets are \$17. 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 Wednesday, April 24.*

BUDGET REPORT

YTD BUDGET REPORT

Budget Requirements	\$359,644.48
Budget Receipts	295,453.73
UNDER BUDGET	64,190.75

WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

March 31, 2024

Budget Requirements	\$27,664.96
Budget Receipts	13,681.75
UNDER BUDGET	13,983.21

DESIGNATED

Designated	\$4,650.00
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SENIOR ADULT COUNCIL MEETING

The Senior Adult Council will meet on Thursday, April 11, at 2:30 PM in the Reception Room.

Sign up online or in Sunday School.

Revive

FREE ADMISSION
Monday, May 6
9:30 AM - Noon
Glynwood Baptist Church
Prattville, Alabama

SENIOR ADULT EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

SPEAKER
Sammy Gilbreath

SPECIAL MUSIC
Guy Penrod



April 7
Children's Worship
Bible Skills, Drills & Thrills

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

April 10

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.

Spring Celebration

PICNIC AT EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

This is a free community wide event!

Sunday, May 5

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Hot Dogs and Hamburgers

Inflatables, Pony Rides, Petting Zoo and so much more!

Invite someone to join you!

3604 Pleasant Ridge Road

Montgomery, AL 36109

SEE YOU AT THE PINES!



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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