



THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

Please mark your calendar as follows:

Saturday, July 13, 3:00 PM - Reception Room

We invite you to join the Pastor Search Committee for an opportunity to meet our pastoral candidate and his family. This will be a meet and greet session that will include a question and answer time. *Childcare will be offered for children birth to four years. Parents will need to call the church office by Thursday, July 11, to sign up for childcare.*

Sunday, July 14, 10:30 AM

The pastoral candidate and his family will be introduced in the morning service, and he will preach in view of a call. Following the morning worship service, we will vote by ballot to determine if a call will be extended. You must be present at the service to vote.

DON'T GIVE UP BEFORE THE MIRACLE HAPPENS.

In John 11 we find the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. If you read the chapter in its entirety a multifaceted picture is revealed...a picture of hope, then remorse, maybe regret, disappointment, and even anger. For you see Mary and Martha's brother lay sick. The passage tells us Mary was the one who had poured perfume on the feet of Jesus and wiped them with her hair (vs.2). These sisters had sent word to Jesus that their brother Lazarus was very sick. They desperately needed him without delay.

However, Jesus stayed where He was. Apparently, as was revealed at the close of chapter 10, many were coming to faith in Jesus and so Jesus stayed where He was another couple of days. By the time Jesus arrived in Bethany, Lazarus was dead. He had been dead for 4 days! When Martha heard Jesus was close by she went out to greet him, but Mary stayed at home. There is a beautiful and honest interchange between Martha and Jesus in verses 21-27. In my understanding of the text, she moved from blaming Jesus for being late in coming, to an understanding that He was the Christ, the Son of God and could do anything. I wonder if she would have had the depth of understanding of Jesus' authority if He had come before Lazarus died.

In verses 28-35 we see how Martha went back to the house where Mary was and told her that she had seen Jesus, and He was asking for Mary (vs. 28). Mary went to Jesus and fell at His feet weeping and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." Jesus was moved with compassion for Mary and He wept (vs. 35). Jesus wept! He cared for these sisters deeply and for Lazarus. He understood their pain.

As you know, Jesus went to the tomb and raised Lazarus from the dead. As a result, many people came to faith in Him (vs. 45). In retrospect we realize why Jesus waited to go to Bethany, or at least the major reason why. It was to reveal His ultimate power over death. The act of raising Lazarus from the dead showed He had to be the Messiah.

There are times in our lives when it seems Jesus is distant. Possibly He has tarried a bit too long in answering our prayers or has been silent in the deepest pit of our pain, depression, grief, or loss. We wonder – why? Why did He not come earlier? Why has he not come to my aid in the middle of this great emergency? Has He forgotten me? Was I not as close to Him as I thought I was? Does He love me? Why?

Then when He answers, sometimes our understanding of why He delayed becomes evident. At other times the reason for His delay or silence is not revealed, and like Job we are left with

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NEW MEMBERS:

Dontavious Wilson, Joel Galloway

NEW MEMBERS BY BAPTISM:

*Bayleigh Allen, Daniel Marshall,
Addy Hilliard, Lilly Hilliard*

Mentors Luncheon

Thursday, July 18

Spouse or guest are welcome to attend.

11:00 AM

RECEPTION ROOM

Special Guest Speaker: Karen Gosselin

RSVP: Rebecca Morris

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questions for a long season. However, ultimately God is faithful and whether we understand it here or when we see Him in Heaven, the victory is His! It will all be worth it!

As a church, we have had our struggles. However, many have remained faithful. Now, we stand on the precipice of a new start. I believe God is at work in our midst! He has brought new people into our church family in recent days, some through Believers Baptism and other believers joining us in our calling to reach our community for Christ.

The thought of a new pastor being here soon is exciting! We eagerly wait to see how God leads us in this journey!

Now is the time for all of us to claim the miracle of answered prayer and seek God's direction together! To the God of miracles be our eternal praise!

Keith Pate



QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Our Quarterly Church Business

Meeting will be held on

Wednesday, July 17

at 6:00 p.m.

in the Reception Room.



IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, July 14 | 10:30 AM
Prospective Pastoral Candidate
Preaching In View of A Call

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, July 7, 2024

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 202
Remote..... 27

WORSHIP

Worship Care.....5
Worship Service.....171
Total Worship.....176

SENIOR EVENTS

Thursday, July 25, 11:30 AM - Lunch and Bingo to follow in the Reception Room, lunch will be BBQ from SweetCreek Farm Market. The cost will be \$10 per person. Sign up in Sunday School or call the church office.

Monday, July 29, 8:00 AM - Senior Breakfast Bunch at Chappy's on Perry Hill Road

BUDGET REPORT

YTD BUDGET REPORT

Budget Requirements \$746,953.92
Budget Receipts 655,279.10
UNDER BUDGET 91,674.82

WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

July 7, 2024

Budget Requirements \$27,664.96
Budget Receipts 34,827.75
OVER BUDGET 7,162.79

DESIGNATED

Designated \$3,241.00



JUNE MISSIONS EMPHASIS

FINAL AMOUNT COLLECTED: \$1,605.00



Annual Carpenters for Christ Banquet

All Carpenters, Sponsors/Contributors, along with their spouse or one guest, are invited to attend at no cost. (Additional guests will pay \$10.)

July 20 | 6:00 PM | Reception Room

Eastern Hills Baptist Church
3604 Pleasant Ridge Road
Montgomery, AL 36109

Arrive early (5:30) and enjoy fellowship with others!

The BBQ dinner will be catered.

Please Respond ASAP To:

Steve Fuller

popatheslowpoke@icloud.com

Sanctuary Flowers
July 14, 2024
In Loving Memory of
Ralph Beasley
on the occasion of his birthday,
given by Linda Beasley.

B I N G O
SENIOR ADULT LUNCH AND BINGO
Thursday, July 25
at 11:30 AM in the Reception Room,
Cost: \$10
BBQ / Sweet Creek Farm Market
Sign up in Sunday School, the Realm App, or call the church office.

EHBC KIDZ!

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

Kids 1st through 6th grade

Beat the Heat and come swim with us at the Prattville City Pool on a hot July day!

When: July 19th

Time: 11:30 AM - Meet at the church office. We will return to the church by 3:30 p.m. *Please eat lunch before you come.*

Cost: \$10 Cash (\$3 to swim + ice cream/food money afterwards)

Bring: Sunscreen, towel, t-shirt to wear for sun protection, bag for wet swimsuit & goggles.

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

Sandy Harmann (334) 398-2250



SUMMER SOUNDS

of EHBC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

5:00 PM

THIS EVENT WILL FEATURE SOLOISTS AND SMALL GROUPS FROM OUR CHURCH FAMILY OR WHO HAVE A CLOSE CONNECTION WITH OUR MUSIC MINISTRY.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.

THIS IS AN OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY SO PLEASE INVITE SOMEONE TO COME WITH YOU!

Watermelon fellowship to follow in the Reception Room.

A decorative graphic featuring musical notes, a treble clef, and various instruments like a guitar and a drum set, all in a light, artistic style.

Food Distribution Volunteers Needed

Friday, July 19 at 1:00 p.m.

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

Saturday, July 20 at 9:00 a.m.

- Meet in the EHBC gym to prepare for distribution.



WORSHIP CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need three volunteers to serve every other month in Worship Care.

Please contact Sandy Harmann to volunteer.



THE MESSENGER

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The Messenger, Eastern Hills Baptist Church
3604 Pleasant Ridge Road, Montgomery, Alabama 36109.
334-272-0604

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

WEDNESDAY

4:30 PM - P.A.T (Prayer Assault Team), Room 128
5:45 PM - Summer Kidz Night (3 years - 6th grade)
6:15 PM - ONE (7th-12th grades) in the Youth Room
6:00 PM - Adult Bible Study - Reception Room
6:00 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

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July 14
Children will remain
in the worship service.

POSTAGE

ADDRESS LABEL