

THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



EHBC
Welcomes
Guest Preacher
JAY WOLF
Sunday, August 4

It's The Little Things That Add Up!

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him, endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV)

Last week I was privileged to teach at Baylor University in Waco, Texas for the Alleluia conference. This training event is designed for church musicians who lead various age graded choral and instrumental groups in their local churches. My role was teaching children's choir leaders.

In preparing to teach I packed many visuals, teaching aids, and clothes for four days of conferencing into two large capacity filled suitcases. In fact, I overpacked, that is my suitcases were over the fifty-pound limit for air travel. I had to shift several things into my carry on and others were to be left behind. I was amazed to see how little things can add up to several pounds. To get the luggage to the proper weight requirements I removed a few instruments, but I was still overweight. I took out some posters and packed them into my backpack...still one bag was over a pound overweight. Evelyn suggested I remove my clothes hangers, that and a couple more small items did the trick. It was hard to imagine that something seemingly as light as clothes hangers could add that much weight!

This incident reminded me how little things do add up and can weigh us down. The passage from Hebrews 12 uses the illustration of a runner and how he/she needs to remove any encumbrances that might slow them down on their race.

As I read commentary on this passage one writer mentioned that these hindrances which keep us from running effectively are sometimes things that in and of themselves are not bad things, but even good things can sometimes distract us from the efficient carrying out of our calling or tasks. Therefore, we need to constantly weigh our actions, routines, and behaviors to see if they are slowing us down or impeding our effectiveness on this spiritual pilgrimage.

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Diving into The New Year

August 4

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
PROMOTION SUNDAY!**

NEW MEMBERS: The Hinton Family By Statement

HAPPY 100TH Birthday!

HENRY MCINNIS
AUGUST 3

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Unfortunately, this is not a one and done campaign, it is a daily process; a process that requires the microscope of God's Word, through the power of His Holy Spirit, to discern and act accordingly.

How do we stay the course and run with success? We must fix our eyes on Jesus! Keeping our eyes on the finish line gives impetus to the journey. The things that would weigh us down or distract us along the way fade into the background. Does that mean it is easy? Certainly not! However, we run with endurance not in our strength but in Christ Alone! To Him be the glory!

Practically what does this all mean? Remove and replace things that are barriers to a close relationship with Christ. Focus on making Bible Study (corporate and individual) a priority! Give corporate worship precedence each Sunday. When we gather as the body of Christ we encourage each other through our presence, our words, and are challenged by the proclamation of God's Word to live our lives more responsibly as He has called us to do.

Access the little things in your life. Do they build you up or weigh you down? Then pray about what God would have you do next to run the spiritual race with efficiency and endurance.

Moving forward together!

Keith Pate



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 on the front lawn outside of the Reception Room.



Watermelon Fellowship Immediately Following

Summer Sounds of EHBC Sunday, August 18

Front Lawn
(outside of the Reception Room)



Share a gift of love and the Gospel with a child in need this Christmas.

Church Goal:
100 Filled Backpacks

Backpacks are available in the church office. You can purchase your own Bible for the backpack.

Filled backpacks must be turned in no later than:
Sunday, August 25

Backpacks will go to a local church plant:
Southside Gospel Fellowship Church

Please contact the church office for a supply list or for more information at (334) 272-0604.



Eastern Hills Baptist Church
Back to School Splash
CHURCH FAMILY & COMMUNITY INVITED

SEE YOU AT THE PINES!

Sunday, August 11
5:00 - 7:00 PM

WATER SLIDES
HOTDOGS & HAMBURGERS
ICE CREAM TRUCK

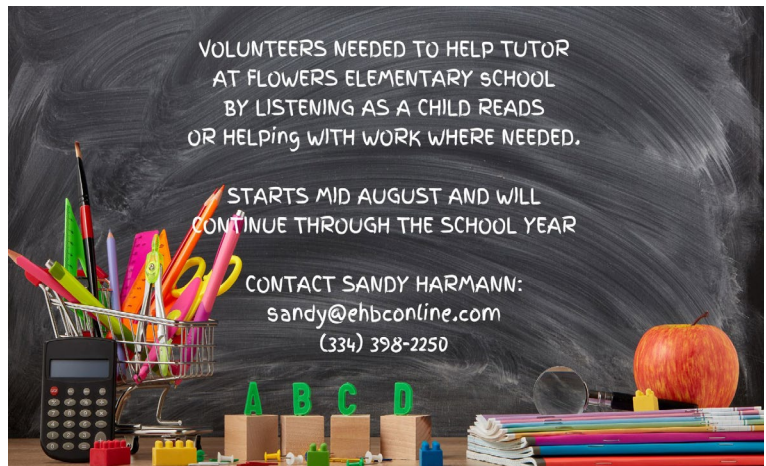


CHILDREN'S M2 Music & MISSIONS KICK-OFF

Wednesday, August 14
5:45 - 7:15 PM

Come join us for a fun night of games/activities as we start the new year with M2!

- 4K/5K, meet in Room 125 (near gym)
- 1st-3rd grades meet in Room 231
- 4th-6th grades meet in Old Choir Room



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP TUTOR AT FLOWERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BY LISTENING AS A CHILD READS OR HELPING WITH WORK WHERE NEEDED.

STARTS MID AUGUST AND WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE SCHOOL YEAR

CONTACT SANDY HARMANN:
sandy@ehbconline.com
(334) 398-2250

IN THE PULPIT
SUNDAY, August 4 | 10:30 AM
Guest Preacher:
Dr. Jay Wolf

ATTENDANCE
Sunday, July 28, 2024

SUNDAY SCHOOL
 Total In-Person..... 198
 Remote..... 35

WORSHIP
 Worship Care.....9
 Worship Service.....175
 Total Worship.....184

HELP NEEDED!

There is an immediate need for two people to help on Wednesday nights, one in the nursery and one in the two year old class. Please contact Sandy Harmann at (334) 398-2250.



August 4
Children's Worship
The Armor of God



Celebration Singers
 2024/2025
Kick-Off

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

Celebration Singers will join with Voices of Victory/Heritage BC to begin this new year. We will rehearse and have lunch at the Alabama State Board of Missions on Thursday, August 22.

The Bus will leave the church at 9:00 a.m. We will rehearse, have a special time to get reacquainted with our choir friends then enjoy lunch together.

Please contact Joy in the music office to reserve your boxed lunch (grilled chicken or steak tips) and a seat on the bus.

YOU are invited to join us as we begin this new choir year. There is "no age limit" nor "age requirement", we just love to be involved with special outreach ministries in our community and have a good time together.

Celebration Singers regular choir rehearsals are 9:30 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Come join us!

Sanctuary Flowers

August 4, 2024

In Loving Memory of
 Ray & Bonnie Morris,
 given by Rebecca Morris,
 Mandy & Jamie Fowler

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

AUGUST 7
TACO BAR

*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.

Eastern Hills Baptist Church Is Pleased To Announce Our New Pastor & Family

The Smalleys

Jeremy, Amber, Jerrel & Jack

Pastor Smalley's first day in the pulpit will be August 25.



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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

WEDNESDAY

3:30 PM - P.A.T (Prayer Assault Team), Room 128
5:00 PM - Supper, Gym
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

ADDRESS LABEL