



# THE MESSENGER

## EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



Myers-Mallory  
State Missions Offering

CHURCH GOAL

**\$ 8,000**

MYERS-MALLORY.ORG

WEEK OF PRAYER  
FOR STATE MISSIONS  
SEPTEMBER 8 - 15, 2024




TOTAL COLLECTED:

**\$ 4,980**

### BALANCE Is Always Key!

I enjoy gardening. Recently I was applying a new fertilizer to my tomatoes. The directions cautioned the importance of balancing the application of water with fertilizer. If you apply too much fertilizer and not enough water, you risk burning the plant and impeding the growth you intended. Conversely if you do not apply enough nutrients and over water the plant you may end up with yellowed leaves at best or at worst root rot. Balancing the two is key in maintaining good plant health.

Proverbs 3:1-6 (NKJV) says.

<sup>1</sup>My son, do not forget my law, but let your heart keep my commands; <sup>2</sup>for length of days and long life and peace they will add to you. <sup>3</sup>Let not **mercy and truth** forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart, <sup>4</sup>and so find favor and [a]high esteem In the sight of God and man. <sup>5</sup>Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup>In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall [b]direct your paths

In verse three I bolded the words “mercy” and “truth.” In this passage Solomon was advising his son to keep God’s law. He admonished him to bind mercy and truth around his neck and write them on the tablet of his heart, and then to trust God with all his strength and understanding.

Truth and Mercy may sometimes seem to stand at odds with each other. Yet, these two seemingly contradictory words are intertwined and interdependent in our faith journey. Truth exposes the severity and consequence of our sin, and mercy or grace reveals the antidote for our sin debt. One writer I read recently said it this way:

*Without truth, there can be no mercy. Without honesty, there can be no forgiveness. Without knowledge of sin, there can be no forgiveness of sin. On the flip side of the same coin, without mercy, truth becomes overwhelming and overbearing. With no hope for mercy, truth is resisted and often rejected.*

Jesus embodied both these qualities with perfect balance. He was/is the truth and life (John 14:6, Heb. 4:12) and the great grace giver (Eph 2:8-9, Rom. 3:24). Jesus exercised judgement as he cast out the money changers from the temple (Matt. 21:12-13), yet he dispensed mercy to the one caught in adultery (John 8).

We must seek balance as we incorporate and express these two virtues in our lives. If we lean too much towards truth, we become pharisaical, ignoring the person while handing out guilty sentences to all who would offend us. If we are too gracious, we may be warm and welcoming but lack truth that brings about the conviction of sin.

One devotion writer I read this week said it best in the following:

*Some churches today embrace truth but need a heavy dose of grace. Other churches talk about grace but cry out for a heavy dose of truth.*

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B I N G O

**SENIOR ADULT LUNCH AND BINGO**

Thursday, September 19  
11:30 AM | Reception Room,  
Marco’s Pizza: \$8 Per Person




Sign up in Sunday School or call the church office.

*Mentors Meeting*

Thursday, September 26

1:00 PM | Room 154

Guest Speaker:  
Cameron Bell,  
Church Planter, Montgomery



**SENIOR ADULT RECOGNITION SUNDAY**

Sunday, September 29 at 11:30 AM  
Lunch will be provided in the  
Reception Room.

Please sign up in Sunday School or  
call the church office to be placed on the list.  
Please sign up by Thursday, September 26.

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I invited a lesbian activist to lunch. For the first hour, she hammered me, telling of all the Christians who'd mistreated her. She seemed hard as nails. I listened, trying to show her God's grace, praying she'd see the Jesus she desperately needed. She raised her voice and cursed freely. People stared. But that was OK. Jesus went to the cross for her—the least I could do was listen.

Suddenly she was crying, sobbing, broken. I reached across the table and took her hand. For the next two hours I heard her story, her heartsickness, her doubts about the causes she championed. I told her about Christ's grace. After four hours we walked out of that restaurant, side by side. We hugged. In our conversation, truth wasn't shared at the expense of grace, nor grace at the expense of truth.

Birds need two wings to fly. With only one wing, they're grounded. The gospel flies with the wings of grace and truth. Not one, but both.

May we be truth and grace bearers in the days ahead as we carry the name of Christ to a world that desperately needs to see both!

*Keith Pate*



*Congratulations to  
Jacob & Tori Myrick on  
the birth of their baby girl,  
Lacey Elena Myrick  
on September 5.*

## Deacon Nomination Timeline

**Sunday, September 1**  
Deadline for all forms to be turned in.

**September 2 - 19**  
Ballots will be tabulated and  
Deacons nominated will be contacted.

**Sunday, September 22**  
The top ten nominations willing  
to serve will be confirmed by  
a church-wide vote in the  
morning worship service.

**October 1**  
New Deacons term begins.



**We had a great turnout  
and a wonderful time  
together with  
Jeremy & Amber!**



**IN THE PULPIT**  
**SUNDAY, September 15 | 10:30 AM**  
**Pastor Jeremy Smalley**  
**The Temptation of Christ**  
**Matthew 4:1-11**

| <b>ATTENDANCE</b>         |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Sunday, September 8, 2024 |     |
| <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>      |     |
| Total In-Person.....      | 223 |
| Remote.....               | 30  |
| <b>WORSHIP</b>            |     |
| Worship Care.....         | 11  |
| Worship Service.....      | 206 |
| Total Worship.....        | 217 |

**SENIOR ADULT EVENTS**

Thursday, September 19, 11:30 AM - Lunch & Bingo to follow in the Reception Room, lunch will be Marco's Pizza. The cost is \$8 per person. Sign up in Sunday School or call the church office.

Thursday, September 26, 9:30 AM - Celebration Singers & Voices of Victory, at local assisted living. The bus will leave the church at 9:00 AM.

Sunday, September 29, 11:30 AM - Senior Adult Recognition Sunday, Reception Room. Sign up in Sunday School or call the church office.

Monday, September 30, 8:00 AM - Senior Breakfast Bunch at Chappy's on Perry Hill Road

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER**  
**SEPTEMBER 18**  
*Sunday chicken, rice pilaf, carrots, lima beans, roll and strawberry shortcake*

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.

# BUDGET REPORT

**YTD BUDGET REPORT**

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| Budget Requirements | \$995,938.56      |
| Budget Receipts     | 850,145.01        |
| <b>UNDER BUDGET</b> | <b>145,793.55</b> |

**WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT**  
**September 8, 2024**

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| Budget Requirements | \$27,664.96     |
| Budget Receipts     | 31,431.17       |
| <b>OVER BUDGET</b>  | <b>3,766.21</b> |

**DESIGNATED**

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| Designated | \$2,810.00 |
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**October 19, 2024**  
 Saturday only: \$35 (includes meal)  
 Festival runs: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
 (check-in: 9:00 AM)  
 Sign up on Realm App, easternhills.church  
 or call the church office.  
**(Register & Pay by Friday, October 11)**

**For children in grades 1-6 and their leaders**

- Meet Missionaries
- Make crafts and new friends
- Grow deeper in your understanding of God's desire for all to know Him
- Experience food, customs and traditions of Central Asia
- Enjoy WorldSong's beautiful campus and do fun camp activities

*Help Needed!*

**There is an immediate need for two paid workers to work with babies up to two years of age on Wednesday nights.**

**Missions Teacher for three year old class on Wednesday nights**

**Sunday School Teacher needed for the two-three year old class.**

**Contact Sandy Harmann (334) 398-2250.**

*Sanctuary Flowers*

September 15, 2024

In Loving Memory of  
*Judi Lackey,*  
 on the occasion of her birthday,  
 given by Russell Lackey.

# EHBC KIDZ!

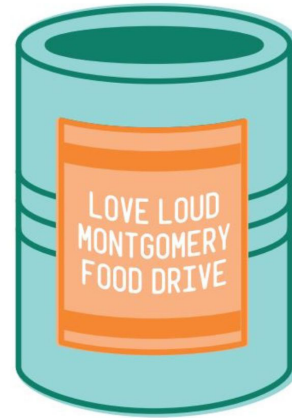
LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART YOUR MIND AND STRENGTH

**September 15**  
**Children's Worship**  
**Attributes of God**  
**Grades: K-3**  
**Please bring your Bible.**

## Candy Needed

(due by Wednesday, October 23)

Candy is needed for our upcoming Fall Festival. Bags of candy can be dropped off in the CLC Lobby or at the Karen Road entrance.



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**RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 29**

ITEMS WILL BE COLLECTED ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT ALL CHURCH BUILDING ENTRANCES AND DURING THE WEEK AT THE KAREN ROAD ENTRANCE.

SUGGESTED FOOD LIST: powdered milk, pudding, pop tarts, dried beans/peas, rice, flour, masa corn, jelly, jell-o, soap, shampoo, deodorant, canned meat, peanut butter, canned fruit, canned vegetables, cereal, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, ramen noodles, pasta, dried/chilis, dried or canned black beans, vienna sausages, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet tissue.

# THE MESSENGER

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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, Reception Room

### WEDNESDAY

5:00 PM - Supper, Gym  
5:45 PM - Acteens  
5:45 PM - M<sup>2</sup> Music & Missions (4K - 6th grade)  
6:00 PM - Adult Bible Study - Reception Room  
6:15 PM - ONE (7th-12th grades) in the Youth Room  
6:15 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

ADDRESS LABEL