



THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH. PLEASE LET OUR PASTORS KNOW HOW MUCH YOU APPRECIATE THEM.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Our Quarterly Church Business Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 16** at **6:00 p.m.** in the Reception Room.

Don't Let Good Things Crowd Out the Best!

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:33, NIV).

I enjoy gardening. I have several raised beds and waist high planters in my backyard containing Purple Hull and Zipper Cream Peas. Amongst these I planted one or two marigold plants to supposedly keep away pesky insects, whether this works is debatable. The peas have grown and flourished producing a good crop of peas this summer.

However, a few weeks ago, I noticed an unintended consequence of planting the marigolds amid the peas. The mushrooming flowers have crowded out many of the pea plants, taking up space and shading them from needed sunlight, resulting in withered and undernourished vegetation. The marigolds are gorgeously vigorous with vibrant colorful flowers. Nevertheless, my main objective of growing strong and productive pea plants has been diminished. The larger the marigold plants, the smaller and weaker the pea plants, thus inhibiting my dreams of a bumper crop of peas.

After realizing my dilemma and the cause of my dying peas, I started pruning the marigolds, cutting them back. At first this was difficult, after all the flowers were alluringly beautiful. How could I possibly pull them out or cut them down? Yet, allowing them to remain meant my peas would die. I bit the bullet, pulled out many of the marigolds, and now my peas could breathe and produce as originally intended.

Speaking from my own personal experience, I am afraid this same scenario is often played out in our spiritual lives. We plant good things, things that will yield nourishment to our souls (Bible study, prayer time, worship attendance, fellowship with other believers) but then we start adding other things to the mix. Many or most of these things are good things, things that enhance our lives at first. But as all things do, these grow and encroach more and more into our time with God and eventually smother out our spiritual connection. I am not saying our salvation is in question, but our joy in serving God, our spiritual nourishment once found in personal Bible reflection, corporate worship and Bible study is either diminished or non-existent. Soon we become tired, frazzled, pulled in too many directions, overwhelmed with all the tasks that must be completed! Spiritually we wither, our weakened immune system vulnerable to Satan's attacks and distractions.

So, what is the solution? We must make the hard decision to pull out some of the things that have replaced our time with God and get back to the basics of feeding our weakened souls. When we get our priorities back in sync, only through the regenerative help of the Holy Spirit, do we find ourselves once again growing and maturing in our faith and producing the fruit we were designed to produce.

Working together for God's Kingdom,
Keith Pate

Fall Missions Festival
for children

Cook Springs, Alabama

WorldSong MISSIONS PLACE
A ministry of Alabama WMCU

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

Contact Morgan Hilliard

Greeters are needed at the Welcome Center to register guests and take them to an appropriate Sunday School class. They will rotate each month. Please contact Terry Grimes or Sharon Myers.

HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF

If you would like to help the families affected by Hurricane Helene, you can donate to Alabama Baptist Disaster Relief by giving directly online: sldr.org/give or by cash/check to EHBC. Please make sure to indicate on your check or envelope that it is a donation for Alabama Baptist Disaster Relief.

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

FALL Festival

TRUNK OR TREAT

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
SUNDAY | OCTOBER 27

GREEN RIDGE ROAD SMALL PARKING LOT

FREE HOTDOG SUPPER
FUN GAMES
POPCORN & CANDY

An illustration of a blue car trunk filled with pumpkins and candy, with the text 'TRUNK OR TREAT' and 'EHBC' on it. The background features autumn trees, a sun, and a bird.

We want to encourage everyone to participate by signing up to sponsor a game or parking spot for Trunk or Treat. You can sign up in your Sunday School class or contact Sandy Harmann at (334) 398-2250.

PUMPKIN PATCH & PAINTING (YOUTH)

Saturday, October 19th
9:15 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

\$12.50 (for entrance into Pumpkin Patch, send with student)

Lunch will be provided.

Meet by CLC (Gym) entrance.

Deadline to Sign Up: October 18 - Contact Taylor Noah

HELP NEEDED!

There is an immediate need for the following:

-  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 Assistant Teacher for the 4th-6th grade class

Contact Sandy Harmann (334) 398-2250.

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.

A young boy smiling and holding a wrapped shoebox. A calendar icon shows 'NOVEMBER 18-25 2024'.

LIBRARY NOTICE

- Cash donations may be made in memory of the passing of a loved one. Donate through the church finance office, to the attention of Donna Brown. Library staff will choose an appropriate title. Donor can make suggestions.
- Books may be donated from your personal library; however, we can not use a title that is a duplicate of one we already have on the shelf. Books must be in align with our Baptist Faith and Message Doctrine. Fiction books with a publication older than 5 years will probably not be used. Donated books that we can't use are placed on the table in the hallway for members to take and use however they choose.

Mentors Meeting

Thursday, October 24

1:00 PM | Room 154

Guest Speaker:

Barbara Westerbeck,

Alabama Regional Coordinator,
Operation Christmas Child



IN THE PULPIT
SUNDAY, October 13 | 10:30 AM
Pastor Jeremy Smalley
The Kingdom Life
Matthew 5:1-12

ATTENDANCE
Sunday, October 6, 2024

SUNDAY SCHOOL
 Total In-Person..... 196
 Remote..... 36

WORSHIP
 Worship Care.....14
 Worship Service.....158
 Total Worship.....172

SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

Thursday, October 17, Celebration Singers & Voices of Victory, Haven Memory Care in Halcyon. The bus will leave the church at 9:00 AM.

Thursday, October 24, 9:30 AM - Celebration Singers, Choir Suite

Monday, October 28, 8:00 AM - Senior Breakfast Bunch at Chappy's on Perry Hill Road

Thursday, November 7, 11:30 AM - Lunch & Bingo to follow in the Reception Room, lunch will be hamburgers from Vicki's Lunch Van. The cost is \$8 per person. Sign up in Sunday School or call the church office.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER
OCTOBER 16
Fried chicken, rice & gravy, green beans, sliced tomatoes, biscuit and brownie

*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

Budget Requirements	\$1,106,598.40
Budget Receipts	959,980.00
UNDER BUDGET	146,618.40

WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT
October 6, 2024

Budget Requirements	\$27,664.96
Budget Receipts	40,360.99
OVER BUDGET	12,696.03

DESIGNATED
 Designated \$7,577.78

Mat Ministry Workshop

Save the Date

Saturday, October 26
EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH
GYM
9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

On Saturday, October 26, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, we are having another Mat Ministry Work Day in the EHBC Gym. We will be focusing on teaching the important step of looping bags that have already been folded and cut. Looping is a simple step, but the one that leads to actually weaving the bags into finished sleeping mats, so we can get them to the homeless before cold weather hits. See you on October 26!

Sanctuary Flowers

October 13, 2024

In Loving Memory of
Bill Harper,
 given by
Jane Harper & Family

Save The Date 

Women's Ministry Fall Dinner

Thursday, November 14, 2024

Eastern Hills Baptist Church 

6:00 PM | Reception Room 

**Food Distribution
Volunteers Needed**

Friday, October 18 at 1:00 p.m.

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

Saturday, October 19 at 9:00 a.m.

- Meet in the EHBC gym to prepare for distribution.




Memorial Christmas Tree

We will have the Memorial Christmas tree in the CLC lobby again this year. It will be decorated with the ornaments collected from last year.

We will begin receiving additional ornaments in October.

You can bring them on Sunday and Wednesday to designated areas located in the CLC lobby, and outside the church office.

During the weekdays you can leave them with the staff in the church office.

We will personalize them with your name and your loved ones name.

Thank you for sharing your special memories. For more information, contact Marsha Carlisle or Kim Cluck.

EHBC KIDZ!

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

**October 13
Children's Worship
Attributes of God
Grades: K-3
Please bring your Bible.**

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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 - M² 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