



THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



THE LORD'S SUPPER WILL BE SERVED AT THE
WORSHIP SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Do this in remembrance of Me

*A benevolence offering will be taken
at the close of the service as you exit.*

The Joy of Giving and Receiving

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." - Luke 6:38

The act of giving and receiving gifts during Christmas is more than a tradition; it is a reflection of the love and generosity that Christ exemplified. As we exchange presents with loved ones, let us remember the deeper significance behind this practice.

- 1. The Gift of Love:** Every gift we give should be an expression of love. Whether it's a handmade card, a thoughtfully chosen item, or simply our time, the love behind the gift is what truly matters. Just as God gave us His Son out of love, our gifts should also be rooted in love.
- 2. The Joy of Generosity:** There is a profound joy that comes from giving. The act of giving allows us to experience the happiness of making someone else's day a little brighter. It's a reminder that we are blessed to be a blessing to others.
- 3. The Humility in Receiving:** Receiving gifts with grace and gratitude is also an important part of the cycle. It teaches us humility and reminds us that we are all part of a community that cares for one another. Let us receive gifts with an open heart, appreciating the thought and love behind them.
- 4. Reflecting God's Generosity:** When we give freely and receive graciously, we mirror the generosity of God. His gift of Jesus Christ is the ultimate example of giving without expecting anything in return. As we celebrate Christmas, let us strive to embody this spirit in our own lives.
- 5. A Heart of Gratitude:** Whether giving or receiving, let our hearts be filled with gratitude. Giving thanks for the gifts we receive and for the ability to give to others creates a cycle of gratitude and love that enriches our lives.

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, thank You for the precious gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to give and receive with hearts full of love and gratitude. May our gifts reflect Your generosity and our actions embodied in Your love. Teach us to find joy in giving and humility in receiving, as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. In Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.*

May this scripture inspire you to embrace the spirit of giving and receiving with love, joy, and gratitude this Christmas season.

Dan Harrison



Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
December 24 - 5:00 p.m.
NO CHILDCARE FOR SERVICE

Christmas Day
December 25
No Wednesday Night
Supper, Service or Activities.

FAMILY NATIVITY WALK

* Come celebrate Christmas with your EHBC family and bring your Nativity to display at our Nativity Walk. A placard will be displayed with your name and any information you want to share about your Nativity. Santa will also be at the walk for children to visit. Cider & Cookies will be served.

* Sunday, December 22
3:00 - 4:30 | Reception Room *

* Donations will be accepted to help provide Bibles for the Montgomery Fire & Rescue Training Academy Graduates. *

Contact: Cyndi Arnold, 303-1156

You will set up your display on Sunday, December 22, between 1:30 - 3:00 PM. There will be helpers stationed at the Reception Room door to assist you in transporting your items into the building.



Christmas Poinsettias

In Memory / Honor Of

Given By

In Memory of Ralph G. Beasley	Linda H. Beasley & Family
In Memory of Ruby M. Collier	Betty C. Kirby
In Memory of Virgil Culpepper	The Family
In Memory of Howard Duncan	Judy Duncan & Family
In Memory of Rev. Evans Hartzog	Franklin & Rachel McKenzie
In Memory of Brenda Hicks	Wayne Hicks
In Memory of Joe Hurley	Betty Hurley & Family
In Memory of G. I. Jackson	Lenora Jackson & Family
In Memory of Gene Jennings	Babs Jennings
In Memory of Judi Lackey	Russell Lackey
In Honor of Our 37th Wedding Anniversary	Larry & Jeannie Lanier
In Memory of Our Mothers	Larry & Jeannie Lanier
In Memory of Jim & Betty Martin	Charles & Dinah Bundrick
In Memory of Dwayne McDaniel	Steven & Kim McDaniel
In Honor of Franklin & Rachel McKenzie	Babs Jennings
In Memory of Billy & Gloria Meriwether	Roy & Susan Miers
In Memory of Kim Miers	Roy & Susan Miers
In Memory of Travis & Juanita Miers	Roy & Susan Miers
In Memory of Flora & Frazier Milton	Brenda & Martin Glover
In Memory of Dawson Morris	Jack & Lisa Lumpkin Morris
In Memory of Ray & Bonnie Morris	Rebecca Morris and Jamie & Amanda Fowler
In Memory of Donna Morse	Mom & Dad
In Memory of Donna Morse	Her Family
In Memory of Ron Myers	Sharon Myers
In Memory of Leonard & Thelma Nelson	Jimmy & Nancy Lee
In Memory of Curtis & Marie McKay, Ted Payne	Cherry Payne
In Memory of Bob & Clara Piper	Gray & Judy Watson, Jamie & Leiser Sisk
In Memory of Henry & June Richards, Donnie Richards	Mark & Sandra Wilson
In Memory of Loyce Sexson	Steven & Kim McDaniel
In Honor of Pastor Jeremy Smalley & Family	Babs Jennings
In Memory of Joe Smith	Dot Smith & Family
In Memory of J. W. Veazey	Grace Veazey
In Memory of Loren & Marjorie Lewis, Cheryl Bolton, Roy Waters	Sharon Waters
In Memory of Earl & Clara Watson	Gray & Judy Watson, Jamie & Leiser Sisk
In Memory of Donna Morse & Linda Westbrook	Sandy Harmann
In Honor of Peggy White	Her Family
In Memory of Barbara Wilson	Lenora Jackson & Family
In Honor of the Faithful Volunteers at EHBC	Mark & Sandra Wilson

TOTAL COLLECTED: \$13,063.00

EHBC GOAL: \$35,000

Every dollar you give goes to the mission field to support gospel transformation among the lost. Thank you for your generosity!

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**STRENGTH TO STAND CONFERENCE | EHBC Youth, 7-12th Grade
December 27-30, 2024 | Pigeon Forge, TN**

The cost is \$125 per person. You can register online through the Realm App or easternhills.church. The cost includes conference fee, hotel, meals, and fun surprise outings. If you have questions, please contact Taylor Noah.

EHBC EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

- MINISTRY ASSISTANT

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING OR WANT MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT DAN HARRISON.

LOTTIE MOON | GA POST OFFICE

CHRISTMAS CARDS

You can mail your Christmas cards to anyone in the church by sending them through the GA's mailbox located in the CLC lobby.

Write the name *only* of the person you are sending it to - no address needed! Place the cards in the slot by the first letter of the LAST name.

Pay the normal postage by check or cash, drop into the lock box located next to the GA Post Office.

Children, Students and Adults visited with residents of "The Crossings at East Chase" last Wednesday, Dec. 11. The children, youth, and adults shared songs from their recent Eastern Hills music program. The Crossings had a very large group to attend. The children made ornaments in their RA & GA classes and gifted these to the residents that attended.



IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, December 22 | 10:30 AM
Pastor Jeremy Smalley
Christmas & The Cross
Matthew 2:1-12

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, December 15, 2024

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 201
Remote..... 29

WORSHIP

Worship Care.....9
Worship Service.....176
Total Worship.....185

SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

Tuesday, January 14, 5:30 PM - Catfish House, Millbrook. Sign up online, in Sunday School or call the church office. The bus will leave the church at 5:00 PM.

Thursday, January 30, 11:30 AM - Lunch & Bingo, Reception Room, Sweetcreek Barbeque. Sign up online, in Sunday School or call the church office.

YEAR END GIVING

We are in the last month to give to our church for this calendar year. If you have any questions concerning your year-to-date contributions, please contact Donna Brown at 272-0604. Remember, all gifts must be received at the church or postmarked by December 31 in order to get proper credit for 2024 contributions.



BUDGET REPORT

YTD BUDGET REPORT

Budget Requirements \$1,383,248.00
Budget Receipts 1,261,876.04
UNDER BUDGET 121,371.96

WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

December 15, 2024

Budget Requirements \$27,664.96
Budget Receipts 24,896.05
UNDER BUDGET 2,768.91

DESIGNATED

Designated \$6,210.05



ONLINE GIVING

If you give online as a recurring giver, make sure your gifts do not end at year end. You can also go online to verify your gifts for 2024.

If you need assistance with your online giving, please call the church office at 272-0604.



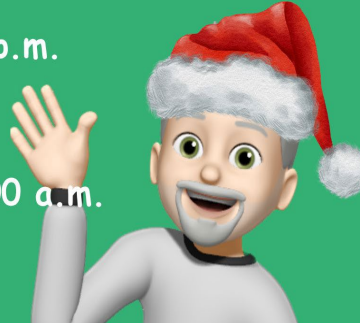
Food Distribution Volunteers Needed

Friday, December 20 at 1:00 p.m.

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

Saturday, December 21 at 9:00 a.m.

- Meet in the EHBC gym to prepare for distribution.



EHBC KIDZ!

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

**December 22 & December 29,
Children will remain in the worship service.**

*Children, please pick up a worship activity bag
located by the doors before worship begins.*

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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

December 25, January 1 - There will be no Wednesday night supper, Bible study or other activities due to the holiday schedule.

**We wish you a Merry Christmas and
a safe and Happy New Year!**

ADDRESS LABEL