



# THE MESSENGER

## EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



Anniversary  
Celebration

**Congratulations to  
Keith Pate who  
completes 20 years  
as Minister of Music  
on January 12th!**

Right after Christmas, I had the pleasure of attending the Strength-To-Stand Conference with some of our youth. There were great times of worship and great speakers who really dove into scripture. There is something so surreal about participating in worship in a room filled with thousands of other people. That is just a taste of how sweet eternity will be. After each worship session, each youth group was encouraged to have a group time where the students could share what they learned and ask any questions they may have. I just want to take some time and share some of the take-aways that the students and I had.

1. "When we have an encounter with God, we do not just have a behavior change, but we have a change in our whole identity." (David Nasser) Following God doesn't mean we get a checklist of how to be a better person, but we act more like a reflection of Him. We are made completely new.
2. "When people encounter Jesus, a choice will always be made." (Preston Perry) Being an image-bearer isn't something you can just put on or take off. When people encounter Jesus, they will either live in full submission to Him, or they will reject Him.
3. "He loves us so much that He would rather die than live without us." (Scott Dawson) Jesus was the sacrifice that was necessary for us to have a relationship with God. He thought His people were to die for, literally.
4. Our goal should be to remain close to Him so that we can hear Him speak, even if it is just a whisper. There was a lot of discussion amongst our group about how when we are used to listening to something, it is easier to identify. It is the same in our relationship with Christ. The more we lean in to listen to Him, the easier He is to hear.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to lead these students and serve this church. Thank you, church, for all of your support, prayers, and words of encouragement.

*Taylor Noah*

**TOTAL COLLECTED: \$23,983.02**  
**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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### QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

**Our Quarterly Church Business**

**Meeting will be held on**

**Wednesday, January 22**

**at 6:00 p.m.**

**in the Reception Room.**



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BAPTIST CHURCH





**STRENGTH TO STAND CONFERENCE  
DECEMBER 27-30, 2024 | Pigeon Forge, TN**



*Women's Ministry Bible Studies*

ABIDE by Jen Wilkins  
Begins January 14  
Tuesday, 9:30 AM, Reception Room  
Facilitated by Susan McKim  
(10 weeks with March break)

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Precepts Bible Study by Kay Arthur  
Romans - Part III  
Begins January 14  
Tuesday, 9:00 AM, Room 139  
Led by Rebecca Morris



# IN THE PULPIT

**SUNDAY, January 12 | 10:30 AM**  
Pastor Jeremy Smalley  
Self Second  
Matthew 5:38-42

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday, January 5, 2025

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 221  
Remote..... 32

### WORSHIP

Worship Care.....9  
Worship Service.....190  
Total Worship.....199

## 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. *Deadline to sign up is Sunday, January 12.*

Thursday, January 16, 9:30 AM - Celebration Singers Choir Kick-off Brunch, Reception Room.

Monday, January 27, 8:00 AM - Senior Breakfast Bunch, Chappy's on Perry Hill Road.

Thursday, January 30, 11:30 AM - Lunch & Bingo, Reception Room, Sweetcreek Barbeque. The cost is \$10.00. Sign up online, in Sunday School or call the church office.

Thursday, February 6, 11:00 AM - Lunch at the Conecuh Sausage Store, Evergreen, AL. Bus will leave the church at 10:00 AM. Sign up online, in Sunday School or call the church office. *Deadline to sign up is Noon, Thursday, January 30.*

# BUDGET REPORT

## 2024 - YTD BUDGET REPORT

Budget Requirements \$1,438,578.00  
Budget Receipts 1,315,752.44  
UNDER BUDGET 122,825.56

## 2025 - WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

January 5, 2025

Budget Requirements \$30,130.46  
Budget Receipts 29,652.09  
UNDER BUDGET 478.37

## DESIGNATED

Designated \$1,963.00

### 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.



## Sanctuary Flowers

The following dates are available for placing flowers in the Sanctuary:

JANUARY - 2025	FEBRUARY - 2025	MARCH - 2025
Sunday, Jan 19	Sunday, Feb 9	Sunday, Mar 2
Sunday, Jan 26	Sunday, Feb 16	Sunday, Mar 9
	Sunday, Feb 23	Sunday, Mar 23
		Sunday, Mar 30

If you would like to provide flowers in the sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one, please call the church office.

## CHURCH EVENT CALENDAR

For ALL new or recurring events happening at Eastern Hills, you must complete a NEW green Event Request form for any event to be added to the 2025 Church Event Calendar. Please call the church office to check the calendar to see if a date is available for your event. Your event is not confirmed on the church calendar until a green event form is completed and returned to Margaret Spain. If you want the event promoted in The Messenger, please be sure to mark it on the back of the form. These forms may be picked up from Margaret or Sandra.



## EHBC EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

- MINISTRY ASSISTANT

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

## THE ALABAMA BAPTIST PAPER

If you currently receive the Alabama Baptist Paper or would like it to be delivered to you, now is the time to pay for your subscription for 2025 at a reduced rate. A one year subscription is only \$16.25. Please make checks payable to Eastern Hills Baptist Church and include the TAB paper in the note.

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## 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



January 12 - Bible Skills  
Children's Worship  
Grades: K-3  
Please bring your Bible.

POSTAGE

ADDRESS LABEL