



THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



Anniversary Celebration

*Congratulations to
Donna Brown
who completes
23 years as
Financial Assistant
on January 7th!*



As we approach the end of the year and the holiday season, one of my favorite things about this time of year is the time I get to spend with family. Both the extra time with Amber and the boys and the trips back home to North Alabama to see the rest of the family.

You know, in a real sense, the church is a family. Now I know you have probably heard that “family of God” line your whole life, but what if I told you that it was more than a motto, slogan, or bumper sticker. It is also more than a technicality because we share the same heavenly Father. Our relationship with God is the basis of our relationship with each other, but the connection is real.

What do we mean when we say our church is a family? It means intimacy. We live in a day where intimacy is considered primarily to mean physical love. But true intimacy is much more than that. It is, above all else, the kind of relational love that is demonstrated within a caring and close family. It involves affection, care, sacrifice, grace, and empathy. Intimacy requires a time investment. That’s the kind of intimate love that should exist within the church.

Sometimes the church tries to be something else, but it was meant to be an intimate family with an incredible purpose. In a culture saturated by shallow, social media relationships and uncommitted personal relationships, the church is perfectly designed by God to offer what the world cannot: true intimacy with Him and with His family.

Let us strive to love each other and always stand ready to invite and welcome others into our family.

Pastor Jeremy

TOTAL COLLECTED: \$20,313.02
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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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.

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.

EHBC EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

- MINISTRY ASSISTANT

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

Reality & Truth



URGENT NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS

Please consider helping with this opportunity by signing up to share a meal with those who are in need in our community. Please contact the office for more details on how your Sunday School class can help with this ministry.

AVAILABLE MONTHS

JAN 16 - AVAILABLE

FEB 20 - WEAVER CLASS

MAR 20 - MCGRAW CLASS

APR 17 - KLINE JOHNSON CLASS

MAY 15 - HANDEY/KING

JUN 19 - AVAILABLE

JUL 17 - AVAILABLE

AUG 21 - AVAILABLE

SEP 18 - AVAILABLE

OCT 16 - CALDWELL CLASS

NOV 20 - AVAILABLE

DEC 18 - AVAILABLE

IN THE PULPIT
SUNDAY, January 5 | 10:30 AM
Pastor Jeremy Smalley
The Problem with
Presumptive Promises
Matthew 5:33-37

ATTENDANCE
Sunday, December 29, 2024

SUNDAY SCHOOL
 Total In-Person..... 169
 Remote..... 33

WORSHIP
 Worship Care.....7
 Worship Service.....147
 Total Worship.....154

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, 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. 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

YTD BUDGET REPORT

Budget Requirements	\$1,438,578.00
Budget Receipts	1,312,267.44
UNDER BUDGET	126,310.56

WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT
December 29, 2024

Budget Requirements	\$27,664.96
Budget Receipts	20,052.00
UNDER BUDGET	7,612.96

DESIGNATED

Designated	\$3,740.00
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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.

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 12	Sunday, Feb 2	Sunday, Mar 2
Sunday, Jan 19	Sunday, Feb 9	Sunday, Mar 9
Sunday, Jan 26	Sunday, Feb 16	Sunday, Mar 16
	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 love one, please call the church office.

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)

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

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

January 5
Children's Worship
Grades: K-3
Please bring your Bible.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

JANUARY 8

*Smothered center-cut pork chop with
cornbread dressing & gravy, King's Table green
beans, squash casserole, roll & banana pudding*

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.

2025 Offering Envelopes

THE OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE
AVAILABLE AND ARE LOCATED IN
THE LIBRARY HALLWAY.

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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

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