

THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

TOTAL COLLECTED: \$28,052.75

EHBC GOAL: \$35,000

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THE SCARLET THREAD

In March, the choir will be singing a selection entitled "Hold-ing on to Me" written by Jeremy Horn and Ryan Wingo and ar-ranged by Josh Stewart. The song references the expression "the scarlet thread." A choir member asked me to share about the Biblical significance of the scarlet thread as we prepare to sing it in worship. That request prompted me to do some re-search.

Often as Christians we look at the Bible in bits and pieces. As children we read stories and sing songs about the heroes of faith like Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joshua, David, Esther, and countless others. We study the parables of Jesus, His miracles, His earthly ministry, and His death, resurrection, and ascen-sion. Yet we do so in somewhat of a hodge podge approach, viewing each story or admonition in Scripture in isolation, missing the overarching link that weaves them all into one love story from God, the Creator and Redeemer of humankind.

God created mankind to have full and uninterrupted fellow-ship and communication with Him. He formed the first man and woman and placed them in an ideal state, The Garden of Eden. In Genesis 2:15, we find Adam's job was to work and take care of the garden. One translation says he was to "cultivate and keep it." In an article published December 29, 2023, by the Israel Institute of Biblical Studies, Dr. Eli Lizorkin-Eyzenberg ex-plains in the original Hebrew translation "cultivate and keep" means to work the soil and care for its produce. However, an alternate translation of these words means to "worship and obey." He writes, "Based on the context of Genesis, it's reason-able to assume that both pairs of meanings are at play: **God places Adam in the garden not only to help the land flourish, but also to maintain a worshipful and obedient relationship with the Lord.**"

Adam was tasked with not only providing for him and Eve phys-ically, but he was also to lead them spiritually as they related to their Creator. Of course, we know sin (rebellion against God's law) entered the picture and messed everything up. Adam and Eve, in eating the forbidden fruit, was the initial downfall of their entrusted stewardship that brought separation between them and God. However, God in Genesis 3 provides the first re-demptive act to bring them back into right fellowship with Him. The severity of their disobedience demanded death. Genesis 3:21 relates that God clothed them in animal skins revealing a substitutionary sacrifice for their sins. Thus, the scarlet thread begins.

On New Year's Eve 1961 Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas from 1944-1991 preached a five-hour ser-mon entitled "The Scarlet Thread that Runs through the Bible."

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Valentine's Banquet
Thursday, February 20 | 6:00 PM
EHBC Reception Room
\$20 Per Person

Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Sign up online or in Sunday School.
 Tickets must be paid in advance & picked up from
 the church office by Monday, February 17.
 Everyone is invited to a night of fun & laughter.
 Special Guest: Mickey Bell
 Childcare Available - Call Church Office.



NIGHT of LAUGHS
 with Comedian **Mickey Bell**
Clean Comedy for the entire family
Valentine's Banquet
 Thursday, February 20 | 6:00 PM
 EHBC Reception Room

THEMICKEYBELL.COM

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The sermon was later published in a book by that title. He explains it this way:

A scarlet thread winds its way throughout the entire Bible. Believers throughout the centuries have seen this line of crimson weaving through every book of God's holy Word. It is the story of redemption of mankind at the price of the blood of Jesus Christ.

This redemptive story is woven in the fabric of the stories and genealogical history in the Bible as related in the Old Testament and coming to full fruition in the New Testament Gospels. One such anecdote, The Scarlet Thread in the Day of Atonement, is recorded in Leviticus 16. Yom Kippur (The Day of Atonement) involves a ritual with two goats. One goat is sacrificed and the other, the "scapegoat," is sent into the wilderness after the high priest lays the sins of the people on it. A scarlet thread is tied around the goat before sending it on its way. This points to God's plan of redemption, mercy, and salvation ultimately found in Jesus Christ, the final sacrifice for sin.

As we approach the observance of the Lord's Supper on February 23 and the weeks leading up to Good Friday and Easter Sunday in April, may we remember and thank God for His unmerited favor. May we also be compelled to share this Good News with others.

Keith Pate

Senior Adult Event, April 7 - 10, 2025

\$575 PER PERSON
 PRICING BASED ON 50 TRAVELERS
 MOTOR COACH TRANSPORTATION
 (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)
 HAMPTON INN - FLORENCE, KENTUCKY
 INCLUDES HOT BREAKFAST (3)
 ARK ENCOUNTER / CREATION MUSEUM TICKETS
 1 DINNER CRUISE
CONTACT DAN HARRISON

SIGN UP/PAY \$300 DEPOSIT BY MARCH 5.

Sign up online, in Sunday School or call the church office.

Mentors Meeting

Tuesday, February 25

5:30 PM | Big Kitchen

The Mentors will meet in the big kitchen to prep the food needed for the AUM BCM Luncheon that is scheduled the following day. We will also prepare the snack bags for Acteen's Complete.



A STARRY NIGHT
 Dinner Theatre Fundraiser
 A Narrative Play in Progress
 & Three Course Meal

Supporting the Mission Work of Reality & Truth Ministries

February 15, 2025
 6:00 - 10:00 PM
 506 Montgomery, Street
www.astarrynightdinner.com

EVENT CANCELED

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

February 16 - Bible Skills
 Children's Worship
 Grades: K-3
 Please bring your Bible.

IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, February 16 | 10:30 AM
Pastor Jeremy Smalley
Desire
Matthew 6:19-24

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, February 9, 2025

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 210
Remote..... 34

WORSHIP

Worship Care.....11
Children's Worship.....8
Worship Service.....175
Total Worship.....194

John ~~3/16~~ Day
March 16, 2025

8:30 AM - BREAKFAST | GYM
9:15 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL | 10:30 AM - WORSHIP

We want to challenge everyone to pray for & invite the unchurched along your path to Eastern Hills Baptist Church on Sunday, March 16. We will have a Hot Breakfast, Sunday School, Worship & share the Love of Jesus. Members are asked to come and bring a breakfast dish or item of your choice.

Afterwards, you are encouraged to take your guests to lunch. A card will be provided with ideas to help you lead into a spiritual conversation.

BUDGET REPORT

YTD BUDGET REPORT

Budget Requirements \$180,782.76
Budget Receipts 136,790.26
UNDER BUDGET 43,992.50

2025 - WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

February 9, 2025

Budget Requirements \$30,130.46
Budget Receipts 20,326.00
UNDER BUDGET 9,804.46

DESIGNATED

Designated \$1,274.00

YOU'RE INVITED TO A

WEDDING BRUNCH

for the bride and groom

AMALIE MEER &
BOBBY GOSSELIN

SAT, FEB. 22ND, 2025 | 9 AM - 11 AM
EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH
(Reception Room)

3604 PLEASANT RIDGE ROAD
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

REGISTERED ON AMAZON

REGRETS ONLY:
(334) 546.9116



Sanctuary Flowers

February 16, 2025

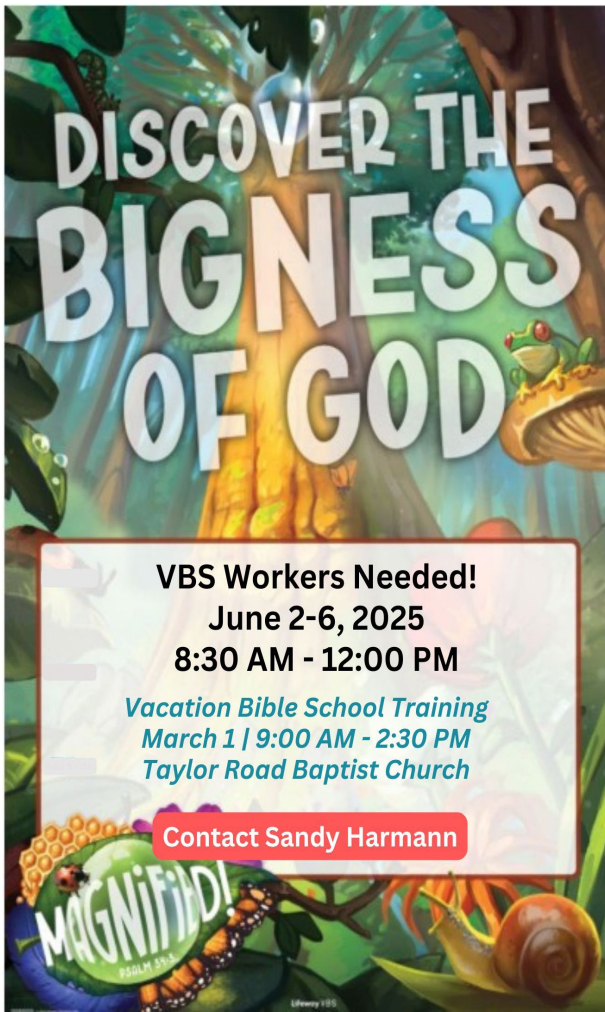
In Loving Memory of

John & Buna Mae Arnett

given by

Mark & Sandy Arnett Harmann





VBS Workers Needed!
June 2-6, 2025
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Vacation Bible School Training
March 1 | 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Taylor Road Baptist Church

Contact Sandy Harmann



TO LOVE
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RETURN BY FEBRUARY 25

**IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, WE WILL BE COLLECTING
 FOOD FOR LOVE LOUD MONTGOMERY!
 BAGS AND THE LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED WILL BE
 AVAILABLE AT EACH SANCTUARY ENTRANCE.**

Food Distribution Volunteers Needed

Friday, February 14 at 1:00 p.m.

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

Saturday, February 15 at 9:00 a.m.

- Meet in the EHBC gym to prepare for distribution.



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POSTAGE

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

9:15 AM - Bible Study Groups
 10:30 AM - Worship Service
 8:30 - 10:15 AM - Library Hours

MONDAY

5:30 PM - Handbell Rehearsal (*begins 2/24*)

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