

# THE MESSENGER

## EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

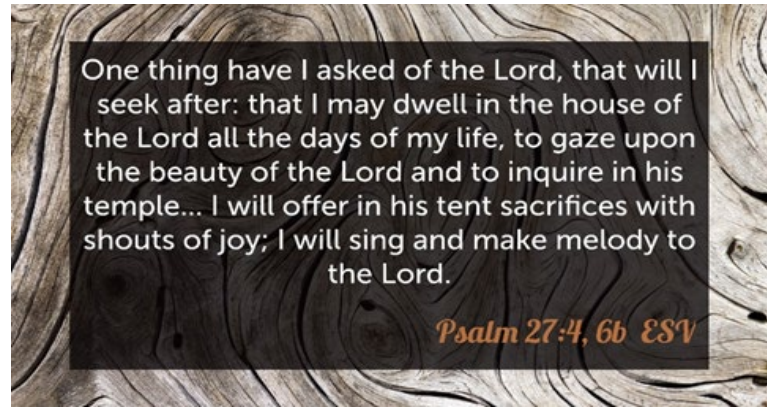


Annie Armstrong  
Easter Offering

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR  
NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS**

March 2-9, 2025

### What Is A Faithful Church Member? Part 2: A Faithful Church Member Faithfully Gathers.



One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple... I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

*Psalm 27:4, 6b ESV*

#### Anniversary Celebration



**Congratulations to Dan Harrison who completes 16 years as Associate Pastor of Administration/Senior Adults on March 1!**

Whether it be because of the prevalence of Islam or nationalized religion in places like the Middle East, Africa, and India (the most populous country in the world), government oppression in Russia and China (the world's second most populous country), or corruption and organized crime as close to home as Mexico, there are many places in this world where Christians gather for worship and the preaching of God's Word at the risk of economic persecution, violence, abduction, imprisonment, and even execution. In fact, 1 in 7 Christians, suffer high levels of persecution for their faith. And yet millions of believers living under constant threat continue to gather for worship.

In comparison to the sacrifice and risk embraced by so many, it saddens me to think about how easy it is for the devil and the things of this world to get us out of the habit of corporate worship, to the point where even the definition of regular church attendance has changed from one who attends weekly (or more) to one who attends about once a month.

While church attendance in our country, where we are free to gather without fear, has seen consistent decline, the church in Asia and Africa, particularly in the countries mentioned above, is actually growing. Why? In part because they take their commitment to Christ and His church seriously enough to sacrifice for it.

**Part of being a faithful church member is faithfully gathering with the congregation for worship.**

There are some who, despite their great desire to be here, are no longer physically able to gather with their faith family. There are times when sickness, or rare circumstance may keep us away for a short time.

But when we as a matter of priority and choice, for whole seasons at a time, withdraw ourselves from worship with the local Body of Christ, the preaching of the word by one called by God to serve as your pastor, and the observation of the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and baptism, I believe we are, in some way, failing to live up to our commitment as a church member and worse grieving the Lord by our unfaithfulness to His church. *(continued, next page)*

#### SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, March 12

6:00 PM | Reception Room

Approval of 2025 Ministry Team Recommendations  
from Committee on Committees

#### Anniversary Celebration



**Congratulations to Melissa List who completes 1 year as Daycare Director on March 1!**

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Perfect attendance may escape us, but our absence from the gathering should be the rare exception, not the expectation. It should take more than a business opportunity, an extracurricular activity, a disagreement with a fellow church member, a certain style of music, a pastor who rubs us the wrong way, or any minor discomfort or inconvenience to keep us away from faithfully and consistently gathering for worship.

Our church is blessed with many faithful church members who faithfully gather each week for worship. I am so thankful for those of you who do. But maybe you are one of those who, for whatever reason, needs to commit or re-commit to faithful gathering. I encourage you to re-read the Scripture above and pray that God will give you a greater desire to gather in His house to worship with His people!

*Pastor Jeremy*



What a wonderful day of Bible Study and Fellowship the ladies of EHBC had at the 2025 Renew Conference!

**ARK ENCOUNTER | CREATION MUSEUM**

**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.



The Cooperative Program to which EHBC has always been committed is celebrating 100 years!



We had a great turnout for our banquet. We enjoyed special guest, Mickey Bell, who shared his talent and testimony.



It was a wonderful evening of fun & laughter. Thank you to the many volunteers who had a part in making this such a special event!



*John 3/16 Day*  
 March 16, 2025

8:30 AM - BREAKFAST | GYM  
 9:15 AM - BIBLE STUDY | 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, Bible Study, 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.

# IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, March 2 | 10:30 AM  
Pastor Jeremy Smalley  
Winning Over Worry  
Matthew 6:25-34

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday, February 23, 2025

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 209  
Remote..... 35

### WORSHIP

Worship Care.....11  
Children's Worship.....8  
Worship Service.....199  
Total Worship.....218

## SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

Monday, March 31, 8:00 AM - Senior Breakfast Bunch, Chappy's on Perry Hill Road.

Monday, April 7 - Thursday, April 10, 7:00 AM - Senior Adult Trip, Ark Encounter & Creation Museum, \$575.00 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. Sign up & pay \$300 deposit by March 5. Sign up online, in Sunday School or call the church office.

# BUDGET REPORT

## YTD BUDGET REPORT

Budget Requirements \$241,043.68  
Budget Receipts 172,504.24  
UNDER BUDGET 68,539.44

## 2025 - WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

February 23, 2025

Budget Requirements \$30,130.46  
Budget Receipts 22,513.98  
UNDER BUDGET 7,616.48

## DESIGNATED

Designated \$2,588.75

**FINAL AMOUNT COLLECTED: \$30,000**

**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!

**THANK YOU EHBC!**

[lottiemoon.com](http://lottiemoon.com)



July 7-11, 2025 | Monday - Friday

Worship Arts Camp is open to students that have completed 2nd grade - 12th grade. Campers are divided by grade levels: 2nd-5th grades, 6th grade, 7th-12th grades.

Cost:

- \$330 if registered by March 27
- \$340 after March 27 & before May 22
- \$350 after May 22

Register & pay \$100 deposit on [realm.org/events](http://realm.org/events) or contact Joy, 272-0604 ext. 214.

\$100 scholarship available to first 10 students (2nd-6th grade) with perfect attendance in Children's Choir.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

MARCH 5

Spaghetti, mixed vegetables, mixed green salad, garlic toast and chocolate cake

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.

## Sanctuary Flowers

March 2, 2025

In Loving Memory of  
Charles Sievers,

on the anniversary of his 74th birthday,  
given by his sister, Betty Hutchinson.



**TOTAL COLLECTED: 93 BAGS**  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS!**

## Weekly Food Bank Pick-up Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with the food pick-up each week from the Food Bank. Most weeks we pick up food on Tuesday at 8:00 AM. Please contact Dan Harrison if you can assist each week.



**APRIL 4-5, 2025**  
 at WorldSong Missions Place  
 For girls in grades K-6 and their moms  
 \$75 per person  
 Register by March 28  
Camp runs Friday 6:00 PM through Saturday 3:30 PM

JOIN US FOR AN ACTION-PACKED, OVERNIGHT CAMP THAT WILL:

- be filled with fun camp activities like crafts, hiking, archery, s'mores around the campfire and so much more
- provide meaningful, memorable one-on-one time for you and your daughter
- strengthen your desire to be a part of God's mission in the world

**MORE INFORMATION:**  
 SPRUETT@ALS80M.ORG  
 334.613.2223

**REGISTER ONLINE**  
 USING THE QR CODE  
 OR VISIT US AT  
 ALABAMA.WMU.ORG/SPRINGFLING

**WorldSong**  
 MISSIONS PLACE  
A ministry of Alabama W.M.U.

# DISCOVER GOD'S BIGNESS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

**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

The Seven-Week Prayer Walk  
 Leading Up To Easter

**FOREST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD**

*Begins Sunday, March 2, 2025*

Kick-off 3:00 PM  
 Meet in the Sanctuary

**EASTERN HILLS**  
 BAPTIST CHURCH

# THE MESSENGER

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### 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

#### TUESDAY

6:30 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

## EHBC KIDZ!

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

**March 2 - Bible Skills**  
**Children's Worship**  
**Grades: K-3**  
**Please bring your Bible.**

POSTAGE

ADDRESS LABEL