



# THE MESSENGER

## EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

Annie Armstrong  
Easter  
Offering

STEP INTO THE  
STORY

**EHBC GOAL:**  
**\$18,000**

Lives are being  
changed both now  
and for eternity  
through the impact of  
the Annie Armstrong  
Easter Offering

**FINAL AMOUNT  
COLLECTED:**  
**\$23,026.00**

**Goal Exceeded! - Thank you EHBC for your faithful giving. Your gift fuels the work of missionaries across North America.**

Have you ever seen something but your brain really doesn't want to believe what it sees? The first Sunday in April after we had the downpour of rain and thunderstorms, the water hazard behind my house was full of water and looked so pretty. Since we had gotten five inches of rain, I knew it would stay that way for a day or two before slowly going down. On Tuesday afternoon when I got home from work, I took our fur baby, Bo, outside. While he was doing his thing, I was looking out at the water and spotted something on the other side of the water lying on the bank. I knew what it looked like, but could it really be an alligator? I took a picture and zoomed in to confirm it was indeed an alligator! I know they are in our neighborhood, but in the four years we have lived in our house, there has not been one behind my house!

Over the next few weeks, I was always looking to see where the alligator was when I would go outside so I could protect Bo. As I would work in my kitchen and look out my back door, there would be the alligator, half in the water and half on the shore soaking in the sun. I started praying that God would send the unwanted guest back to hole 17 or one of the holes before that and there would be no rain around the water feature. As I looked out my back door it hit me that this alligator was like sin. When we get caught up in sin, that is all we see or want to do. I started praying right then and examining my life for what God wanted to reveal to me.

While this was going on outside, I was cooking dinner and Bo was lying on the corner of the rug by the table, chewing on his toy, like he frequently does. He likes to be close so he can see me. As I looked at him, it hit me; that is how it is with God too. He is always there and wants to spend time with us. That was a good reminder for me.

We can easily get caught up in good things or not so good things that take our eyes off God. All we have to do is turn back to Him. Just like the hymn, "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace."

First Corinthians 10:13 says, "No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it." Satan is always there with temptation, but I'm so glad that God will also provide a way out.

Don't focus on the alligator, and bad things. Let's focus on staying close to Him!

*Sandy Harmann*

In Honor of

**Teacher Appreciation Week**

**May 5 - 9, 2025**

**THANK  
YOU**

EHBC Childcare  
Development Center Teachers.  
You are greatly appreciated for  
your faithfulness in teaching  
& caring for our children!

**Monday, May 5 | 9:30 AM - Noon**

**First Baptist Church Pelham**

*The bus will leave the church at 7:30 AM.*

**ENCOURAGE**

**Senior Adult  
Evangelism  
Conference**

**Sign up online or in Sunday School.**



Rick Lance



Guy Penrod



Frank Jones





**WOMEN'S MINISTRY SPRING BREAKFAST**  
 The ladies enjoyed a great meal, warm fellowship  
 and a heartfelt message by Susan McKim  
 encouraging us to lean on our strong faith  
 when our "even though" moments come.



**Eastern Hills Baptist Church-Celebration Singers  
 & Heritage Baptist Church-Voces of Victory,  
 sing at Rock Springs Baptist Church in Tallassee.**





**IN THE PULPIT**  
**SUNDAY, May 4 | 10:30 AM**  
**Pastor Jeremy Smalley**  
**Resurrection**  
**“What If This Is It?”**  
**I Corinthians 15:11-19**

## ATTENDANCE

**Sunday, April 27, 2025**

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 207  
 Remote..... 33

### WORSHIP

Worship Care.....5  
 Children's Church .....9  
 Worship Service.....170  
 Total Worship.....184

## SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

May 5, 9:30 AM - Senior Adult Evangelism Conference, FBC Pelham. The bus will leave the church at 7:30 AM. Lunch will follow at a location TBD and then we will go to Peach Park for ice cream.

Thursday, May 8, 7:30 PM - Pike Road Theatre, Chitty Chitty, Bang Bang. The bus will leave at 6:30 PM.

Monday, May 26 - Senior Adults will not meet for Breakfast at Chappys due to the Memorial Day holiday.

Thursday, May 29, 11:30 - Lunch & Bingo to follow in the Reception Room, lunch will be Sweet Creek BBQ. The cost is \$10 per person. Sign up online, in Sunday School or call the church office.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER MAY 7

*Fried chicken, rice & gravy, green beans,  
sliced tomatoes, biscuit and brownie*

*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.

# BUDGET REPORT

## YTD BUDGET REPORT

Budget Requirements	\$512,217.82
Budget Receipts	385,629.76
UNDER BUDGET	126,588.06

## 2025 - WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

**April 27, 2025**

Budget Requirements	\$30,130.46
Budget Receipts	27,347.25
UNDER BUDGET	2,783.21

## DESIGNATED

Designated	\$1,941.00
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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:

- \$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.

## Sanctuary Flowers

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

<b>MAY - 2025</b>	<b>JUNE - 2025</b>	<b>AUGUST - 2025</b>
Sunday, May 18	Sunday, June 15	Sunday, Aug 3
Sunday, May 25	Sunday, June 29	

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

# Forest Hills/Eastern Hills Neighborhood Picnic

Sunday, May 4

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Eastern Hills Baptist Church

*Free Event*

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers,  
Inflatables, Pony Rides, Petting Zoo & more!

*Invite someone to join you!*

Greenridge Road Parking Lot

## THE MESSENGER

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

POSTAGE

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY

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

#### TUESDAY

6:30 AM - Men's Prayer Meeting in the RR  
9:00 AM - Ladies' Precepts Bible Study, Room 139  
(We will resume on 5/13 & 5/27)

#### 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  
7:00 PM - Youth Choir

May 4 - Bible Skills

Children's Worship

Grades: K-3

Please bring your Bible.

ADDRESS LABEL