

THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



Carolyn Grace Leavell
Pike Road High School



CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR 2025
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT!

Carolyn Grace Leavell

JIM BETHEA
Memorial Scholarship

LEZ EDMONDS
Memorial Scholarship

TED KNIGHT
Memorial Scholarship



Thomas Westbrook Crossley, Jr.
Alabama Connections Academy



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**Congratulations to
Taylor Noah
who completes
Two years as
Interim Youth
Director on May 24!**

VBS NEEDS

**WE NEED EMPTY TALL PRINGLES CANS FOR VBS AND THE
POP TABS FROM CANNED DRINKS. YOU CAN DROP THEM OFF
IN THE CHURCH OFFICE. THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

2025 EHBC Daycare Pre-K Graduates



How Are We to Serve

When I was in the third grade, my teacher was Ms. Senterfitt. Every morning in her class we had time for scripture memorization. Remember, I am now 67 years old, so this was the 1966 school year. We received prizes for memorizing scripture. That year one of the scripture passages that I memorized was **Psalm 100**.

¹Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. ²Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. ³Know ye that the LORD he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him, and bless his name. ⁵For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endures to all generations.

This article is not about scripture memorization, but I am impressed by how important Scripture memorization is. After 59 years, that scripture is still burned in my memory. All over Scripture, we are told to 'serve the Lord.' In Psalm 100:2, it says to 'serve the Lord with gladness.' Deuteronomy 10:12 says, 'Serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.' Joshua says, 'As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord' (Joshua 24:15). Then, in Mark 10:45, Jesus says, 'The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.'

The following is a part of an article written by Bob Bunn with Lifeway Christian Resources:

Biblical Look at Serving God - The biblical view of serving God can be traced to the opening chapters of the Bible. God created everything, and everything He created was made for His glory. As His highest creation, designed in His image, humans are unique. We honor God by serving God, and, for the most part, we serve God by serving others.

Throughout the Old Testament, God called people to serve Him through obedience to the law. Some held special responsibilities of servant leadership as prophets, priests and kings. But serving God was an expectation for everyone. In the New Testament, Jesus provided the ultimate example of serving God through His sinless life and His sacrificial death. Believers are still called to follow His example. Obviously, sin hinders our willingness and ability to serve well, but it does not remove the responsibility. After all, Jesus proved that when God asks us to serve, He's only asking us to do what He's already done through Christ.

What it means to Serve God Faithfully - When seeking to serve God faithfully, it's crucial to understand that this service isn't just about grand gestures or public acts of devotion. It's about cultivating a heart that consistently seeks to align with God's will in every aspect of life. Deuteronomy 6:6-7 emphasizes the importance of impressing God's commandments on our hearts and passing them on to our children. This is the bedrock of biblical fatherhood—where fathers lead their families in the faith, not just by words but by daily actions and attitudes that reflect God's love and righteousness. *(continued, next page.)*

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The Greater Impact - To equip His people to serve Him, God provides each believer with at least one spiritual gift (1 Peter 4:10-11). These gifts bless the church and glorify God. It's also important to remember that serving God is never about us. It's all about Him. As we serve God, we reflect the transforming power of Christ in our lives. And, as we follow the admonition of Psalm 100:2, our glad service reveals God as He truly is. We make God appealing to the world, not threatening. As a result, we experience joy and discover a greater purpose.

Seven Ways to Serve God - While each believer has at least one gift, we don't have to master that gift (or even be sure what it is) to start serving. Truth is, in every church, the need for servants is greater than the people stepping forward to meet those needs. Demand always outpaces supply. But if you will find an area of need and start working, you'll likely get a better handle on your gifts—and see God use your efforts for His glory. Here are seven basic areas where you could likely step in today and begin to serve God faithfully:

Teaching - Every church needs teachers in every age group. From the nursery to senior adults, you can probably find a place to serve. If you're nervous, start out as an assistant teacher to someone with more experience. Again, the idea is obedience, not being a great Bible scholar.

Leading - Pastors and music leaders take the lead every Sunday, but those aren't the only ways to provide godly leadership. Accepting a spot on a committee or serving as a deacon are exercises in servant leadership. Even singing in the choir represents leadership as you help guide the congregation in worship.

Outreach - You don't have to go overseas to reach others. You can make a difference much closer to home by writing a note or sending a card to someone who needs encouragement. You can help plan fellowship events for a Bible study or volunteer in a community ministry. The opportunities are there if you will look for them.

Skills - Along with spiritual gifts, God also gives us specific skills and interests. Often, churches need people to serve God in those unique ways. For example, I'm a writer. More than once, I've written curricula for youth camps or a special church-wide emphasis. You might be a wizard at technology in a church that could use some audio/visual support. Examine your strengths and ask God where He wants you to use those abilities for His glory.

Hospitality - The Bible challenges believers to show hospitality because you never know whom you're serving (Hebrews 13:2). Sometimes, hospitality happens in the church—like greeters and ushers who serve with a smile. It can also happen outside the church. For instance, many people find incredible joy in providing meals for people during the best and the worst moments of their lives. That's hospitality, and it's a way to serve God.

Giving - Everything belongs to God (Psalm 24:1). When we give a portion of His gifts back to Him, we are serving Him. Usually, we think of giving in terms of money, but you can also give your time and your talents. Every offering shows dependence on Him, and that brings Him glory.

Prayer - Many Christians don't stand in the spotlight, but they are fierce warriors in their prayer closets. Serving God through prayer is a vital way to build up the church and make a difference in the world. So, if that's how God leads you, don't hesitate to stand tall on your knees.

The Bottom Line - We rightfully give special honor to those in vocational ministry. The truth is, we don't have to be "called to ministry" to serve God. Every believer is called to serve. So, we don't need to wait for a mystical sign. We just need to have faith and see where our passions intersect with the needs around us. From there, God will show us how we serve Him well.

Dan Harrison



Children's M2 Music/Missions Awards Night

We all enjoyed this special night on Wednesday, May 14, seeing and hearing all that our children have learned in Music & Missions this year. Thank you leaders & parents for your dedication to our Children's Ministry!



IN THE PULPIT SUNDAY, May 25 | 10:30 AM

Pastor Jeremy Smalley
"The Resurrected Life"
I Corinthians 15:29-34

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, May 18, 2025

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 207
Remote..... 29

WORSHIP

Worship Care.....10
Children's Church.....10
Worship Service.....196
Total Worship.....216

SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

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.

BUDGET REPORT

YTD BUDGET REPORT

Budget Requirements	\$602,609.20
Budget Receipts	477,118.19
UNDER BUDGET	125,491.01

2025 - WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

May 18, 2025

Budget Requirements	\$30,130.46
Budget Receipts	17,593.43
UNDER BUDGET	12,537.03

DESIGNATED

Designated	\$2,578.90
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B I N G O

SENIOR ADULT LUNCH AND BINGO



Thursday, May 29

11:30 AM | Reception Room,
SweetCreek BBQ: \$10 Per Person



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

NO
WEDNESDAY
NIGHT SUPPER

SUPPER WILL START BACK:
AUGUST 6

Sanctuary Flowers

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

JUNE - 2025

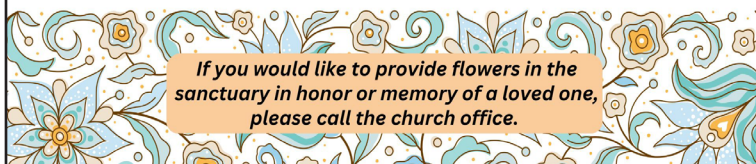
Sunday, June 15
Sunday, June 29

SEPTEMBER - 2025

Sunday, September 7
Sunday, September 14

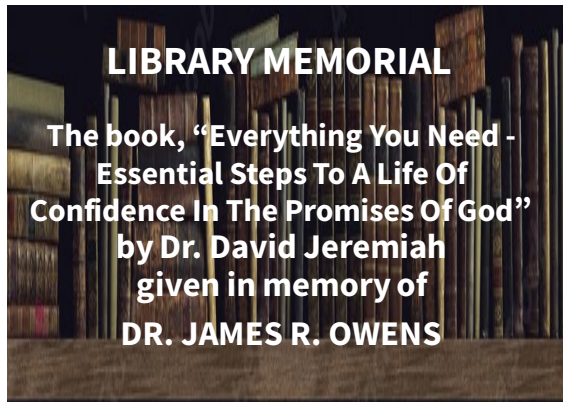
NOVEMBER - 2025

Sunday, November 2
Sunday, November 30





Carpenters for Christ will be traveling to Fairburn, GA, June 6-14, 2025. They will be building a sanctuary - Living Word Church Ministries. Please pray for travel mercies, good weather and an effective build.



VBS 2025



Eastern Hills Baptist Church

3604 Pleasant Ridge Road
Montgomery, AL 36109

June 2 - 6
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
4 Years - 6th Grade

Scan QR code to register as volunteer or participant.



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:

- \$350 after May 22

Register & pay \$100 deposit on 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.

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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

TUESDAY

6:30 AM - Men's Prayer Meeting in the RR
9:00 AM - Ladies' Precepts Bible Study, Room 139

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM - Summer Kidz Night (3 years - 6th grade)
6:00 PM - Adult Bible Study - Reception Room
6:00 PM - ONE (7th-12th grades) in the Youth Room
6:00 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM - Youth Choir



May 25 - Bible Skills

Children's Worship

Grades: K-3

Please bring your Bible.

POSTAGE

ADDRESS LABEL