

THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY,
JUNE 29, 2025

BAPTISMS

ZOEY BASS
LAHER PANCHAL
CALEB LANEY
ASHER WATSON
NATHAN MATTHEWS



I GOT NOTHING I ASKED FOR, BUT EVERYTHING I HOPED FOR.

I lift my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1-2

The Psalms are replete with raw emotion, rich imagery, and spiritual depth that meets us where we are and moves us to a higher plane spiritually. They beckon us to pause, reflect, dig deeper in our understanding of who God is, His nature and character, and our understanding of how He works in our lives. With every reading of the Psalms, and all Scripture for that matter, we find fresh truths as we peel away layer upon layer of Godly wisdom. However, to have these moments of enlightenment we must pause, reflect, be still and allow the Holy Spirit to speak.

When things are going smoothly and we seem to have everything in tow. We are tempted to put things on cruise control and assume we can handle things with our own strength. However, when an avalanche of challenging circumstances is heaped upon us in a volcanic eruption that shakes us to our core, then we realize the lack of real control we have over our situation. For me in those moments I realize my ineptness and God's competency and sufficiency to handle whatever struggle I am facing.

In all honesty, I don't like these moments. I avoid them. I do my best to calculate the smoothest path and move in that direction with diligence. I would much prefer smooth sailing over a tumultuous sea any day. Nevertheless, spiritual growth and self-discipline come not through the easy times but the ragged, raw, unpredictable moments when things are topsy turvy.

The following poem, believed to have been written by a Confederate soldier, says it best.

*I asked God for strength that I might achieve.
I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.
I asked for health that I might do greater things.
I was given infirmity that I might do better things.
I asked for riches that I might be happy.
I was given poverty that I might be wise.
I asked for power that I might have the praise of men.
I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things that I might enjoy life.
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I hoped for.
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.
I am, among all men, most richly blessed.*

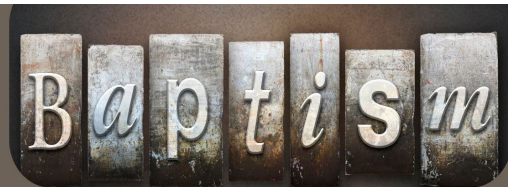
"I got nothing I asked for, but everything I hoped for" – what a sobering thought!

The choir will sing "Sometimes It Takes A Mountain" in worship this coming Sunday. It expresses this thought with clarity.

*Sometimes it takes a mountain, sometimes a troubled sea,
Sometimes it takes a desert, to get a hold of me.
Your love is so much stronger than whatever troubles me,
Sometimes it takes a mountain, to trust You, and believe.*

Yours with a song,

Keith Pate



SUNDAY, JULY 13
Candidate for Baptism:

SAVANNAH LOWE

SUMMER SOUNDS

of EHB

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23
6:00 PM | SANCTUARY

THIS EVENT WILL FEATURE SOLOISTS,
SMALL GROUPS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS.

USE THIS AS AN OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY.
BRING SOMEONE WITH YOU!

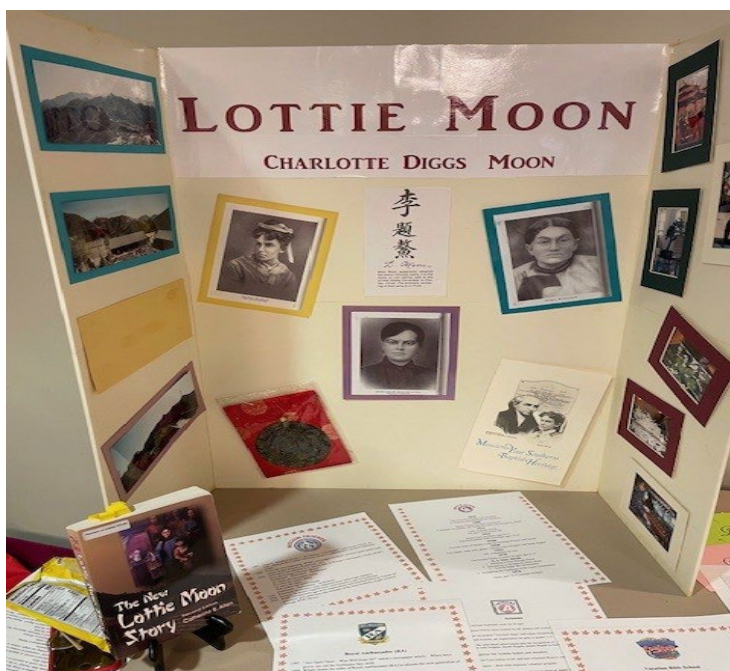




CHILDREN & YOUTH



MENTORS MEET AND LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY OF WMU.



Please check the Lost & Found window up from the church office for anything you are missing. There are a number of items, including Bibles, that have accumulated in this area. Any item not picked up by the end of August will be donated to a local charity.

IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, July 13 | 10:30 AM
Pastor Jeremy Smalley
"The Shepherd"
Psalm 23

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, July 6, 2025

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 211
 Remote..... 29

WORSHIP

Worship Care.....3
 Children's Church.....15
 Worship Service.....162
 Total Worship.....180

SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

Thursday, July 24, 5:30 PM - Catfish House, Millbrook. The bus will leave the church at 5:00 PM. Sign up through the Realm App, Sunday School or call the church office.

Saturday, August 16, 7:00 PM - Elvis & Company, Mt Vernon Performing Arts Center. Bus will leave the church at 5:30 PM. Sign up & pay by Monday, July 14.

Monday, July 28, 8:00 AM - Senior Breakfast Bunch, Chappy's on Perry Hill Road.

Senior Adult Event - Elvis (Kenneth Loomis)

Saturday, August 16 | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The bus will leave the church at 5:30 PM.

Tickets: \$25 - Assigned Seating

Mt Vernon Performing Arts Center
(The Old Theatre)
321 Barnett Boulevard
Tallapoosa, Alabama 36078

This is a two-hour show with intermission. Elvis will be joined on stage with a variety of other performers. The music will include over 25 songs - Elvis' fun secular songs, a gospel music segment with a real quartet of guys singing with Elvis. It will be a special evening.

Sign up online through the Realm App, in Sunday School or call the church office to sign up & pay.

Since seating is assigned, in order for our folks to sit together, we will purchase group tickets Monday, July 14.



BUDGET REPORT

YTD BUDGET REPORT

Budget Requirements	\$813,522.42
Budget Receipts	632,241.82
UNDER BUDGET	181,280.60

2025 - WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

July 6, 2025

Budget Requirements	\$30,130.46
Budget Receipts	33,572.87
OVER BUDGET	3,442.41

DESIGNATED

Designated	\$745.00
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QUARTERLY CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, July 16

6:00 PM | Reception Room.



EASTERN HILLS
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sanctuary Flowers

July 13, 2025

In Loving Memory of

Gene & Scott Flournoy,

given by

Nell Flournoy &
 Tammy Fauchaux.



SENIOR ADULT CATFISH HOUSE - MILLBROOK

New Date: Thursday, July 24

Previously Scheduled for July 17.

5:00 PM - Bus leaves church

5:30 PM - Seated to eat

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

Mentors Fellowship Luncheon

Thursday, July 24

11:30 AM | RECEPTION ROOM

Menu: Mexican

Door Prizes

SPOUSE OR GUESTS ARE INVITED.

PLEASE LET TERRY GRIMES KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, JULY 15TH.

Food Distribution Volunteers Needed

Friday, July 18 at 1:00 p.m.

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

Saturday, July 19 at 9:00 a.m.

- Meet in the EHBC gym to prepare for distribution.



W. A. GAYLE PLANETARIUM

Children, First - Sixth Grade

Friday, July 18 | 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

We will visit the W. A. Gayle Planetarium and have lunch at Chick-fil-A afterwards.

Meet at the church at 8:30 AM.

We will return by 11:30 AM.

Bring cash for the following:

• \$6 - Admission

• \$10 - Chick-fil-A

Extra Money for the Gift Shop

Register through Realm or call the church office.



Homeless Mat Ministry Serve Day

Saturday, July 26, 2025

9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

Annie Simms' Lions' Club Group

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."



Thanks for choosing us!!

Join us in bag preparation; the first and most important steps in making mats.

Dalraida Global Methodist Church
3817 Atlanta Hwy
Montgomery, AL

Use parking lot behind the church.

For more information contact:
Karla Groves 334-324-4732
We are still collecting bags!

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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

WEDNESDAY

5:45 PM - Summer Kidz Night

3 years - Kindergarten, Room 125

1st-6th grade, Room 139

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

EHBC KIDZ!

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

July 13 - Children's Worship

Grades: K-3

Please bring your Bible.

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ADDRESS LABEL