

THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



Filled backpacks can be left in the collection tubs located in the Welcome Center & Office areas no later than this Sunday,

August 17.

Share a gift of love and the Gospel with a child in need this Christmas.

Church Goal:
60 Filled Backpacks

Backpacks are available. You can purchase your own Bible for the backpack.



Mary & Milton Barbee

Welcome

**NEW
MEMBERS
BY
STATEMENT**

August 10, 2025

Food Distribution Volunteers Needed

Friday, August 15 at 1:00 p.m.

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

Saturday, August 16 at 9:00 a.m.

- Meet in the EHBC gym to prepare for distribution.



**FIRST GRADERS WILL RECEIVE THEIR BIBLES
DURING WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 17.**

PRAYER – THE KEY!

I enjoy gardening. Every year is different. Each year presents its own unique challenges and surprises, some of which are welcome and others a disappointment. Whatever comes is always a visual illustration of God's creativeness and infinite blessings!

Recently I have been talking with my brother who is also a gardener. He and I exchange bragging rights about our gardens' progress, share gardening tips, and lament over the lack of rain, too much rain, disease, insect infestation, and the like. I mentioned to him about the yellowed leaves of my Zipper Cream Peas. At that time, we were getting an excessive amount of rain. He speculated that the excess rain could have caused fungus. I sprayed them with a fungal spray. The jury is still out on whether this will do the trick and restore them to a healthy green color.

In our conversation about the peas my brother recounted how one year, when his peas did not produce very well due to a fungus, he plowed them under. Later he noticed a great number of volunteer pea plants sprouting. He allowed them to grow, and, in the end, they produced bountifully. The peas he tried to cultivate yielded a small crop, but the "volunteers" yielded a bumper crop.

I think there is a lesson here we can learn. Sometimes in the church we work hard to cultivate and persuade people to volunteer to fill various roles with little results. We announce, persuade, cajole, and practically beg with little results. Exhaustion and disappointment ensue, and we PRAY. (Maybe we should have started with prayer.) Then, seemingly out of nowhere, volunteers appear, and many times these volunteers bring fresh ideas and a God-given call to the ministry we had been missing.

Proverbs 16:3 states, "Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established." One commentary I read on this passage stated. "This verse encourages individuals to trust in God's guidance and wisdom when making plans, implying that aligning one's actions with God's will leads to success. It's a call to seek God's input and approval before pursuing endeavors, rather than making plans in isolation and then asking for His blessing."

All too often we make our plans then ask God to put His stamp of approval on it and thus bless it. Prayer should precede the planning as we seek God's direction. Sometimes our "planting" is done in our strength rather than allowing God's Holy Spirit to work and bring His desired results.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path." Proverbs 3:5-6.

Keith Pate



BACK TO SCHOOL SPLASH FUN
 Thank you to everyone who helped
 make this event a success!



Mentors Meeting

Mentors will have a special meeting & fellowship
 for Installation of Officers.

Thursday, August 28

1:00 PM | EHBC - Room 154

Know God Deeply™ Studies
 Precept

**The Purpose
 of Prayer**

*Women's Fall
 Precept Bible Study*

The Purpose of Prayer -
 Know God Deeply Study (2024)
 September 16 - October 21
 Tuesday, 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
 Six Weekly Meetings, Room 139
 Precept Group Leader:
 Rebecca Morris

There will be an information meeting
 on August 26, in Room 139 at 9:30 AM.

*Women's Ministry
 Fall Bible Study*

TAKE COURAGE,
 A Study of Haggai
 By Jennifer Rothschild
 Begins Tuesday, September 9
 (Seven Weeks)
 9:30 AM, Reception Room
 Facilitated by Lynne Oswald

IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, August 17 | 10:30 AM

Pastor Jeremy Smalley
"Always Worth Our Worship"
Psalm 100

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, August 10, 2025

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 206
Remote..... 26

WORSHIP

Worship Care.....10
Children's Church12
Worship Service.....187
Total Worship.....209

SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

Saturday, August 16, 7:00 PM - Elvis & Company, Mt Vernon Performing Arts Center. Bus will leave the church at 5:30 PM.

Thursday, August 21, 11:30 AM - Lunch & Bingo to follow in the Reception Room, lunch will be Vicki's hamburgers. The cost is \$10 per person. Sign up through the Realm app, in Sunday School or call the church office.

Monday, August 25, 8:00 AM - Senior Adult Breakfast Bunch, Chappy's on Perry Hill Road.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

AUGUST 20

Smothered center-cut pork chop with cornbread dressing & gravy, King's Table green beans, squash casserole, roll & banana pudding

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	\$964,174.72
Budget Receipts	761,251.02
UNDER BUDGET	202,923.70

2025 - WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

August 10, 2025

Budget Requirements	\$30,130.46
Budget Receipts	18,728.00
UNDER BUDGET	11,402.46

DESIGNATED

Designated	\$586.00
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Celebration Singers
2025/2026
Kick-Off

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
9:30 AM
HERITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Celebration Singers will join with Voices of Victory for brunch and rehearsal. Bring a breakfast dish to share if you would like to.

YOU are invited to join us as we begin this new choir year. There is "no age limit" nor "age requirement", we just love to be involved with ministry opportunities in our community and enjoy a good time singing together.

Celebration Singers regular choir rehearsals are 9:30 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Come join us!

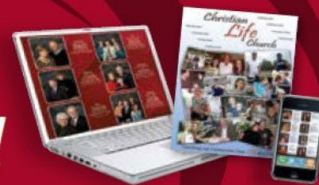


Sanctuary Flowers

August 17, 2025

In Loving Memory of
Cheryl Jarrell,
on their 57th
Wedding Anniversary,
given by David Jarrell.

Dear Church family, It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!



UNIVERSAL
CHURCH DIRECTORIES

**Dates: Friday, September 12
Saturday, September 13**



Online Scheduling Available!

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on Photography Appointment Scheduling login on the top right side, enter **AL214** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time. You can call the church office at 272-0604 for scheduling appointments as well as other questions.

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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

5:00 PM - Supper, Gym
5:45 PM - M² Music & Missions (4K - 6th grade)
5:45 PM - ONE (7th-12th grades) in the Youth Room
6:00 PM - Adult Bible Study - Reception Room
6:15 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal



August 17 - Children's Worship

Grades: 1-3

Please bring your Bible.

POSTAGE

ADDRESS LABEL