

THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



Psalm 84:5 “Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.”

A pilgrimage is defined as a journey to foreign lands and typically the journey is to a sacred place. This journey isn't typically a one-day car trip. A pilgrimage can take weeks or sometimes even months to complete. It is a notoriously long journey. When I think of a pilgrimage, I always picture people walking, or riding a horse, or maybe even taking a boat if there is water to cross. I imagine them crossing miles and miles of empty land, and for some reason in my imagination, it's always scorching hot and sunny or frigid cold in the midst of a blizzard. I imagine the pilgrimages do oftentimes have hard days, but I imagine there are some days that aren't as hard as the others.

When the psalmist uses the word “pilgrimage”, he is describing being a follower of Christ. It is a long and often-times difficult journey. Sometimes the circumstances of this journey seem extreme or brutal. It's not a journey meant to be taken lightly, but the destination is life-changing. As Christians, our “pilgrimage” actually brings us to a whole new life. It takes us to a life that is even more incredible than anything we can think up or dream of for ourselves.

Not only are we on a pilgrimage, but we are blessed to be set on one. A lot of times in scripture, when we see the words “Blessed is...” or “Blessed are...” blessed can be a synonym for joyful or happy. Not only are we on a long hard pilgrimage, but we are happy to do so. It is our joy to follow Christ. The only explanation for this joy is because we know the destination.

When we as Christians have our eyes on the prize, joy is soon to follow. This joy a lot of times is unexplainable. A lot of times this joy is not something we can conjure up for ourselves. When we have our eyes set on things above, this pilgrimage will still be long and hard, but we will be so blessed.

In Christ,
Taylor Noah



Church Goal:
60 Filled Backpacks
Total Collected: 55
Thank you to everyone who participated in this project!

Eastern Hills Baptist Church

Lunch & Fellowship

Sunday, August 31, 2025 | 11:30 AM | EHBC Gym

Join us after the worship service for a time of food and fellowship together. Use this as an outreach opportunity and bring someone with you!

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

*The church will provide the meat.
Please bring your favorite
side dishes and desserts.*



THERE WILL BE A DISH DROP OFF ON THE GREEN-RIDGE ROAD SIDE OF THE CHURCH BETWEEN 8:40 - 9:10 AM FOR THOSE WHO NEED ASSISTANCE GETTING THEIR DISH INSIDE THE CHURCH. DISHES WILL NEED TO BE TAKEN TO THE BIG KITCHEN ACROSS FROM THE GYM.



First graders receive their new Bibles.
 L-R: Skylar Nunnelly, Maddie Grace Matthews,
 Jude Gasper, Ansley Ruth Leavell, Noah Pantaleon

MBA Senior Adult Worship Rally

with FBC Trussville Senior Choir & Gospel Team
 and Dr. Gary Hollingsworth, Evangelist

Monday, September 8 | 10:00 AM - Noon
Thorington Road Baptist Church
450 Ray Thorington Road
Montgomery, Alabama 36117

*If you would like to ride the bus, please sign up on the Realm App,
 in SS or call the church office no later than Sunday, September 7.
 The bus will leave Eastern Hills Baptist Church at 9:00 AM.
 We plan to stop and eat lunch somewhere afterwards.*

SENIOR ADULTS

FAVORITE TEAM NIGHT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
6:00 PM | RECEPTION ROOM
TACO BAR: \$10 PER PERSON

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



Women's Fall Precept Bible Study

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

EHBC KIDZ!

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

**August 31 - Children will remain
 in the worship service.**

*Children, please pick up a worship activity bag
 located by the doors before worship begins.*



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RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 7

**WE WILL BE COLLECTING FOOD FOR LOVE LOUD MONTGOMERY!
 BAGS AND THE LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED WILL BE AVAILABLE AT
 EACH SANCTUARY ENTRANCE.**

Sunday School Leader Appreciation Lunch & Training

Sunday, September 14
11:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Teachers
 Substitute Teachers
 Class Outreach Leaders
 Fellowship Leaders
 & Spouses

Sign up in your Sunday
 School class or contact
 the church office by
 September 7



IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, August 31 | 10:30 AM

Pastor Jeremy Smalley

"Trusting God"

Psalm 121

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, August 24, 2025

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 205

Remote..... 28

WORSHIP

Worship Care.....11

Children's Church11

Worship Service.....170

Total Worship.....192

SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

Thursday, September 11, 6:00 PM - Senior Adult Favorite Team Night, Reception Room. The menu will be Taco Bar. The cost is \$10 per person. Sign up through the Realm app, in Sunday School or call the church office.

Monday, September 29, 8:00 AM - Senior Adult Breakfast Bunch, Chappy's on Perry Hill Road.

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Senior Adult Council Meeting has been rescheduled from September 18 to Thursday, October 30, 2:00 PM, after the Lunch & Bingo event on that same day.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

SEPTEMBER 3

Poppy seed chicken, rice, pineapple casserole,
turnip greens, roll and peach cobbler

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

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| Budget Requirements | \$1,024,435.64 |
| Budget Receipts | 813,509.00 |
| UNDER BUDGET | 210,926.64 |

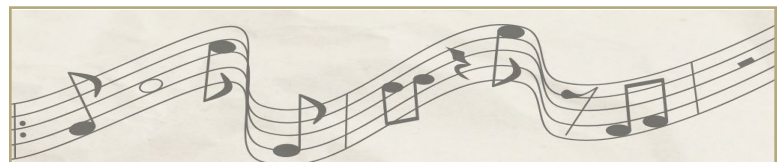
2025 - WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

August 24, 2025

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| Budget Requirements | \$30,130.46 |
| Budget Receipts | 33,040.00 |
| OVER BUDGET | 2,909.54 |

DESIGNATED

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| Designated | \$2,991.00 |
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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 31, 2025

In Loving Memory of

Lance Wells

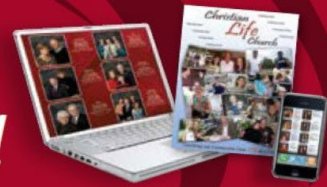
given by Faye Wells,

Lani Wells Meek &

Liddy Wells Klima



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!

Thursday, September 11

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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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

WEDNESDAY

5:00 PM - Supper, Gym
5:45 PM - M² Music & Missions (4K - 6th grade)
5:45 PM - ONE (7th-12th grades) Room 143
6:00 PM - Adult Bible Study - Reception Room
6:15 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

ADDRESS LABEL