



THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



Myers-Mallory
State Missions Offering

CHURCH GOAL

\$ 8,000

MYERS-MALLORY.ORG

**WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR STATE MISSIONS
SEPTEMBER 7 - 14, 2025**



TOTAL COLLECTED:

\$ 1,726

BLOOMING IN THE CRACK

"Bloom where you are planted." I have often heard this figure of speech. It sounds Biblical, maybe one of the Proverbs of Solomon – no; possibly from Paul's teachings in the New Testament – not exactly; then where? I researched this a bit and found several passages that relate to this sentiment, though not in an exacting way. However, the outlook expressed can be gleaned from several Scripture citations.

I found one that is familiar in Paul's letter to the church of Philippi. In Philippians 4:11-13 it says.

¹¹I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹²I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

I have an okra plant that is about two feet tall growing in the crack between the back porch and patio. I think I accidentally dropped a seed there earlier and miraculously it started growing. When I first noticed it, I was amused at its resilience and thought I would leave it and see what would happen. Amazingly as time has passed it has continued to flourish. In fact, a couple of days ago I picked my first okra pod from it. It looks healthy and has more blooms forming. I have other potted plants in that area. The okra has benefited from the runoff water and fertilizer they have received.

I have other okra plants in the main garden area that are much larger and have been producing okra pods for some time now. They are seeded in richer and more fertile soil than the "crack okra" yet it perseveres and even thrives.

At first look it seemed impossible for this okra to prosper as it has. Upon further investigation I realized below the patio/porch slabs lie soil. It's not just the dirt that has washed into the crack but the wealth of rich earth beneath that sustains it. God's earth. It's my miracle plant. I have had Periwinkles grow and bloom in this crack before, but this is the first fruited plant.

Sometimes we find ourselves in circumstances that are less than ideal. The surroundings may feel like they are closing in and we wonder how we can survive. Yet, we find the strength to press on and surprisingly often flourish. Maybe our fruit will not yield a bumper crop when compared to other situations, but we are producing fruit still the same right where we are planted!

The okra blooming and producing in the crack has been an encouragement to me. A motivation to stay rooted in the soil of God's loving kindness as revealed in His Word serving alongside His people. Let us run our roots deep into His soil and be encouraged through His Word, prayer, and meeting together in worship so that we can be empowered to seek, save, and disciple those around us.

Bloom in the crack if that is where God has planted you! His soil is sufficient to sustain you!

Keith Pate

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

SENIOR ADULT RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Sunday, September 28 at 11:30 AM

Lunch will be provided in the

EHBC Gym

Please sign up on the Realm App, in Sunday School
or call the church office at (334) 272-0604
to be placed on the list.

Please sign up by Thursday, September 25.

Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions

CLC Lobby | September 11-13

Enter the building through the Karen Road
middle door or the CLC door near the gym.

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.

Carpenters for Christ Annual Golf Tournament

2nd of October at Cottonwood Golf Club



Shotgun Start at 8:30, On-site
sign-in begins at 7:30
Scramble format



The \$80 entry fee includes
Golf, lunch and prizes.

Come support the Carpenters and enjoy a wonderful day
of fellowship on the golf course!



Registration forms are available
in the Church office or call/text
Danny Daniel (334) 399-2859 or
Ricky Middleton (334) 354-5237



Mentors Meeting

Thursday, September 25

1:00 | Room 154

Please make plans to attend!
Special emphasis on the Myers-Mallory
Offering and the Alaskan partnership.



SENIOR ADULT MOVIE NIGHT

Thursday, October 9
6:00 p.m. | Reception Room
Hotdog Supper, Popcorn
\$6.00 Per Person

Tyson befriends champion marathon runner Aklilu. Never letting his autism hold him back, Tyson becomes determined to run his first marathon in hopes of winning his father's approval. With the help of an unlikely friend and his parents, Tyson learns that with faith in yourself and the courage to take the first step, anything is possible.

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

The Purpose of Prayer

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

MBA SENIOR ADULT WORSHIP RALLY

Thorington Road Baptist Church

IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, September 14 | 10:30 AM

Pastor Jeremy Smalley

"3-D Deliverance"

Matthew 8:1-4

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, September 7, 2025

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 178
Remote..... 27

WORSHIP

Worship Care.....8
Children's Church9
Worship Service.....187
Total Worship.....204

SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

Sunday, September 28, 11:30 PM - Senior Adult Recognition Sunday, Gym. There is no cost. 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.

Thursday, October 9, 6:00 PM - Senior Adult Movie Night, hotdog supper, \$6.00 per person. Sign up through the Realm app, in Sunday School or call the church office.

Thursday, October 30, 11:30 AM - Lunch & Bingo, in the Reception Room, Marco's Pizza, \$10 per person.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

SEPTEMBER 17

Meatloaf with sauce, mashed potatoes, steamed cabbage, corn muffin, fried apple pie

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 | \$1,084,696.56 |
| Budget Receipts | 848,803.26 |
| UNDER BUDGET | 235,893.30 |

2025 - WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

September 7, 2025

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| Budget Requirements | \$30,130.46 |
| Budget Receipts | 26,977.26 |
| UNDER BUDGET | 3,153.20 |

DESIGNATED

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| Designated | \$1,986.00 |
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*You are invited to a Tea
Celebrating
Two Weddings & a Baby!*

AUBRIE (WELLS) & TUCKER ANKERSON

CLAIRE (WELLS) & JACOB BEATY

GRACIE (WELLS) & HEATH BENNETT

BABY BOY BENNETT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

1:30 - 3:30 PM

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

RECEPTION ROOM

REGISTRY:

ANKERSONS ~ ZOLO.COM

BEATYS ~ THEKNOT.COM

BENNETTS ~ BABYLIST.COM

REGRETS ONLY:

JILL WELLS (334) 538-1712



Sanctuary Flowers

September 14, 2025

In Loving Memory of

Peggy Struthers,

on the anniversary of her
birthday, given by
Bill Struthers & family.

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



UNIVERSAL
CHURCH DIRECTORIES

Set your appointment with Universal today!

Thursday, September 11

Dates: Friday, September 12

Saturday, September 13



Additional Dates Added:

Friday, October 10 & Saturday, October 11

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. 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
9:30 AM - WEM Bible Study, RR
9:30 AM - Precept Bible Study, Room 139

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

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

September 14 - Children's Worship

Grades: 1-3

Please bring your Bible.

POSTAGE

ADDRESS LABEL