



THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



Carl & Vania MacCarthy

Welcome

NEW
MEMBERS
BY
Letter

October 5, 2025

FINANCIAL FAITHFULNESS SUNDAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

*Support your church by becoming a
generous, consistent and sacrificial giver.*

Over the last few months, I've been describing what it means to be a faithful church member. To become a church member is to make a commitment of faithfulness to both God and to the local community of believers. Over the last few months, we have discovered that faithful church members: **gather, connect, serve, build, pray, and grow.**

This month, we will see that faithful church members give generously. We have already talked about the importance of service, giving of your time and talents for the work of the Kingdom and the edification of the local church community. Another way that we are called to give is financially. I want to briefly answer a couple of frequently asked questions about generous giving:

How should we give?

1. We should give sacrificially. ***I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God that cost me nothing.*** 2 Samuel 24:24b **ESV** God is far more concerned with the attitude of the giver than the amount of the gift. But to only be willing to give that which will have the least impact on your life reflects little in terms of adoration to the Lord.
2. We should give joyfully. ***Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*** 2 Corinthians 9:7 **ESV**

3. We should give consistently. ***Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.*** Revelation 4:11 **ESV** Giving is an act of worship and there is never a moment when God is less worthy of our praise.

What should we give?

I believe Jesus endorses the command to tithe (giving of your first 10% to the Lord) when He uses the phrase "ought to have done" in reference to the tithe (Luke 11:42). But there are many devoted, Bible-believing, Jesus-loving brothers in Christ who think the command to tithe is obsolete in Christ, like the animal sacrifices, dietary laws, and other commands of the Law.

But even if that's the case, it only serves to increase our generosity, not lower it.

When you study the New Testament, you find that those who follow Christ have been set free from the burden of the letter of the Law as a requirement to establish (or maintain) a right relationship with God. We are called to even deeper levels of devotion in our joyful pursuit to please God our Redeemer. (Matthew 5:17-20)

Under the Law, we do not murder. In Christ, we do not harbor hateful anger toward another. (Matthew 5:21-22)

Under the Law, we do not commit adultery. In Christ, we do not lust. (Matthew 5:27-28)

Under the Law, we offer animal sacrifices. In Christ, we offer ourselves as a living sacrifice. (Romans 12:1-2)

The Christian is called to greater devotion, never less, but not out of duty, out of a loving desire to please God.

Faithful church members give generously.

As your pastor, I have no idea what any person or family gives to our church, but I can confidently say we're blessed with many members who faithfully and sacrificially give to God's work at Eastern Hills each and every week but there are some who, for whatever reason don't give what they could.

Sunday, October 19, is Financial Faithfulness Sunday at Eastern Hills Baptist Church. As you probably know, our weekly giving regularly falls short of what we need. That Sunday, we are challenging our church family to prayerfully consider committing to faithfulness in giving. For some who may have fallen behind, that may mean "catching up." For others, this may mean making a commitment to tithe, giving the first tenth of your gross income as an act of worship in support of the work of your church. Some may be led to renew their existing commitment to faithful giving or even increase their sacrifice.

I want to encourage you to begin now praying about how you might become a consistent, sacrificial, and generous giver.

Pastor Jeremy



QUARTERLY CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, October 15

6:00 PM | Reception Room.

There will be a recommendation by the Personnel Committee to call a Staff Evangelist. Job details are available at this time.

Women's Ministry Fall Dinner

Thursday, October 23

Eastern Hills Baptist Church

6:00 PM

Reception Room

\$15 per person

Register & pay online.

You can sign up in Sunday School or call the church office. Please make reservations and pay by:

Sunday, October 19th.

Childcare available upon request.

Meal for children not included.



Special Guest:
Karen Gosselin

ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

The 2025 Annual Meeting of the Alabama Baptist State Convention will be held at Whitesburg Baptist Church in Huntsville on November 11-12.

If you would like to serve as a messenger, please call Macy Brown in the church office (334) 272-0604.

OCTOBER IS PASTOR
APPRECIATION MONTH.

PLEASE LET OUR PASTORS
KNOW HOW MUCH YOU
APPRECIATE THEM.

Deacon Nomination Timeline

Sunday, October 5 - 12

Nomination forms will be available to members to nominate up to eight men to serve as Deacons. Completed forms may be placed in the offering plate, drop boxes or turned into the church office.

Sunday, October 12

Deadline for all forms to be turned in.

October 13 - 30

Ballots will be tabulated and Deacons nominated will be contacted.

Sunday, November 2

The top eight nominations willing to serve will be confirmed by a church-wide vote in the morning worship service.

Wednesday, November 19

New Deacons term begins.



Operation Christmas
Child Shoeboxes
will be available

October 5 - October 26

Cost of Shoeboxes:

Regular \$.75 | Plastic \$2.50

Deadline to turn in Shoeboxes:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9



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.

IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, October 12|10:30 AM

Pastor Jeremy Smalley: "Financial Faithfulness"

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, October 5, 2025

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 197
Remote..... 32

WORSHIP

Worship Care.....12
Children's Church.....17
Worship Service.....175
Total Worship.....204

SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

Thursday, October 16, 9:00 AM - Celebration Singers & Voices of Victory sing at Wesley Gardens, 1555 Taylor Road. The bus will leave EHBC at 9:00. Everyone is to be seated and ready to warm up by 9:30 AM. The program will begin at 10:00 AM.

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

Thursday, October 30, 11:30 AM - Lunch & Bingo, in the Reception Room, Marco's Pizza, \$10 per person. Sign up in Sunday School, Realm App or call the church office.

Thursday, October 30, 2:00 PM - Senior Adult Council Meeting, Reception Room, after Lunch & Bingo.

Thursday, November 6, 9:30 AM - Celebration Singers Rehearsal, EHBC Choir Suite.

Thursday, November 13, 9:00 AM - Celebration Singers & Voices of Victory sing at John Knox, 4401 Narrow Lane Rd. The bus will leave EHBC at 9:00 AM. Everyone is to be seated and ready to warm up by 9:30 AM. The program will begin at 10:00 AM.

BUDGET REPORT

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Budget Requirements	\$1,205,218.40
Budget Receipts	938,023.76
UNDER BUDGET	267,194.64

2025 - WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

October 5, 2025

Budget Requirements	\$30,130.46
Budget Receipts	29,051.00
UNDER BUDGET	1,079.46

DESIGNATED

Designated	\$3,435.00
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Thank you for the outpouring of love by your visits, calls, cards and food. Your support has been a light in the darkness for me. At Lou's request, there will not be a service. He loved his church, especially the choir of which he was a faithful member for over 35 years. In lieu of flowers or books for the Library, you can donate to Eastern Hills Baptist Church Choir Ministry in memory of Louis Bennett Groves.

Thank you, Karla Groves



Sanctuary Flowers

October 12, 2025

In Loving Memory of

Leonard Nelson,

on the anniversary of his
birthday, given by
Nancy & Jimmy Lee.

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

FALL Festival

TRUNK OR TREAT

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
SUNDAY | OCTOBER 26

GREEN RIDGE ROAD SMALL PARKING LOT

**FREE HOTDOG SUPPER
FUN GAMES
POPCORN & CANDY**

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

October 12 - Children's Worship
Grades: 1-3
Please bring your Bible.

Candy Needed

(due by Wednesday, October 22)

Candy is needed for our upcoming Fall Festival. Bags of candy can be placed in the buckets located in the Welcome Center or across from the Office.

**Thank You EHBC,
Goal Exceeded!**

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

CHURCH GOAL
\$ 8,000
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**FINAL AMOUNT
COLLECTED:**
\$ 9,096

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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
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

ADDRESS LABEL