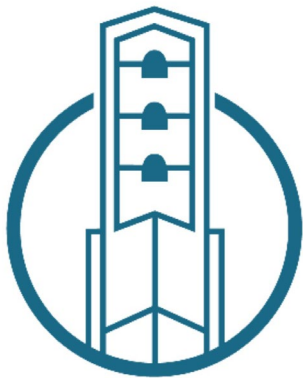




THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, December 3

6:00 PM | Reception Room

Discussion: Proposed 2026 Budget



DEACON ORDINATION

There will be a deacon ordination on Sunday,
November 23, for the following deacons:

Robert Mullins

Don Walker

Too Busy to Enjoy the Moment!

Hurry, scurry, my head is topsy-turvy! For many of us that seems to be the mantra from now through Christmas. Parties to plan and attend. Christmas music programming with a myriad of details yet to be accomplished. Lists, rehearsals, decorating, and family gatherings to plan all swimming in our heads! How do we get it all accomplished and maintain any semblance of sanity?

I recall an Andy Griffith episode where a visiting pastor from New York preaches for the locals. Andy, Barney, Aunt Bea, Clara, and Gomer all listen intently (except for Gomer who keeps nodding off) as the pastor reprimands the congregation for their societal busyness. He encourages them to slow down and enjoy the simpler things. He prompts them to remember the days of sitting in the park on Sunday afternoons enjoying a community band concert.

After lunch, while sitting on the front porch, Andy and his clan discuss the merits of the sermon. They recall the band concerts in the park. Upon further discussion, they decided to put on a band concert so that everyone could come together and enjoy a relaxing Sunday afternoon in the park. Soon they were in full out plan and initiation mode. Andy would pull the band together to rehearse, Aunt Bea and Clara would freshen up the old band

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uniforms, while Barney and Gomer would shore up the gazebo on which the band would play. Off they go with their individual assignments in high hopes of success. Shortly thereafter, reality sets in. The band hasn't rehearsed in quite some time and is woefully out of tune. The band uniforms are moth-eaten and thread bare. The ramshackle gazebo is a disaster and no amount of shoring up can save it in time.

Soon tempers flare, exhaustion sets in and they all collapse into chairs on Andy's front porch. It is about this time that Rev. Tucker drops by with the esteemed New York pastor. The visiting pastor sees Andy and the gang relaxing on the front porch and interprets this to mean they have taken his advice to slow down and enjoy a calm and serene afternoon. He commends them for their efforts. When invited to join them and have a cup of coffee, the pastor says he must rush off for another speaking engagement in Raleigh.

This comical episode, though encapsulated in a thirty-minute drama, bears a bit of truth. Often our best laid plans fall short. The recollection of an ideal family gathering, seasonal music program, or other happening fades when reality rears its head. Memories of bygone days tend to either be fancifully more exciting and perfect or dramatically drearier than the true experience.

So, what do we do to avoid burnout, exhaustion, and disappointment this Thanksgiving and Christmas season? I wish I had the magic answer that would fit every situation, but only God is that wise. However, there are some foundational truths to help us navigate this season.

Foremost is not allowing the busyness to overshadow the deeper meaning of the holidays. At Thanksgiving we must take time to truly Thank God for His abundant blessings! Remember friends and loved ones who have had a deep impact upon your life...especially your spiritual journey. Write them a note, send a text, or give them a call if they are still living. If they are not with you any longer, linger for a moment and thank God for their influence. Most of all as you gather with family, both at church and in your homes, cherish every moment and thank God for the privilege of being together!

I Thessalonians 3:16-18 says.

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Yours with a song,

Keith Pate



STUDENT MISSIONS Weekend
WORLDSONG January 16-17 COOK SPRINGS
•• 2026 ••

SIGN UP THROUGH REALM
COST \$25
DEADLINE TO SIGN UP:
DECEMBER 14

Students, grades 7-12 & their leaders.

Contact:
Taylor Noah (334) 235-6168

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES



Children in 1st - 6th grade will be taking the Christmas Child Shoeboxes to the designated drop off point, Ridgecrest Baptist Church, where they will discover more about what happens next & how the love of Jesus is spread to 12 million children worldwide.

Wednesday, November 19

5:30 PM - Children will meet in their choir room to go over Christmas music.
6:00 PM - We will load up the shoeboxes and leave the church.
7:15 PM - We will return back to EHBC.

Permission form must be completed.

Contact: Sandy Harmann

Saturday, 12/20/25, 8:30 AM - Breakfast for Recipients of Food Distribution

Great Christmas ministry opportunity next month! At 8:30 a.m. before the Dec. 20 food distribution at 10:00 a.m., we're providing the recipients a hearty, warm breakfast. They'll be brought inside as our guests for a great meal, a devotional by the pastor, and Christmas carols before returning to their cars to receive the grocery bags of food.

Those of us, who are already involved in the 3rd Saturday of each month's Food Distribution Ministry, will perform our same functions, but we'll need 20 additional volunteers to be Table Captains to sit with guests and form relationships, so guests will know someone and feel comfortable coming back to EHBC to worship with us. Please sign up this Sunday in your Sunday School Class.

Thank you,
Sharon Myers and the Outreach Ministry Team



Memorial Christmas Tree

We will have the Memorial Christmas tree in the CLC lobby again this year. It will be decorated with the ornaments collected from the last two years.

We are now receiving additional ornaments.

You can bring them on Sunday and Wednesday to designated areas located in the CLC lobby, and outside the church office.
During the weekdays you can leave them with the staff in the church office.

We will personalize them with your name and your loved ones name.

Thank you for sharing your special memories.
For more information, contact Marsha Carlisle or Kim Cluck.



Mentors Meeting

Thursday, November 20

1:00 PM | EHBC - Room 154

Please make plans to attend!
Special emphasis on foreign missions in Republic of Georgia & Ukraine.
Speaker - Dan Harrison



CHRISTMAS SOUNDS
of EHBC

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17
6:00 PM | SANCTUARY

THIS EVENT WILL FEATURE SOLOISTS, SMALL GROUPS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS.

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



SENIOR ADULT Christmas Party

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18
6:00 PM | RECEPTION ROOM
\$15.00 PER PERSON

Sign up through Realm, in Sunday School or call the church office. Please sign up and pay by noon, Monday, December 15.



NORTH AMERICAN BRASS BAND ASSOCIATION 2024 CHAMPIONSHIPS
HUNTSVILLE, AL

RIVER REGION BRASS BAND

River Region Brass Band
Christmas Praise

TUE, DEC 9, 2025 | 7:00 PM
Eastern Hills Baptist Church
3604 Pleasant Ridge Road
Montgomery, AL 36109

IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, November 16 | 10:30 AM

Pastor Jeremy Smalley:
"The Sending of the Saved"
Matthew 9:32-10:15

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, November 9, 2025

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 197
Remote..... 28

WORSHIP

Worship Care.....7
Children's Church.....22
Worship Service.....181
Total Worship.....210

SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

Monday, November 24, 8:00 AM - Senior Adult Breakfast Bunch, Chappy's on Perry Hill Road.

Thursday, December 18, 6:00 PM - Senior Adult Christmas Party, Reception Room. *(The date was changed from the 16th to the 18th due to a conflict.)* The cost is \$15 per person. Sign up through Realm, in Sunday School or call the church office. Please sign up and pay by noon, Monday, December 15.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

NOVEMBER 19

Spaghetti, mixed vegetables, mixed green salad, garlic toast and chocolate cake

*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	\$1,355,870.70
Budget Receipts	1,066,443.55
UNDER BUDGET	289,427.15

2025 - WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

November 9, 2025

Budget Requirements	\$30,130.46
Budget Receipts	21,328.00
UNDER BUDGET	8,802.46

DESIGNATED

Designated	\$625.00
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Food Distribution Volunteers Needed

Friday, November 14 at 1:00 p.m.

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

Saturday, November 15 at 9:00 a.m.

- Meet in the EHBC gym to prepare for distribution.



Sanctuary Flowers

November 16, 2025

In Loving Memory of

Bill Harper,

on the anniversary of his birthday
given by
Jane Harper & family.

Thanksgiving Feast & Praise Service

Tuesday, November 25 | Gym

Supper at 5 PM ♦ Praise Service at 6 PM

Families are encouraged to attend the meal in the gym at 5 PM and stay for the service at 6 PM. If you do not have a standing Wednesday night supper reservation, please call the church office or register online by noon on Thursday, November 20 to reserve. Cost of the meal is \$10 per person. No other groups will meet on Tuesday, November 25. There will be no services or activities on Wednesday, November 26. The Church Office will be CLOSED Thursday, November 27 - Friday, November 28.

Menu: Turkey & dressing with gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, sweet potato casserole, roll & bread pudding

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS

GLORY IN THE HIGHEST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7
3:00 PM

Featuring the Eastern Hills
Adult Choir and Guest Orchestra

*Also Features: Children & Youth Choirs
and Celebration Ringers (Handbell Choir)*

*Christmas fellowship in the
Reception Room after the service.*



November 16 - Children's Worship
Grades: 1-3
Please bring your Bible.

*A fellowship will follow the Christmas Choir Program on
December 7, in the Reception Room. Cookies & finger foods
are needed. Please sign up in Sunday School
as to what you would like to bring.*

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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 Hour

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