



# THE MESSENGER

## EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



**TOTAL COLLECTED:**  
**\$6,650.00**



Where do we go in seasons of anguish? What do we do when our world falls apart? To whom do we turn when we have no answers and when well-meaning words ring hollow to our aching souls? There is only One who can soothe and hold us in our fragile state. The prophet Isaiah speaks of the one who offers hope to humanity. Isaiah 7:14 says,

***Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.***

“Immanuel,” God with us! Imagine a Holy and sinless God becoming a frail and helpless child, then growing into a man, living a perfectly sinless life yet taking on the sins of humankind to offer us the hope of salvation through a relationship with Him! All other religions teach of ways that humanity can reach God. Christianity is the only religion where God reaches down to us, a God who humbled Himself to become one of us and paid the price for our sins at Calvary. Jesus Christ endured rejection, ridicule, oppression, false accusations, and ultimately an undeserved death penalty.

***For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21)***

Jesus Christ became sin for us, taking on our depravity, paying the price we owed for our rebellion against God. He offers us Hope this season. No matter who you are or what you have done, Jesus Christ stands ready to give you the gift of salvation and walk with you through whatever circumstance you face. If you are a believer and follower of Christ, remember whatever you are going through, He is walking through it with you.

One of the songs the choir sang for our Christmas program this year comes to mind.

*All is well, all is well. Angels and men rejoice!  
For tonight darkness fell into the dawn of love's light.  
Sing alle, sing alleluia!*

*All is well, all is well. Let there be peace on earth for Christ is come,  
Go and tell that He is in the manger.  
Sing alle, sing alleluia.*

*All is well, all is well. Lift up your voice and sing.  
Born is now Emmanuel. Born is our Lord and Savior.  
Sing alleluia! All is well!*

Our circumstance may scream “all is not well!” However, God offers hope and turns our darkness to light when we receive Him, trust Him, follow, and obey!

God bless you all!

**A very special Thank You to all who participated in “Glory in the Highest” and to those who attended. To God be the glory!**

*Keith Pate*

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## HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS

How many times have you been in a situation that seemed so bleak you just wanted to dig a hole and pull the dirt in over your head? Sometimes, these occasions are temporary. You have had a stressful day at work. The children are sick; the Christmas shopping is yet to be completed; the house is in shambles with piles of laundry and dirty dishes in the sink, then you remember you agreed to host this year's Christmas dinner for the entire extended family!

Perhaps your woefulness is more intense. Maybe this year you have lost someone very dear to you, a grandparent, parent, sister, brother, or even more daunting – a spouse or a child. Loss is tragic at any season but especially during the holidays. The pain it causes, whether present or past, looms large this time of year and can spiral one into a state of deep heartbreak and despair.







## IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, December 14 | 10:30 AM

Pastor Jeremy Smalley:

**"Zechariah's Benedictus"**

Luke 1:67-79

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday, December 7, 2025

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 208

Remote..... 29

### WORSHIP

Worship Care..... 5

Children's Church..... 10

Worship Service..... 196

Total Worship..... 211

## SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

Thursday, December 18, 6:00 PM - Senior Adult Christmas Party, Reception Room. *The date was changed from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

Thursday, January 15, 5:30 PM - Catfish House in Millbrook. Sign up through Realm, in Sunday School or call the church office by noon on Monday, January 12. The bus will leave the church at 5:00 PM. We will need to be seated by 5:30 PM.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

DECEMBER 17

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

**THIS WILL BE THE LAST WEDNESDAY  
NIGHT SUPPER FOR THE YEAR.**

**SUPPERS WILL START BACK  
ON JANUARY 7.**

## BUDGET REPORT

### YTD BUDGET REPORT

Budget Requirements	\$1,476,392.54
Budget Receipts	1,162,593.11
UNDER BUDGET	313,799.43

### 2025 - WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

December 7, 2025

Budget Requirements	\$30,130.46
Budget Receipts	50,931.56
OVER BUDGET	20,801.10

### DESIGNATED

Designated	\$4,375.00
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### Mentors Meeting

Thursday, December 18

1:00 PM | Room 154

We are having our Annual Cookie Swap and will be preparing cookie packages to go in the food distribution bags for the 20th as our Mission Actions Project. As always, all ladies are welcome.

Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service  
December 24 - 4:00 p.m.  
(No Wednesday Night Supper or Activities)  
NO CHILDCARE FOR SERVICE

Merry Christmas!  
The church office will be closed  
Thursday, December 25 and  
Friday, December 26.

## YOUTH CHOIR TOUR FUNDRAISER

The youth are gearing up for another meat fundraiser for our Choir Tour this year. The meat sale is active now.

You have the choice of the following:

Boston Butt \$45 | Ham \$45 | Ribs \$30

Deadline to order is Wednesday, December 10.

You can pick-up & pay on Saturday, December 20,

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the gym.

Contact Taylor Noah, (334) 235-6168 or call the church office, (334) 272-0604.

## Christmas Eve Poinsettia Deliveries to EHBC Prospects

Thank you to those who have purchased live poinsettias to beautify our Sanctuary this Christmas season. As we did at Easter, we need help delivering some of those signs of the season to guests who have visited EHBC and live near us in Forest Hills. Whether you purchase a poinsettia and choose to donate it, or you'd simply be willing to deliver a donated plant, please sign up in Sunday School to volunteer. Please see Sharon Myers in the vestibule after the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service to get the name and address of the guest to whom to deliver one on the way home. Thank you in advance for providing and/or delivering a blessing to one of our prospects on behalf of EHBC!

Sharon Myers  
Outreach Director



## LOTTIE MOON | GA POST OFFICE

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

You can mail your Christmas cards to anyone in the church by sending them through the GA's mailbox located in the CLC lobby.

Write the name *only* of the person you are sending it to - no address needed! Place the cards in the slot by the first letter of the LAST name.

Pay the normal postage by check or cash, drop into the lock box located next to the GA Post Office.

**STUDENT MISSIONS Weekend**  
WORLDSONG January 16-17 COOK SPRINGS  
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**SIGN UP THROUGH REALM**  
COST \$25  
DEADLINE TO SIGN UP:  
DECEMBER 14  
Contact:  
Taylor Noah (334) 235-6168

Students, grades 7-12 & their leaders.

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## 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 - M<sup>2</sup> 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



December 14 - Children's Worship

Grades: 1-3

Please bring your Bible.

POSTAGE

ADDRESS LABEL