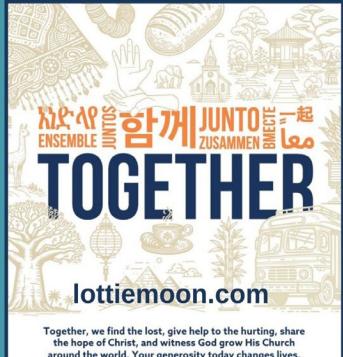


# THE MESSENGER

## EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



**TOTAL COLLECTED:**  
**\$21,167.00**

**EHBC GOAL: \$30,000**

### TO THE WORK

It seems my life, and the life of many of you I am sure, spins faster these days. There is a musical term for the gradual increasing volume of sound in a piece – *crescendo*. And conversely the gradual decreasing of sound – *decrescendo*. My impression is that the pressures of life these days have much more of a crescendo effect than decrescendo. The “to do” list grows feverishly no matter how persistently you chip away at the tasks. If the demands of life were gauged in musical terms, many days would register *fff (fortississimo)* which means very, very loud!!

Even our daily tasks can spin us into overload with the turn of a switch. I understand that computers, cell phones, pay online systems, and the like were supposedly designed for our ease and comfort. This process, however, which to some is simplified but to others is a further complication, appears less reliable than pen, paper, and ledger books. Frustration ensues as our pressure cooker living whistles the warning signal and we throw up our hands in complete surrender.

Why do some days, even seasons, appear refreshing while others seem burdensome with every task bearing down like a twenty-pound sledgehammer? The answer may be less in the tasks yet to be completed and more in the approach we take completing them. I can very easily become overwhelmed with assignments that pile into mountainous heaps of activities that scream for immediate attention. It is in these seasons that I must walk away from it for a moment and regain the proper perspective.

John 10:10 reminds us:

***The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.***

The solution is not to retreat from all work, but to rely on God for strength to accomplish what we must accomplish. Possibly during the pressure cooker moments, we are forced into a position to seek Him when we cannot handle our circumstances single handedly.

As we start this new year, let us take time to reflect and gain perspective on the big picture. God has a plan and purpose for us this year. Let us labor together not merely relying on our talent, skills, educational training, and even past experiences but keeping our eyes focused on the one who gives us strength to go forward together.

II Corinthians 12:9 reminds us:

***My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness. (NLT)***

Let us rely on His strength to accomplish all He has called us to in this new year!

**Keith Pate**



### QUARTERLY CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

**Wednesday, January 21**

**6:00 PM | Reception Room.**

### **Food Distribution Volunteers Needed**

**Friday, January 16 at 1:00 p.m.**

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



**Saturday, January 17 at 9:00 a.m.**

- Meet in the EHBC gym to prepare for distribution.



## CHURCH EVENT CALENDAR

For ALL new or recurring events happening at Eastern Hills, you must complete a NEW green Event Request form for any event to be added to the 2026 Church Event Calendar. Please call the church office to check the calendar to see if a date is available for your event. Your event is not confirmed on the church calendar until a green event form is completed and returned to Macy Brown. If you want the event promoted in The Messenger, please be sure to mark it on the back of the form. These forms may be picked up from Macy or Sandra.



# IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, January 18 | 10:30 AM

Pastor Jeremy Smalley:  
"The Man Plots & God Plans"  
Esther 6-7

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday, January 11, 2026

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 193  
Remote..... 27

### WORSHIP

Worship Care..... 4  
Children's Church ..... 6  
Worship Service..... 189  
Total Worship..... 199

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

JANUARY 21

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

*Cost is \$10 per person, \$35 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.*

## Sanctuary Flowers

January 18, 2026

In Loving Memory of

*Sadie Little,*

on the anniversary of her  
birthday, given by  
Allen & Patsy Watson.

# BUDGET REPORT

## 2026 YTD BUDGET REPORT

Budget Requirements	\$52,060.12
Budget Receipts	43,544.06
UNDER BUDGET	8,516.06

## WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

January 11, 2026

Budget Requirements	\$26,030.06
Budget Receipts	18,401.00
UNDER BUDGET	7,629.06

## DESIGNATED

Designated	\$2,300.00
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## SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

Monday, January 26, 8:00 AM - Senior Breakfast Bunch, Chappy's on Perry Hill Road.

Thursday, January 29, 11:30 AM - Lunch and Bingo, Reception Room. Sign up to bring chili, soup or your favorite dessert. Sign up on Realm, in Sunday School or call the church office.

Thursday, February 5, 9:15 AM - Celebration Singers breakfast & rehearsal - meet in the Reception Room.



**January 18 - Children's Worship**  
**Grades: 1-3**  
**Please bring your Bible.**

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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  
9:30 AM - WEM Bible Study, Reception Room

#### WEDNESDAY

5:00 PM - Supper, Gym  
5:30 PM - Youth Choir, Room 154  
5:45 PM - M<sup>2</sup> Music & Missions (4K - 6th grade)  
6:00 PM - Adult Bible Study - Reception Room  
6:15 PM - Adult Choir, Choir Suite  
6:30 PM - ONE (7th-12th grade) Room 143

ADDRESS LABEL