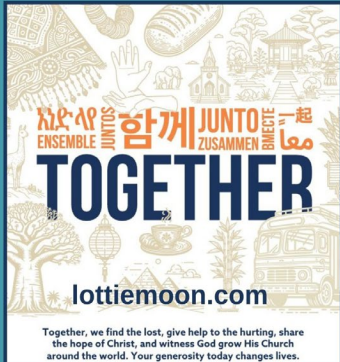


THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



TOTAL COLLECTED:
\$21,167.00



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.

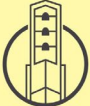
II Corinthians 12:9 reminds us:

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

Mentors Meeting
Thursday, January 22
1:00 | Room 154
Church Service or Serving Church -
How Do You Share Your Story.
All ladies are welcome to attend!

**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.





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Children will play games and participate in other fun activities.

Wednesday, February 11
5:45 - 7:15 PM | Gym
Eastern Hills Baptist Church
Contact Sandy Harmann, (334) 398-2250

MEN'S MINISTRY KICK-OFF BREAKFAST
Saturday, January 31
8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
EHBC Gym
Guest Speaker: Charlie Trotman
(Former Auburn QB & Football Announcer)
FREE Event, bring your son, grandson,
father, neighbor, co-worker!
Online or Call-In Registration,
helpful but not required to attend.
Coming Soon: Men's D-Groups!

The Montgomery Associational Race will be held Sunday, February 1 in the EHBC Gym. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. and the race starts at 1:30 p.m. Eastern Hills Baptist Church.

PINEWOOD DERBY
2026

Contact Sandy Harmann
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B I N G O

SENIOR ADULT LUNCH AND BINGO

Thursday, January 29
11:30 AM | Reception Room
Sign up to bring chili, soup or a dessert.
Sign up through Realm, in Sunday School or call the church office.

Reality & Truth

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AUGUST 20

Please consider helping with this opportunity by signing up to share a meal with those who are in need in our community. Please sign up in Sunday School or contact the office for more details on how your Sunday School class can help with this ministry.

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.

Sanctuary Flowers

The following dates are available for placing flowers in the Sanctuary:

FEBRUARY - 2026	MARCH - 2026	APRIL - 2026
Sunday, February 1	Sunday, March 1	Sunday, April 12
Sunday, February 8	Sunday, March 8	Sunday, April 19
Sunday, February 15	Sunday, March 15	Sunday, April 26
	Sunday, March 29	

If you would like to provide flowers in the sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one, please call the church office.

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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Appreciation Breakfast

Sunday, February 1

8:30 - 9:15 AM | Reception Room

Please join us as we honor Taylor Noah for her faithful service as Interim Youth Director for the past two years, eight months. There will be a designated area set up to leave a card of thanks for Taylor.

Please sign up in Sunday School to bring a breakfast item.

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.



EHBC KIDZ!

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

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 - M² 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