

# THE MESSENGER

## EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

**EHBC GOAL:**  
**\$18,000**

*God changes lives now and forever when you give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.*

**COLLECTED:**  
**\$2,892.00**

100% of your gift goes to the mission field.

Annie Armstrong  
Easter Offering



**SUNDAY, MARCH 15, THE YOUTH WILL BE SELLING TICKETS FOR THE CHOIR TOUR FUNDRAISER AT THE WELCOME CENTER, CLC LOBBY, VESTIBULE AND THE OFFICE AREA.**

### YOUTH CHOIR TOUR FUNDRAISER

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

See one of our youth to purchase your ticket for the following:

Boston Butt \$45 | Ribs \$30

Deadline to order & pay is Monday, March 23.

You can pick-up on Sunday, March 29, after worship service between 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. in the big kitchen.

Contact Connie Barnett, (334) 300-5858 or call the church office, (334) 272-0604.

## He's Still Working on Me

*I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. Galatians 2:20 (NKJV)*

In recent weeks, many of the men in the church have been going through a discipleship study entitled "Transformed by Christ." It is a video driven course created by Rick Burgess. As we have navigated the study it is amazing the things God has put in my path that reinforce what we are learning.

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As I have shared in the past, I enjoy gardening. I have several "raised beds" I created over the years in which to grow vegetables. The landscape timbers or wooden sides of these beds deteriorate over time. It is past time to rebuild many of these before planting this year. I started this process over a week ago and still have much to do before I am ready to plant. When all is completed, these beds will be ready to receive the precious seeds that bring the hope of an abundant harvest. This preparatory work is long and laborious but the promise of precious produce spurs me on to completion.

Even after these beds are complete, the gardening process is just beginning. Enriching and tilling the soil, planting, watering, fertilizing, weeding, pruning, will hopefully bring a bountiful yield. However, there are no guarantees of a plentiful gathering of the prized vegetables in early to mid-summer. Weather conditions, time restraints, bug infestation, weeds, and the like can ruin the best laid plans of even the most proficient gardener. Still, we plant, we fertilize, we water, we de-bug, and we pray we have a harvest. Then next year we repeat. The process never ends.

As disciples of Christ, we are being transformed through the power of the Holy Spirit as we study His Word, meet with and are encouraged by fellow believers, and pray for God's leadership. The process is sometimes slow, and it certainly never ends.

Our study has reminded me of a song written by Joel Hemphill in 1980. I recall the song from a children's musical from the early 1980's that was written and compiled by Bill and Gloria Gaither. The song's title is "He's Still Working on Me."

The words express the process of sanctification in a believer's life. Here are some of the words from the song:

*(Chorus) He's still working on me*

*To make me what I need to be*

*It took Him just a week to make the moon and stars*

*The sun and the earth and Jupiter and Mars*

*How loving and patient He must be*

*'Cause He's still workin' on me*

*(Stanza 1) There really ought to be a sign upon my heart*

*Don't judge him yet, there's an unfinished part*

*But I'll be better just according to His plan*

*Fashioned by the Master's loving hands.*

*(Stanza 2) In the mirror of His word*

*Reflections that I see*

*Makes me wonder why He never gave up on me*

*But He loves me as I am and helps me when I pray*

*Remember He's the potter, I'm the clay.*

Galatians 2:20 points out that our old nature was crucified with Christ. Nevertheless, that doesn't mean we never sin, that only happens when we get to Heaven. Paul reminds us in Romans 7:14-25 that the struggle with sin continues. However, as we draw closer to Jesus Christ this transformation process slowly changes us and forms us into His image.

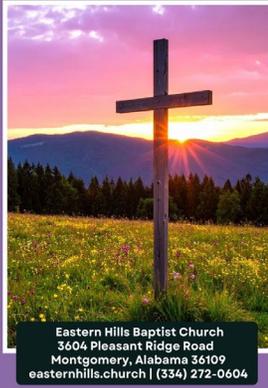
Thanks be to God that He is not finished with us yet!

Yours with a song,

*Keith Pate*

# Easter @ Eastern Hills

- March 29 Eggstravaganza (Egg Hunt) | 3:00 - 4:30 PM, families with children, toddlers to 6th grade, Greenridge Road parking lot.
- April 2 Maundy Thursday Service, 6:00 PM  
A meditative and reflective Lord's Supper & Worship Service centered on our brokenness and Christ's redemption.
- April 3 Good Friday - Church office will be closed.
- April 5 Resurrection Celebration:  
Bible Study 9:15 AM | Worship 10:30 AM  
Covered dish luncheon after Worship Service in the Gym. Church will provide the meat. Please bring a side dish or dessert.  
Sign up in Sunday School or call the church office (334) 272-0604 by Monday, March 30.



EHBC WOMEN'S MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO

## A Spring Brunch

featuring Joette Castleberry

Saturday, March 28, 2026  
9:00 AM | Reception Room  
\$15 Per Person

Please sign up and pay in advance.  
No money will be collected on the day of the event.  
Sign up online, in Sunday School or call the church office.

Deadline to Register & Pay: Monday, March 23.

# Candy Needed

Candy is needed for our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt! Bags of candy can be placed in the buckets located at the Welcome Center or across from the office. (needed by Wednesday, March 25)

## SENIOR ADULT LUNCH

Thursday, March 19  
12:00 Noon

The bus will leave the church at 11:00 AM.

### RED'S LITTLE SCHOOL HOUSE

Sign up in Sunday School, the Realm App, or call the church office.

# Eggstravaganza!

Eastern Hills Baptist Church invites all families with children, toddlers up to 6th grade, to our Annual Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 29 | 3:00 - 4:30 PM  
Candy, Fun, Games  
Greenridge Road Parking Lot

In case of rain, event will be moved to the EHBC Gym.

## ADVENTURE WEEKEND

MARCH 20-21, 2026  
1ST-6TH GRADE BOYS & DADS/LEADERS  
SHOCCO SPRINGS ADVENTURE CAMP

Sign up on Realm or contact Sandy Harmann (334) 398-2250.



Eastern Hills youth girls had a great time at Complete this past weekend. The conference theme was *Know the Word, Know your Worth.* Girls loved the Bible Study, worship, and intentional breakouts. Thank you Mentors for the encouragement bags.

Special acknowledgment to Mady Segrest (not pictured) who served on the Challenge Team for the weekend.



July 6-10, 2026 | Monday - Friday

Worship Arts Camp is open to students that have completed 2nd grade - 12th grade. Campers are divided by grade levels: 2nd-5th grades, 6th grade, 7th-12th grades.

Cost:

- \$330 if registered by March 22
- \$340 after March 22 & before May 17
- \$350 after May 17

Register & pay \$100 deposit [onrealm.org/events](https://www.realm.org/events) or bring payment to Joy in church music office. \$100 scholarship is available to first 5 students in 2nd-6th grade with "Perfect Attendance" in Children's Choir.

# BUDGET REPORT

## 2026 YTD BUDGET REPORT

Budget Requirements	\$260,300.60
Budget Receipts	305,649.23
OVER BUDGET	45,348.63

## WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT March 8, 2026

Budget Requirements	\$26,030.06
Budget Receipts	62,827.29
OVER BUDGET	36,797.23

## DESIGNATED

Designated	\$3,225.00
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### Sunday Bible Study Sessions & Scripture

March 1	<b>Courage</b> (Matthew 14:22-33)
March 8	<b>Real Devotion</b> (Matthew 15:1-11, 16-20)
March 15	<b>Following Jesus</b> (Matthew 16:13-26)
March 22	<b>Glory</b> (Matthew 17:1-13)
March 29	<b>Forgiveness</b> (Matthew 18:21-35)

### Explore the Bible

March 1	<b>God Is Holy</b> (Psalm 99:1-9)
March 8	<b>God Is Love</b> (I John 4:7-19)
March 15	<b>God Is Just</b> (Psalm 7:1-13)
March 22	<b>God Is Omnipotent</b> (Isaiah 44:6-9, 21-28)
March 29	<b>God Is Faithful</b> (Deuteronomy 7:6-16)

### Bible Studies for Life

## IN THE PULPIT SUNDAY, March 15 | 10:30 AM

Guest Speaker:  
**Reverend Neal Hughes**  
"Some Call It Heaven, I Call It Home"  
Philippians 3:20-21

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday, March 8, 2026

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person.....	196
Remote.....	20

### WORSHIP

Worship Care.....	9
Children's Church .....	8
Worship Service.....	181
Total Worship.....	198

## Wednesday Night - March 18

There will be no supper, Bible study or activities due to Spring Break.

The Choir will have rehearsal.  
Youth - 5:30 PM  
Adult - 6:00 PM

## Sanctuary Flowers

March 15, 2026

In Loving Memory of

**J. W. Veazey,**

on the anniversary  
of his birthday,  
given by Grace Veazey.



## SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

Thursday, March 19, 9:30 AM - Celebration Singers, Choir Suite.

Thursday, March 19, 12:00 Noon - Red's Little School House. The bus will leave the church at 11:00 AM. Sign up in Sunday School, on Realm or call the office.

Monday, March 23, 8:00 AM - Senior Breakfast Bunch, Chappy's on Perry Hill Road.

Thursday, April 5, 9:30 AM - Celebration Singers, Choir Suite.

Thursday, April 19, 9:30 AM - Celebration Singers, Choir Suite.

## Easter Hydrangea



20 Pink Hydrangeas are available for those who would like to place a flower in the Sanctuary this Easter in memory or in honor of a loved one. Complete this form and bring to the church office or drop in the offering boxes outside the Sanctuary. We will print in THE MESSENGER the names of those giving a hydrangea and to whom they are given in memory or honor. **Deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 29.**

Hydrangeas - \$23 **Please include payment.** You may pick up your hydrangea following the Easter Sunday Service OR donate for outreach efforts.

**Donate:**  YES  NO

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_



March 8 - Children's Worship

Grades: 1-3

Please bring your Bible.

## Food Distribution Volunteers Needed

Friday, March 20 at 1:00 p.m.

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

Saturday, March 21 at 9:00 a.m.

- Meet in the EHBC gym to prepare for distribution.



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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  
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