

# THE MESSENGER

## EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



SHINING A LIGHT ON WHO JESUS REALLY IS

# ILLUMINATION STATION

JOHN 8:12

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 8 - 12 | 8:30 AM - 12 PM

AGES 4 - 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

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### Divine Appointments

Have you considered that the interruptions, disappointments, or disruptions to your daily schedule are often avenues for Divine Appointments? Youth Choir Tour this year reaffirmed that truth in dramatic ways. There were several instances I could relate, but I will share only one.

One of the ministry venues on our schedule was the Missouri Baptist Children's Home. We had sung there in years past and it was a meaningful experience. This time when I called to possibly schedule our group, the contact person told me they did not have many children living on campus anymore. Their primary ministry was through a fostering system sponsored by their office. Their role was more of an administrative one with just a few families on campus. She stated, however, it would be an encouragement to the staff and families there and to please come.

When we arrived, we learned that the few children on campus were attending their last day of school, and it would only be the adult leadership teams/administrators there for the program. At first this seemed very disappointing. However, we presented an abbreviated program in their chapel, sharing mainly our A Cappella pieces and features by our string quartet, all of which worked wonderfully in this acoustically live environment.

The students did an outstanding job! The director shared with me afterwards, with teary eyes, that this program meant so much to them. In the last month they had lost a member of their staff who had a terminal illness that was only diagnosed weeks prior. Also, within the last month the president of the Missouri Baptist Children's Home had been killed in a tragic car accident. These were long-term members of their staff and friends. The songs like "We Are Not Alone" and others really ministered and encouraged this group of believers.

I firmly believe this was a Divine Appointment that God had in store for us all along! There were other instances I could relate as well, but this was just one affirmation of one of my favorite verses of Scripture.

**Proverbs 3:5-6. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not upon your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path.**

When your circumstances seem haphazard, stressed, or disappointing, trust that God may have a purpose. What may seem like a mistake in scheduling may be the very moment God has a bigger plan!

Yours with a song,

*Keith Pate*

*Eastern Hills Baptist Church*

### Friends & Family Lunch/Fellowship

Sunday, June 14, 2026 | 11:30 AM | EHBC Gym

Join us after the worship service for a time of food and fellowship together. Use this as an outreach opportunity and bring someone with you!

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

*The church will provide the meat.  
Please bring your favorite side dishes and desserts.*




There will be a dish drop off on the Greenridge Road side of the church between 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. for those who need assistance getting their dish inside the church. Dishes will need to be taken to the big kitchen.





June 14 - Children will remain in the worship service. They will be sharing what they learned in VBS.



**Cammie Bullard,**  
**Ministry Assistant to**  
**Administration & Children,**  
 can be contacted at the following Email address:  
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**OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**If you would like to help as a volunteer in the church office, please contact Dan Harrison.**

**ON MISSION: TANZANIA**



Greg Gosselin will be traveling to Tanzania, June 3-16.

Please lift him in prayer for safe travels and a successful mission trip.

Samaritan Inn Ministry

*Christmas in August*

**FUNDRAISER**

Look for updates and videos every 2 weeks!

APRIL 28 TO AUGUST 25

In Memory of Debbie Smith

To donate visit [mgmbaptists.org/sim](http://mgmbaptists.org/sim)




**Carpenters For Christ**



Carpenters for Christ will be traveling to New Life Christian Center - Equality, IL June 12-20, 2026.

Please pray for travel mercies, good weather and an effective build.



**Samaritan Inn Ministry**

Samaritan Inn Ministry offers families who are faced with unexpected medical crises and related financial burdens a place of refuge, rest, and hope at low to no cost. These families come to Montgomery medical facilities when their local facilities can't help. Many are young parents of premature babies who require extended stays in the NICU, some are families or adults who were in accidents while traveling through the area. All need lodging. Samaritan Inn offers lodging in hotels at reduced costs and where applicable access to two residential homes and one suite. They receive more than lodging, they are partnered with volunteers who offer hope, prayer and help meet other needs through meals and gas cards.

Your help is needed in caring for these families. All funds received help with lodging costs and meeting needs. Your financial assistance helps set hearts at ease so that all energy can be directed toward loved one's in care and not making ends meet.

FYI- donations made at this link are strictly for the FUNDRAISER, not the annual Banquet. Your support can be made at: <http://mgmbaptists.org/SIMB>.

*Sanctuary Flowers*

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

JUNE - 2026	AUGUST - 2026	SEPTEMBER - 2026
Sunday, June 21	Sunday, August 2	Sunday, Sep 6
Sunday, June 28	Sunday, August 9	
	Sunday, August 16	

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, June 14 | 10:30 AM

Pastor Jeremy Smalley

“The Illuminator”

John 8:12

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday, June 7, 2026

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 189  
Remote..... 21

### WORSHIP

Worship Care.....8  
Worship Service.....176  
Total Worship.....184

# BUDGET REPORT

2026 YTD

## BUDGET REPORT

Budget Requirements \$598,691.38  
Budget Receipts 604,120.77  
OVER BUDGET 5,429.39

## WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

June 7, 2026

Budget Requirements \$26,030.06  
Budget Receipts 33,359.00  
OVER BUDGET 7,328.94

## DESIGNATED

Designated \$11,552.00

## Mentors Meeting

Thursday, June 25

1:00 PM | Room 154

Our speaker is Robert Barge from First Choice. He will talk about the mentoring of young fathers and helping to build families. We want to invite everyone - women and men to this meeting.



FIRST CHOICE  
Women's Medical Center

### Sunday Bible Study Sessions & Scripture

June 7 **Strong and Courageous** (Joshua 1:1-11, 16-18)  
June 14 **Amazing Grace** (Joshua 2:4-21)  
June 21 **Remembering God's Works** (Joshua 3:14-4:9)  
June 28 **Winning Strategy** (Joshua 6:12-25)

#### Explore the Bible

June 7 **Meeting Needs** (Luke 5:12-16, 27-32)  
June 14 **Making Others a Priority** (Luke 7:36-48)  
June 21 **Showing Love** (Luke 10:25-37)  
June 28 **Calling Out Sin** (Luke 11:37-46; 12:1-3)

#### Bible Studies for Life

## Sanctuary Flowers

June 14, 2026

In Loving Memory of

*Ron Myers,*

on the occasion of their anniversary  
&

In Loving Memory of

*Ellen Motisi,*

on the anniversary of her homegoing  
given by Sharon Myers.



## Food Distribution Volunteers Needed

Friday, June 19 at 1:00 p.m.

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

Saturday, June 20 at 9:00 a.m.

- Meet in the EHBC gym to prepare for distribution.



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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

5:45 PM - Summer Kidz Night  
3 years - Room 125  
Kindergarten - 6th grade, Room 234  
6:00 PM - Adult Bible Study - Reception Room  
6:00 PM - ONE (7th-12th grades) in the Youth Room  
6:00 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

ADDRESS LABEL