



THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

AMERICA
WE MUST NOT FORGET



A Patriotic Call for Revival In America

250

Anniversary

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Musical Celebration

Sunday, July 5, 5:00 PM

**Eastern Hills & Heritage Churches join to celebrate
the 250th Anniversary of our country!
Make plans to join us for this program
and stay after for the ice cream and
dessert fellowship.**



Vacation Bible School is always one of the most exciting weeks of the year! It is also one of the most tiring weeks for volunteers—especially by Wednesday. Throughout the week, children filled our campus with energy and joy. They gathered in the sanctuary to sing and praise God, attended Bible classes to learn about Jesus, and enjoyed crafts and games that reinforced each day’s lesson.

One of my favorite parts of VBS is visiting the different rotations to see what the children are learning and getting to know the new families who join us. By midweek, many of the children had already memorized the Bible verse and could recite it with confidence.

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Our theme this year was Illumination Station, where we focused on “shining a light on who Jesus really is.” Our motto was, “Jesus is the Light of the World.” As Christians, we are called to share Jesus with others and let His light shine through us.

“Jesus spoke to them again: ‘I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.’” (John 8:12)

During VBS, the children learned the Five P’s:

Jesus is God’s Promised Son – Matthew 16:13–20

Jesus is God’s Perfect Son – Matthew 3:13–17; Mark 1:1–11; John 1:29–34

Jesus is the Powerful Son of God – Matthew 15:29–39

Jesus is the Proven Son of God – Mark 14:43–16:7

Jesus is God’s Plan for Forgiveness – Acts 2

We had 67 children enrolled in VBS this year, and our highest attendance day included 59 children. During the week, we had meaningful conversations with 30 children who came forward with questions about faith. We also celebrated five children who rededicated or confirmed their faith and 12 professions of faith!

Family Day was held on Sunday, and it was a wonderful celebration of all God had done during the week. It was a joy to hear the children sing the songs they learned and to watch our youth and adults participate in the drama presentation. Everything came together beautifully. Lunch and fellowship in the gym provided a great opportunity to meet the families who attended and get to know them better. Many shared that their children loved VBS and appreciated how welcoming and friendly everyone was.

Several of these families plan to return to Eastern Hills. When you see them, please take a moment to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome. Invite them to sit with you during worship or help them find a Sunday School class. We know how special Eastern Hills is, and this is our opportunity to show them. Building relationships is one of the best ways we can grow our children’s ministry and our church family.

While decorating the hallway outside Room 150, we covered the windows with colorful cellophane to create the appearance of stained glass. After completing the first window, I stepped back to admire it. The sunlight shining through the colors cast a beautiful pattern across the carpet. It was a wonderful reminder of what happens when we allow the light of Jesus to shine through us.

Imagine the impact we could make on our friends, neighbors, city, state, and world if we faithfully reflected His light. Eastern Hills, let us be a light on a hill and share the love of Jesus with Montgomery and beyond.

Sandy Harmann

FRIENDS & FAMILY LUNCH FELLOWSHIP



IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, June 28 | 10:30 AM
Pastor Jeremy Smalley
“What We Believe About God”

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, June 14, 2026

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person.....	174
Remote.....	24

WORSHIP

Worship Care.....	5
Worship Service.....	217
Total Worship.....	222

Sunday Bible Study Sessions & Scripture

	June 7	Strong and Courageous (Joshua 1:1-11, 16-18)
Explore the Bible	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)

	June 7	Meeting Needs (Luke 5:12-16, 27-32)
Bible Studies for Life	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)

Sanctuary Flowers

July 5, 2026

In Loving Memory of
Craig Hill
on the anniversary
of his birthday,
given by
Jan Howard & family.



BUDGET REPORT

2026 YTD
BUDGET REPORT

Budget Requirements	\$650,751.50
Budget Receipts	636,056.27
UNDER BUDGET	14,695.23

WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

June 21, 2026

Budget Requirements	\$26,030.06
Budget Receipts	11,813.00
UNDER BUDGET	14,217.06

DESIGNATED

Designated	\$1,740.00
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There will be no Messenger Newsletter published the first week of July.

Mat Ministry Serve Day

Save the Date!

Saturday, July 25
EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH
RECEPTION ROOM
9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon




We need as many volunteers as we can get to come out and help at the worship. You can help by looping ropes for the weavers, smoothing and cutting bags. We hope to have between 80-100 volunteers. It takes a village to handle the tasks necessary for the mat weaving process.

The last week of July, Grace, her daughter Terri, and I plan to go and train a church in Manchester, TN in starting a MAT Ministry. We will be gone for four days. This will make the eighth church that our group has trained to do this meaningful work. God is spreading the ways to disciple.

Thank you for the many ways you serve!

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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



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>.



EHBC KIDZ!

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

June 28 - 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

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

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