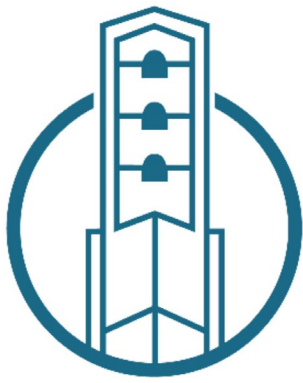




THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

QUARTERLY CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, July 29

6:00 PM | Reception Room.



EASTERN HILLS
BAPTIST CHURCH

Holy Destiny Benefit Singing



Clanton First Baptist Church, Sanctuary
Saturday, August 1, 2026 - 6:00pm

Luminarias will be available
for purchase
in honor or memory of those
impacted by cancer.
\$2 each or three for \$5
Cash or checks made payable to
the American Cancer Society
will be accepted.

**A bus will depart from Eastern Hills at 4:30 p.m. If
you would like to ride the bus, please call the church
office to sign up at (334) 272-0604 ext. 210.**

WORSHIP CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need five volunteers
to serve every other
month in Worship Care.

Please contact Sandy
Harmann to volunteer
at (334) 398-2250.



IN THE STORMS

¹⁶When evening came, His disciples went down to the lake, where they got into a boat and set across the lake for Capernaum. ¹⁷By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. ¹⁸A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. John 6:16-18

This passage shows Christ sending His disciples into darkness and danger—not to abandon them, but to reveal His sovereign presence, perfect timing, and faith-forming care. This passage naturally centers on Christ's lordship over every storm and His call for believers to trust Him even when He seems absent.

The disciples enter the Sea of Galilee at night, rowing toward Capernaum. Scripture emphasizes three escalating conditions:

Darkness — They cannot see Jesus, and their own understanding is limited.

Distance — They are far from land and far from Christ's visible presence.

Danger — A strong wind makes the sea rough, a common occurrence on this lake.

When Jesus sends His disciples across the sea, He knowingly sends them into a storm. His later approach—walking on the water—reveals that their trial was never outside His control. He sees them, comes to them, and delivers them at precisely the right moment.

This shows that Christ's sovereignty is not abstract theology—it is pastoral care. He governs the storms His people face, using them to reveal His identity and strengthen their faith. Jesus comes into the storm, not after it!

Before He calms the waves, before He stills the wind, before He brings them safely to shore—He comes to them in the middle of the chaos. His presence precedes His solution.

This is the pattern of grace:

- Jesus steps into the fear before He removes the cause of fear.
- He strengthens hearts before He stills circumstances.
- He reveals Himself before He resolves the problem.

The disciples' real rescue wasn't calmer water—it was Jesus Himself. John's emphasis is not on the storm's end but on the Savior's arrival. The turning point is not when the wind stops, but when Jesus steps toward them.

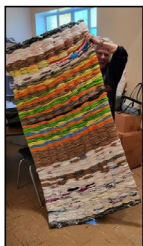
If you're in a season where the wind is against you and the night feels long, remember the disciples' story: You are not abandoned—you are in the "not yet," and Jesus is already walking toward you. His presence is your peace before the waves ever settle.

Dan Harrison

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!

Karla Smilie Groves
Mat Ministry Coordinator
(334) 324-4732
karlasmilie626@gmail.com

LUPUS SUPPORT GROUP

There will be a
Lupus Support Group
that will meet the first
Tuesday of each month
beginning August 4.

Eastern Hills Baptist Church
6:00 p.m. | Room 154
Contact: Kim Cluck (334) 202-4253

Look for the purple balloons!



SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION SUNDAY
FOR PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN,
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9,
COME JOIN US AS WE
SHINE BRIGHT
FOR JESUS!
THIS SCHOOL YEAR.



**I CAN ONLY
IMAGINE 2**



SENIOR ADULT MOVIE NIGHT
Thursday, August 6th
6:00 p.m. | Reception Room
Hot Dog Supper, Popcorn
\$6.00 Per Person

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

Based on the heartfelt true story behind the hit single
"Even If", I CAN ONLY IMAGINE 2 is the inspiring next
chapter of faith, family, and finding God in the fire.
The movie aims to complete Bart Millard's personal story,
focusing on his journey from a son dealing with a difficult
father to a father navigating his own challenges.

Eastern Hills Baptist Church

BACK TO SCHOOL SPLASH

SUNDAY,
AUGUST 16
4:00 - 6:00 PM
GREENRIDGE ROAD
PARKING AREA

WATER SLIDES
HOTDOGS
NANCY'S
ITALIAN ICE

CHURCH & COMMUNITY INVITED



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



SENIOR ADULT
CATFISH HOUSE - MILLBROOK
Thursday, August 20

5:00 PM - Bus leaves church
5:30 PM - Seated to eat

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

IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, July 26 | 10:30 AM

Pastor Jeremy Smalley

“Sin And The Fall of All”

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, July 19, 2026

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 207

Remote..... 22

WORSHIP

Worship Care.....8

Children's Church9

Worship Service.....163

Total Worship.....180

Sunday Bible Study Sessions & Scripture

July 5 **Sin Revealed** (Joshua 7:10-23)
July 12 **Unwavering Determination** (Joshua 14:1-15)
July 19 **Vital Decision** (Joshua 24:14-24)
July 26 **Consequences** (Judges 2:11-23)

Explore the Bible

July 5 **Speaking Truth** (Luke 18:18-30)
July 12 **Extending Grace** (Luke 19:1-10)
July 19 **Fellowship with Believers** (1 Corinthians 1:1-13)
July 26 **Wisdom from God** (1 Corinthians 1:20-25; 2:9-16)

Bible Studies for Life

Sanctuary Flowers

July 26, 2026

In Loving Memory of

Eryn and Chea Reddoch

given by

Bob & Cynthia Sandifer,
Harper & Abbie Reddoch



BUDGET REPORT

2026 YTD

BUDGET REPORT

Budget Requirements	\$754,871.74
Budget Receipts	724,324.77
UNDER BUDGET	30,546.97

WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

July 19, 2026

Budget Requirements	\$26,030.06
Budget Receipts	22,177.00
UNDER BUDGET	3,853.06

DESIGNATED

Designated	\$2,372.36
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EHBC KIDZ!
LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, SOUL, MIND AND STRENGTH

July 26 - Children's Worship

Grades: 1-3

Please bring your Bible.

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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

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