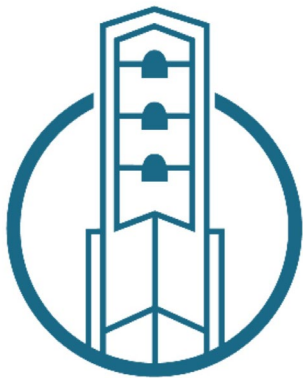




THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



Emily Ashe

Welcome

NEW
MEMBER
BY
LETTER

August 9, 2026

Choosing Thankfulness

The Apostle Paul writes in the concluding verses of I Thessalonians 5,

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (I Thessalonians 5:16-18).

What is the source of our joy? What will ensure that we maintain a thankful heart in all circumstances? Our circumstances may fluctuate. There are some days when nothing can go wrong and others when nothing can go right. It is in those times that our feelings waffle between exuberant highs and apathetic lows.

How do we combat the inevitable lows that come when a mountain of circumstances piles down upon us? It is remembering daily, moment by moment, that God is the source of our joy and thanksgiving not the circumstance we are enduring. It is in finding joy and thanksgiving in the simple things that keep us from toppling over the edge of the depressionary cliff.

I have a sign that Evelyn made hanging in my garden. It reads "Gardening is my therapy." So true! For me there is something about planting, watering, weeding, and watching the garden grow, that is relaxing even in my most exhausting and stress-filled moments.

This spring I planted Zipper Peas in one of the beds along with tomatoes at each end. After the peas were up and blooming, I noticed a vine growing amid the peas. I realized it was a cantaloupe vine; which had a couple of small cantaloupes on it. I pampered the precious gift and one of the cantaloupes matured quickly. I picked it a couple of weeks ago and Evelyn and I enjoyed a sweet, delicious cantaloupe. I called it the cantaloupe that God planted and expressed appreciation to Him for it!

The second cantaloupe was on a vine that had run up a shepherd's hook. After it reached the size of a kiwi, I put it inside an old pair of women's hose and tied it to the hook for support. It grew as I watched, excitedly anticipating a second ripened and savory melon! After watching it for days, and seeing it expand inside the stocking, my taste buds were salivating just thinking about its soon to be ripened state! However, in short order I noticed a small hole and then a second. I sprayed it with a natural product to kill the pesky intruder and even saw one on the outside and killed it. Nevertheless, I am afraid the fruit may be lost. I am waiting for the eventual outcome, but at this point I am not very hopeful.

At first, I was quite aggravated. I wondered why the first cantaloupe ripened, and the second was worm infested? Then, I stopped and reflected. I did not plant the vine, it was all a gift. If I only had one cantaloupe, that was one more that I would have had this season. The second was not promised nor was the first. All were blessings from God! I thank him for the first one and if the second one is rotten, so be it. I had one very good cantaloupe this season. I realized I had no right to be angry about a cantaloupe that was purely a gift.

This reminded me that I must seek to be joyful and thankful in all circumstances! God gives me much more than I ever deserve. All good things are a blessing from Him!

When we choose to be thankful, our attitude shifts and blessings shine brighter than burdens!

Yours with a song, *Keith Pate*

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



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.

MEN'S MINISTRY KICK-OFF

Fall Fish Fry

Saturday, August 22 | 12:00 - 2:00 PM

Eastern Hills Baptist Church Gym

Guest Speaker: Jay Wolf

FREE Event, bring your son, grandson,
father, neighbor, co-worker!

Registration not required,
but encouraged.



Habtamu (Toby) Hinton
Grace International School

You Are Invited to a
Graduation Reception

August 23

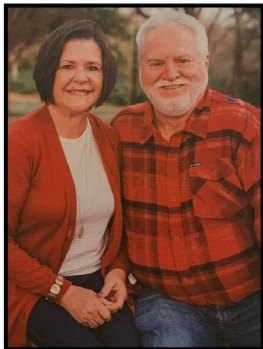
4:00 - 6:00 PM

(Come & go as you like.)

Reception Room

Eastern Hills Baptist Church

Please join us as we celebrate Toby's
graduation from high school overseas,
and have time to pray over him as we send
him off to California Baptist University.



Retirement Luncheon Celebration Honoring Pastor Dan Harrison

Sunday, August 30

11:30 AM | EHBC Gym

Plan to join us after the worship service on August 30, as we
honor Pastor Dan Harrison for his 17 years of faithful service as
Associate Pastor of Administration and Senior Adults.
Thank you, Dan & Leisa, for your faithfulness in serving the
family of Eastern Hills Baptist Church for the past 17 years.
You have been a blessing to so many!

There will be an area set up for you to share a card of thanks
with Dan & Leisa in appreciation for their faithful ministry.

Please sign up to bring a side dish or dessert.
You can sign up on Realm, in Sunday School,
or call the church office. The church
will provide the meat.

Monday, August 31, 8:00 AM - Senior Adult Break-
fast Bunch will meet at Chappy's on Perry Hill Rd.
This will be Dan's last event before he retires.

PLEASE GIVE PRAYERFUL
CONSIDERATION FOR OUR UPCOMING
DEACON NOMINATION PROCESS.

DEACON NOMINATION FORMS
WILL BE AVAILABLE ON
AUGUST 30.

Mentors New Officer & Installation Luncheon

Thursday, August 27

11:00 AM | JAN'S BEACH HOUSE

Mentors will have a special
meeting & fellowship
for Installation of Officers.

Please make plans to attend!

Celebration Singers Resumes on Wednesday, September 3.

If you enjoy singing, come join us on the first and third Thursday of each month. This choir combines their efforts with Heritage Baptist Church choir to rehearse and prepare to sing at local assisted living facilities. This year we have a choir tour planned for March, 2027 to St. Augustine, Florida!!

Rehearsal Schedule for September:

Thursday, September 3 | 9:30 AM | Heritage Baptist Church, 1849 Perry Hill Road
Thursday, September 17 | 9:30 AM | Eastern Hills Baptist Church

Come be a part!,
Keith

ADULT CHOIR CHRISTMAS MUSIC KICK-OFF SOON NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO JOIN US!

The Adult Choir will begin work on our Christmas program, "Celebrate Christmas", this week! If you are not a part of the regular weekly choir but would like to join us to sing for Christmas, we would love to have you! We have extra rehearsals scheduled as well as our regular Wednesday evening times.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM Sunday, December 6 | 3:00 PM

Regular Wednesday Rehearsals | 6:15 PM
Wednesday Christmas Rehearsal | 7:00-7:30 PM

We will have extra rehearsals this fall:
Sunday, September 27 | 1:00-3:00 PM
(Immediately following the Senior Adult Lunch.)

Sunday, October 18 | 1:00-3:00 PM
(Immediately following the 70th Anniversary Lunch.)

Sunday, November 15 | 1:00-3:00 PM
(Lunch provided immediately following worship, then rehearsal.)



IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, August 16 | 10:30 AM

Pastor Jeremy Smalley

“Salvation: Conversion”

Titus 3:4-7

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, August 9, 2026

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 193

Remote..... 24

WORSHIP

Worship Care.....5

Children’s Church5

Worship Service.....196

Total Worship.....206

Sunday Bible Study Sessions & Scripture

Explore the Bible

August 2 **Called** (Judges 6:1-4, 7-16)

August 9 **Trust** (Judges 7:1-8, 19-23)

August 16 **Compromise** (Judges 16:16-31)

August 23 **Faithfulness** (Ruth 1:11-18; 2:5-12)

August 30 **Redemption** (Ruth 3:8-13; 4:13-17)

Bible Studies for Life

August 2 **A Servant’s Heart** (1 Corinthians 3:5-15)

August 9 **A Humble Attitude** (1 Corinthians 3:18-4:7)

August 16 **An Outward Focus** (1 Corinthians 10:23-33)

August 23 **A Way to Serve** (1 Corinthians 12:12-24)

August 30 **A Love for Others** (1 Corinthians 13:1-13)

BUDGET REPORT

2026 YTD BUDGET REPORT

Budget Requirements	\$832,961.92
Budget Receipts	814,139.02
UNDER BUDGET	18,822.90

WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

August 9, 2026

Budget Requirements	\$26,030.06
Budget Receipts	38,457.75
OVER BUDGET	12,427.69

DESIGNATED

Designated	\$1,961.00
------------	------------



FIRST GRADERS WILL RECEIVE THEIR BIBLES
DURING WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 23.

LIBRARY MEMORIAL

The book,
“Smiling Faces of Sadie Lane”
by Cindy Criswell Ducker,
given by Marcia & Danny Daniel
in honor of
PAISLEY NUNNELLY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

August 19

*Smothered center-cut pork chop with
cornbread dressing & gravy, lima beans, squash
casserole, roll & banana pudding*

*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

August 16, 2026

In Loving Memory of

Donna Marse

given by

Russ, Mama & Family.





EASTERN HILLS
CHILDCARE

NOW ENROLLING!

A loving place to *learn, grow and shine!*

OPEN SPOTS IN OUR 1-2 YEAR OLD ROOM!

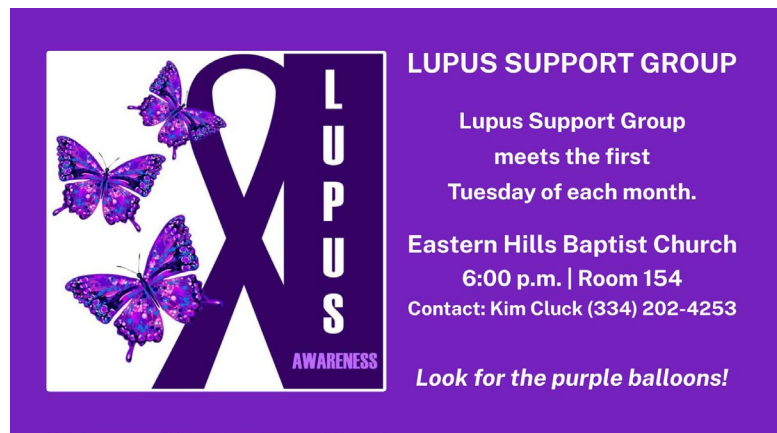
HOURS OF OPERATION
7:00 AM – 5:30 PM

WE OFFER
AM/PM SNACK & HOT LUNCH

ABEKA CURRICULUM

**NURTURING HEARTS.
BUILDING MINDS.
LOVED BY JESUS!**

COME GROW WITH US!
EASTERN HILLS CHILDCARE



LUPUS SUPPORT GROUP

Lupus Support Group meets the first Tuesday of each month.

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

Look for the purple balloons!



WORSHIP CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

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

THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

The Messenger, Eastern Hills Baptist Church
3604 Pleasant Ridge Road, Montgomery, Alabama 36109.
334-272-0604 | easternhills.church

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

5:00 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