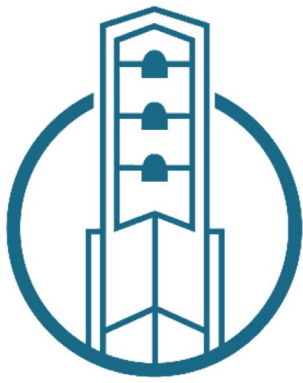




THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

Anniversary Celebration!

**Congratulations &
Thank You to
Jeremy Smalley
who completes
2 years as
Senior Pastor
on August 25.**



Anniversary Celebration!

**Congratulations &
Thank You to
Chad Royal
on 32 years as
Building Superintendent
on August 22.**



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.

Great Is Your Faithfulness

As I prepare to step into retirement, my mind keeps going back to one simple truth: God has been faithful, not just in the mountaintop moments, but in the quiet, unseen places where His hand guided, sustained, and carried us.

For the past seventeen years, I have had the privilege of watching God work in Eastern Hills Baptist Church. I have watched Him strengthen families, comfort the grieving, restore the broken, and save the lost. I have seen prayers answered in ways only He could orchestrate. I have watched His Word shape hearts and His Spirit work in the lives of His children in our church. Through every season, He has proven Himself trustworthy. Great is Your faithfulness.

As I retire, I am not stepping away from God's calling; I am simply stepping into a new chapter of it. I am leaving with full confidence that the same faithful God that has led this church, will continue to be faithful in the future. He has a plan for you, a plan that is filled with hope, purpose, and His un-failing presence.

Thank you for letting me walk with you these past years. Thank you for loving me and my family. I will continue praying for you, cheering for you, and believing that the best days are still ahead as you serve Him together.

Remember, ***Great is His faithfulness!***

Dan Harrison

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!

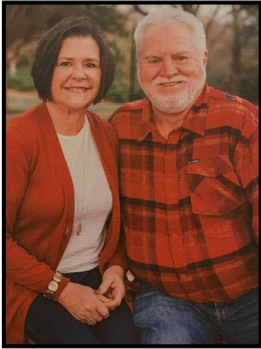
PLEASE GIVE PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION FOR OUR UPCOMING DEACON NOMINATION PROCESS.

DEACON NOMINATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON AUGUST 30.



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

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



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.

VIDEO ACCESS INCLUDED

Luke in the Land

Women's Ministry Fall Bible Study

Luke in the Land:
Walking with Jesus in His First-Century World
Begins September 8
Tuesday, 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
EHBC Reception Room
Facilitator:
Susan McKim

Celebration Singers Resumes on Thursday, 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 | 9:15 AM | Heritage Baptist Church (includes brunch)
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.)

Update from the Personnel Committee

On behalf of your Personnel Committee, we wanted to give you an update on the process as we seek to fill the positions of Pastor of Administration & Senior Adults, Student Minister, and Children's & Preschool Minister, which Sandy Harmann has been serving as interim over the last 3 years.

In accordance with our bylaws, your Personnel Committee serves as the default search committee for all ministerial staff vacancies with the exception of Lead Pastor, though they may choose to include representatives from affected ministry areas in the search.

The following process is consistent with our bylaws and previous staff searches at Eastern Hills.

1. Your Personnel Committee, in partnership with the ministerial staff, will prayerfully evaluate staff needs, consider resources already allocated for staffing in the church budget, and prepare job descriptions accordingly. (We are currently deep in this process.)
2. Job openings will be posted and resumes received.
3. Your Personnel Committee will review resumes, research and interview candidates, check references and backgrounds, and prayerfully identify their choice for the position.
4. Your Personnel Committee will present the job description and recommend their prospective candidate to the church body for approval during a regularly scheduled or special church business meeting or a special called church business meeting.

During the interim period, the ministerial staff and Personnel Committee will work together to make sure all responsibilities are covered by reassigning certain tasks to existing personnel, enlisting volunteers, and employing temporary paid personnel when deemed necessary.

Interim Plans for the Pastor of Administration and Senior Adults vacancy

Oversight of Finances and Building & Grounds

Mark Hinton has been added to our team in an interim capacity, responsible for providing oversight in these specific areas.

Mark will fill this role through December or unless the position is filled sooner.

Supervision of Administrative Staff

Pastor Jeremy Smalley, in addition to his current responsibilities, will supervise the Administrative Staff

Senior Adults Ministry

Pastor Keith Pate, in addition to his current responsibilities, will oversee Senior Adult Ministry activities in partnership with the Senior Adult Council. (This assignment may continue beyond the interim period.)

Sunday School Director

The Nominating Committee is seeking to enlist a lay leader to serve as Sunday School Director.

Interim Plans for the Youth Minister vacancy

The Youth Committee is responsible for leading this ministry until an interim is secured or the position is filled.

Interim Plans for the Children's & Preschool Minister vacancy

Sandy Harmann continues to serve faithfully as our interim Children's Minister until the position is filled.

The church body will be informed of any future interim personnel additions and ministerial reassignments.

Your Personnel Committee is hard at work and has already spent hours working through this process. I want to thank you for your trust and patience and ask you to join us in praying for this process as we seek God's guidance in these searches. We are excited about what God has in store for our church.

IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, August 23 | 10:30 AM

Pastor Jeremy Smalley

“Salvation: Transformation & Triumph”

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, August 16, 2026

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 193
Remote..... 23

WORSHIP

Worship Care.....5
Children’s Church7
Worship Service.....171
Total Worship.....183

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	\$858,991.98
Budget Receipts	830,542.02
UNDER BUDGET	28,449.96

WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT August 16, 2026

Budget Requirements	\$26,030.06
Budget Receipts	16,403.00
UNDER BUDGET	9,627.06

DESIGNATED

Designated	\$2,777.00
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Passing the Baton - Mat Ministry Announcement

After nine and half years of serving our homeless community through the Mat Ministry, I have made the decision to step down from leadership at the end of August 2026.

I am pleased to share that **Mental Health America in Montgomery** will be taking the lead and continuing the work of making sleeping mats for those in need. Over the next four weeks, I will work with their team to train them and help make the transition as smooth as possible.

Our volunteers will still have the opportunity to give their time and talents to this ministry through the new organization. I truly believe this transition will be a **win/win for everyone** and will allow this important work to continue and grow.

To every volunteer, church, organization, donor, and friend who has supported the Mat Ministry - **thank you from the bottom of my heart.** None of what we accomplished would have been possible without you.

It has been an honor & blessing to serve along side you. Now it is time for me to **pass the baton**, with gratitude for all that has been accomplished and confidence that the work will continue.

Love to all, Karla Smilie Groves



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WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

August 26

Spaghetti, mixed vegetables, mixed green salad, garlic toast and chocolate cake

*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 23, 2026

In Loving Memory of

*Forrest Glover,
R. Frazier & Flora Milton,*
given by

Martin & Brenda Glover & family.



EASTERN HILLS
CHILDCARE

NOW ENROLLING!

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

OPEN SPOTS IN OUR 1-2 YEAR OLD ROOM!

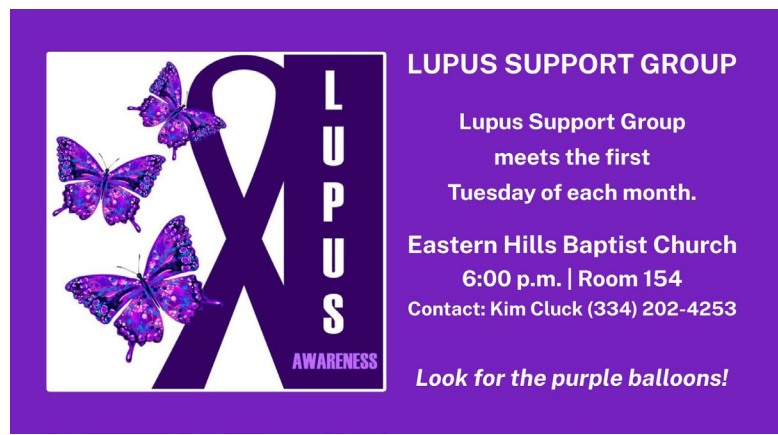
HOURS OF OPERATION
7:00 AM – 5:30 PM

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.

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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

5:00 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

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