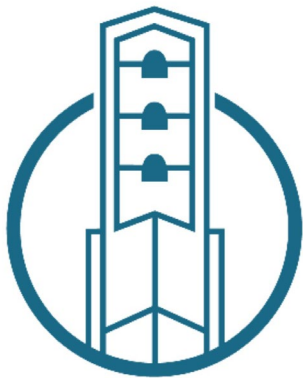




THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



Myers-Mallory
State Missions Offering

CHURCH GOAL

\$ 8,000

MYERS-MALLORY.ORG

WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR STATE MISSIONS

SEPTEMBER 13 - 20, 2026



TOTAL COLLECTED:

\$ 5,440

SENIOR ADULT RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Sunday, September 27 | 11:30 a.m.

Lunch will be provided in the Reception
Room for those who signed up.

SEPTEMBER 21 - 30

DEACON NOMINATION FORMS WILL BE TABULATED
AND A LIST OF THOSE NOMINATED WILL BE
CONFIRMED IN THE ORDER OF VOTES RECEIVED.
DEACONS NOMINATED WILL BE CONTACTED TO
CONFIRM THEIR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

THE TOP TWO NOMINATIONS WILLING TO SERVE
WILL BE CONFIRMED BY A CHURCH-WIDE VOTE
IN THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE.

"Blessed are the flexible, for they will not be bent out of shape."

This was the quote at the beginning of a newsletter I recently received from the company we get our music curriculum from. I immediately thought about how true this is for me personally, especially when working with preschoolers and children! You can plan everything out, have your lesson prepared, and then something happens that requires you to pivot and change your plans. If you have ever worked with children, you know the best-laid plans don't always go the way you expected!

But I think this is true for adults as well. We don't always like change—and I am guilty of this myself. We tend to prefer what is familiar rather than the unknown. We become comfortable with our routines and with the way things have always been done. Sometimes we may even worry that if something changes, we might lose something we value.

After Dr. Lance announced his retirement, I found myself wondering who would be selected as the new Executive Director. Then my thoughts quickly moved to all the changes that might come with new leadership. Would there be staff changes? Would we lose the work family environment we have come to know and love. Of course, there will be changes. New leadership brings new ideas and a new vision. My part is to remain open, be willing to listen, and work together through whatever changes may come. That sounds simple, but sometimes it is easier said than done.

I think sometimes our hesitation about change comes from our love for tradition. We have always done things a certain way, and there is comfort in what we know. Many traditions are special because they connect us to people and memories we cherish. But there may also be times when we need to ask ourselves if we are holding on to something simply because it is familiar, or if it is still helping us accomplish what matters most.

This is something I have had to consider in my own heart. I never want my love for tradition to become more important than reaching people or being willing to follow where God is leading. There is nothing wrong with appreciating the past, but we also have to leave room for God to do something new.

Ephesians 4:31–32 says:

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Sometimes the changes God asks us to make are not changes happening around us, but changes happening within us. He may gently remind us to surrender our hurt, our pride, our preferences, or even our expectations of how things should be.

Maybe being flexible is not always about changing everything around us. Maybe sometimes it is simply about holding the things we love with open hands and trusting God enough to let Him lead us.

As we move through seasons of change, may we be kind and tenderhearted toward one another. May we welcome those who are new, listen to one another, forgive freely, and remain open to what God may have ahead. While traditions and circumstances may change, Christ does not.

Perhaps that is what it means to be flexible—not to lose what we love, but to hold it loosely enough to make room for what God may be doing next.

Sandy Harmann



STRENGTH TO STAND CONFERENCE | EHBC Youth, 7-12th Grade
JANUARY 15-18, 2027 | LeConte Center | Pigeon Forge, TN
 The cost is \$160 per person. You can register and pay your \$50 deposit online through the Realm app or easternhills.church. The deposit is due by September 30th. The cost includes conference fee, hotel, meals, and fun surprise outings. If you have questions, please contact Sandy Harmann.

Please help Alabama Baptist State Missionary Jay Stewart conduct research to help strengthen churches in Alabama by completing a brief, confidential survey. There is no cost to participate, no personal information will be gathered, and no follow-up emails or phone calls will be made.

Simply go to this link: alsbom.org/phdsurvey or use your phone to scan the QR code.



Women's Ministry Fall Event

Prattville First Baptist Church
October 3 | 8:30 a.m. - noon
Featuring:
Kristi McLelland, Author
Luke in the Land
Cost: \$25

Tickets are still available and must be purchased in advance through the church office by credit card, cash or check. We will be taking the church bus to this event. Please let the church office know if you plan to ride the bus.

Carpenters for Christ Annual Golf Tournament

October 1st at Cottonwood Golf Club



Shotgun Start at 8:30,
4-man Scramble format

The \$80 entry fee includes
Golf, lunch, and prizes



Come support the Carpenters and enjoy a wonderful day of fellowship on the golf course



Registration forms are available in the Church office or contact
 Danny Daniel (334) 399-2859 or
 Ricky Middleton (334) 354-5237



Senior Adult Dart Ball Fun
at Heritage Baptist Church
Monday | OCT 5 | 1:00-3:00 PM

Low impact meets exciting!!
No Special skills or abilities
required except to have Fun!

Call Cammie @ the
 EHBC office to sign up!
 334-272-0604




LUNCH & LEARN

Thursday, Oct 15
11:30 a.m. | Reception Room

Program: Cyber Security for Your Phone &/or Computer
 Program Presenter: Carl MacCarthy

Lunch will be potluck so bring your favorite dish and come join us as we fellowship and learn how to protect yourself from cyber-attacks on your computer or phone!



SENIOR ADULT LUNCH AND BINGO

Thursday, Oct 8

11:30 AM | Reception Room

Lunch: \$10.00, Shane's Rib Shack
BBQ sandwich, chips & cookie

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



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Senior Council Meeting
Monday, Oct 19

10:00 a.m. | Reception Room



BUSINESS



to do list

IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, September 27 | 10:30 AM

Pastor Jeremy Smalley

“Puny Faith In A Powerful God”

Matthew 17:14-20

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, September 20, 2026

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 184
Remote..... 13

WORSHIP

Worship Care.....5
Children’s Church.....11
Worship Service.....160
Total Worship.....176

Sunday Bible Study Sessions & Scripture

Explore the Bible

October 4 **Freedom** (Romans 6:1-14)
October 11 **Struggle** (Romans 7:4-6, 14-25)
October 18 **Indwelt** (Romans 8:14-27)
October 25 **Believe** (Romans 9:30-10:3, 9-17)

Bible Studies for Life

October 4 **God Speaks Through His Church** (Ephesians 4:11-16, 25-29)
October 11 **God Speaks and We Respond** (Psalm 119:30-40)
October 18 **The Cry for Forgiveness** (Psalm 51:1-13)
October 25 **The Source of Forgiveness** (Psalm 103:1-13))

BUDGET REPORT

2026 YTD

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Budget Requirements	\$989,142.23
Budget Receipts	928,050.70
UNDER BUDGET	61,091.53

WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

September 20, 2026

Budget Requirements	\$26,030.06
Budget Receipts	23,376.16
UNDER BUDGET	2,653.90

DESIGNATED

Designated	\$3,247.00
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LIBRARY MEMORIAL

The book (4 copies),
“Five-Minute Bible Stories”
Retold by Mary Batchelor &
Penny Boshoff,
Given by Chip Puckett
In Memory of
LARRY LANIER

Open Budget Meeting

There will be an Open Budget Meeting
on Sunday, October 4, immediately
following the Worship Service
in the Conference Room.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

SEPTEMBER 30

*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

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

OCTOBER - 2026

Sunday, October 11

NOVEMBER - 2026

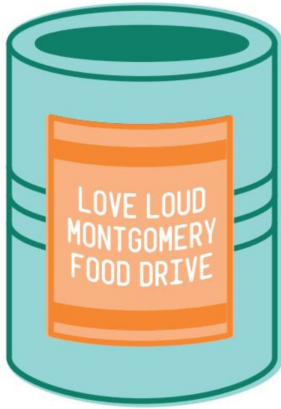
Sunday, Nov 1
Sunday, Nov 22
Sunday, Nov 29

DECEMBER - 2026

Sunday, December 6
Sunday, December 13
Sunday, December 27

If you would like to provide flowers in the sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one, please call the church office.

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RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 28

ITEMS WILL BE COLLECTED ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT ALL CHURCH BUILDING ENTRANCES AND DURING THE WEEK AT THE KAREN ROAD OFFICE ENTRANCE.

SUGGESTED FOOD LIST: powdered milk, pudding, pop tarts, dried beans/peas, rice, flour, masa corn, jelly, jell-o, soap, shampoo, deodorant, canned meat, peanut butter, canned fruit, canned vegetables, cereal, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, ramen noodles, pasta, dried/chilis, dried or canned black beans, vienna sausages, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet tissue.



Eastern Hills Baptist Church

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF MINISTRY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

10:30 AM - 70th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SERVICE

GUEST PREACHER - DR. RICK MARSHALL

12:00 PM - FRIENDS & FAMILY LUNCH IN THE GYM

Please join us after the worship service for a time of food and fellowship together.

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



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!

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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
9:15 AM - Precepts Bible Study, Room 139
9:30 AM - WEM Bible Study, Reception Room

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