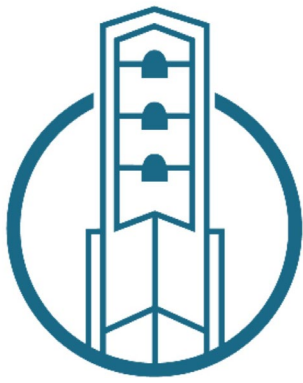




THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



Anniversary Celebration!

**Congratulations &
Thank You to
Joy Priester
on 19 years as
Music Ministry Assistant,
October 22.**

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

FALL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 | GYM

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**FREE HOTDOG SUPPER,
FUN GAMES,
POPCORN & CANDY**

207th ANNUAL HOMECOMING Sunday, November 1, 2026

**Heritage Baptist Church
1849 Perry Hill Road**

4:30 PM - Business Meeting

5:00 PM - Missions Fair

6:00 PM - Homecoming Celebration

**Keynote Speaker:
Retiring Director of Missions
Dr. Neal Hughes**

ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

**The 2026 Annual Meeting of the Alabama Baptist State Convention
will be held at First Baptist Church in Trussville on November 17-18.**

**If you would like to serve as a messenger, please call the Pastor's
Administrative Assistant in the church office.**

Army, Athletics and Agriculture

³Endure suffering along with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴Soldiers don't get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them. ⁵And athletes cannot win the prize unless they follow the rules. ⁶And hardworking farmers should be the first to enjoy the fruit of their labor. **II Timothy 2:3-6 NLT**

Paul used the imagery of a good soldier, the athlete, and the farmer multiple times throughout scripture. He brings all of them together here in this passage. The background is found in verses 1 and 2, where Paul urges Timothy to be strengthened by Christ and to entrust the message to reliable people who can teach others. The pictures in verses 3-6 show what that faithful service involves. Together, the images call Timothy to faithful, disciplined perseverance. Christian service involves sacrifice, integrity, and patient labor.

The soldier image emphasizes enduring hardship and staying focused on the one who enlisted him. Jesus told us that this life would be hard and we would have troubles in this world. But he also promised that he would be with us and give us the strength necessary to endure. Verse 4 does not mean Christians should neglect family, work, or ordinary responsibilities. The picture is about avoiding distractions that pull a soldier away from the mission.

The athlete is called by God to faithful service, knowing that the prize is eternal life in the presence of God. But every athlete must compete according to the rules; commitment alone does not excuse ignoring what is right. Like the soldier, they must endure difficulties and stay to the path that follows the rules given by the Lord in His word.

The farmer works hard and patiently, with the expectation of sharing in the harvest. The harvest is not earned as payment from God; the image describes the fitting fruit of persevering in the work God has given.

This passage encourages us to keep going when following Jesus is difficult, to stay faithful rather than cutting corners, and to be patient when the results of our service are not yet visible. It may also help to ask what responsibilities God has actually given us, rather than trying to carry everything. May our life be completely loyal to Christ and the task he has given us and not filled with distractions of life that might pull us away. We aren't working to buy God's favor. We are saved by Christ through faith alone. And we are "working out our salvation" at the same time out of love and devotion to Him.

As Mandy and I coach the cross-country team in Thailand, we often encourage our runners to "Do Hard Things". Not just for the sake of doing it. But we know that suffering through those hard things builds perseverance, which leads to character, which leads to hope (Romans 5:3-5). Thank you, church, for enduring hardships together and remaining faithful to the Lord and the task he has put before us.

Carry On!

Mark Hinton

Women's Ministry Event

Christmas Village at the BJCC in Birmingham
Saturday, November 7

- We hope you will join us for a fun day of Christmas shopping, fellowship, and getting into the Christmas spirit!
- Please purchase your own ticket at christmasvillagefestival.com. Be sure to select the \$18 Early Bird Ticket (\$1.00 service fee) for the 9:00 AM entrance.
- Need help purchasing your ticket online? Please contact Cheryl Chappell, Tracy Smitherman, Sissy Harris, Karen Gosselin, or Susan McKim and they will be happy to help you.
- If you plan to ride the church bus, please call the church office and sign up by November 5.
- Bus leaves EHBC at 7:45 AM. We plan to return to EHBC around 6:00 PM.



Operation Christmas
Child Shoeboxes
will be available

October 4 - October 25

Cost of Shoeboxes:

Regular \$.75 | Plastic \$2.50

Deadline to turn in Shoeboxes:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8



**STRENGTH TO STAND CONFERENCE | EHBC Youth, 7-12th Grade
JANUARY 15-18, 2021 | 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 NOW. The cost includes conference fee, hotel, meals, and fun surprise outings. If you have questions, please contact Sandy Harmann 334-398-2250.



SENIOR ADULT MOVIE NIGHT

Thursday, Nov 12

6:00 p.m. | Reception Room

Hot Dog Supper, Popcorn

\$6.00 Per Person

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

"Taken from his people, Daniel is exiled far from home in the powerful kingdom of Babylon. Now, this faithful servant must navigate his new life inside a palace filled with golden statues and shifting empires. As royal pressures mount, Daniel is faced with a dangerous choice. Will his trust in the one true God remain steadfast through every test of faith?"



**Eastern Hills
Baptist Church**

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF MINISTRY



IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, October 25 | 10:30 AM

Pastor Jeremy Smalley

“Not Good Enough”

Matthew 19:16-26

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, October 18, 2026

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 207
Remote..... 28

WORSHIP

Worship Care.....6
Children's Church 17
Worship Service.....185
Total Worship.....208

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 BUDGET REPORT

Budget Requirements	\$1,093,262.47
Budget Receipts	1,032,921.00
UNDER BUDGET	60,341.47

WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT October 18, 2026

Budget Requirements	\$26,030.06
Budget Receipts	29,762.80
OVER BUDGET	3,732.74

DESIGNATED

Designated	\$5,467.00
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YOUTH CHOIR TOUR FUNDRAISER

The youth are gearing up for another meat fundraiser

For Choir tour 2027. The meat sale is active now!

See one of our youths to purchase

Your ticket for the following

Boston Butt \$45 / Ribs \$30

Deadline to order & pay November, Monday 16, 2026.

You can pick -up on Sunday, November 22, 2026, after worship service

Between 12:00-2:00 p.m. in the big Kitchen.

Contact Connie Barnett: (344) 300-5858

Or call the church office: (334) 272-0604

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

OCTOBER 28

*Fried chicken, rice & gravy, turnip greens,
sliced tomatoes, biscuit and brownie*

*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

October 25, 2026

In Loving Memory of

Dawson Morris,

on the anniversary of his
birthday, given by his parents,
Jack & Lisa Lumpkin Morris

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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 Hours

TUESDAY

6:30 AM - Men's Prayer Meeting, Reception Room
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

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