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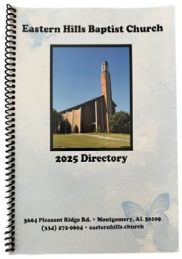
THE MESSENGER

EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

Dear Church *family,*

The 2025 Church Pictorial Directories are in!





If you or your family had your photograph taken for the Directory, a Directory has been reserved for you. You may stop by the church office during the week (Mon-Thur, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) to receive yours (one per family).

Pictorial Directories will be available for pick up for the next two Sundays, November 15 and November 22, in the church office between 8:15 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

If you are a Sunday School member, or a Church member and did not have your photograph taken but would like a Directory, please give your name and phone number to the church office. We will contact you when we have extra copies available.

SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, November 18

6:00 PM | Reception Room

- Present and discuss the Proposed 2027 Budget
- Sunday, November 22 – Church Vote on the 2027 Budget

EASTERN HILLS
BAPTIST CHURCH

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 youth to purchase your ticket for the following:

Boston Butt $45 | Ribs $30 | Turkey $50 | Ham $55 | Boneless Ham $50

Deadline to order & pay is Monday, November 16.

You can pick up on Sunday, November 22, after worship service between 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the big kitchen.

Contact Connie Barnett, (334) 300-5858
or call the church office, (334) 272-0604.

UNITY

Many of the men are finishing up their final week of the Rick Burgess Bible study on worship. This is part of a larger curriculum geared towards being a disciple of Christ.

The central passage is from Colossians 3. The following excerpt is from that study.

Colossians 3:12-14

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

It would be to our advantage to read this passage daily, meditate on it, as we strive to put it into practice. Living out its precepts is not easy. People disappoint us. We disappoint people. Forgiving when someone hurts us deeply, is challenging.

During one season of my ministry, I recall someone who I respect disappointed me in the way they managed a particular situation. I felt they had not been forthright with some information until the situation was settled leaving me out of the loop. Its impact was hurtful. I had a hard time getting past my justified ill feelings towards this person.

While brooding over my feelings, I read the Scripture above in my morning devotion. "Forgive as the Lord forgave you!" It pierced me like a flaming arrow. Conviction set in, though I tried to justify my feelings. "But he was wrong. I have a right to be angry about this!" However, the words… "Forgive as the Lord forgave you" could not be ignored. I prayed and asked God to forgive me and help me forgive. Time, and the working of the Holy Spirit brought healing to the relationship.

The passage admonishes us to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. We put on physical clothes daily. It takes a conscious effort. The same is true with these virtues. They will not naturally or organically happen. We must be intentional EVERY DAY! When we are clothed with these, our focus is on how we can better relate to and serve others.

The key to having success with forgiveness is found in the thing that binds us together – LOVE! Read I Corinthians 12. In it there is a listing of spiritual gifts which are meant to encourage and strengthen the body of Christ. Every believer has a function to perform; when they are not present the whole body is less effective. Each part of the body is of equal importance, some more visible than others but all are of great value.

The end of I Corinthians 12 lists roles that are a part of the body of Christ. Some of these include apostles, prophets, teachers, workers of miracles, gift of healing, administration, and speaking in different kinds of tongues. After the list Paul says in verse 13. "But eagerly desire the greater gifts. And now I will show you the most excellent way." He then goes into chapter 13, the great love chapter. LOVE is foundational and covers a multitude of sins.

Unity in the body is found where people genuinely love each other, bearing with one another through the difficult as well as happy times.

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Yours with a song,
Keith Pate

PRAYER

Prayer Room Now Available
Room 144 (Karen Road Middle Door)
A sign up sheet to reserve a regular weekly timeslot is on the Prayer Room door.

But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. Matthew 6:6

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We need volunteers to serve every other month in Worship Care. We also need substitute teachers.

Contact Sandy Harmann
(334) 398-2250.

Mentors Meeting

Thursday, November 19
1:00 | Room 154

We will be filling and wrapping Christmas Care Boxes for a Church Planter.
Our Planter Partner is Luke Bond, at the Montgomery Mixtec Church.

All ladies are welcome to attend!

Memorial Christmas Tree



We will have the Memorial Christmas tree in the CLC lobby again this year. It will be decorated with the ornaments collected from the last three years.

We are now receiving additional ornaments.

You can bring them on Sunday and Wednesday to designated areas located in the Welcome Center, and outside the church office.
During the weekdays you can leave them with the staff in the church office.

We will personalize them with your name and your loved ones name.

Thank you for sharing your special memories.
For more information, contact Marsha Carlisle or Kim Cluck.





KIDZ MAKE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 19
9:00am - 12:00pm
EHBC GYM
Babies to 6th Grade

This event is Free!!!

Children will make crafts and gifts while parents get time to shop or wrap gifts!

You must pre-register in advance so that childcare can be available. Please register by December 9th.



Women's Ministry Event

Christmas Village at the BJCC in Birmingham







Proposed Ministries Budget 2027

WORLD MISSIONS

$156,000 — 11%

Support of World Missions demonstrates our commitment to the Great Commission through evangelistic endeavor and mission action in our community, the nation and around the world.

Cooperative Program 9% of Receipts	$ 117,000
Associational Missions 3% of Receipts	39,000
	$ 156,000

PASTORAL MINISTRIES

$120,000 — 8.4%

Pastoral Ministries provide support for ministering to the many needs of our church family in worship, hospital and shut-in ministries, counseling, personal evangelism, spiritual development and promotion of various special programs.

PASTORAL STAFF SALARIES	$ 113,500
GENERAL PASTORAL MINISTRIES	
Church-wide ministry	3,500
Outreach Ministry	2,500
Publicity	500
	$ 6,500

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES

$191,879 — 13.4%

Educational Ministries engage in equipping, training and discipleship training of people of all ages through Bible Study, Discipleship Training, Mission Study and Mission Action and ministries to specific age groups.

EDUCATIONAL STAFF SALARIES	$ 154,004
GENERAL EDUCATION	
Educational Supply	1,000
	$ 1,000
SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Sunday School Literature	$ 8,500
	$ 8,500

WOMEN'S MINISTRY	
General WMU Work	280
Literature WMU	1,305
Mentors	800
Acteens	740
GA's	1,500
Mission Friends	100
Women's Ministry	3,000
	$ 7,725
MEN'S MINISTRY	
Baptist Men	2,000
Royal Ambassadors	500
	$ 2,500
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY	
Children's Activity	300
Vacation Bible School	6,000
Special Emphasis	1,500
Children's Discipleship	500
Children's Supplies	300
Camps and Retreats	250
	$ 8,850
YOUTH MINISTRY	
Discipleship	3,000
Retreats and Camps	300
Mission Activities	500
	$ 3,800
SINGLES & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY	500
	$ 500
SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY	5,000
Activities / Trips / Fellowships	$ 5,000

MUSIC & ACTIVITY MINISTRIES

$174,943 12.2%

Music Ministries enhance our worship of God through praise in congregational singing; present the Gospel of Jesus Christ in choral presentations and provide training in musical expression for all age groups. The activity Ministry serves members and guests of all ages with wholesome, renewing recreation for their leisure hours.

MUSIC & ACTIVITY MINISTRIES STAFF SALARIES	$	161,343
MUSIC EDUCATION		
Literature / Music/ Supplies		4,500
Instruments / Equipment		1,800
Assembly & Training		800
Choir Tour		1,500
Special Projects		1,000
	$	9,600
ACTIVITIES		
Supplies/equipment	$	500
Church Picnic		3,500
	$	4,000

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

$452,060 31.6%

Maintenance and enhancement of our buildings and grounds is imperative if we are to be good stewards of the beautiful facilities with which God has blessed us. Supplies, equipment, general maintenance, insurance and debt retirement are all important to our daily operations.

BUILDINGS AND GROUND STAFF	$	66,360
UTILITIES		
Electricity		108,000
Gas		15,000
Water		7,000
	$	130,000
PREMISES & EQUIPMENT		
Buildings	$	25,000
Grounds		2,000
Equipment		12,000
Maintenance Agreements		75,000
Air condition / heat		17,500
Insurance		107,000
Janitorial Expenses		10,000
Contract services		7,200
	$	255,700

SUPPORT MINISTRIES

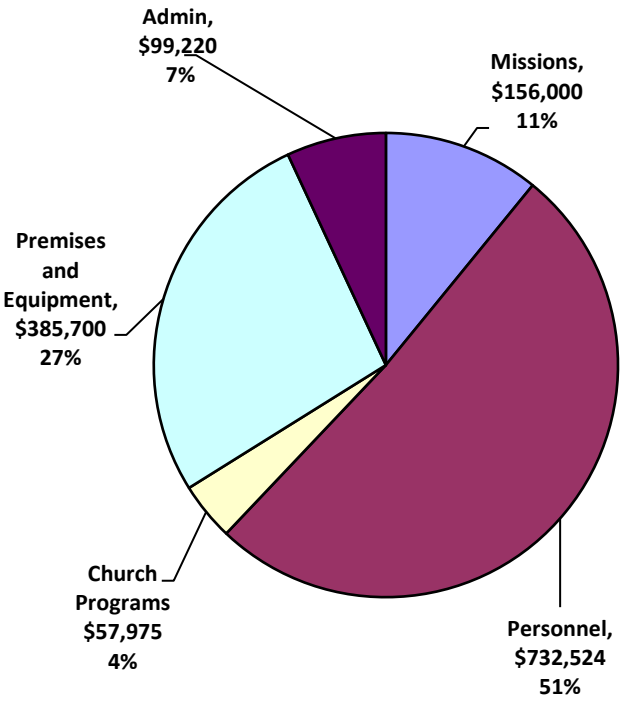
$ 336,537 23.5%

Support Ministries strengthen the on-going work of the church in areas not identified as ministries within themselves. They are complementary and supportive of the ministries for which the church exists.

SUPPORT STAFF SALARIES	$	15,000
COMMUNICATIONS		
Printing		5,000
Postage		5,000
The Alabama Baptist		500
Telephone		21,000
	$	31,500
SERVICES		
Church Office Supplies	$	5,500
Computers		12,000
Bank/Online Charges		13,000
Mini Bus Ministry		6,000
Flowers / Decorations		500
Church Records		6,500
Kitchen Supplies		2,00
Security		18,720
Worship Service Supplies		3,500
	$	67,720
STAFF BENEFITS		
FICA Taxes	$	39,031
Staff Insurance		131,428
Personnel Contingency		1,800
Workmen's Compensation		5,173
Professional expenses		2,950
Auto Expense / Support Staff		700
Travel Expense / Minister		4,500
Staff Retirement		36,736
	$	222,317

2027 MINISTRIES BUDGET

$1,431,419



IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, November 15 | 10:30 AM

Pastor Jeremy Smalley

“The Religious and the Repentant”

Matthew 21:28-32

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, November 8, 2026

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 166
Remote.....29

WORSHIP

Worship Care.....5
Children’s Church 5
Worship Service.....162
Total Worship.....172

Sunday Bible Study Sessions & Scripture

Explore the Bible

November 1 **Kindness** (Romans 11:11-24)
November 8 **Sacrifice** (Romans 12:1-13)
November 15 **Represent** (Romans 13:1-14)
November 22 **Unity** (Romans 14:5-20)
November 29 **Purpose** (Romans 15:14-21, 30-33)

Bible Studies for Life

November 1 **The Picture of Forgiveness** (Lev. 16:6-10, 15-19, 20-22)
November 8 **The Reason for Forgiveness** (Isaiah 43:1-7, 21-25)
November 15 **The Path to Forgiveness** (Ephesians 2:1-10)
November 22 **The Declaration of Forgiveness** (Acts 10:44-48, 16:30-34)
November 29 **The Evidence of Forgiveness** (Matthew 18:21-35)



BUDGET REPORT

2026 YTD
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Budget Requirements	$1,171,352.65
Budget Receipts	1,109,028.00
UNDER BUDGET	62,324.65

WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT
November 8, 2026

Budget Requirements	$26,030.06
Budget Receipts	32,807.00
OVER BUDGET	6,776.94

DESIGNATED

Designated	$295.00













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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

MONDAY
5:30 PM - Handbell Choir, Youth Choir Room

TUESDAY
6:30 AM - Men's Prayer Meeting, Reception Room
9:15 AM - Precepts Bible Study, Room 139

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