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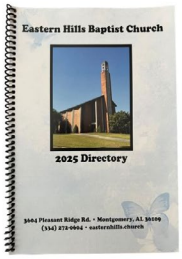
THE MESSENGER

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.

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.



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?"

[17]Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. [18]All this if from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; [19]that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. [20]Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. II Corinthians 5:17-20 ESV

This year, I've been writing about "Five Marks of Spiritual Maturity." We've covered the first four marks: **Total Surrender to God**, **Healthy Connections** with the local church community and other personal relationships, a **Solid Foundation** for spiritual growth which includes embracing foundational doctrine and establishing practical disciplines, and **Authentic Ministry**.

This month, we wrap up this series by examining the fifth mark of spiritual maturity: **Life Mission**. Every believer shares the same mission: to make disciples by sharing the Gospel.

Dr. David Livingstone is celebrated as a heroic missionary and explorer who spent 30 years working to evangelize, explore Africa, and eradicate the slave trade. He was revered in both Africa and England. Upon his death, Livingstone's heart was buried in Africa, and his body was buried in England following a hero's funeral. But life's journey was not easy for Livingstone. Before embarking on his famous African explorations, Livingstone faced major dead ends. When his original plan to be a medical missionary in China was blocked by the Opium Wars, he relocated to South Africa based on exaggerated reports from missionary Robert Moffat, only to find a nearly deserted area. Ten years of missionary work resulted in only one convert, who later abandoned the faith, prompting Livingstone to reconsider his life's path. Despite his devotion to native Africans, Livingstone had severe interpersonal struggles with fellow Europeans. He frequently clashed with assistants, explorers, colleagues, and his brother.

Sometimes, we think those that share the Gospel such as missionaries, evangelists, or preachers are some kind of "super saints" that have everything figured out, can answer every question, and have a sort of elevated awareness of God's will and ways. The truth is that they are just regular people that realize they have a mission: to share the hope of the Gospel with those who are far from God. If you're a Christian, at some point in your life, someone cared enough to take the time to share about what Christ has done for you and how you could have a personal relationship with God through Christ. For me, it was a former college football player. For you, maybe it was a parent, a preacher, a friend, an evangelist, a teacher, a coach, or a sibling. Generation after generation of believers, starting with Christ and that first core group of disciples, passed down the Gospel through the spoken and written word.

God sends the people He saves. Someone at some point shared with you the good news: that there is hope through faith in Christ. What if I told you God has sent you to be that person for someone else? The church is God's plan for saving a lost world from sin and death. Our world's only hope is for us to take that purpose personally. **Our church will become powerful as its purpose becomes personal to its people.**

Let me ask you a question: if the whole church were as committed to the mission as you are, where would we be? We all want to see our church reach our community for Christ but that is only going to happen when average people in the pew take God's purpose personally.

If that happened, we could see a spiritual awakening greater than your wildest dreams. Are you ready to start taking it personally?

-Pastor Jeremy

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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

Contact Sandy Harmann (334) 398-2250.













We had a great turnout for the Fall Festival. There were over 230 people in attendance. Thank you to everyone who had a part in making this such a wonderful event. Sandy Harmann













IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, November 8 | 10:30 AM

Pastor Jeremy Smalley

"The Grand Entrance"

Matthew 21:8-16

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, November 1, 2026

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total In-Person..... 198
Remote.....24

WORSHIP

Worship Care.....6
Children's Church 7
Worship Service.....178
Total Worship.....191

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 BUDGET REPORT

Budget Requirements	$1,145,322.59
Budget Receipts	1,076,221.00
UNDER BUDGET	69,101.59

WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT

November 1, 2026

Budget Requirements	$26,030.06
Budget Receipts	19,729.00
UNDER BUDGET	6,301.06

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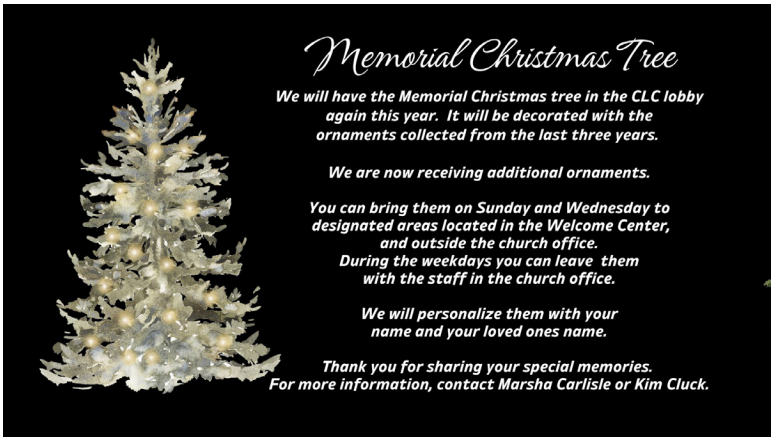
Designated	$665.00

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

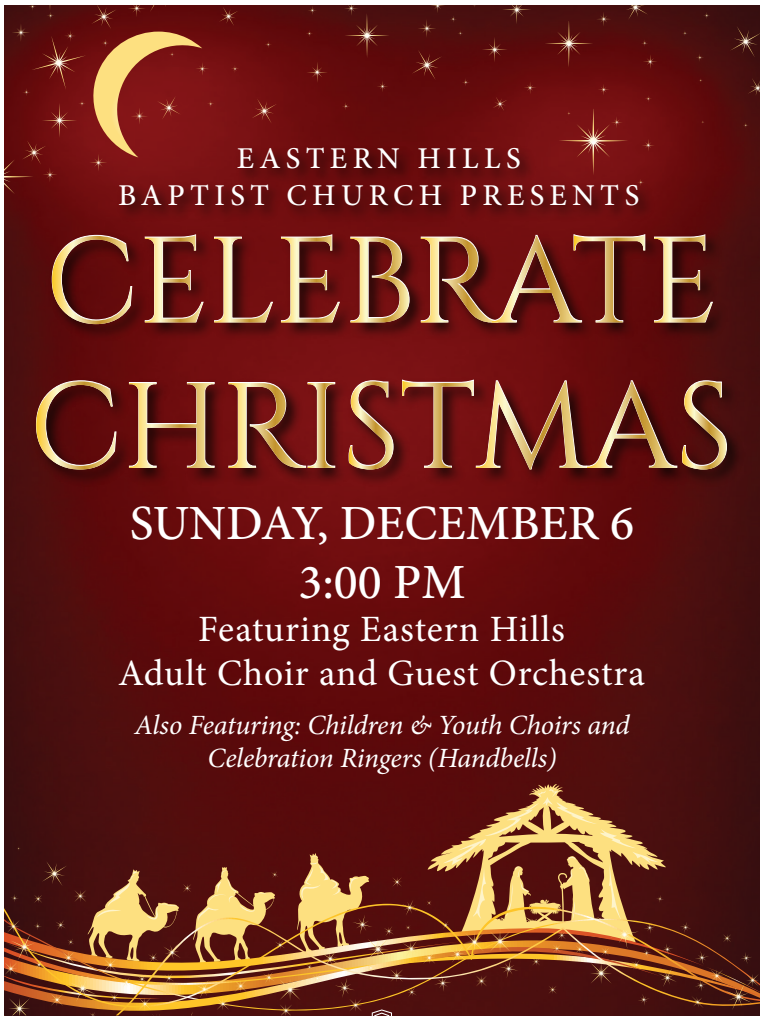


Sanctuary Flowers

November 8, 2026

In Loving Memory of
Richard FitzGerald
on the anniversary
of his birthday, given by
Betty FitzGerald,
Kristie & Jennifer









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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

ADDRESS LABEL