

## Pruning - Not a Pleasant Experience!



It is that time of year... pruning trees, pulling winter weeds and cleaning out flower beds in preparation for springs awakening call. Last weekend, I joined that merry band of gardeners as I worked on one troublesome Crepe Myrtle Tree in our back yard. The tree bordering our rear fence has not been pruned for the past couple of years. As a result, our neighbors wild honey suckle vine and our crepe myrtle decided to entwine themselves into a mangled monstrosity that vexed my wife most especially with irksome irritation. That irritation was then transferred to me, when I reluctantly began to prune and disentangle the bothersome bond that said Crepe Myrtle and vine had conceived.

At first, I began cutting away at the Crepe Myrtle with old fashioned lopping shears. That was an exacerbating skirmish of sweat and sheer determination in and of itself. Next, the dueling conflict with the creeping, intrusive, villainous vine, but my tenacious perseverance in the matter insisted I be victorious, no matter the cost! Come scratch, scrape or tired muscles, I was insistent on winning this wearisome battle! After three or more hours of grueling effort a grand slam victory was mine! Yay!! The pruning was complete and the vine disengaged and sprayed with weed killer. At least this battle is temporarily won, though at some future date the pestering vine will return to engage me in yet another bedeviling attack!

Hebrews 12: 1-3 reminds us to beware of sin that so easily entangles us and wreaks havoc in our lives.

*"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider*

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IN AN  
Unsure World

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## WILD GAME DINNER

Saturday, March 2 • 6:00 PM in the gym

Our Guest Speaker is Ray Mears. Tickets are \$8 each. We need eight (8) processed deer for our Wild Game Dinner. For each deer donated you will receive a table for eight (8). This will be on a first come basis.

It's very important that each deer processed be 1/2 burger and 1/2 cubed.

Thank you in advance for your help!  
Any questions, please contact Larry Kennedy at 312-8088.

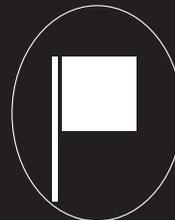


**T-SHIRTS ARE FOR SALE!**  
\$12.00 for sizes S to XL  
\$14.00 for sizes 2XL to 3XL

## Calling All Outdoorsmen!

We need your pictures of deer, fish or any wild game. We would love to have you in the picture. These pictures will be shown on a large screen at the event.

Please send pictures to Dan Harrison (dan@ehbconline.com) or Marie Anderson (mariea@ehbconline.com).



#RIVERREGIONDNOW

# WHITE FLAG

## THE POWER OF SURRENDER

February 15-17, 2019 • Cost \$40.00

*Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."*

Sin entangles us sometimes quickly... and sometimes incrementally over a long period of time; it is much like the vine I described. After it has embedded itself in the branches of our lives, it is extremely difficult to break free. The tree itself is powerless to remove the treacherous vine which if left unchecked eventually will choke and kill it. There must be an outside source to come in and detach the vine from the tree. In our lives, that is Jesus Christ. He is the only solution to our Sin problem! He is the Master Gardener (John 15). The pruning He provides is sometimes messy and laborious, but in the end it breathes life into our otherwise death sentenced soul! We must submit to His pruning for He will not force it upon us. Through this act of submission we find true freedom through God's amazing grace!

Praise God for our Master Gardener who prunes with perfection!

**KEITH**

## IN THE PULPIT

A.M. "When The New Guard Comes"

Esther 2

P.M. "When Faith Means Standing Firm"

Daniel 1

# SPRING BREAK HAPPENINGS

We will not be doing our annual Spring Break Camp this year at Camp Chandler. We have too many families traveling over Spring Break to make the camp affordable. Instead, we are doing two field trips.

## THE TUSKEGEE AIR MUSEUM

This is a great Museum with a rich history. The children will enjoy touring the historic Airbase.

Monday, March 18

Meet at the church at 9:00 AM

Return at 12:30 PM

**FREE**, there may be a gift shop

Reservations Required before March 13  
What to Bring: Sack lunch and drink

We will eat under the big shade tree where the Tuskegee airmen escaped from the heat.

### HOW TO ENHANCE THE TRIP:

The movie RED TAILS is about the Tuskegee Airmen. It won all kinds of awards. It is rated PG13 because of the air battles. Before you show the movie to your children, be sure to Google, Parents guide to the movie Red Tails.

## THE BIBLICAL HISTORY CENTER IN LAGRANGE

We usually try to go to the Biblical History Center once a year. It is a great way to learn about life during Jesus' time. It is a spectacular re-creation of a village and city life during the first century AD. Kids will be able to handle artifacts that are thousands of years old. Each trip is different. This year our guide will focus on the Easter Story. This will enhance what they are learning in Sunday School.

Wednesday, March 20

Meet at the Church at 8:00 AM

Return at 4:00 PM

\$15.00

(The Church will cover the bulk of the cost)

Reservations Required by March 13

After wards the cost will be the full price of \$30.00

What to Bring: Sack lunch and drink

There is a very nice gift shop

# BIBLE DRILL

## SUNDAYS

During Morning Worship  
Room 234 • 4th - 6th Grades

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

#### PSALM 56:3

*"When I am afraid, I will trust in You."*

#### 1 CHRONICLES 16:9

*"Sing to Him; sing praise to Him; tell about all His wondrous works!"*

#### ACTS 4:12

*"There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people, by which we must be saved."*

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

#### EPHESIANS 2:8

*"For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift."*

#### PSALM 119:11

*"I have treasured Your word in my heart so that I may not sin against You."*

## CHURCH DRILL

March 31 at Eastern Hills

## ASSOCIATIONAL DRILL

April 7 at Eastern Hills

## DISTRICT DRILL

April 14 at Eastern Hills

If you have any questions, call Pastor Greg at 303-4789.



## July 15-19, 2019

Mix Music Camp is open to students who have completed the third through tenth grade. They will be divided into three age groups while at camp. 3rd-5th grades, 6th grade, 7th-10th grades.

**Eastern Hills has secured 20 spots for a special rate of \$290 per camper!**

Register and pay your \$80 deposit now to secure this better rate. (Savings of \$15-\$35 depending on when you register.)

### CAMP COSTS

\$305 per person by March 18

\$315 per person by May 20

\$325 per student after May 20

## Dinner Fellowship Groups

### It's time to organize Dinner Fellowship Groups!

A Dinner Fellowship Group consists of 15-20 adults who meet once a month at a restaurant or someone's home.

"A heavenly mixture of people who get together and have a good time. They care enough to want to be with those who have been members of Eastern Hills for a long time and they want to welcome the newest members through this fellowship."

Jim & Carol Handey will be in charge of these groups. There will be more information later.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY BIRTHDAY BOARD

Jonesy Musgrove

February 13

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## TERRY VEAZEY

*Pray for Evangelist Terry Veazey as he is on mission in Kolkata (formerly Calcutta), India from February 12-26.*

For additional information, go online to [www.terryveazey.org](http://www.terryveazey.org)

## SENIOR ACTIVITIES Up-coming Events

### CELEBRATION SINGERS

Thursday, February 14  
9:30 AM

### CATFISH HOUSE

Thursday, February 14  
5:00 PM

## YOUTH CHOIR

**Sunday, February 17**

No Rehearsal • DNOW weekend

**Sunday, February 24**

2:45 PM Ensemble

3:45 PM Group Rehearsal

(2nd Choir Tour Payment of \$100 is due)

**Sunday, March 10**

YOUTH CHOIR RETREAT

Begins immediately following

morning worship

11:30 AM - 5:00 PM

## RA RACER PINWOOD DERBY

State Derby, March 22 at Shocco

## DEMENTIA/ALZHEIMER Caregiver Support Group

Tuesday, February 12 • 6:00 PM  
in the Reception Room



*Refreshing, renewing, inspirational, uplifting - these are some words women have used to describe past events.*

*Renew will bring hope and refreshing to all who attend. Gather a group of friends, or come by yourself and make new friends.*

**February 23, 2019**

**NorthPark Baptist Church  
Trussville, AL**

Speaker, Lara Williams  
Worship Leader, Kim Thweatt  
Missionary, Erin Bishop

Register by Thursday, February 14.

Registration and more details  
visit [alabamawmu.org/renew](http://alabamawmu.org/renew)

## SAVE THE DATE



**Eastern Hills Baptist Church Hosts**

## VERITAS

**Sunday, March 31 • 5:00 PM**

This renowned group has sung in churches across the country as well as Carnegie Hall. Recently they joined Sandi Patty on her "Forever Grateful" tour.

Eastern Hills hosted them when they were starting out in 2015. Since then they have been very busy making a name for themselves all across the country. We are privileged to have them here again! Please make every effort to be here for this concert and bring a friend or better yet think of this as an outreach event! Help us spread the word.

There is no admission to the amazing night of worship through music! There will be a "Love Offering" taken in the service.

## RA Pinewood Derby

On Wednesday night, January 30, 16 Royal Ambassadors and four RA Counselors brought their pinewood derby cars to race and compete for the best-looking car. They had been working on them for the last three weeks.

There were seven 1st-3rd grade competitors. Chandler Bice had the fastest car. Daniel Marshall was second, and Wyatt Gaines finished third. Peyton Hornbuckle had the best-looking car, with Elijah Nunnelly the runner-up.

There were nine cars competing in the 4th-6th grade division, Noah McAliley was the champion in this group, with Jackson McGuire the runner-up, and Jack Brown finishing 3rd. Noah McAliley took home his second trophy by winning the best-looking car competition, with L. J. Lowe the runner-up.

In the Counselor Division, Cindy McGuire was the winner, with Jason Price the runner-up and Trey Kennedy in third. Cindy also won her second trophy for having the best-looking car too, with Amy Price in second place.

Thanks so much to the four counselors listed above as well as Tom Peaspanen, Greg Gosselin, and especially Ed Paul McGuire for setting up the track and running the race.

We encourage any 1st-6th grade boy to come join us on Wednesday nights as we study missions and do fun, interesting activities.

**Wayne Robinson, RA Director**



**BEST LOOKING CARS**



**FASTEST CARS**

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

February 13, 2019

Family Night Meal 4:45 p.m.

Chicken Cordon Bleu, Mashed Potatoes,  
Steamed Broccoli, Side Salad, Roll,  
Lemon Pound Cake

### CHILDREN'S MENU

Beef Hot Dog, Chips, Cookie

### SOUP/SALAD BAR

Baked Potato

\$5 Adult/Salad • \$3 Children • Household Max. \$15

Please note that you must **CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE**  
**BY 12:00 pm ON MONDAY** to make or change  
your reservation. **NO SHOWS ARE EXPECTED TO PAY.**  
**NO MORE TAKE OUTS.**

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## EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS FEBRUARY 10

Captain: Tammy Woodall  
Please be in place by 10:00 am  
10:15 Service

Babies: Alicia & Morgan McCarver  
Toddlers: Jamie & Leiser Sisk  
2's: Matt & Angie Segrest  
3's/4's: Randy & Jane Martin

## SERVICE TEAMS THIS SUNDAY

### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Jason Gardner, Mickey Golden

### COUNTING COMMITTEE

Morris Kendrick, Bill Parker

### GOLF CART DRIVERS

Jim Tanner, Neal Kendrick

### SAFETY TEAM

Ed Paul McGuire

### OFFERTORY TEAM

Captain: Dan Summers  
Trey Kennedy, Mike Woodall,  
Jimmy Carlisle, Mike Myrick

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVERS

Ann Ball, Bobbie Owens, Chuck Lerner,  
Barbara Lerner

**TOUCH**  
**Outreach Ministries**  
Guests on Campus: 22

## ON THE GROW

Bible Study Attendance for  
February 3, 2019

	Att.
G.O.	5
Preschool & Teachers	32
Children & Teachers	40
Youth & Teachers	50
Adults	394
<b>Total</b>	<b>521</b>
<b>Morning Worship Service</b>	<b>467</b>

## BUDGET REPORT

### Year to Date

Budget Requirements	\$171,074.60
Budget Receipts	184,644.64
Over Budget	13,570.04

### Weekly Budget Report February 3, 2019

Budget Requirements	\$34,214.92
Budget Receipts	51,033.92
Over Budget	16,819.00

### Designated

Designated	\$9,122.00
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