

Lent



We should remove from our lives anything that would get in the way. And we should remove the sin that so easily catches us. Let us look only to Jesus. He is the one who began our faith, and He makes our faith perfect. Hebrews 12:1-2 (*International Children's Version*)

I was in my mid 20s when I first heard of the words Lent and Ash

Wednesday. Lent is the time between Ash Wednesday and Easter and lasts for 40 days. It is a time of sacrificing something that takes away our time to free us up to focus on His suffering. I was a Missionary on the Tonawanda Indian Reservation in upstate New York. I was also working in a department store in Buffalo. I noticed most of our customers and employees had smudges on their foreheads and asked what it was all about.

They soon started talking about "giving stuff up for Lent." They said that they give up something for 40 days as a sacrifice to God. I was assuming it meant fasting. But I was soon corrected. They were giving things up like ice cream, which I did not feel was such a big sacrifice because it was 10 degrees outside. Some gave up candy, some gave up sweets. One lady said that she was sacrificing chocolate milk. I asked her how often she drank chocolate milk, she said almost never.

The people I worked with were some of the most immoral people I had ever met. I asked them if they had ever thought of giving up some of the things that kept them separated from God. I asked if maybe giving up drinking and carousing might be a better "sacrifice" than giving up "pop" or ice cream or going to the movies?

Lent is a time when we focus on God through prayer, reading our Bibles and helping others. Sure it's about sacrifice, but it is sacrifice to free us up to worship.

Our ministers are reading the book "Growing Up", how to be a disciple who makes disciples. This week's lesson was on the importance of prayer. Some great points in this chapter were:

When was the last time you asked the Lord to reveal to you the things that matter most to Him? Usually, we have one sided prayers focusing on our needs and wants.

When the Disciples could have asked Jesus to teach them anything in the world, what they said was, "Teach us to pray."

Because we do not make prayer a priority in our lives, we wonder why we aren't growing in our relationship with Christ. We wonder why we are not seeing more of God in our lives. We wonder why churches are not filled with the presence and power of God.

To remedy this in our lives, we need to identify and eliminate what it is that is distracting us from prayer. Start small, like 5 minutes in prayer a day, with your phone and electronics turned off. Then increase your time with God. How much time do we spend on social media vs. how much time we spend in Bible Study and prayer?

So this Lenten season, let's sacrifice sweets, etc., so that we can feel better, but let's sacrifice some distraction that will allow us time to grow closer to God.

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IN AN
Unsure World

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Eastern Hills Baptist Church Hosts

VERITAS

Sunday, March 31 • 5:00 PM

*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.*

IN THE PULPIT

A.M. "Evil Will Be Punished"

Esther 7

P.M. "The Necessity Of Hell"

Luke 16:19-31

WELCOME New Members



Eastern Hills rejoices with **Justin & Candace Brown, Zoey & Jack** who joined January 21, 2019 by Letter.

9 Travertine Drive, Pike Road, AL 36064



Eastern Hills rejoices with **Paul & Karen Russell, Desiree, Mary Elizabeth** who joined January 27, 2019 by Letter.

3204 Little John Drive, Montgomery, AL 36109



Eastern Hills rejoices with **Billy Caulfied** who requested Baptism March 10, 2019.

9127 White Poplar Circle, Pike Road, AL 36064



Eastern Hills rejoices with **Jaye Herrington** who joined March 10, 2019 by Promise of Letter.

205 West Fairview Street, Troy, AL 36081

CARPENTERS FOR CHRIST

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

IN MEMORY OF RAY MORRIS & RALPH JOINER

Thursday, April 11, 2019
Arrowhead Country Club

Shotgun Start at 8:30 AM
Scramble Format

\$70 fee includes green fees, cart, range balls, lunch, drinks and prizes.

All proceeds go to support Eastern Hills Baptist Church Carpenters for Christ Mission Group

Bring your team or we can place you.

Don Walker, (334) 277-3257 or
dywa@knology.net

Bob Sandifer, (334) 549-4120 or
bsandifer@elmore.rr.com.

Pick up registration forms at the Arrowhead Pro Shop or at the EHBC church office or contact us and we will complete one for you.

Tournament sign-in begins at 7:30 AM
Lunch served after the tournament

Come help us build for
God's Kingdom!



FIRST STEPS

For anyone interested in learning more about Eastern Hills Baptist Church, There will be four classes, beginning March 24, answering questions about who we are and what we do.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES Up-coming Events

CHAPPY'S BREAKFAST BUNCH
Monday, March 25 • 8:00 AM

CELEBRATION SINGERS
Thursday, March 28 • 9:30 AM

SENIOR ADULT LUNCH
Thursday, March 28 • 11:00 AM

TECH SUPPORT
Thursday, March 28 • 1:00 PM

SHOPPING AT LEEDS
Thursday, April 4 • 8:00 AM

BIBLE DRILL

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

I PETER 4:9

*"Be Hospitable to one another
without complaining."*

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

ISAIAH 45:5

*"I am the Lord, and there is no other; there
is no God but Me. I will strengthen you,
though you do not know Me."*

POSITION AVAILABLE

Assistant in the Financial Office

8 hours weekly

Computer skills a must

Send resume or inquire to

Dan Harrison at dan@ehbconline.com

Community Yard Sale

Sponsored by Eastern Hills Youth Choir
Saturday, April 13 • 7:00 AM - Noon

Set up time begins at 5 AM at the Green Ridge Parking Lot.

Clean out your storage shed, closets or garage and bring your items to the Community Yard Sale on Saturday, April 13. A donation of \$15.00 will reserve a space for you to display and sell your items. You will be responsible for providing whatever table or set up that you need and your own money/change box.

Reserve your space by contacting Joy Priester, 272-0604 ext. 214 or joy@ehbconline.com. Spaces are available the day of the event as well. The \$15.00 fee will go to help the youth choir on their summer choir/mission tour to Minnesota. Any donations beyond the reservation fee would be appreciated! The community is invited and encouraged to participate!

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

The Southern Baptist Convention will be held in Birmingham on June 11 and 12 this year. Please let the church know if you would like to attend and be a messenger from Eastern Hills. Call Cheryl at 272-0604 ext. 211. You must have a registration card to sign in and get credentials to vote.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY BIRTHDAY BOARD

Jade Duncan

March 15

10

Discipleship Classes

Wednesdays at 6:00 PM



GRIEFSHARE

Led by Betty Baggott & Russell Lackey
Room 146

THE 5 LOVE LANGUAGES

Led by Dan & Leisa Harrison
Room 154

Be Real.

Studies in Sermon on the Mount

Led by Pastor Josh Wootton
in the Reception Room

YOUTH CHOIR

NO YOUTH CHOIR

Sunday, March 17, Spring Break

Youth Choir resumes on
Sunday, March 24 at 3:45 PM

Women's Ministry SPRING BIBLE STUDY

ONE IN A MILLION

Journey to your Promised Land
Priscilla Shirer

Begins April 1 • 7 weeks
Monday at 1:30 pm
led by Ann Inman

SEAMLESS

*Understanding the Bible As
One Complete Story*
Angie Smith

Begins April 2 • 7 weeks
Tuesday at 9:30 am
led by Bobbie Owens

ALL LADIES ARE INVITED!

Childcare will be provided only when
requested to Cindy Davis in the church
office by Thursday, March 28.

Can or a Quarter Food Drive



March 3 - April 6

The Girls in Action are excited to introduce the Can or a Quarter Food drive. This drive is collecting food and monetary donations to benefit the Forest Park Ministry Center. Food donations may be placed in the collection bins at the Green Ridge and Karen Road entrances. Monetary donations will be collected on Sunday mornings after the worship service at the Green Ridge and Karen Road entrances. You may also drop any donations off at the library on Wednesday evenings from 5:15-7:30. Items will be delivered to the Forest Park Ministry Center by the EHBC Girls in Action leaders and students on April 6 as part of our SERVE day. Thank you for your support!

ITEMS NEEDED: Cereal, Rice, Pudding, Canned Meats, Pasta (dry) as well as canned pasta meals, Flour, Sugar, Meal, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Soups, Macaroni & Cheese, Pop Tarts and other breakfast foods, Canned Fruit, Dried Beans or Peas, Canned Veggies, Baked Beans, Sardines, Non Fat Dry Milk, Vienna Sausages, Ramen Noodles, Foods Suitable for Diabetic Diets, Paper/Hygiene Items, Diapers, Wipes

For any questions or more information please contact Vania MacCarthy at (478) 361-9939 or email maccarthy.clan@gmail.com.



Royal Ambassadors will attend the SLE Rodeo
Saturday, March 16th • 2 PM Show
Garrett Coliseum

The RAs have bought a limited number of tickets and will sell them to our RAs and their parents for just \$5 each. We just ask that boys wear their RA shirts to the rodeo.

See RA Director, Wayne Robinson, to purchase your tickets.

SERVE DAY

Saturday, April 6 • 8AM - noon

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

Mats for the homeless
Forest Hills Neighborhood
Forest Park Ministry and Annex
Mercy House
Reality and Truth

Sign-up will begin in Sunday School classes beginning March 17.
Donations of clothing for men and women, as well as school uniforms are needed. Clothing drop-off will begin on Sunday, March 31.
Consider monetary donations also.

Please be in prayer for this day.

**NO WEDNESDAY
NIGHT SUPPER
OR OTHER ACTIVITIES
MARCH 20 DUE TO SPRING BREAK**

**THE EASTERN HILLS
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FAMILY

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

To **Betty FitzGerald** in the death of her sister-in-law Judy Rosky.

To **Chad & Stacy Royal, Amy & Jeremy McCay and family** in the death of Edd Royal.

THANK YOU NOTE received from Tara, L.J., Ryder and Savannah Lowe

We gratefully acknowledge gifts to the church in memory of:

DANNY MCGRAW

Given by: Frances Foster
Buddy & Ann Inman

JOAN MCDEVITT

Given by: Frances Foster

WAYNE REEDER

Given by: Buddy & Ann Inman

CHARLIE WINSETT

Given by: Frances Foster

ROY CORBITT

Given by: Buddy & Ann Inman

JOYCE COWLEY

Given by: Nancy & Jimmy Lee

MADLINE NORRED

Given by: Buddy & Ann Inman

EDD ROYAL

Given by: Dr. & Mrs. David Jarrell

We gratefully acknowledge gifts to the church in honor of:

MADDIE MATHEWS

Given by: Bill Fuller

STAFF ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to **Stacy Royal** who completes eighteen years as Daycare Director on March 14.

**EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS
MARCH 17**

Captain: Greg Gosselin
Please be in place by 10:00 am
10:15 Service

Babies: Carol Handey, Joan Robinson
Toddlers: Larry & Barbara Kennedy
2's: Chelsea Kellum, Meg Pugh
3's/4's: Alan & Tammy Todd

**SERVICE TEAMS
THIS SUNDAY**

COUNTING COMMITTEE

Jim Gouge, Hardy Kirk

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Ricky Middleton, Brad Moon

GOLF CART DRIVERS

Brook Ledyard, Don Cluck

OFFERTORY TEAMS

Captain: James Owen
Dan Summers, Norman Arnold,
Michael Myrick, Randy Driskell

SAFETY TEAM

Bill Summers

DEACONS MEETING

Sunday, March 17
3:30 PM in Room 150

TOUCH
Outreach Ministries
Guests on Campus: 16

ON THE GROW

Bible Study Attendance for
March 10, 2019

	Att.
G.O.	5
Preschool & Teachers	36
Children & Teachers	44
Youth & Teachers	49
Adults	366
Total	500
Morning Worship Service	451

BUDGET REPORT

Year to Date

Budget Requirements	\$342,149.20
Budget Receipts	360,749.47
Over Budget	18,600.27

Weekly Budget Report

March 10, 2019

Budget Requirements	\$34,214.92
Budget Receipts	32,337.27
Under Budget	1,877.65

Designated

Designated	\$3,155.26
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