

MESSENGER



Praise God,

I'm excited to give an amazing update on my recent mission trip to Kenya. We had many obstacles to overcome. First, my health hasn't been too good. (Many things are going on with my body.) The Lord spoke to me to go to Kenya to Bro. Charle's church.

Second, we had a lot of rain and major flooding being that it was their rainy season. God showed favor all the way to and from Kenya. We could not have any outside open air meetings due to the heavy down pours of rain. People were drowning and villages were being washed away. There were 104 people saved. (Remember this was inside church services only.) We gave out 60 Bibles. While we were there, our team opened up Bro. Charles new church.

Land has been bought for Emmanuel Holiness to build a church. We are needing sponsors for this Emmanuel Holiness Church so we can get it built soon. I want to thank all that helped us (Bishop Johnny, David, & Kayden) to make this Kenya trip. I'm planning a trip to India in September. We have plans for a huge crusade (20,000 people) near the area of Emmanuel Holiness churches. The pastor needs 3,000 Bibles to pass out during the crusade. Donations of \$5.00 each are needed. The Emmanuel

Holiness Churches recently came together for a youth service in India. There were approximately 200 souls saved. Also, we are taking donations for 200 backpacks for the children in the slums of India. The back packs are \$10 a piece. My health is in need of prayer. I am going May 23rd for a heart pace maker. Thanks for all your prayers and support. My heart is to do the mission work and to see the lost saved.

God bless, Bishop John Causey Emmanuel Holiness
Mission Director



Greetings to All in the Name of Jesus,

It's a busy and exciting time in the Emmanuel Holiness Church. June and July are full of youth camps in North Carolina, Alabama, Florida, and South Carolina. We also have our Ladies Conference and Camp Meeting coming up this summer! I appreciate the support that you have given to all of our upcoming events. We look forward to seeing you all soon! Please continue praying that the Conference will become a stronger light for the Kingdom of God, and that we will be increasingly effective in the winning of lost souls.

In His Service,
David Clewis,
General Overseer

Emmanuel Holiness Church, Inc.



Greetings to our Ladies! We are truly living in troublesome times but at the same time **very exciting times** as far as the work of the church goes. Remember Emmanuel means “God with Us!” I can see his Hand everywhere I look. Thank God for His blessings upon all of our churches and on the work on the mission

field as well. Our goal is to reach the lost for Jesus and minister to those in need in our communities and those that God sends through our church doors. I believe the ladies of the Emmanuel Holiness Church, both individually and corporately through the Ladies Auxiliary, play a very important part in ministering to the needs both inside and outside of the church. I want to encourage you all to seek God closer than you ever have, cherish the Word of God by spending more time in its pages. We must be women filled with the Spirit who walk in the Spirit and are led by the Spirit. We need the anointing of the Holy Ghost upon us if we are going to be effective for God in these last days.

“LORD, LAY SOME SOUL
UPON MY HEART,
AND LOVE THAT SOUL THROUGH ME.
AND MAY I EVERY DO MY PART
TO WIN THAT SOUL TO THEE.”

I believe every day God gives us “open doors” of opportunity to share the love of God with others. I love this example in the Bible: Revelations 3:8 **“I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.”**

Paul also referred to times when God opened doors of opportunity for him to share the gospel. 2 Corinthians 2:12 and again in 1 Corinthians 16:9 where he states, “For a **great door** and **effectual** is opened unto me and there are many adversaries.” What a powerful thought in these two verses! God is very much aware of what we are doing for Him. He goes before us, making ways, opening doors – powerful, effective, doors that will strengthen us in our faith while helping the church better serve our communities. Thank God!

God will not force opportunities upon us, but I believe He will open doors when we actively pursue them through prayer and seeking His will. We are called to be a witness and if we are willing and obedient these open doors will help us serve others, grow in faith, and experience God’s blessings like we have never yet experienced! Do not be discouraged by adversity. We already know we have an enemy, the devil. The important thing to remember as we work is that we are not fighting “flesh and blood” – we are not at war with each other. Our fight is with the enemy of our soul. He wants to stop us, hinder us and

keep us from the work that God has placed in our care. But thank God, we are more than conquerors through Jesus!

There are a couple of quotes that I would like to share. The first is from John Wesley:

**Do all the good you can,
in all the ways you can,
to all the souls you can,
in every place you can,
at all the times you can,
with all the zeal you can,
as long as ever you can.**

The second one is from Erma Brombeck:

“When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, 'I used everything you gave me.'”

Join me in prayer that God will make us a city set on a hill. We want to radiate the love of Jesus and make a difference in our world. We want to be shining people, aglow with the Spirit of God upon us. If we are, we will have a servant’s heart loving others in word and deed.

I CHALLENGE YOU....PRAY FOR OPEN DOORS
OF OPPORTUNITY TO BE A BLESSING —

Carrie Hilton
LA President

Let my life be a light
shining out through the night.
May I help struggling ones to the fold.
Spreading cheer everywhere
to the sad and the lone.
Let my life be a light to some soul.



ALEXANDRIA EHC

Alexandria, AL

Greetings from AEHC!

God is moving in a special way and we
are so glad to be
a part of His great work!

Benefit Singing

On April 6th, we held a benefit singing
which featured singers from our church as
well as other local churches. We had a
great night of worship and raised money to
help build our new church.



New Church

It is amazing how God is moving!
We are working on a building for
our Lord! After the foundation was
laid. We congregated outside to
pray together and sing a song.

We want to be a light to our
community!



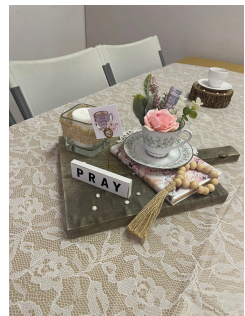
Fill My Cup Lord: Ladies Conference

April 12th and 13th we held our first annual
ladies fellowship. Ladies from multiple
churches gathered at AEHC for 2 days of
worship and fellowship. We
came together with one unified
request, "Fill My Cup Lord." Sis
Linda Baughtman delivered
powerful anointed messages
that had us reflecting on how
we need God to let our cup run
over. We were honored to have
Bro. and Sis. Baughtman with
us again during the Sunday
services.



Friends and Family Day/Revival

May 19th was our Friends and Family
Day. It was a special day spent
together in the Lord. We were
honored to have Bro. Dale and Sis.
Teresa Hathway with us this week.
Bro. Dale stirred us with his timely
messages that encouraged us to get
closer to God. God is doing great
things at AEHC and we are expecting
greater things ahead!



Ladies Aux

The ladies of the church worked hard selling sheet sets as a fundraiser. Through their efforts a profit of over \$1000 went into the building fund. The first Sunday in May we were honored to have a guest speaker for the Right Place. We are excited to do community outreach through this great program for the homeless.

Jacksonville EHC

Jacksonville, AL

Hello from Jacksonville!



Easter skit "Watch the Lamb"



April 27-
Annual BBQ
and Bake sale
fundraiser for
Emmanuel
Youth Camp
We raised over
\$1500. Praise
the Lord!



The youth had a car wash
May 25 to raise money for
their trip to the Atlanta Zoo
this fall.

Upcoming events:

June 20-22 Kids Crusade

"Let the little children come: Kids of the Bible"



Hello, my name is Kaylee and I live in Eastaboga, AL. I'm 13 and me and my family have been going to Jacksonville Emmanuel Holiness Church for 3 years now. The Lord has worked His ways and saved me when I was 11 years old, and God has been so good to us. Also, I just want to thank the Lord for filling me with the Holy Ghost and always staying with me and helping me and being a wonderful God. If it wasn't for Him giving His only begotten Son to die on the cross for us I don't know where I would be right now.

Eastside EHC

Opelika, AL

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." - Act 2:38

Greetings from the EHC, we have been rejoicing in how God has been moving. In the past few months we have had several souls give their hearts to the Lord and have seen them growing in Him. Winning souls is our goal. As Pastor has said many times we are taking them in one at a time. We also have been trying to stay busy. We had a church yardsale which was a great success. And then on our Mother's Day we had a great turn out! Thankful for all our mothers, cause Lord knows where would we be if it wasn't for their sacrifice. We have Homecoming/Revival June 2-5 starting 7 pm nightly with Bro Larry Peters. We are looking for a great time in the Lord and to see hearts and lives stirred. Come be with us if ya can! Keep us in your prayers as we endeavor to do the will of the Father!

Sis Keshia Parks



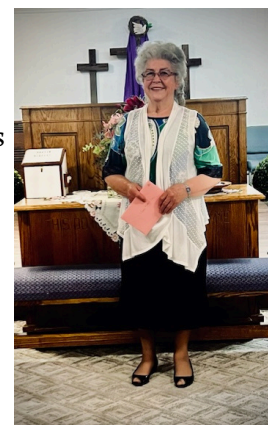
Mother's Day

Our church ladies wouldn't be who we are without our precious Church Mother. We are truly blessed! Our Church Mother blessed us with a testimony of how she herself was blessed on Mother's Day morning during Sunday School. Blessed us all!



Instead of doing our normal of oldest, youngest, and one with the most children, we did a drawing and gave three \$25 checks away. We had a blessed and wonderful Mother's Day!

Sis. Connie Carr



Left: Choir practice. Eastside is excited for their newly reformed choir!



Hello there! It's a great honor to be part of the Emmanuel Holiness churches! We are so excited to see what God has in store. I'm sure the majority of ya'll know who we are. Our hearts and desire is to please the Lord! A little over a year ago with much prayer and fasting we felt led to step down from pastoring a church in Tennessee. We were there for over 3 1/2 years. The Lord brought us back home to our little town here in

Opelika. At the time we did not understand why but God did. While evangelizing here and there we have had doors of opportunities to open but through prayer and seeking the Lord, we felt the need to return back to our home church at Eastside Emmanuel Holiness Church. Seeing the great need here in Opelika, our hearts are burdened for souls in our communities and families. We desire to see souls saved, and we are seeing them. We have had five souls in the past month to get saved. God is greatly moving. We are looking forward to what God has in the future as we hunger and thirst for Him, and have a vision to grow spiritually and physically. The Lord has taught us so many things, and we are still learning. My husband last Sunday night preached on "Can God trust me" and he said I know this might be a little comical, but I want to be **FAT!** **F** stands for **FAITHFUL**, **A** stands for **AVAILABLE** and **T** stands for **TEACHABLE**. I want Him to find me faithful to Him and to His call and whatever that would be even if it's just to pick up trash in the church yard or clean a toilet, He said when I return will I find faith? (Luke 18:8)

I want to be available for Him, even if He asks me to drop what I'm doing and go do what He asked.

Isaiah 6:8 - Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

I also want to be teachable. Psalm 25:4-6

Shew me thy ways, O LORD; Teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: For thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day. Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; For they have been ever of old.

I'm only 37 and have a birthday May 8 and though I have learned many things I still want to be taught of Him, and from the Godly people He has placed in my life. Our hearts are to be soul winners for Christ and rebuild the walls that the enemy has torn down.

Nehemiah 4:6

So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

Sis. Nakeisha Parks
Eastside EHC

Greetings,

Proverbs 3:5,6 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not to thine own understanding. And in all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path." We know this to be a familiar scripture to us, but it has a lot of meaning to it. You know so many times we have quoted this over and over again, and here recently we have heard these words, "God has a plan." You know we may not always can see His plans, or He might not always show us the next step, but if you and I will learn to trust and follow Him with everything we have got He said He will direct us. I heard a recent message on these lines, "Follow His voice in the Fog". There are days that it will be foggy, and you won't be able to see what's ahead of you but if you'll stay on the right path and listen to His voice, you can't go wrong. Why? Because God has a plan.

Bro. Danny Parks
Eastside EHC



On April 27 a arts, craft, and yard sale was held at Eastside.

JULY 24-27

EHC

Youth Camp

HUNGRY

for MORE

in 2024

Emmanuel Holiness Youth Camp

Day service speaker: Bro. Chris Wilkerson

Night service speaker: Bro. Dale Hathway

Southern Bible Methodist Campground

40 Skyview Lane Pell City, AL

Abe Branch

Bladenboro, NC

EASTER

Easter is one of, if not the greatest holiday. While the world may celebrate a bunny and look for eggs, the true Christian knows that we celebrate Christ's victory over death, hell, and the grave. This mindset was the heart of our Easter service, in which we made sure to give God all the praise and glory He deserves, while also ensuring to glory in the sacrifice Jesus made for all mankind so that we may live with Him forever. After service, the EPIC group met and had a wonderful time of fellowship. We had food, played UNO, spoons, and volleyball, and overall just enjoyed being with one another in order to strengthen the unity among our church.



Community Day

On April 6, Abe Branch had our first Community Day. We set up to feed the members of the community, and provide them with fun, food, and prayer. We had games and bounce houses set up, a lunch line, and a tent dedicated to those who were in the need of prayer. With the help of God Did It Ministries, we were also able to distribute over 200 boxes of food to the surrounding communities. Once we ran out of people to give food to around the church, different groups set out to different towns to engage in outreach while giving out food boxes. We look forward to our next community day, and to reaching so many people that we make a definite impact in our community.



Friends and Family Day

On April 7, Abe Branch had Friends and Family Day. People throughout the church invited their family to attend church with them, along with friends who may not have had a church to go to. We had a church full of people, and the presence of the Lord was strong throughout the whole service. Conviction fell on the house, and there was a strong altar service where many prayed. Afterwards, we had lunch in the fellowship hall and just enjoyed being with our brothers and sisters in the Lord.



"More To It" Revival

Abe Branch had a "More To It" Revival on May 6 and 7. There was no special speaker lined up, but we have no doubt that this meeting was ordained by God. Both nights, everyone came with an expectation and ready to praise the Lord. We took time to set aside our worldly cares, and worship God as He truly deserves. The Holy Ghost moved strongly in both services! He met and exceeded our expectations, even if He did move in ways that we were not initially considering. We are so thankful for the opportunity to gather with the saints of God and worship Him in one mind and accord.



So, how do we tap into God's amazing power? Ephesians 6:17, 18, "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;"

Prayer: Talking to God is like plugging your phone into the charger. It refills your strength and reminds you that you're not alone. When you're feeling overwhelmed, take a moment to chat with God. Tell him what's on your mind, and ask for His help. Sword: The Bible is full of verses that remind us of God's strength. Find a verse that speaks to you, write it down, or stick it on your mirror. When you're feeling weak, take a moment to reflect on that verse. God's word has the power to lift you up!

Remember, tapping into God's amazing power is about building a relationship with Him. Just like any friendship, it takes time, effort, and communication. Be consistent in your prayers and reading of the Bible. Allow God's presence to fill you with peace and strength, guiding you through every challenge life throws your way. With God by your side, you can overcome any obstacle and find comfort in His unwavering love. Trust in His power and embrace the blessings He has in store for you!

Rebecca Davis, editor

Devotion: Such a Time as This

In light of world events that are happening right now, it seems that we have all been able to say "I'm out of my comfort zone". I believe I've heard that phrase and have even said that more times in the last month than ever before. As I was thinking of trying to put a devotion together, my mind went back to one of my favorite people in the Old Testament, Queen Esther. She, too, was waaaaayyyy out of her comfort zone. She was taken away from her home, taken away from her daily activities and people that she loved so much and placed in a palace with many other young women to begin the year long purification process before they were to go in to King Ahasuerus. We know the story and what would happen later...Esther becomes queen, the wicked Haman was seeking to annihilate all of the Jews...Mordecai (Esther's cousin) was able to communicate with Esther to let her know Haman's plan and to tell her go before the king and persuade him to retract the decree for her people. In that time, it was forbidden that anyone, even the queen, to go before the king without his bidding, and unless the king was merciful, the consequences could be death. One thing that has always stuck out to me is the famous quote from Mordecai to Esther, "For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" God would have provided a deliverance for the Jews somehow or another, but If Esther did not at least try to go before her king and plead for the lives of herself and her own people, what would have happened to them? The story goes on to say that she and her handmaidens fasted and prayed for three days, then she went before the king, found favor in his sight, and the Jews were saved, all because one woman was willing to "step out of her comfort zone" one more time, knowing that her own life could be taken instantly.

I don't believe that God makes a mistake and I don't believe that He gives us more than we are able to bear. What are we going to do with such a time as this? What difference will we make if we take advantage of where we are right now? Most of us have been secluded, our everyday lives have been interrupted and I'm sure many of us have thought "what in the world am I going to do?" I believe with my whole heart that Jesus is soon to return and the devil is working overtime to destroy people. In this time of being "uncomfortable", let's use it to make sure it is well with our own souls. Let us fast and pray as we plead for the souls of our lost loved ones. God's people will be taken care of, but what's going to happen to all of the lost and dying souls all around us? Like Esther In her day, I believe that we have all been put right here for such a time as this. Let's use this time to encourage one another and to take extra time to pray and even fast for the ones that need God. Let us not hold our peace before God for our families, our friends, our nation and our world.

The words of Mordecai ring out in my heart today. Who knows whether God has called you and I into the Kingdom for such a time as this.

Heather Stephens

Abe Branch

What's the content of your conversation?

Malachi 3:16 says, "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name." They weren't even speaking to God; they were speaking to EACH OTHER, and God heard and answered them. God heard the people and made a distinction between the righteous and the unrighteous. Here's what this verse speaks to me:

This isn't about formal prayers. This scripture doesn't say they prayed or that they spoke to God. It simply says that when those who fear the Lord gather together and have conversations, God will hear them. It's about conversations with friends who share a reverence for God. Imagine it - everyday conversations laced with faith, encouraging each other on our spiritual walk. The company we keep matters deeply. We need to be surrounded by Christ-minded friends, and have healthy conversations with them. Because when we are gathered together, the Lord hears us. This verse reminds us to maintain friendships with those who inspire us in our faith. This doesn't mean everyone needs to be identical, but a shared foundation of values creates a powerful and supportive community.

This verse makes me reflect on my own conversations. What type of conversations am I having with my friends that God is currently listening to? What kind of energy do I bring to my interactions with friends? Are they uplifting, filled with mutual respect and a desire to grow closer to God? May we all be blessed with friends who love God, who challenge us to grow, and with whom we can have conversations that we want God to hear. May we, in turn, be such friends for others.



Hello my name is Elisha Duff.

I'm 12 years old and I go to Friendship Holiness Church.

When I was little I was sick with a disease called C-Diff.

My mom said it started when I was five months old, it is caused from having double ear infections. We went to several doctors to see if any could help and I was on lots and lots of medications. They could not seem to find any medicine that would help with the C-Diff. This went on till I was almost two years old, our pastor got a call from a minister wanting to come preach because God told him to. He drove down from Kentucky to our church. He preached and talked about how he went out of the country and preached somewhere near India. Then he had a altar call service and my dad was holding me on his hip, he took me up to the preacher and said, "Would you pray for my son?" So the preacher put a hand on the front of my stomach and the the other one on my back and he started praying and speaking in tongues. Afterwords he looked at my dad and said "I don't know what's wrong with your son but God has healed him." The next day we went out to meet my grandparents to stay with them and my grandpa asked, "Where's Eli's medicine bag?" My mom looked at him and said "He doesn't need them anymore God healed him." My grandpa looked at her and said, "I'll be the judge of that". After a week of being with my grandparents we met back with my mom and dad and my grandpa looked at my mom with me in his hands and said, "If God could heal and help Eli then could he help me?" That weekend he got saved. So if God can help someone like me He can help someone like you.



June 2

Homecoming

June 3-5 Revival

with Bro. Larry Peters

Eastside EHC

Opelika, AL

June 1, 8, 15, 22 5 PM to 7 PM

BYBC: Mission Possible

Alexandria EHC

Bud's Backyard

June 20-22

Kids Krusade: Let the Children Come

Jacksonville EHC

Jacksonville, AL

June 27-29

Beauty for Ashes

Ladies Conference

Bladenboro, NC

July 24-27

Youth Camp: Hungry for More in 2024

Pell City, AL

July 29- August 2

General Campmeeting

Bladenboro, NC

Aug 17 @ 10 AM

Alabama General Conference

Lafayette, AL

Oct 10

Revival service @ 7 PM

with Bro. Larry Peters

Oct 11

Revival service @ 7 PM

with TBA

Oct 12

Church Dedication

with Bro. Jackie Prickett

Alexandria EHC

Alexandria, AL

Are you enjoying the Messenger?

Our next deadline:

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