

MESSENGER



EHC Camp Meeting 2023 was a resounding success! The presence of the Lord was evident from the very first night. All of our speakers, from Bro. Peters in the evening, to our different brothers throughout the morning services did an absolutely phenomenal job in their preaching. These men of God truly followed the leading of the Lord and gave us the words that He had for the conference. We're so thankful for the time and work that the people put in to make this camp meeting happen; from those who helped cook and clean, those who assisted with the music, to those who simply had to drive a great distance to be a part of this move of God. We're still in awe of how Jesus provided beyond what we asked for. Bro. Johnny Causey, our World Missions Director, needed \$5,000 for a mission trip to Africa. By the time our Friday services were over, we had raised north of \$40,000! The Lord is continuing to do the work, and we are excited to see where He takes us in the months and years to come!

CAMP MEETING





Ladies, I hope this issue of the Messenger finds you richly blessed with the all goodness of God. What a great privilege it is to be His child and to be laborers together with God! It's exciting to hear how the Lord is blessing in our local churches

Truly we are living in the last days. It is vital that we purpose in our hearts to make **prayer** and getting into **God's Word** a priority! We must have the anointing of the Holy Ghost to effectively minister to the needs around us. We are serving a faithful God who has never failed us and who changes not! James 1:17 speaks of our unchanging God, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

I believe we can all agree that we can count on God! The question is CAN HE COUNT ON US to be FAITHFUL DISCIPLES? Words like constant, loyal, stable, dependable, steadfast, and devoted come to mind when I think of what it means to be faithful. I believe God is readying a people that he can count on in these last days and I want to be among that number don't you?

A Faithful Disciple...

Pursues wisdom. Feasts on the Word.

Prays without ceasing. Answers the Call.

Generously gives. Follows the Spirit.

Embraces repentance. Embodies

Patience. Trust and Obeys. Takes up the

Cross. Forgives everything. Loves

Abundantly. Boasts only in Christ.

Ladies let's be faithful followers of the Lord and a blessing to the Church. Always looking for opportunities to work and witness for the glory of God!

Daniel 12:3 "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

LET'S BE A SOULWINNER FOR JESUS!

God bless you all!

Carrie Milton.
LA President



We're pilgrims on the journey
Of the narrow road,
And those who've gone before us
Line the way.
Cheering on the faithful,
Encouraging the weary,
Their lives a stirring testament
To god's sustaining grace.

O may all who come behind us
Find us faithful,
May the fire of our devotion
Light their way.
May the footprints that we leave,
Lead them to believe,
And the lives we live
Inspire them to obey.
O may all who come behind us
Find us faithful.

... Surrounded by so great
A cloud of witnesses,
Let us run the race
Not only for the prize,
But as those who've gone before us.
Let us leave to those behind us,
The heritage of faithfulness
Passed on thru godly lives.
After all our hopes and dreams
Have come and gone,
And our children sift thru all
We've left behind,
May the clues that they discover,
And the mem'ries they uncover,
Become the light that leads them,
To the road we each must find.





Bro. John Causey (world mission director), Bro. David Milligan, Bro. Kayden Causey, and Bro. Robert Nealey took a trip September 4th - 14th to Kenya, Africa. They held a crusade in Mitaboni, Africa. The plan was to be feeding and preaching daily. They also gave out Bibles, hygiene supplies, and clothing to the villagers. Kayden Causey preached to the youth.

This is inside of Jessie's Mission Church that Abe Branch Emmanuel built. Bro. David Clewis built this church in honor of Bro. Jessie. This is a bike that we bought for the pastor of Jessie's Mission. He uses this for transportation back and forth to church. The church is built and growing for the Lord.



Bishop Causey and grandson Kayden praying for the children. Many received salvation in the Lord. Bishop Causey ministered to the pastors of the churches that he has helped to build. Over 90 people got baptized in the Mukukuni River each person received a Bible during the baptism. Over 600 people gave their hearts to Jesus Christ in Mitaboni village. God blessed the missionary team to make safe to and from Kenya, Africa on September 4, 2023 - September 10, 2023.

We are looking forward to many more mission trips.

Thank you!

Emanuel Holiness World Mission Director, John Causey





Abe Branch

Bladenboro, NC



Grandparents & Senior Day

On September 10, we had Grandparents and Seniors Day at Abe Branch. We recognized and honored all of our grandparents; we presented the oldest grandparents and the grandparents with the most grandchildren special prizes. All of the grandparents were presented with gift bags from the young children containing snacks that were largely liked, but also connected to the times that the grandparents had lived through. At the end of our Grandparents and Seniors Day, our Pastor and General Overseer, Rev. David Clewis, dedicated our Sunday School building as the Byrd Education Building. This is in honor of Bro. Charles and Sis. Ruthie Byrd; both are founding members of Abe Branch, and have been there through thick and thin. Bro. Charles has served as a Deacon, Secretary/Treasurer, and Sunday School Superintendent, and Sis. Ruthie has served as a Sunday School teacher and former sexton.



Youth Weekend

On September 2nd and 3rd, the Abe Branch Youth had a weekend of fun and fellowship. On Saturday, we had a singing and a devotion from Bro. Austin Smith. He talked about letting God be your champion and gave his testimony on how the Lord can get your attention when He has a work for you to do. We then had fun, food, and homemade ice cream for the rest of the afternoon. On Sunday, the Youth filled every role within the morning's service. We had special singing from our little girls, Sis. Rachele Ramirez and from Sis. Xanna Freeman. Bro. Austin brought the word again, and the Lord moved in a powerful altar service.



ALEXANDRIA EHC

Alexandria, AL

Kind greetings from Alexandria! Great is our Lord and greatly to be praised! We are grateful for how the Holy Ghost is moving in our corner of the field. Paul described his situation in 1 Corinthians 16:9 as "A great door and effectual has opened unto me. We are experiencing that right now at Alexandria. God is so good and so faithful! We want Him to always find us faithful to Him and the work that He has so graciously placed us in."

New Members

Our church is growing! People are coming to the Lord! We are thankful to report that we gained two new members, Sis. Janice Harper and Sis. Kelly Harper. Praise the Lord! Bro. Tim continues to exhort us to pray and seek the Lord at home and at the church together. As a result, God is moving so greatly. The love and unity among us continues to grow stronger and is strengthened by this increase in prayer.



Plans For a New Church

Preparations and plans are underway to build a new church. We have run out of room! Praise the Lord!



We are excited to obey the Lord in this building project and can already see God's hand upon it. In just a matter of minutes we had \$30,000 pledged! Glory to God! We are passionate about winning souls and can't wait to see what all God has in store for us going forward!

Ladies Auxiliary

Our most recent Ladies Auxiliary outreach was to the Right Place, a homeless shelter in Anniston, Alabama. It was a blessing for our ladies to help this facility by donating some of the items that were so needed. Our desire is to be a help and step through every open door that the Lord opens to us.



Visiting Ministers

It was great to have Bro. Rob Walker and his son from Florida with us. Bro. Rob Walker preached an anointed, challenging message to the church and his son blessed us with his testimony and singing.



On Sunday October 1, we were blessed to have Bro. Dale and Sis. Teresa Hathway with us. During the night service Bro Dale preached a powerful message and the Holy Ghost helped many. Fill our cups, Lord!



Missions

It was an honor to have Bro. Johnny Causey, our World Mission Director, his wife Kay and grandson Kayden with us. We were blessed by Bro. Causey's messages and reports from Africa and India. Sis. Kay and Kayden were also a blessing to us in singing and testimonies.



We have also submitted funds to Bro. Causey for the purpose of building a church in India in honor of Bro. Vann Bollinger. We are anticipating the completion of this project and praying that many souls will be won to the Lord.



Alexandria Youth

We are so excited for the growth in our youth department. Not only are we seeing an increase in the number of students in our Sunday School, but we are also seeing an increase in their attendance to other services as well. As their attendance has increased, we are seeing them have more of a desire to come to church and be a part of the services. We are excited for their interest and hunger for more of God and are eagerly awaiting all the wonderful things that God will do in their lives. On October 1, Bro Tim preached a very anointed message entitled "To Hell in a Flash." Young Dawson Williamon made his way to the altar and gave his heart to God. To God be the glory!



...but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. - Daniel 11:32

What do you desire from God?

What kind of Christian do you wish to become?

What will your legacy for God be?

And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. - Hebrews 11:32-34

Throughout the Bible we are presented with strong people who give us an example of how to live for God. Daniel was a young captive that stood out among his peers. God is looking for ordinary Christians to fill with His extraordinary power. God is raising up a people to glorify Him through their words, actions, and deeds. Will you be a willing vessel?

God's people are known by who they are and what they do. We are called out and separated from the world in three aspects - knowing, being, and doing. These three are very much dependent on the other. Only in knowing God can we be strong. Only in being strong in the Lord can we do exploits.

It is not enough to know about God. We must truly know Him through a personal relationship. Just as we get to know people through interacting with them, the more we fellowship with God the better we will know Him. We must communicate with Him and spend time alone with Him in prayer. Communication is not one-sided. As we come before God's presence, we must not only talk but also learn to listen. We will know Him through both us speaking to Him and us listening to Him speak to us. The more time we spend in prayer and in the Word of God we will begin to observe the many ways God works - who He is, what He does, and how He does it.

Knowing God will make us stronger in every aspect of our lives. We will be filled with an assurance and confidence that He is always faithful. This faith we develop will enable us to endure everything that life throws our way. The more we know of God and His power it will help us to overcome the enemy and every temptation to sin because we know that it is through His power the devil is defeated. The more God comes through for us the stronger our witness for Him will be. We can then take our faith and our testimonies and use them to strengthen others!

When we are strong then we will do exploits: heroic deeds and achievements. We will follow in the footsteps of those who have gone before us. God wants to use you! He wants to do mighty things in your life. To do exploits is to have outstanding successes with strange impacts. Don't disqualify yourself through negative thinking. God doesn't want you through your own abilities: He wants to do things through your life that only He can do so that He gets the glory!

Rebecca Davis, Editor

Devotion: Why Behind the Why

I was listening to a podcast the other day about a nonprofit Christian organization called Mercy Multiplied. The founder, Nancy Alcorn, had previously spent eight years working in a juvenile correctional facility for the state of Tennessee. It

was there that she came in contact with many young girls who'd found themselves in desperate situations. She watched these girls come and go with temporary change that produced permanent results. Many of these girls were lost to suicide, abuse, and drug overdose. In 1983, Nancy felt

God calling her to establish a faith-based residential program that would help young girls who struggle with eating disorders, depression, self-harm, abuse, and drug/alcohol addictions. She called these girls, "The why behind the why," because they gave her a greater understanding of the young women from the correctional facility. Most of us may ask why someone so young would

live so frivolously, but truthfully, we all have a why behind the why. Something from our past that morphed us into who we are. Maybe it was your home-life, your financial situation, lack of spiritual influence, or simply the sin-nature given

to you when you were born. Toward the end of the podcast, someone asked Nancy what kind of treatment was given to these women and what she said stuck with me. She said, "We give them what they need as far as material things, but only

Jesus can heal a heart." That reminded me of Psalm 147:3 that says, "He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds." Jesus

knows the intricate details of your heart. He is fully aware of the scars, and the struggle within never goes unnoticed. He did, however, make a way to heal those broken places and restore beyond human comprehension. I've often

wondered why He stood silent as He was ridiculed, mocked, and humiliated. Why He didn't call for reinforcements as He hung in agony. Why He'd go as far as asking His Father to forgive those that brutally beat and tortured Him.

Jesus had the power to stop His own crucifixion, but He bore the cross because He couldn't bear the thought of eternity without you. What a breathtaking realization it is to know that Jesus paid the ultimate price for your why,

because you are His!

Molli Nance

Abe Branch

Bladenboro, NC

A Word from the Alabama Overseer



The Bible is filled with stories of people that we can use as examples for our daily life. These people may have flaws, but their stories present us with characteristics and qualities that we may wish to attain. Most importantly, it shows us how God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

Daniel has been on my mind a lot lately. A scripture from Daniel was the basis for my Attention Youth article. It amazes me how God used a young captive to do great exploits. I sing various songs that have Daniel in them but recently, I've been singing "Hold On A Little Longer". It starts out, "Daniel prayed so earnestly, but nothing seemed to change. I know his heart was troubled by the 21st day."

Wow, can you imagine how Daniel felt, yet he prayed anyway? How many of us get tired of praying more than a couple of times for something? Our heart is so troubled, and we think God will never answer. But what if Daniel had stopped praying on day 20? His story would be completely different, and we wouldn't know the power of intercessory prayer.

I said a few weeks ago, I feel like I'm always waiting on God. But am I truly? The Hebrew word for waiting patiently doesn't mean to be still or quiet. The word "qavah" actually means to eagerly expect God to act, and to be ready to spring into action when He does. I definitely want to have faith like that. God is faithful to answer, and I want to always be found eagerly waiting for Him to say, go!

🎵...hold on a little longer Heaven heard you when you prayed.

The adversary fought you when he knew you couldn't see, but reinforcement showed up and brought the victory! 🙌

So hold on, child, the answer is on the way! 🎵

The Power of Prayer

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Confidence
Expectation
Prayer Chain
Repition
Prayer Journal
Surrender
Strategy

Knock
Believe
Conviction
Practice
Submission
Forgiveness
Honesty

Patience
Faith
Purpose
Fight With Prayer
Acknowledge God
Grace
Focus

Greetings to all the good folks of the Emmanuel Holiness Church.

My do we have many things to report from Alabama. God is definitely blessing us in our conference. I sure do thank God for what He is doing.

We had a very good Annual Conference in August. I appreciate all that were able to attend. I also appreciate the way that our people work together. It is just a beautiful thing when we dwell together in unity.

The Shaneyfelt Family were with us for a singing at the campground tabernacle on September 22. We had a wonderful time of worship which turned into a great time of praying for the sick. The Shaneyfelt Family just absolutely sang wonderfully. I appreciate them being there and encourage anyone who would like to hear great talented singers and musicians to book them for your event.

At Alexandria, God has been moving in a special way. We were very blessed to have Bro. Johnny Causey, with us on September 23 and 24. My did God bless us with his ministry. I appreciate the great work he is doing as the World Mission Director of the Emmanuel Holiness Conference. Then we went right into revival at Jacksonville Emmanuel Holiness Church. Bro Dale Hathway preached great in this revival. Thank God for what He did at Jacksonville. Bro Dale preached really good. He then preached at Alexandria on Sunday night October 1.

I will leave you with one small scripture found in Acts chapter 19: verse 20, So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed. I tell you we need His help.

Rev. Jim Phillips



Pictures from Shaneyfelt Singing



TESTIFY

Dead to Sin
by Raymond Jones
Alexandria EHC,
Alexandria, AL

On May 27th, 2023, at my job at Winn Dixie, I was listening to the Holy Bible, and I played Romans. When it got to Romans chapter 6 where it talks about being dead to sin:

14: For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law but under grace.

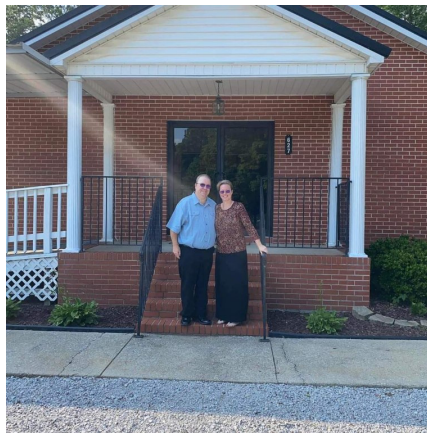
And also in verse 22: But now made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

And in verse 23: for the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Lord came down and showed me that He was real that morning between the BBQ sauce and salad dressing, aisle #9. I finally understood the difference between sin and the Holy Spirit. That same night the Lord came down in the revival we had at Alexandria Emmanuel Holiness Church with Dale Hathway preaching, and my wife got blessed and cried out to God!!! So, on May 27th, 2023, God convicted us of our sins, and it was time to be dead to sin and live for God!!!

The next day, May 28th, was our wedding anniversary and this would make it 7 years of being married and we decided to just go to Alexandria Emmanuel Holiness Church for both services that day and spend our anniversary in church worshiping God. We were members of a different church, but we would come to this church more than our church we were members of. We knew we were getting called back to Alexandria Emmanuel Holiness Church, but we had been fighting it. Well, we took these pictures on May 28th before we walked into the church that night. To me and my wife Amanda this is God telling us with the bright light on both of us this is the church I want you at. That's the very first thing God dealt with both of us after we cried out to God a day before. Alexandria Emmanuel Holiness Church has been my wife's church since she was a child, and every time we go here, we feel at home. This is the church we went to together when we first dated. This is the church we went to when we fell in love with one another, but something got in the way of us doing what God had planned for us in the past: SIN. We now only have one church and that's Alexandria Emmanuel Holiness Church. God is using us in ways we never thought He would. God has formed me, Amanda, her dad, and mom into a singing group. God is using me to help my church pray at prayer meetings we have, and I now get on stage and sing and praise God and not just sit down and watch. God uses my wife to sing in church like He always has. God has plans for our lives, and we pray every day for God to just use us to be what He wants us to be.

*Proverbs 3: 5-7:
Trust in the Lord with
all thine heart; and lean
not unto thine own
understanding. In all
ways acknowledge Him,
and he shall direct thy
paths. Be not wise in
thine own eyes; fear the
Lord and depart from
evil.*



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YOUR
Calendar

Are you enjoying the
Messenger?

Our next deadline:
November 24, 2023.

October 4-6 7pm

Revival W/ Bro Larry Peters
Alexandria EHC
Alexandria, AL

October 8 10:30 AM

Homecoming/ Groundbreaking 2PM
w/ Bro Larry Peters
Alexandria EHC
Alexandria, AL

November 18 10 AM

Alabama Conference
Campgrounds
La Fayette, AL

February 14-16

EHC Regional Campmeeting
Alabama

BETHESDA CHURCH
PRESENTS

FRIDAY NIGHT FIRE



OCT. 6TH @ 7:30PM
With Guest Speaker
Bro. Vance Touchton
6637 County Line Road, Plant City, FL 33567

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