

MESSENGER

NOW Conference

The first annual NOW Conference was held this year on Oct. 2-4. This conference was designed with empowering our young adults with the ability to minister to the world effectively. We had nightly services, preached by Bro. Andy Stringfellow from Mississippi, and daily services preached by Bro. Matt Haynes. Bro. Irvin Ambrose taught on being pulpit ready, while Bro. John Humbert taught on rightly dividing the truth and kneeling to conquer the world. While we did have fun throughout the conference, the services and the powerful way God moved throughout all of the services was the best part of this meeting. Many lives were changed and many young adults were undoubtedly encouraged to take their calling by the horns and reach out to a lost and dying world.





Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! I stand in awe of the mighty hand of God at work among His people. Truly, this has been a season of renewal, revelation, and remarkable progress — both spiritually and physically.

The NOW Conference was nothing short of a divine success. Young adults gathered from near and far, hungry for the presence of God and ready to say, “Here am I, Lord—send me.” From beginning to end, the presence of the Lord was evident, and lives were changed. The messages delivered were both timely and seamless, declaring with one voice that this generation is called to leave the wilderness and enter the Promised Land.

We deeply appreciate Rev. Andy Stringfellow and Rev. Matt Haynes for their powerful, Spirit-led messages that challenged us to cross over from complacency into destiny. Their preaching stirred faith and purpose in the hearts of young adults who are ready to take their place in God’s plan.

A special word of thanks also goes to Rev. Irvin Ambrose, who so clearly and practically taught what it means to be pulpit ready—equipped, prepared, and positioned for God’s service. His message brought clarity to calling and inspired many to step forward in obedience.

We are equally grateful for Rev. John Humbert, who reminded us that daily prayer and study of The Word are the true foundations of effective ministry. His emphasis on spiritual discipline challenged us all to dig deeper, pray harder, and walk closer with the Lord.

Through every session and song, one theme resounded: God is calling this generation now—not tomorrow, not someday—to rise, possess the promise, and fulfill their divine purpose.

As we continue this journey, I am thrilled to report that the initial stages of the new multipurpose building are underway! Groundwork has begun, and we are watching vision become reality. This facility will serve as a hub for ministry, training, and fellowship—a place where lives will be touched and souls reached for years to come. Thank you to every supporter who has prayed, given, and labored to see this dream come alive.

Looking forward, we anticipate the upcoming ALIVE Conference, January 1–2, which promises to start the new year in power and unity.

- Evening Speaker: Rev. Mike Switzer
- Morning Speaker: Rev. James Ganze
- Special Sessions: Witnessing & Winning – Rev. Vance Touchton
Standards & Convictions – Rev. Tim Baggett
- Music Ministry: Rev. Dickie and Charlotte Webb

Make plans to join us for this life-changing gathering! For more information or to register, contact Irvin Ambrose at 252-312-8968.

Church, the time has come to rise, to move forward, and to take possession of all that God has promised. Let us continue to strengthen one another, to pray without ceasing, and to believe that our greatest days are just ahead.

In His Service,
David Clewis,
General Overseer
Emmanuel Holiness Church, Inc.

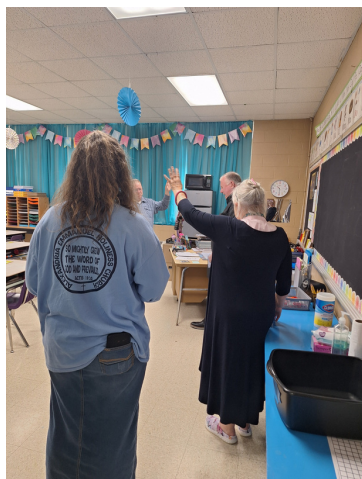
**Be strong and of a good courage... for the Lord thy God is
with thee whithersoever thou goest.” – Joshua 1:9**

ALEXANDRIA EHC Alexandria, AL

What an incredible few months it's been at AEHC! Our church body has been busy, blessed, and strengthened through powerful moments of ministry, fellowship, and service. As we look back on the activities of August, September, and October, we can clearly see the hand of God at work in our lives and community.



The month of August started with a focus on our community's future as we went to Ragland School to pray over the classrooms. That same day, our BYBC (Boosting Youth to be Better Christians) group had a wonderful outing, taking a trip to Redbird Willow Farm where they enjoyed petting and feeding many animals.



Our IPA (Imperfect Perfected Apostles) ministry enjoyed special services with Bro. Raymond and Sis. Carrie speaking, sharing encouragement and insight.



September was marked by a deeply impactful event: a 3-day youth fellowship with Bro. Jeremy Mashburn. We praise God that several young people had their lives forever changed by a touch from God during these special services! We praise God for another soul saved just a few services afterwards too!

Later in September, Bro. Huey brought a practical lesson to our BYBC, teaching them the importance of fire safety and how, in our spiritual lives, little things left unchecked can be detrimental. We can all agree that Bro. Huey is a master bonfire builder!



October ushered in a very special time for our church with Dedication Week and Homecoming. It was a busy week, filled with the Spirit and fellowship. We deeply appreciate all our family and friends who came to celebrate this important milestone with us. Challenging and inspiring messages were delivered by our guest speakers: Bro. Rick Simpson, Bro. David Clewis, Bro. Larry Peters, Bro. Vance Touchton, and Bro. Jackie Prickett, all of whom highlighted the great plan that God has for the future of AEHC. We finished off the incredible week with our 55th Homecoming on Sunday with our pastor, Bro Tim, delivering the message to over 80 people in attendance.

October also brought a powerful time of ministry when Travis Stephens and his family came to be with us. Bro. Travis delivered a wonderful message, and Sis. Connie and the girls did an amazing job singing to the congregation.





Our Ladies enjoyed time together, meeting for prayer fellowship on two separate occasions: once at the church and another time at the lovely home of Sis. Wendy Williams. These times of shared connection are so vital to strengthening our bonds.

On the last Saturday in October, our BYBC took a fun trip to Bennett Farms. Old and young alike enjoyed exploring the farm and taking part in the many activities that were offered. It was a great time of fun and fellowship for everyone!



Our Sunday School department saw a wonderful change on October 26th as we introduced a new class. We are thrilled that Bro. Raymond Jones started to teach the special needs adults, a vital ministry that we believe God will bless tremendously.

Finally, the last Sunday of October was dedicated to celebrating a truly important man at AEHC. After service, we held a birthday bash for Bro. Willis Andrews, who was celebrating his 90th birthday! What a joy it was to honor him.



We look forward to all the things God has in store for AEHC!



Remember King Rehoboam? He inherited the kingdom from his daddy, Solomon, but everything just fell apart. You know why? The Bible tells us the whole truth in that little verse: he "did evil because he did not prepare his heart to seek the Lord."

His failure wasn't about not having enough money or power. The root of the problem, the core of it, was that he didn't make an intentional choice to get his heart right. He didn't tend to his inner life.

It's just like us. You can go to church every Sunday, clap your hands, and sing the hymns, but if you're only going through the motions, you're not getting that deep, life-changing connection with Jesus. Preparing your heart is a daily decision to point your focus, your feelings, and your very desires straight toward the Lord.

So, what does it look like to truly prepare your heart? It means you gotta make some space for God. We are so caught up in the constant noise - social media, church, work, just running everywhere! We have to set that aside and get proactive about our spirit, not just reactive when things go wrong.

When you wake up, before you even check your phone, are you spending a few minutes with a verse and a prayer? Are you putting on your spiritual armor? That's what protects you against temptation and guides you to wisdom. When a tough decision comes, do you stop and ask for God's direction?

You can't wait until the roof caves in to try and find God! That was Rehoboam's great mistake; he thought he could run his life however he pleased and just tack on God later. The call for us is to start now. Preparing your heart is an act of humility. It's standing up and saying, "Lord, I know that life is challenging, and I cannot navigate it well without your strength and your guidance."

By being intentional, by choosing prayer and study every single day, you are building a strong, internal compass that will always direct you toward righteousness and keep you from the evil that tripped up Rehoboam.

Abe Branch EHC

Bladenboro, NC

Grandparents Day

We had a wonderful time celebrating Grandparents Day at Abe Branch. All of the children from our Primary and Junior classes ensured that no grandparent was left out of the fun, handing out gift bags to every grandparent...and even a couple of people who have no grandchildren. The celebration ended with a rendition of "I Love Old People" so that our grandparents could hear and feel our love even while laughing.



Baby Hunt

Sister Danielle Hunt is expecting another baby BOY! Our ladies threw a small baby shower after Homecoming lunch to celebrate his soon arrival. We look forward to welcoming this precious little blessing into the world and can't wait to see how God's hand will be upon his life!



Pastor Appreciation

On September 28, we celebrated our pastor, Rev. David Clewis, and his family. All of our Sunday School classes, from the Primary to the Seasoned Saints, presented gifts, words of encouragement, and letters of love to Bro. David and Sis. Amy. Bro. Ethan and Bro. Riley were included as well, because a pastor's entire family is an enormous help to his ministry. Bro. Irvin Ambrose ended the day with a message of support and encouragement to Bro. David. We want to thank everyone that was involved in making this day so special to not just the pastor's family, but the entire church!



Youth Sunday

On Oct. 5, Abe Branch had Youth Sunday, in which all of our young people took over the jobs the adults normally handle on Sunday morning. We had just switched to a new Sunday School program, so we decided to let the new teachers continue to build up their classes and new students. So, the youth mostly handled the preliminaries, taking up the offering, leading the pledges and birthday/anniversary songs, and leading the congregational. Bro. Trenton Walker from Florida preached for us that day, bringing a powerful message that not only encouraged the entire church, but also gave an example to our youth of how God can use young adults just like He can our seasoned saints. Bro. Trenton's friend, Bro. Sam Barnes, also provided encouragement through a powerful testimony that resonated with the entire congregation. It was an awesome day full of God's love and power.



- When have you felt unseen or overlooked, and how does **Zech 2:8** encourage you?
- How does knowing you are **the apple of God's eye** change the way you face trials?
- What are practical ways you can keep God as the **'apple of your heart'** in daily life?

Homemade Apple Butter

Ingredients
 6 1/2 pounds apples
 1/2 cup granulated sugar
 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
 1 1/2 tablespoons ground cinnamon
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1 tablespoon vanilla extract

Instructions

Slow Cooker Instructions:

- Peel, core and slice the apples. Place the apples in a slow cooker. Add the sugars, cinnamon, salt and vanilla to the crockpot. Mix well.
- Place the lid on the slow cooker and cook on low for about 10 hours, stirring every couple hours. The apple butter should be thick and dark brown.
- If desired, use a blender to blend the apple butter into a puree until smooth.

Storage Instructions: Cover and store in the refrigerator for up to two weeks or freeze in small containers.

Notes:

- Adjust the sugar to your liking.
- For different flavor variations, add ground cloves or ground nutmeg along with the cinnamon.
- This recipe ends up making between 2-3 pints of apple butter. The difference is how much you cook it down.



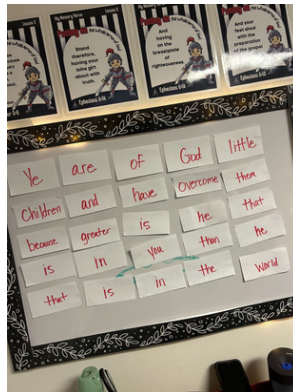
Rubies & Grace - The Apple of His Eye

Our ladies had a wonderful time at our Rubies & Grace meeting in September!

The theme for the day was "We are the apple of God's eye." We enjoyed a devotion, sweet fellowship, and delicious fresh biscuits with apple butter prepared by Sis. Amy. What a great reminder that we are so precious in the sight of God!

Sunday School Update

We know the importance of Sunday School. One man said that he loves Sunday School because he knows that he'll "always hear the Word." Through different circumstances, we needed to revamp our Sunday School program. So Sis. Amy got a burden for our Sunday School, got a group of teachers and assistants, and began to write a curriculum to where the entire church could study "Putting on the Whole Armor of God." These lessons are not "one size fits all," but they are each tailored to the age group of our different classes. While the Nursery and Primary class may do a more art-based lesson, the Young Adults and Seasoned Saints will be diving into the Word to pull apart the Scriptures and truly learn what God is saying to His people. The lessons so far have been amazing and the relaunch has been successful with more and more people coming to Sunday School every Sunday.



Fall Revival

The Homecoming Revival at Abe Branch was absolutely phenomenal! The Lord started off the first two nights with an exhortation on the Holy Ghost followed an anointing by His presence. People were baptized and re-baptized with the Holy Ghost and Fire both nights. Then Bro. Peters preached messages challenging the church to get its hands dirty like Jesus did when witnessing, encouraging us to keep pushing on even when times get hard, and reminding us that we can run to the Rock of Ages when we grow weary in well-doing. We saw many familiar faces and are thankful for all of our visitors, but it's always amazing to see the home folks jump into service feet first in anticipation of just what the Lord might do.



Youth Retreat

The churches of the NC EHC had a youth retreat on Labor Day weekend to ensure safe and good fun amongst their young people. Starting with worship, we listened to Bro. Matt Haynes as he brought forth a lesson on trusting in the Great Potter as He molds us all into the vessels He wants us to be. Then the adults took the kids and led them through a series of games designed to Saturday was full of fun as we had a "foam party." The day ended with a singing as a fundraiser for the EHC Youth. There many different groups that sang such as The McNeills, The Singing Revelations, and the Hunt Sisters. When the EHC Youth Choir began to sing, however, the Holy Ghost began to move strongly upon His people and break chains and held the broken.



ABEHC 45th Homecoming

On Oct. 26, Abe Branch celebrated its 45th Homecoming. While we may only have one charter member left, the Lord has blessed our church with innumerable new faces that are eager to serve in His Kingdom. The Lord began to move as the youth sang "The Half Hasn't Been Told," with the church being so overwhelmed by the fact that we just don't know what awaits us in Heaven, but we do know that we could never imagine all the good God has in store for us. Then Bro. L.W. Peters preached on "Who Do You Say He Is?" It was a powerful service which served as a good start to our revival that week.



Jacksonville EHC

Jacksonville AL

Hello and Happy Fall/Winter from Jacksonville EHC! We are ending the year reflecting on the blessings God has given us.

In May, we baptized 3 people- pictured are Heidi Messer, Elayna Robertson, and Adeline Stephens.



In June, we had Kid's Crusade- Wild West style!



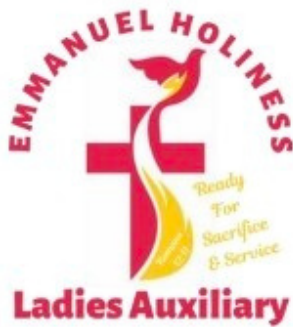
In September, we surprised our pastor and family with an anniversary trip and early Pastor Appreciation. We love Bro. Michael, Sis. Kayla, and Anna and appreciate their 12 years of service.



In October, we had community Fall Fest, Carnival Style!



We thank the Lord for allowing us to minister to the community of Jacksonville and all He does for our church.



What Are You Thinking About?

In a world that constantly bombards us with noise and distractions, it can be easy to lose sight of what truly matters. We are pulled in so many

directions—career, family, ministry, and the endless scroll of social media. But amidst the chaos, there is one area that requires constant vigilance and intentional cultivation: our thoughts.

The mind is the battlefield where so many of our spiritual victories and defeats occur. If we allow negative, discouraging, or impure thoughts to take root, they will inevitably affect our actions, our demeanor, and our witness.

I woke up this early this morning with this thought on my heart and the Lord dropped into my mind the wonderful instructions from Paul as he writes from his prison cell.

Philippians 4:8:

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

Notice that phrase: "whatsoever things are lovely, just." This isn't a suggestion; it's a divine command to be intentional about what we let enter our minds.

Just: Are your thoughts fair, righteous, and in line with God's unchanging character?

Lovely: Are they pleasant, agreeable, and worthy of imitation? Are they the kind of thoughts that build up others and bring glory to God?

As ladies striving to live a life worthy of our calling, this verse challenges us to filter everything that enters our minds through a heavenly sieve. When you find yourself dwelling on worry, jealousy, criticism, or comparison, you must stop and ask: Is this true, honest, just, pure, lovely, or of good report? If the answer is no, it's time to intentionally redirect your focus.

I want to encourage each of you to guard your heart. It will make a difference in our personal lives and in the impact we have on the lives of others. Jesus came that we would experience the *"more abundant" life*. In the medical field of Nutritional Medicine where I have been privileged work for many years, there is a diagnosis we often see called Adult Failure to Thrive. It is not a single disease but rather a syndrome – a complex set of symptoms indicating a state of progressive decline. It is diagnosed when an adult exhibits a

decline across several domains characterized by weight loss, decreased appetite, diminished physical function, and social withdrawal or apathy. Often times individuals who find themselves in this state just do what they can to survive the day. I cannot help but think about how this relates spiritually. Spiritual Failure to Thrive describes a condition where a person's spiritual growth is stunted, leading to a loss of vibrancy and vitality in their faith. I believe this state relates directly to Philippians 4:8 which offers a practical guide for overcoming spiritual stagnation by intentionally controlling our thought life. **We need to think about what we are thinking about and compare it to the Word of God. If the thought lines up, keep it and if it doesn't, reject it.** Our goal should be not just to survive the day; it is to thrive in the Lord and become a radiant witness and example to the world and to one another.

AN EXAMPLE TO THE WORLD

The world is watching. When a challenging situation arises, how does your thought life manifest? Does your peace surpass understanding, or does your anxiety reveal a mind preoccupied with fear? A woman whose thoughts are rooted in Philippians 4:8 will:

- Exhibit genuine kindness instead of quick-tempered frustration.
- Speak words of encouragement rather than cutting gossip.
- Maintain a quiet confidence rooted in God's provision instead of striving for approval.

The world needs to see women of God who are calm, gracious, and joyful—qualities that flow directly from a mind anchored in the "lovely and just" things of Christ.

A WITNESS TO ONE ANOTHER

The most potent witness we have is often to the women in our own lives—our sisters, daughters, friends, and colleagues. How can we challenge and encourage each other to thrive?

- **Be a Truth-Speaker:** Gently remind a sister who is drowning in self-condemnation of the truth of God's love and forgiveness.
- **Model Good Report:** Intentionally share what God is doing in your life—the lovely and good reports—rather than dwelling on negativity and complaints.
- **Hold Each Other Accountable:** Create safe spaces where you can share your struggles and help one another shift your focus from worry and self-pity to faith and praise.

Let us commit to setting our affection—and our minds—on the things above. Let us consciously choose the lovely and the just. When we do, our thought life will transform, and we will emerge as the strong, peaceful, and radiant women God created us to be—a powerful witness and a shining example in this dark world.

*Love and Prayers,
Carrie Hilton, Ladies Auxiliary President*

REVIVE in 2025

Alabama Emmanuel Holiness Youth Camp
July 21-25, 2025
Southern Bible Methodist Campground
Pell City, AL

We thank the Lord for a wonderful camp again this year. We had several campers profess salvation and several filled with the Holy Ghost. The Lord moved in every service from the choir to the preaching, to the altars.

Sis. Keshia did an amazing job with the choir this year, the theme song "I Want the Power of Your Spirit" was so fitting. Bro. Houston coordinated games and activities, and we had fun even in the July heat. Our kitchen crew worked tirelessly and served us an amazing 3 meals a day- no one went hungry! We ended camp on a light note with an awards ceremony, some of which were "Patience of Job" "Most athletic" "Whiny Baby" and "Camp Clown."

Overall, we had 7 states and multiple churches represented, with around 100 campers staying on site. All glory goes to God for the things He has done, and we can't wait to see you all next year.

-AL EHC youth camp board
Bro. Michael and Sis. Kayla Sanderson
Bro. Travis and Sis. Connie Stephens



Pictured:

Bro. Chris and Sis. Leah Wilkerson, day speaker
Bro. Dale and Sis. Teresa Hathway, night speaker





Young People, Take the Torch!

"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

– 2 Timothy 2:2

Young people, we need to talk about the torch.

The image of a torch race isn't just a cool metaphor from the ancient world; it's a blueprint for your faith. One runner passes the flame to the next, carrying a sacred fire forward with urgency and purpose. The key isn't just holding a stick; it's ensuring the torch you receive is still ablaze with the fire of God and that you pass on a flame, not just a baton.

When we talk about the "legacy of faith," your mind might go to the miracles your parents or grandparents saw: the sick healed, the prayers answered, the church house filled with the tangible Shekinah Glory of God. These were not just bedtime stories; they were experiences that ignited a passion...a hunger for something real. To some of you, I may seem old, but I am only 36. I experienced these things in my youth and long to see them again, forged in the fire and the smoke won't do.

In our scripture, Paul is giving a direct, high-stakes command to Timothy, a young man he mentored. He's essentially saying: "Timothy, I have poured into you. You have seen the power of God firsthand. Now, I am entrusting you with this spiritual flame. Your job is to find people who are reliable and hungry for God and pour into them so they can, in turn, teach others."

The hard truth is that some of your generation hasn't seen the things the elders have. You haven't always felt the weight of God's presence in a way that is undeniable. It's easy for a generation to become complacent, waiting for something spectacular to happen inside four walls.

But the Holy Ghost is not just a tongue; He is our power! This walk is more than singing on a stage; it's praying in the altars. This walk of holiness must continue. Pentecost is worth passing on!

The elders who carried this flame are passing away, but the Spirit of God is the same today as it was 50 years ago. The flame of God is eternal, but it must be carried by mortal hands.

Your challenge today is to stop waiting for a hand-off and become the intentional receiver. It's time to move from the crowd into the race.

Don't drop the torch. Don't just toss the stick. With prayer and purpose, run your race and pass a flame so hot it catches the generations coming behind you ablaze!
Will you be the one who takes the torch and runs with the fire?

Alabama EHC Quarterly Conference

November 15 10 AM

Alabama Campgrounds
Lafayette, AL

Revival: Bro Larry Peters

Nov 17-21 7 PM

Alexandria EHC
Alexandria, AL

Jan 1-2, 2026

ALIVE Pentecostal
Youth Conference
EHC Headquarters
Bladenboro, NC

Feb 11-13, 2026

Winter Campmeeting
Bethesda Church
Lakeland, FL

April 10 at 7 PM

April 11th at 10:30 AM

Ladies Fellowship

April 12th 11 AM & 5 PM

with Sis. Linda Baughtman

Alexandria EHC
Alexandria, AL

June 24-26, 2026

Beauty For Ashes Conference
EHC Headquarters
Bladenboro, NC

July 13-17, 2026

Alabama Youth Camp
Bible Methodist Campgrounds
Pell City, AL

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JANUARY 1-2, 2026



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