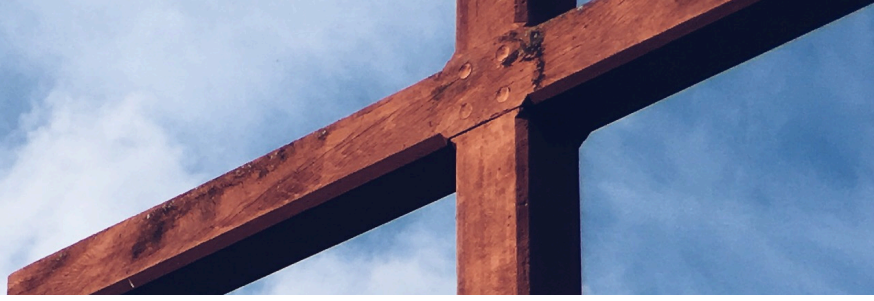


MESSENGER



Greetings to All in the Name of Jesus,

It is my hope and prayer that each of you is doing well. I know that many have faced sickness in recent days, but I trust that the Lord's hand is bringing healing and strength to us all.

We now stand on the threshold of **Winter Campmeeting**, and our hearts are filled with great expectation as we prepare to gather in **Anderson, SC**. My deepest desire is that we experience a **tangible move of God**, where we enter into the **Holy of Holies** and allow His presence to transform us—moving us, changing us, and equipping us for greater service in His kingdom.

Our theme remains "**ASCENSION – CONTINUE THE CLIMB**," and I encourage each of you to embrace this call. This is not just about a singular moment; it is a continuous journey upward, a commitment to **rise higher in faith, in purpose, and in unity**.

I am truly grateful for how the Lord is moving in our organization. For that, we give Him all the glory! But let us never forget—this is not just a **preachers' conference**; this is a **conference of the people**. We need **everyone**—every heart, every voice, every willing vessel. We are stronger together, and as we seek Him with one accord, I believe we will see **even greater things ahead**.

Let us continue to pray for one another, for unity, and for the Lord to bind us together in His service. I look forward to seeing each of you at **Campmeeting** and witnessing all that God has in store!

May the Lord bless and keep you all!

In His Service,
David Clewis,
General Overseer

Emmanuel Holiness Church, Inc.



FROM THE DESK OF THE GENERAL OVERSEER

Rev. David Clewis
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Abe Branch Spreads Christmas Cheer with Festive Celebrations

The holiday season was filled with joy and fellowship at **Abe Branch**, as the church hosted its annual **Christmas Hayride** on December 13th. The evening began with the children gathering at the church, where they enjoyed assembling **gingerbread houses** and playing festive games. Following the fun, the group traveled to **Bladenboro**, where they rode through town, **singing Christmas carols** and spreading the spirit of the season to local communities. Despite the **freezing temperatures**, hearts were warm with laughter and Christmas cheer. The night concluded around a **bonfire**, where everyone enjoyed a hearty serving of **chicken bog** and toasted **s'mores**—a perfect end to a wonderful evening.

The celebrations continued the next day, December 14th, with the **Abe Branch Christmas Dinner**. In keeping with tradition, attendees weren't asked to bring dishes or help with cooking—just a **dessert** if they desired. The church provided a delicious feast, featuring **steak, chicken, salad, fries, and roasted potatoes**. The meal was followed by a highlight of the evening: the "**gag gift**" exchange. Participants drew numbers to select a wrapped present, unveiling their surprises in front of the entire gathering. While some gifts were sweet treats, many were hilarious or unexpected items designed to keep the crowd entertained. A fun twist allowed gifts to be stolen **twice**, leading to playful rivalry. One first-time participant, **Camden**, repeatedly ended up with a **baby doll**, much to the delight of the group, who couldn't resist swapping his gifts in hopes of seeing him pick another one!

The **Christmas festivities** at Abe Branch were a time of **joy, laughter, and togetherness**, reminding everyone of the love and warmth that this season brings.



Abe Branch's "Little Arrows" Shine in Christmas Musical



Abe Branch's "**Little Arrows**" took center stage in the heartfelt Christmas production, "**Nothing Fit for a King**," an original musical that beautifully conveys the message that while nothing we offer is truly worthy of **Jesus' majesty**, our **praise** is the greatest gift we can give Him.

The young performers, joined by a few older conscripts, eagerly dedicated themselves to learning their **lines and songs**, bringing the story to life with enthusiasm and joy. The performance was filled with **laughter, surprises, and heartfelt moments of worship**, making it a memorable experience for all in attendance.

A special highlight of the evening was hearing many of the cast members **sing during the musical**, with some even **bravely performing their first solos** in church—a moment of growth and encouragement for both the singers and the congregation.

We extend our deepest appreciation to everyone who worked **tirelessly** to bring this production together. From rehearsals to the final bow, their dedication ensured the musical's **success** and made this Christmas season even more special. **To God be the glory!**



Abe Branch Ushers in the New Year with Powerful Revival



Abe Branch began **2025** in the best way possible—by hosting our **first-ever New Year Revival!** This was a truly **wonderful time in the Lord**, as we gathered for a powerful move of the Holy Ghost and a fresh outpouring of His presence.

We were blessed to have **Bro. Joe Ganze and his family** ministering in both **song and word**. Each night, Bro. Ganze delivered **Spirit-filled messages**, focusing on the **Holy Ghost and His relationship** with the believer and the church. The **altar services** were nothing short of **powerful**, with lives being **touched, changed, and renewed** in God's presence.

We give all **glory to God** for the work He did during this revival! We are also grateful for those who **traveled from near and far** to support and worship with us. Thank you for being part of this **historic** and **anointed** time—we look forward to all that God has in store for the year ahead!



Lunch Is Served at Tar Heel School

On **January 3rd**, Abe Branch had the privilege of **serving lunch** to the dedicated staff of **Tar Heel School**. As the school closest to our church, this has become a **valuable outreach opportunity**, allowing us to show appreciation for those who pour into the lives of local students every day. Our **ladies' ministry** prepared a delicious meal of **fried chicken and homemade sides**, and it received **rave reviews**—some even claiming it was **better than the local hole-in-the-wall down the street!** More than just a meal, this was an opportunity to **connect, encourage, and serve**. After everyone had eaten, **Bro. David** took a moment to **share a word of encouragement**, offering support and reminding these hardworking educators that their efforts **do not go unnoticed**.

We are thankful for the chance to **serve our community** in this way and look forward to **many more opportunities** to be a light to those around us!



Abe Branch Kicks Off the New Year with an Oyster Roast

The people of **Abe Branch** gathered once again for an anticipated tradition—our annual **Oyster Roast**—on **January 11th**. The evening was filled with **good food, great fellowship, and plenty of laughter**, as friends and family came together to enjoy a delicious spread.

While the oysters were the star of the event, there was no shortage of other mouthwatering options, including **spots, shrimp, crab legs, chicken, hushpuppies, fries, and coleslaw**—ensuring there was something for everyone to enjoy. Though our crowd was a bit smaller than usual due to illness, those in attendance **more than made up for it** with hearty appetites, with some likely eating their weight in oysters!

For those who **prefer other flavors**, the meal prepared by our **wonderful cooks** did not disappoint. Every dish was prepared with care, making the night not just about the food, but about the **joy of gathering together** as a church family.

As we begin a **new year**, we are thankful for these moments of fellowship that strengthen our bonds and remind us of the **blessings of community**. We look forward to many more gatherings in the months ahead!



EPIC Old Testament Studies

Abe Branch's **EPIC** young adult group has been on an exciting journey through the **Old Testament**, deepening their understanding of Scripture and uncovering powerful lessons from God's Word. This study began after several members expressed a desire to learn more about **lesser-known biblical stories**, leading the group to embark on a **52-lesson study** written by **Dr. David Lamb**, designed to provide a comprehensive overview of the Old Testament.

So far, the group has explored key events, including **Creation, the Flood, Abraham and Sarah, and the Exodus**. Currently, they are delving into the book of Judges, studying the lives and leadership of **Deborah, Gideon, and Samson**. While attendance varies—especially when covering well-known stories—everyone who has participated has discovered **new insights** about the Old Testament, regardless of how long they have been in church.

This study has been both **enriching and engaging**, and the group looks forward to uncovering even more **timeless truths** in the lessons ahead. **EPIC** remains committed to growing in faith, knowledge, and community as they continue this journey through God's Word!



He Shall Direct Thy Paths

I have been in church since I was born. My mother raised me in church, and after her passing, my

grandmother kept me in church. In 2014, I left Lumberton, NC to attend college in a different city and found a church to attend when I was not at home, but my heart was always with my church in Lumberton. When I graduated college in 2017, I moved back to Lumberton and fully expected to stay at the church I had been attending since I was thirteen years old. I fully expected to stay in this church for the rest of my life; however, one youth camp in the summer of 2017 began the catalyst that made me search for God with a fervency that I hadn't before. My cousin Ashley and I were out shopping one day, and she mentioned how her church was going to Opelika, Alabama for a youth camp. I asked if I could go, and Bro. David and Sis. Amy said yes. That youth camp changed my life, although I didn't realize it at the time. While I had been raised to believe in the Holy Ghost and had seen it move in church before, there was something different about that youth camp at Eastside Holiness Church. After that youth camp I decided to pursue God more than I ever had. He began to show me things that I needed to stop doing, and he began to show me things that I needed to start doing. I started making those changes, and in the beginning of 2018 I felt the Lord wanting me to leave my church and begin attending Abe Branch. I asked God for a sign to confirm this was His will, and he didn't just send me one sign, he sent me two. I struggled with making this transition at first because I was comfortable in my church, and I was comfortable with the people. Even though I had attended two youth camps with Abe Branch, I didn't really know anyone well, other than a couple of people. The spirit of God kept dealing with me to take that step, and in August of 2018 I began attending Abe Branch. It has been the best decision I have made, other than to accept the call of salvation. I have grown closer to God because of my pastor's guidance, and I have grown close to the people that I attend church with. I am grateful they have accepted me, and I am thankful God saw my need for more, and He gave it to me through a little church in Bladenboro, NC.

Toni Lee
Abe Branch EHC



There is an old gospel song that my daddy and I sang many years ago. We often had requests for it as we traveled from church to church sharing the Word in song.

Some people may consider it to be a novelty song but it actually speaks much truth. Someone recently asked me for the words to this song. Unfortunately, I do not know the creator of it, but I would like to share the lyrics.

Debby Davis
Abe Branch EHC

"Watching You"

- 1) You can smoke and dip your snuff. God don't fancy that kind of stuff.

There's an eye watching you. Watching you, you, you, the preacher too and me too. There's an eye up on high watching you.

- 2) You can fuss and fume and fight. Go to church and say "I'm alright".

There's an eye watching you. Watching you, you, you, the preacher too and me too. There's an eye up on high watching you.

- 3) You can smoke and you can chew. You can drink your whiskey too. There's an eye watching you. Watching you, you, you, the preacher too and me too. There's an eye up on high watching you.

- 4) If you're caught out late at night sneaking out with the deacon's wife.

There's an eye watching you. Watching you, you, you, the preacher too and me too. There's an eye up on high watching you.

- 5) When to church you don't go. You stay home to watch the late, late show. There's an eye watching you. Watching you, you, you, the preacher too and me too. There's an eye up on high watching you.

- 6) When you go to church and shout. Then go home and you pout. There's an eye watching you. Watching you, you, you, the preacher too and me too. There's an eye up on high watching you.

Devotion - Unconditional Love

God gave us one of the greatest love stories ever told in the book of Hosea. He ordained and recorded a love story that parallels with His love for us. A story that highlights the connection between a tragic marriage and God's broken relationship with Israel. This nation had previously entered a covenant with God, agreeing to serve Him only, but turned to worshipping idols. In the same way, God commands a local prophet, Hosea, to marry Gomer, a well-known prostitute. Their marriage became a living object lesson of the love God has for His people. God's relentless pursuit of deliverance demonstrates His unconditional love for His people in spite of their constant rejection.

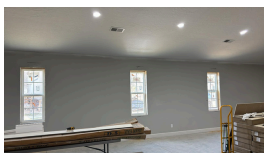
Hosea obeyed God and married someone he knew would be unfaithful to him. As predicted, the marriage didn't change Gomer's behavior and she retreated to the life she knew. She became a mother, but even her children failed to complete her. Gomer kept leaving her husband, yet he continued to pursue her. This is a picture of how we do the same thing in our relationship with our Savior. He offers us the most precious love imaginable. A love that goes beyond the love a human heart can withstand. It reaches the innermost places of our being and we reject Him by turning to other things. Hosea's struggle with Gomer's unfaithfulness overlaps God's declaration of love for Israel. Gomer left her husband and children for a final time in search of fulfillment, and ultimately found herself enslaved to prostitution. She was in a hopeless situation of her own making, yet, she heard a voice at the auction block that rang out above everyone else. Her beloved Hosea purchased her freedom. This woman had nothing to offer him, but he bought her back! He didn't meet her with the reprimand she no doubt deserved. He met her with hope and a love that looked a lot like forgiveness. This same compassion was offered to a wicked nation by a sovereign God. He continued to patiently hold out His arms to his people, even to the point of placing obstacles in their wayward path. Hosea 2:14 says, "Therefore, behold, I will allure her, will bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfort to her." God promised to bring his people to a metaphorical desert. A place free from distractions, uncomfortable, no doubt, just so He could clearly communicate with them. God often uses our negative experiences to create opportunities for us to know Him more intimately.

The nation of Israel would eventually begin to come to its senses, give up idols, and turn back to God. The relationship between God and His people would be restored through Jesus, and on that day, God would no longer be like a master to them; He would be like a husband. His wedding gift to his people, both in Hosea's day, and in our own, is His steadfast love. Through no merit of our own, God forgives us, loves us, and purchases us with His precious blood. He graciously accepts us and offers us a personal relationship with Him. No matter how low we sink, God is willing to buy us back, redeem us, and offer us a door of hope. Gomer's story turns out to be a well lit version of our story. We know Gomer better than we think, for she was what we were- sinners offered overwhelming grace by someone willing to love without conditions. Like Gomer, we can know unconditional love through the eyes of a man who paid the ultimate price for our redemption.

Molli Nance
Abe Brach EHC



God is doing amazing things at Alexandria.
We are seeing prayers answered and lives
changed. To God be the glory!



God has been faithful to His word
and we have seen much progress on
our new church building. The end is
in sight for this phase, and we plan

on moving into the new church in
March with a dedication coming in
October. Thank you to all who have
assisted and prayed for us during
this building project.

For Christmas, our church rallied
together to produce 200 bags to be
sent to the Vann Bollinger mission.



During December we went caroling to
spread the news of the Christmas story
to the community. After caroling, we
took the kids (and big kids) alike to see
Christmas lights. It was a fun time and
a great way to witness to the lost.



We met at Western
Sizzlin to have our
Christmas dinner and
celebrate the birthday
of our pastor.



The ladies of the church also had a special
Christmas celebration at the home of Sis
Janice Harper. It was a wonderful night of
food, fun, and fellowship. That additionally
turned into an amazing prayer meeting.

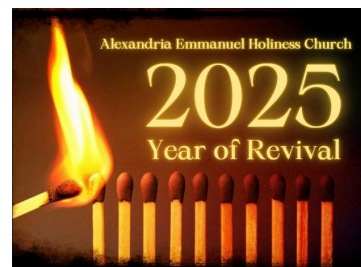


Visiting preachers during this time also included Bro Dale Hathway
and Bro. Jackie Prickett. We are always edified when Bro. Hathway
stops by. He also did a spectacular job painting. We had the privilege
of having Bro. Jackie and Sis. Virginia with us for a Sunday morning
and night. We were blessed by his messages and her testimony. Also,
it was a special time for several adults in the church who had the
Pricketts as youth leaders when they were younger.

Sis Carrie Hilton felt led by God to begin home prayer
meetings through the Ladies Auxiliary. The first one
was held in the home of Sis Barbara Johnson in January.
It had a great turnout and the sisters had a wonderful
time in the Lord together. We have also witnessed a
growth in our church prayer meetings. God comes by
and meets us in a special way during this time of prayer!



Our Pastor has
deemed 2025 as the
year of revival. We
began the year with a
New Year Revival
with Bro. Rick
Simpson. Bro. Rick
preached thought-
provoking messages
that strengthened the
church and truly
challenged us to grow
in God. We will never
look at a camel the
same way again! We
encourage you to
listen to his sermons
on our Mixlr.



Jacksonville EHC

Jacksonville, AL

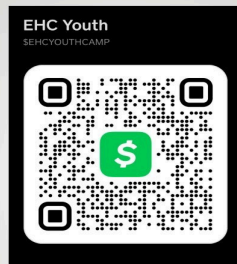
Greetings from Jacksonville
Emmanuel Holiness Church!

I would like to invite you to join us
for Youth Camp this year . We are
expecting another great camp this
year. Last year was outstanding
and we are preparing for another
one this year . So make plans to come and be a part of
what God's going to do .

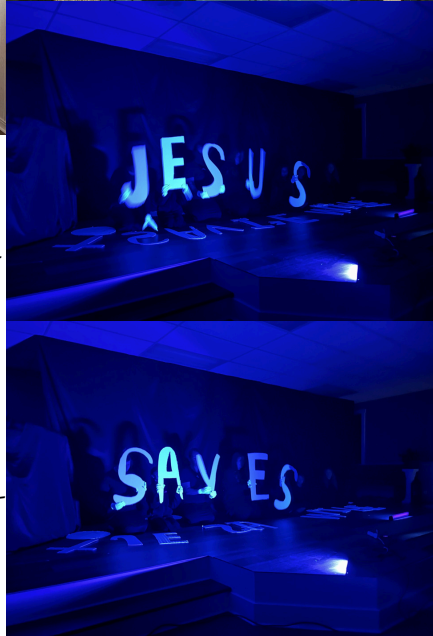
Bro. Michael Sanderson
Pastor, JEHC
Alabama CYS Director



EMMANUEL HOLINESS YOUTH CAMP

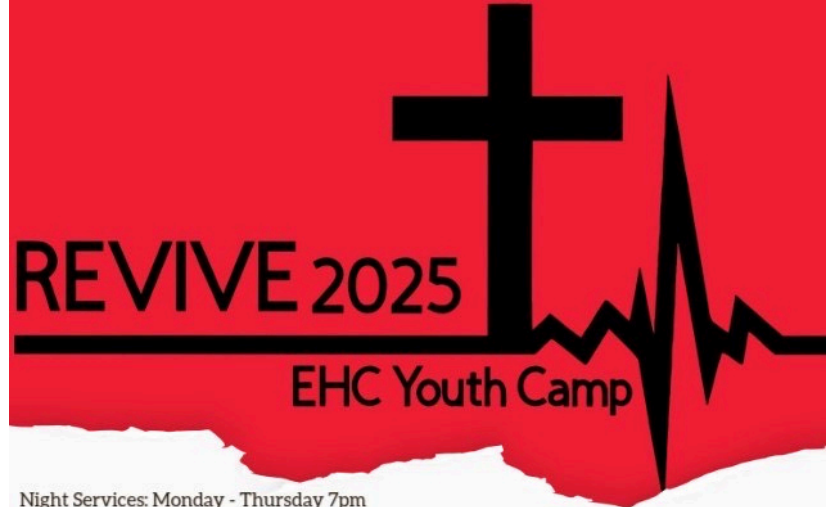


Money for T-Shirt orders, offerings
and consessions can be paid by Cash
App at \$EHCYOUTHCAMP or by
scanning the QR code above



Above: Christmas party,
officers of the church
receiving their gifts L to R-
Bro. Travis Stephens, Bro.
Tim Parker, Bro. Carey
Sanderson, Sis. Jennifer
Parker, Sis. Kayla
Sanderson

Right: Christmas Program-
We did a black light
presentation to the song
"It's About the Cross".



Night Services: Monday - Thursday 7pm
Morning Services: Tuesday - Thursday 10 AM
Friday morning events : TBA

ALL campers checked out by 10:30 AM on Friday.

Camp is FREE, we encourage all churches to send a love offering to help with the expense of
camp.

Shirts : \$10 for Adult-XL, \$15 for 2XL and larger. Short sleeve Unisex sizing.

3 meals served daily beginning with Monday supper.

Please complete applications by May 21st due to insurance purposes.
Shirt money is also due May 21st.

Morning Preacher: Bro. Chris Wilkerson
Night preacher: Bro. Dale Hathway

July 21st- July 25th

Registration : July 21st at 2:00 PM

Southern Bible Methodist
Campground
Pell City AL

For more information and registration contact us:
Camp Director Michael Sanderson 256-343-2442
Assistant Youth Camp Director Travis Stephens 205-505-9118

2025 Emmanuel Youth Camp OVERNIGHT CAMPER APPLICATION



2025 EMMANUEL YOUTH CAMP WORKER APPLICATION



We kindly ask that anyone staying on the property to please
scan to complete your application .





We have been at Jacksonville Emmanuel Holiness Church for a year now. From the very first service we attended we knew without a doubt that's where God wanted us to be, and we have been attending ever since. The first service we attended I went to the altar to pray and I felt someone lay their hands on me and I could

feel the anointing on them. You don't just feel that anywhere. You have heard the saying "a church alive is worth the drive" and we firmly believe that. We drive an hour and 15 minutes one way to church. Being a part of JEHC is worth the drive and we wouldn't have it any other way.

They stand firm on their beliefs; they do not compromise; they are the same out of church as they are in church. Bro. Michael and Sis. Kayla live what they preach. They have stood with us, went to war with us in prayer during some of the hardest times of our lives. My husband and I are truly thankful for each one of them! Our two girls absolutely love going to Sis. Kayla's Sunday school class; they are always eager for Sunday to come back around to see what they will be learning next. We have never felt such a unity and love in a church as we have at JEHC. There hasn't been a service yet where God hasn't moved in some way. I'm expecting God to do great things for JEHC this year and I am excited to get to be apart of it!

Joannie Messer
JEHC

Christian School Opening

In late 2023, I felt God calling me to Christian education. I prayed over this burden for months, asked others to help me pray, asked other moms for their opinions on the public school system and their interest in a Christian school.

I began pursuing this vision in 2024, announcing my calling to our church. I started a homeschool group and starting looking at ways to start a school. I had many friends pulling their kids out of the public school system due to peer pressure and the homosexual agenda being pushed very strongly.

Side note- if you have or know school aged kids, pray for them daily! They are KIDS, fighting adult battles and dealing with spirits and sins that used to be shameful and hidden.

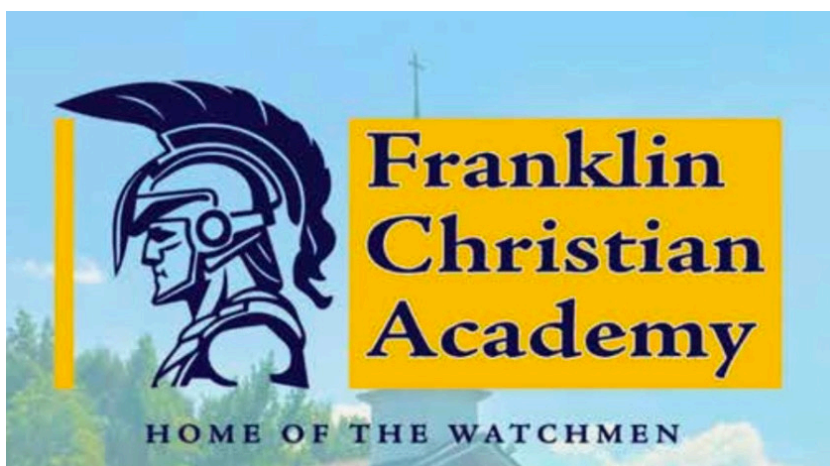
I also want to thank my husband, and my pastor and his wife for their prayers, support, and believing in me during this time. I had the full support of our church to start a school there, however, we were looking at many obstacles due to our location within the city limits. I had to realize God wasn't saying no, He was saying hold on a minute and see what I will do.

Meanwhile, a Baptist church nearby had closed due to lack of attendance, and the members wanted to give the facility to someone who would use it for the glory of God. That ended up being the Shaneyfelt Foundation, and in September 2024 I got a phone call from my cousin Caleb Shaneyfelt asking if I was still trying to start a Christian school. He told me about the facility God had blessed them with and their burden for Christian education in our area.

I am so happy to say that I am now the principal of Franklin Christian Academy, located in Eastaboga, Alabama, and opening for school this year, 2025.

If God calls you to do something, He will provide what you need! We get so caught up in the "How do you expect me to do that, Lord?? that we forget that Abraham didn't bring his own ram, Elijah didn't bring his own fire. . . God gets all the glory. He is just looking for a willing person to say, "Here am I, Lord, send me!"

Connie Stephens
JEHC



Friendship Anderson, SC
Let Me Tell You About My Jesus - Christmas Play



Hi my name is Austin Pruitt and I attend Friendship Holiness Church. I attended church nearly all my life but never got saved until June 2019 and it was the best decision I have ever made. There have been many valleys and mountains but God has been faithful every moment to deliver, strengthen, and help me through them. One of my most favorite memories of God proving His faithfulness came in 2021 when we had lost our home to a house fire. As we waited to get a new house, we had to stay in various hotels across a four month span but during those four months, not once did we have to worry about where we would have to lay our heads down to sleep or where our next meal would be coming from. God has been so good in my life and not once has he ever failed me nor forsaken me, and I'm thankful for what a friend that we have in Jesus Christ that we can go to Him for anything and nothing is ever too small for him to handle because he knows our needs before we even go to him in prayer.

ALIVE Pentecostal Youth Conference

On **January 9-10**, the Emmanuel Holiness Church, Inc. and **Rev. Irvin Ambrose** partnered to launch the first-ever **Alive Pentecostal Youth Conference** at the **EHC Headquarters**. This powerful weekend was marked by **anointed worship, dynamic preaching, and Spirit-filled teaching**, leaving a lasting impact on all who attended.

The tabernacle resounded with **music that stirred hearts for worship**, led by **Rev. Dickie and Mrs. Charlotte Webb**, setting the atmosphere for a mighty move of God. The **day speaker, Rev. David Roper**, delivered two compelling messages, "**Living With Him, So I Can Be With Him**" and "**My Story for His Glory**," inspiring young people to surrender their lives to God's purpose. **Rev. Michael Switzer** brought forth "**Living in His Kingdom**" and "**God Breathed – Receive the Holy Ghost**," emphasizing the power and presence of God in our daily walk.

Attendees also engaged in **practical and spiritual growth** through insightful classes. **Rev. Vance Touchton** taught on "**Witnessing and Winning**," equipping youth to share their faith boldly, while **Rev. Timothy Baggett** led "**Holiness is Christ**," reinforcing the call to a life set apart for God.

Despite the **wintery weather**, the Spirit of the Lord **moved mightily**, proving that no storm can hinder His work. Praise the Lord for the **success of this inaugural youth conference!**

Mark your calendars and join us next year on **January 1-2, 2026**, for the **2nd Alive Pentecostal Youth Conference**—where we expect even **greater** things from the Lord!





Greetings to our EHC Ladies!!

I am so excited to hear of all the wonderful things God is doing across the miles! Hallelujah!

To help strengthen our unity there are some things we have put place under the umbrella of the Ladies Auxiliary to include:

- **Our Annual Beauty for Ashes Ladies Conference**
- **Ladies Auxiliary Facebook Page**
- **2025 Birthday Calendar**

Our **Beauty for Ashes Conference** is a special time when we gather together for Worship, Teaching of God's Word, Fellowship and Fun. The **Ladies Auxiliary Facebook Page** is a place to share encouraging thoughts, prayer requests, praise reports, church news and events, etc. The **2025 Birthday Calendar** was created to remind us to pray for and send birthday cards to everyone on their respective birthday. It is my prayer that you will take advantage of each of these always remembering our theme:

*"I'll Lift You and You Lift Me, and
We'll Both Ascend Together"*

I am reminded of a great man in the Bible that you don't hear a lot about. His name was Barnabas. Did you know his name actually means, "**Son of Encouragement.**" I love thinking about him and have aspired to be like him in my own life. Acts 11:23-24 gives us a great description of Barnabas:

"23 Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

24 For he was a **good man**, and **full of the Holy Ghost and of faith**: and **much people was added unto the Lord.**

Oh, how I long to be that kind of person, don't you? Can you imagine what God could do if we just aspired to be a person to encourage and build up another? The results would be astonishing. Not only was Barnabas described as a *good man*, *full of the Holy Ghost and of faith* – He was a SOUL WINNER!

Acts 9 records an instance where "Son of Encouragement" steps in. It was just shortly after Saul's conversion to Christianity. Paul (formerly Saul) begins preaching in Jerusalem in the name of Jesus but because of his history of persecuting Christians the people are afraid. Barnabas

quickly steps in and immediately went to Paul's defense. I love how the atmosphere completely changed to an Atmosphere of Peace and Trust.

I believe there is so much we can learn from Barnabas that should put in our hearts desire to be an Encourager:

➤ ENCOURAGEMENT INSPIRES OTHERS TO "DO." (Acts 11:23-24)

➤ ENCOURAGEMENT INSPIRES CONNECTIONS THAT CARRY OUT GOD'S PURPOSES (Acts 11:25-26)

➤ ENCOURAGEMENT INSPIRES OTHERS TO ENCOURAGE (Acts 13:15-16)

➤ ENCOURAGEMENT INSPIRES OTHERS TO SEEK THE LORD (Acts 13:43-44)

➤ ENCOURAGEMENT GIVES COURAGE AND CONFIDENCE TO THE ENCOURAGER (Acts 14:3)

➤ ENCOURAGEMENT BRINGS COMFORT (Colossians 4:7-11)

5 WAYS TO UPLIFT

1. RELY ON THE HOLY GHOST – Remember that we are not the source. We can only rely on the source to guide us.
2. ENCOURAGE THROUGH THE WORD OF GOD. Remember that encouragement based on God's Word is influential.
3. TAKE ENCOURAGEMENT WITH YOU EVERYWHERE YOU GO. Be mindful of your words, tone, and body language.
4. BE A FAITHFUL FRIEND.
5. DAILY ASK THE LORD TO LEAD YOU TO SOMEONE TO ENCOURAGE – He will always put someone in your path!

When you are naturally an encouraging person, the atmosphere you create permeates those around you!

BE A BARNABAS!!

May God Bless You All,

Carrie Hilton
Ladies Auxiliary President



Praise God! We are filled with excitement for the upcoming year 2025. Several new projects are already underway in India, and we eagerly anticipating breaking ground on the “Prickett Church” in honor of Brother and Sister Jackie Prickett.

Just in the past month, three hundred people have given their hearts to the Lord in India alone. Let us give God all the glory!

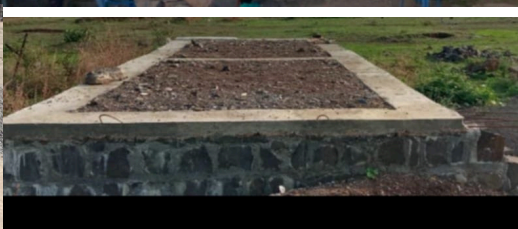
From February 17th-25th, Kayden and I are embarking on a mission trip to India, where we expect approximately 25,000-30,000 people to attend a two-day crusade. Each participant will receive a Bible and a meal each day. This crusade alone will cost around \$8,000, not including airfare. Please keep this trip in your prayers, as we are in great need of financial support for this journey and for monthly contributions.

In Kenya, East Africa, we celebrate the completion of the first Emmanuel Holiness Church, which will be named “Bethesda Church,” thanks to Brother Timothy Baggett and his congregation.

We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to Evangelist L.W. Peters for conducting a revival at our home church, Faith Fellowship Holiness Church in Bladenboro, NC. His empowering and uplifting messages have inspired our congregation.

Thank you all for your prayers and support.

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Stepping into the Unknown with Courage



Imagine this: your leader is moving on, and you're suddenly in charge! That's kind of like what happened to Joshua. He had big shoes to fill, facing huge challenges like leading a whole nation across a raging river and conquering a new land.

Talk about stepping into the unknown!

Stepping Outside Your Comfort Zone:

Just like Joshua, you'll face moments where you need to step outside your comfort zone. Maybe it's volunteering to teach Sunday School, sharing your testimony in front of the church, or even just trying to sing a solo. Stepping out can be scary, but it can also lead to amazing things.

God's Got You:

Joshua knew God was with him, and that gave him the strength to keep going. The same is true for you! God's promises aren't just for adults; they're for you too. Remember, God is always with you, every step of the way.

Prepare for the Journey:

Before crossing the river, the Israelites got ready. They prepared their hearts and minds for what was to come. You can do the same! Think about how you can prepare for the challenges ahead – whether it's studying your Bible, practicing your testimony, or simply spending time in prayer.

Lead with Faith:

Joshua wasn't afraid to lead, even though he might have felt a little unsure. You can lead too! Maybe it's leading a small group, helping with Vacation Bible School, or sharing your faith with a friend.

Remember, God equips you for the task!

**So she went from him, and shut the door upon her
and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her;
and she poured out.**

-2 Kings 4:5

Imagine the scene: a woman in faith pouring oil from a single jar into one empty vessel after another. They brought the jars and she kept pouring. With each pour, she must have wondered if it would be the last. But the oil kept flowing, an unending stream of to meet her need.

This story is a powerful reminder that God is a God of abundance. He takes what little we have and multiplies it beyond our wildest imaginations. But there's another important lesson here: we are blessed to be a blessing to others. Just as the widow poured out the oil, we are called to pour out our resources, gifts, and talents to be a blessing to others. He takes what little we can do on our own and multiplies it for His Kingdom.

Our gifts and talents are meant to be shared. When we hold onto them tightly, we risk becoming stagnant, like a pool of water that no longer flows. But when we pour them out, we become channels of God's love and provision, bringing hope and healing to those around us.

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."
~Erma Bombeck

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YOUR
Calendar

Feb 8 @ 10 AM

Conference
Alabama Campgrounds
Lafayette, AL

Feb 12 - 14

Winter Campmeeting
Friendship Holiness
Anderson, SC

March 28th @ 7 PM

Fellowship Meeting
w/ Bro. Lonnie Self
Refuge Holiness
Anniston, AL

April 11 @ 7 PM

April 12 @ 10:30 AM
A Fresh Anointing
Ladies Fellowship w/
Sis Linda Baughtman
Alexandria EHC
Alexandria, AL

April 13 @ 11 AM & 5:30 PM

Guest: Sis Linda Baughtman
Alexandria EHC
Alexandria, AL

April 25 @ 7 PM

Fellowship Meeting
w/ Bro. Chris Wilkerson
Eastside EHC
Opelika, AL

May 18 @ 10:30 AM

Friends and Family Day
May 19-23 @ 7 PM
Revial

w/ Bro. Johnny Causey
Alexandria EHC
Alexandria, AL

May 30 @ 7 PM

Fellowship Meeting
w/ Bro. Travis Stephens
Alexandria EHC
Alexandria, AL

June 4-6

Ladies Conference
Bring Me Yet a Vessel
EHC Headquarters
Bladenboro, NC

July 21-25

Alabama Youth Camp
Bible Methodist Campgrounds
Pell City, AL

July 28-August 1

Campmeeting
EHC Headquarters
Bladenboro, NC

August 22/23

Mens/Ladies Conference
Friendship Holiness
Anderson, SC

October 8-10 Revival 7 PM

October 11 Church Dedication 10:30 AM
Alexandria EHC
Alexandria, AL