

MESSENGER

Emmanuel Holiness Church Winter Campmeeting

What a move of God we had at Winter Campmeeting! The preaching, singing, and altar services seem to grow better with each meeting. We appreciate Bro. Vance Touchton for ministering us in the evening services, and to Bro. Chuck Bennett and Bro. Travis Stephens for bringing the Word in the mornings. The Conference also extends its gratitude and indescribable thanks to the Eastside Emmanuel Holiness Church for allowing us to use their campus for our meeting. The Holy Ghost is moving powerfully within our meetings; let us keep pushing for movings of His Spirit as we continue on in His service.



Abe Branch

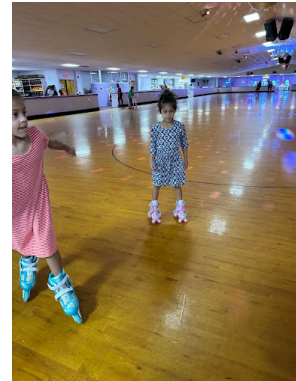
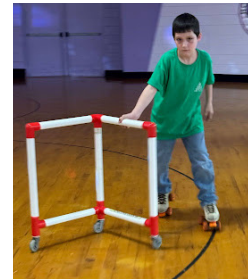
Bladenboro, NC

Join the Church

On February 11th, the church opened its doors and received three new members. Bro. Ethan Clewis, Bro. Kim Graham, and Sis. Sandra Mitchell all decided to join the Abe Branch Emmanuel Holiness Church, and were welcomed as new members by the whole church with a hug and handshake.

Galentines Celebration

Rubies & Grace celebrated the gift of friendship with our very first Galentine's Day. We were showered with all a woman could ask for, complete with love, laughter, and a chocolate fountain! Photographs were scattered on the tables, making it impossible not to reminisce on the memories we've shared. Sister Amy taped a biblical woman's name on our back, instructing us to find someone else that paired with our name. This game required us to interact with everyone in the room, as we had no clue what name we were given. Sister Heather's devotion reminded us of the beautiful story of Naomi and Ruth, describing their selfless love, and how we can mirror our friendships in such a way that pleases Him.



Little Arrows on a Roll

Psalm 127:4 says, "As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth." God gives us a powerful image of the reward that is evident in children who are raised in His truth. This can only come to fruition through unity. Fellowship amongst the people is a very important part in binding even the smallest parts of a church body. It was pure joy watching Abe Branch's "Little Arrows" come together for Christian skate night. May we all feel challenged to aim them with diligence as we prayerfully support them as instruments for His glory!



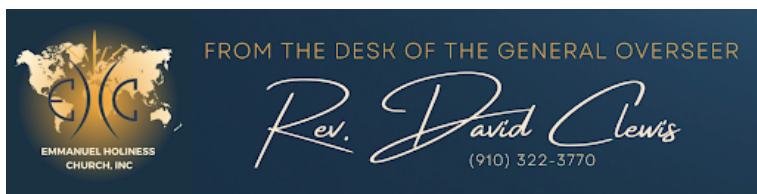
Revival

Abe Branch experienced a mighty move of God during our revival with Bro. Larry Peters in January and going into February. The revival was filled with both wonderful preaching and the working of the Holy Ghost in the midst of God's people. One sermon that the entire congregation will not soon forget is, "Don't Neglect Revival." Bro. Peters had a lady in the church bring a baby doll that he passed from person to person. He used this illustration to show how each church member was responsible for keeping the baby of "Revival" alive in our congregation. What a powerful message; we certainly enjoyed this meeting!



Harvest Ministries

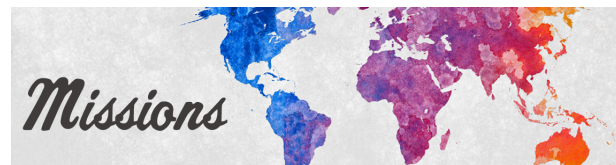
In February and March, Abe Branch has been conducting a sock, hand warmer, and chapstick drive to help Harvest Ministries in Fayetteville, NC. Bro. Jesse had been involved in this ministry, which is aimed at helping the homeless population of Fayetteville not only find physical items they may need, but to also feed them spiritually and let them know that there's a Savior above who loves them. We have tried to keep Jesse's passion for home missions going by providing these small items to the ministry so they can continue to draw and provide to those who are in need.



Greetings to All in the Name of Jesus,

How great is our God! I am amazed at how The Lord is moving within the Emmanuel Holiness Conference. I believe we are on the brink of a mighty move of God. We must be more diligent and prayerful than ever. I am humbled to be a part of this resurgence of the Emmanuel organization. Campmeeting was great, and now we are focused on our state youth camps in North Carolina, Florida, Alabama, and a state camp meeting in South Carolina. The Ladies Auxiliary is currently organizing a Ladies Conference June 27-29, and we will finish the summer with General Camp Meeting the July 29-August 2. Thank you for all for your investment in this movement. It will be worth it when we realize the impact we've made for Christ. As always I covet your prayers for wisdom and guidance of the Lord. I am truly blessed to be a part of such great workers for the kingdom. God bless you all!

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



As many of you know I was in a car accident recently, it has slowed me down from doing as I normally do, but God's work is still being done in a mighty way. Thank you all for your prayers for my health so I will be able to make the upcoming trip back to Africa. In the first picture, is a church that is being built in Africa. It is about 90% complete. The floor has to be plastered still. This will take around \$1200 more to complete. We have a praise report from India, Jesse's Mission and the Larry Singletary church have had 100 souls saved in both churches. In the Van Bollinger Church, the pastor is preaching outside and inside of the church while the church is being built. There has been 200 souls saved there! The church should be complete within the next week. In the second photo, this is a new area where we have started the fourth church in India. We have been feeding the children in that area as well. In the third picture, is a picture of our grandson Kayden. He has been preaching a monthly youth service at our local church. God has been using him mightly. He plans to take a trip back to Africa with me coming soon. Praise God for what he has been doing! Please continue to pray for us as we do God's work. Pray for the funds for the upcoming trip and work in the outreach. We are planning to go to Africa in April. If anyone would like to contribute to the Emmanuel Holiness World Missions please mail it to P. O. Box 203 Tabor City, NC 29463.

Thank you for all of your
prayers and support,
Bishop Causey



Jacksonville EHC

Jacksonville, AL

Children's Sunday
School Class
learned that
LOVE = JOY

**JESUS
OTHERS
YOURSELF**

We have recently
joined with a
neighboring church,
Refuge Holiness
Church in Anniston, AL
to have a nursing home service the first Sunday
of every month. It is a blessing to be in service
with the residents there.

Pictured is Refuge
pastor Bro. Chris
Wilkerson with Bro.
Hunter and Bro. Seth.

Our church youth
service is the last
Sunday night of each
month. The youth
lead the service, give
testimonies, and play
the instruments for the song service. Bro. Travis
Stephens preached the February service from the book
of Jonah, "If you say no when God says go."

Our Men's and Women's Bible study are growing, and
we had a foot washing service the week before Easter.
Several had never been to a foot washing service and
were glad to participate to honor the Lord and our
brothers and sisters in an act of service.

We are planning a skit for Easter with the song "Watch
the Lamb." We are praying for souls to be convicted as
they see what Jesus suffered to die for our sins.

The teenage Sunday School class recently had a burden
to knock on doors in our community and invite people
to church. We spent a Sunday afternoon doing this.

Pray for our church that we may be a light to our
community and that God would send us souls.



Being Spirit Led

Hi! I teach the teenage Sunday School class at
Jacksonville Emmanuel Holiness church. We are going
through the book of Acts currently and today's lesson
was "Phillip witnesses to the Ethiopian". The story
begins with Phillip being told to go into the desert.
There were great revivals and mighty works being done
in Jerusalem and Samaria, but Phillip was being sent
alone to the middle of nowhere. I was reminded of
Jesus being led of the spirit to the wilderness.

I asked my class, "What does it feel like to be led by the
spirit? How do you know it's God that's leading you?"
The answers I got were: "It's the scariest thing you
have ever had to do." "It looks impossible." "It's the
craziest sounding thing you have ever heard." &
"You're afraid of how other people will respond to what
God is leading you to do." They gave me instances of
God speaking to their hearts, telling them to do
something (witness, pray for someone, step out in a
church service) and whether or not they followed the
leading of the Spirit. It truly gave meaning to "The
Spirit is willing, but the FLESH is weak."

We talked about how if Phillip would not have went to
the desert, the Ethiopian man would have never
understood the Gospel. Flesh wants to take the path of
least resistance, to stay in Jerusalem, to sit in the pew
when God is urging us to pray for our brother or sister.

But, as my class pointed out, when we are obedient and
are truly led by the spirit, we become a greater blessing
to those around us.

I am thankful for the "Phillips" God placed in my life
who explained the scriptures to me, who were there
when I needed prayer, who were in the will of God and
able to guide me as I grew in faith.



God Bless you,
Connie Stephens

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 27 (times TBA) Bake sale/ BBQ sandwich sale-
proceeds benefit 2024 AL Emmanuel Youth Camp
May 25 Car wash- proceeds benefit JEHC youth fund/
2024 youth trip
June 20-22 Kids Crusade



What do you think of when you hear the word hero? Perhaps you think of firefighters, police, and doctors. Maybe you said Iron Man, Spiderman, or Wonder Woman. Whoever you thought of as a hero is still an ordinary person just like you and me. Anyone can be a hero. While you may think no, not me, God uses ordinary people in extraordinary ways!

Paul instructs a young Timothy on how to be everything God has called us to be. 2 Timothy 2:15 says, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." There are four concepts in this verse: approved to God, a worker, being diligent, and teaching the word of truth.

Paul points out Timothy's genuine faith. From a child, God was preparing Timothy to be who He wanted Him to be. It began with learning the scriptures and that pointed him to a genuine faith in Jesus Christ that resulted in salvation. The only way to be approved to God is by trusting Jesus as our Lord and Savior. We are not saved by works, but we are saved for good works!

God saved us for a special purpose: a calling! It is not God's plan for us to just sit on a church pew once we are saved; He has greater plans than that! A soldier, an athlete, and a farmer are all different occupations, but they each can change the world around them. The same goes for the church though all the workers are different, they each can be used to be a hero and change the world around them. Each of us can be God's servant in whatever our calling is!

Timothy could have used excuses for not being diligent (constant in his effort) and working hard. He could have said, I'm too young. I'm too sick. I'm afraid. 2 Timothy 1:7, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." We should never allow our excuses or circumstances to stand in the way of God's will for our lives. This is why Paul tells Timothy spiritual training is important. 1 Timothy 4:8, "For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." Paul was telling Timothy that being diligent in learning God's Word, how we obtain spiritual strength, is so much more important in life for facing life's challenges. Spiritual training involves rightly dividing the word of truth. God's Word is called "the Sword of the Spirit". It takes strength and practice to wield a sword. Our ability or lack thereof could cost a life. Paul wanted Timothy to understand how serious and important God's call in his life was. God gives each of us a ministry, a calling as His children. It is important that we train and are prepared in season and out of season.

You can be a hero!

-Rebecca Davis



LETTER
EDITOR

Everyone loves the mountain top. It has been said that valleys will teach you the lessons that the mountain tops never could. Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." The valley serves a purpose. God works them for our good. Without a valley, there could be no mountain.

God assigns us mountains and valleys in our lifetime, and He is the God of both. A valley is a low point, but my friend in the valley is where the river runs. The valley is an area of change but also one of growth. In the valley, you learn to depend on God and not your own will. The mountaintop might be a place for shouting, but that is made possible through the fervent prayers made in the valley.

Looking back at my life, I can recall several valleys. They didn't seem pleasant at the time, but oh my, the things God taught me. I learned that God was faithful. I learned there was power in prayer. I learned how to become the person God wanted me to be. His grace is sufficient! I learned that His promises are yea and amen. I learned many things in those valleys, but mainly God used them for me to draw nigh to Him.

Valleys are temporary. They are a transition place. They are where we get the strength to climb up the mountain. We must embrace the valley for what it is, an opportunity to move to a higher position. God let me be faithful in whatever stage I am in.

-Rebecca Davis

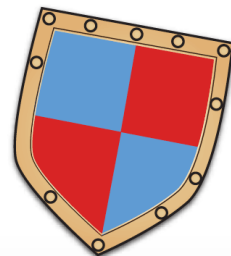
ARMOR OF GOD

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Truth
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Righteousness
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Peace
Shoes
Faith
Shield
Salvation
Helmet
Spirit
Sword



ALEXANDRIA EHC

Alexandria, AL

Greetings from Alexandria!
We are so grateful to report that
God is moving and blessing in
our corner of the field!

Acts 19:20, "So mightily grew the word of the Lord and prevailed" has become our theme. Under the leadership of our pastor, Bro. Tim Phillips, the Word of God and prayer is a priority. Our desire is to win the lost, be a shining light to the community. We are growing numerically, spiritually, and in unity.

To God Be the Glory!

Thursday night has been set aside as our weekly prayer meeting and we have seen and felt the effects of this increase in prayer.



It was great to have Bro. Travis Stephens and Bro. Larry Peters with us in February. The church was challenged and uplifted by their anointed messages! We were also blessed with the Stephens girls singing with Bro. Travis and Sis. Connie.

During the month of March, Bro. Tim appointed different ones to preach/teach with emphasis on us becoming a New Testament Church where the word of God and prayer is a priority, worship is spontaneous, love and unity are demonstrated, conviction is felt, and miracles are common.



We praise the Lord for our two night revival with Bro. Rex Mashburn. He preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost each night and the Lord blessed greatly. So thankful for the fellowship and friendships that were made during this revival.



We are so blessed to be a part of the mission work in India. Our most recent report from Bro. Causey was that the pastor has been preaching outside the Van Bollinger church while it is still under construction and 200 souls have been saved!

Glory to God!!



Our new church building project is well underway. We are looking forward with great anticipation to its completion.

We are so thankful for the amazing ways the Lord is blessing and leading in this endeavor.



The sense of community and generosity within our church has been truly remarkable in recent months. The Ladies Aux's initiative of hosting an after-church fellowship has not only brought us closer together but also allowed us to support our church's growth. The bed sheet fundraiser that is now underway is a creative way to raise funds for our new church, and the contributions from Sunday and Wednesday night offerings are making a significant impact on our building project.

For those who are unable to attend in person, we are grateful to offer the option to donate via CashApp (\$AlexandriaEHC) or by mail to 605 Lowimore Rd Alexandria, AL 36250. Every donation, no matter how big or small, plays a vital role in shaping the future of our church.

Thank you to all who have contributed and continue to support us. Together, we are building a stronger and more vibrant church for generations to come.



**“Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much.”**

- Helen Keller

Greetings to all our Emmanuel Holiness Ladies! I am so thankful to be a part of the Emmanuel Holiness Church and all that God is doing. It is so exciting to

hear and see the reports from our churches and our evangelists of how God is moving! I am looking for greater things ahead as we all work together to make a lasting impact for the Kingdom of God.

It has been said that **“The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.”** I am grateful for our Ladies Auxiliary and the impact that we can make in our family, our community, and our local churches. Each of us can make a positive difference if we commit ourselves to do so. I believe that is God’s purpose for every one of us.

Jesus, in His sermon on the Mount used two metaphors **Salt** and **Light** to describe those who would follow Him. Through them He was saying, “I have created you and called you to make a positive impact on the world. The same is true of the church today. What an open door of opportunity we have to point a lost, dying, and dark world to Jesus. We have the opportunity each day show them the beauty of holiness. Let’s look at these very familiar scriptures in Matthew chapter 5:

13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

I find it interesting that these verses come on the heels of the “Beatitudes” which represent godly character. With the two metaphors, Salt and Light that followed, I believe He was saying, Good character leads to action and influence. Notice of some of the effects of Salt and Light:

- **Salt flavors.** It has the power to turn what is tasteless into something enjoyable. In the same way, we bring flavor to a world filled with people whose lives are empty and void because they don’t know Jesus.

- **Salt preserves.** In Roman times, salt was a very valuable commodity because it was the only means of preserving food. Christians have a similar preserving influence on a corrupt world. Our witness can help turn an unbeliever to Christ and preserves them from the decay of sinful choices.

- **Salt penetrates.** The Holy Ghost uses our godly example and witness to drive the truth into the heart in such a way that it permeates the entire person.

- **Salt creates thirst.** Believers are living examples of spiritual transformation. The joy, peace, and contentment that Christ gives us are attractive to thirsty souls whom the Spirit is drawing to the Savior.

- **Salt heals.** As salt gives relief to a sore throat, so we are called to offer healing to a broken world. Compassion, kindness, and a listening ear let hurting people experience Christ’s love through us.

- **Light is clear and pure.** Our lives should be characterized by purity and clarity. The person we are in public ought to be the same person we are in private.

- **Light reveals what’s hidden in the darkness.** When we’re characterized by godliness, those who are unrighteous see the difference between their lives and ours.

- **Light drives darkness away.** It is important that we let God’s love shine through us daily so that others will see the joy of the Lord shining through us and be influential in leading them out of darkness into salvation.

- **Light guides.** God uses us like a lamp to guide the unbelieving onto the path of truth.

- **Light warns.** Without light we can’t see the obstacles before us, and this is spiritually true for the lost. We can warn them that they’re in danger and need the Savior.

- **Light warms.** We should never be cold and unfeeling toward those trapped in darkness. They need to know we care, so they can see Christ’s love flowing through us.

Living as salt and light is a continuous journey.

It requires daily surrender to God’s will, an open heart to love and serve others, and a commitment to live out our faith authentically. By living in this way, we can make a profound impact on the lives of those around us and bring glory to God.

The Church’s presence in the world should be enriching, nourishing, and illuminating! Let’s be Salt and Light!!

Love and prayers,

Carrie Milton

Ladies Auxiliary President

Devotion: Restoration After Loss

I was raised in church by my mom, who was a single parent for the first seven years of my life. My mom and I were close; I could talk to her about anything. When I was fourteen my mom passed away from cancer. It was, and still is, the most difficult thing I have ever experienced. For several years I was angry and bitter. All I could do was shake my fist and scream, "Why?!" to God. Why did my mom have to die? Why did my brother and I have to lose her when we were both so young? I let my anger and bitterness cause me to turn my back on God.

After my mom died, my grandparents took my brother and me in. My grandma, much to my annoyance at the time, was at church every time the doors were open. Even though I told myself I was done with God, I still had to go to church with my grandma; it wasn't an option. I went through the motions and pretended everything was fine, but on the inside I was dying. I remember conviction falling on me a few times, but I did not want to let go of my anger and bitterness. I am thankful that one day I decided to act on that conviction and got saved at eighteen years old.

I still struggle with the loss of my mom. Sometimes her absence hits me so hard I lose my breath, but now I can let the Lord help me with that pain. He didn't have to give me multiple chances to serve Him, but He did. He restored happiness that I thought was gone out of my life forever. Loss is powerful, but He is more powerful.

Toni Lee
Abe Branch Holiness
Bladenboro, NC

We would love to publish your church news and events! Don't wait on your pastor to send it in, help them out! Please send us photos and articles via rebecca@alexandriaehc.com. Here are some guidelines to make sure we can use your submission: Please submit photos in jpg or png format; don't embed photos (i.e. copy into a Word document). Please submit photo captions or articles in a Word doc, Google doc, or in the body of the email. Submissions are published as they are received and as we have room. The Messenger will be published bimonthly. **Tentatively, publication will be the first of the month with deadlines for submission being one week prior.** We reserve the right to edit or omit submissions. You should receive confirmation that we received your submission.

2024 EHC Youth Camp

HUNGRY for MORE in 2024



Emmanuel Holiness Youth Camp




Day service speaker: Bro. Chris Wilkerson
Night service speaker: Bro. Dale Hathway

LODGING:
Lodging is available on-site free of charge for all campers, counselors, chaperones and workers.

T-SHIRTS:
T-shirts are now available, design above. Cost is \$5 for youth and adult unisex sizes up to adult XL. Each size increase after is an additional \$1. (Example- a 2XL is \$6, 3XL is \$7, etc)
T-SHIRT ORDERS MUST BE PLACED AND PAID BY MAY 15
to ensure you get your size. Money and a note with t-shirt size can be sent with your application, or texted to Bro. Michael or Bro. Travis.

APPLICATIONS:
Application packets will be given to all pastors. For more info contact camp director Bro. Michael Sanderson 256-342-2442 or Assistant camp director Bro. Travis Stephens 205-505-9118.

GIVING:
The youth camp board, together with the general overseer, have once again decided to make camp free to all campers this year. This is made possible by generous donations from churches and individuals.
The approximate cost per camper this year is \$75. If you feel led to sponsor a camper, or donate any other amount, please contact Bro. Michael or Bro. Travis.

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Southern Bible Methodist Campground
40 Skyview Lane
Pell City, AL

Mark YOUR Calendar

April 12 @ 7 PM
April 13 @ 10 AM
Women's Fellowship
with Sis. Linda Baughtman
Alexandria EHC
Alexandria, AL
April 14 @ 11 AM & 5:30
Sis Linda Baughtman
Alexandria EHC
Alexandria, AL
April 27
BBQ/ Bake Sale
Jacksonville EHC
Jacksonville, AL
May 19
Friends & Family Day @ 10:30 AM
May 20-24 Revival @ 7 PM
with Bro Dale Hathway
Alexandria EHC
Alexandria, AL
June 2
Homecoming
June 3-5 Revival
with Bro. Larry Peters
Eastside EHC
Opelika, AL
June 27-29
Beauty for Ashes
Ladies Conference
Bladenboro, NC
July 24-27
Youth Camp
Pell City, AL
July 29- August 2
General Campmeeting
Bladenboro, NC

Are you enjoying the
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Our next deadline:
May 24, 2024.

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