

MESSENGER



GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE ALABAMA STATE OVERSEER...

Luke 21:25 and there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity the sea and the waves roaring.

26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming upon the earth for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

27 And then shall they see the son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

28 And when these things come to pass, then look up, and lift your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Dear saints of the Most High,

As we look around us in this day, we surely are living in the last days. It is the most joyous time for the child of God for we will soon be leaving to go to our permanent dwelling. We are seeing signs in the sun, the moon, the stars, and the whole earth. It struck me as if I had never seen this, yet have preached and read these scriptures many times before, of the perplexity of the sea that we are experiencing, great perplexity in our oceans and the atmosphere, with hurricanes and great destruction. Seas churning and foaming; waves rolling, bringing death and destruction.

Mens' hearts are failing with fear of what is coming on us. Rioting in our streets; mostly due to fear of the unknown, and because of the soaring prices at the pumps. Our supermarkets have food prices at all-time highs. Now we are experiencing baby formula shortages causing fear in mothers' and fathers' hearts of children dying of starvation.

As a child of God we know where to turn to for help in troublesome times, but many of our friends and loved ones do not profess to know Christ; where can they turn? That is when we as a body of Christ should be prepared for this great outpouring of the last days' move of the Holy Ghost and of what the prophet Joel spoke of in the last days: His spirit being poured out. I truly believe we are in the last day outpouring of that spirit. Are we prepared to birth children to the kingdom of God, or are we still bickering over petty issues that are not essential to salvation? Many are fighting over petty issues so that they cannot win anyone to Christ which should be our main objective. If we are not winning souls then we are not wise. As a body of Christ, and as an Emmanuel Holiness body, I am praying that we can begin to let Christ be in our message and our lives so we can win the lost at any cost! We must work while it is day because night is coming and we cannot work then.

Warm regards,

Rev. Eugene Dixon



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OUR TEACHERS!

Sunday school is so important to a local church. It is the teaching arm of the church and can be the launchpad for church growth. Through Sunday School every member of the family is ministered to. The primary motivation for Sunday School is the great commission: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." -Matthew 28:19-20. Sunday School is an absolute necessity if we are to fulfill this command of Jesus. What a tremendous opportunity and privilege to share the wonderful words of life and give instruction that promotes faithfulness, encourages prayer, and strengthens every Christian.

Sunday School should be an exciting time of learning for young people and children too. It is a place where the Bible is made plain and exciting. These life lessons learned will go with them throughout their lives. It is very important to encourage young people to hide God's Word in their hearts by memorizing scripture because it will be a great comfort in times of trouble and a great defense against the enemy of their soul.



Through Sunday School we have the opportunity to demonstrate God's love by sharing the gospel with all that we are able to reach. It is worth every effort we can put forth to gather people for Sunday School to be taught and cared for as Jesus commanded.

LET'S GROW TOGETHER IN FAITH!



EASTSIDE EHC

Opelika, AL

We are so thankful at Eastside! God is still blessing us! As you can see in the picture, we have our new digital church sign. We were not able to get the Ladies Auxiliary started in April, but we plan to have our first meeting Monday afternoon, May 8th. We have put up new lights in the Fellowship Hall, and plans are being made now to start the work on the inside of the church.

We had a great Mothers' Day service, so proud of all the mothers that were with us! All mothers were honored with special gifts. Four of our ladies received \$25 gift cards: Sandra Bozone, Kathy Brown, Rosemary Wise, and Joyce Lindsey. (Pictured left to right)



Homecoming at Eastside will be June 5th with Bro. Chuck Bennett as the speaker. We will also start revival on June 6th-8th (Monday-Wednesday) with Bro. Dale Hathway from Lumberton, NC. We welcome all that can come and be with us!!



So thankful that God is blessing us with a people that have a mind to work! We need to be like Nehemiah - don't let anything distract us; keep on working! Work with one hand and have your weapon against the enemy in the other hand! There is something for everyone to do! Refuse to come down but continue rebuilding the walls that have been torn down! God give us determination and unity!! Love you all!!!!



ALEXANDRIA EHC

Alexandria, AL

We are so thankful for how God is working at Alexandria. Our pastor, Bro. Tim Phillips, is leading us into a deeper depth in God by encouraging us to have a consistent, persistent, and powerful prayer life. As a result, God is answering prayer and the Holy Ghost is drawing people to Jesus! We are so thankful that God has given us an open door of opportunity to show the love of God to those He sends our way. We are seeing growth both spiritually and numerically. To God be the glory!



April and May have been exciting months for the church. We had a great time of fun and fellowship at our first Community Easter Egg Hunt. The children enjoyed searching for over 200 eggs filled with candy and prizes while hotdogs were cooking on the grill! Each child was given a gift bag with goodies and an Easter Activity Book reminding them that Jesus Christ has risen!

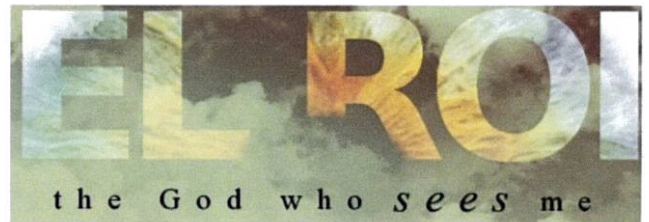
We had our first Ladies Day on Saturday, April 23rd. Our theme was "The Woman God Sees." It was Hagar in Genesis chapter 16:13 who gave the name "EL ROI" (The God Who Sees Me) to God when she was alone in the desert feeling helpless and hopeless in her circumstances. Sis. Rebecca Davis, our guest speaker, delivered an anointed, edifying message encouraging our ladies to look to and listen to El Roi for "He delights in us" and desires for us to be all that He has created us to be – all for His glory!

Through our local Ladies Auxiliary we prepared and delivered 115 Mother's Day Care Bags to all the ladies at Legacy Village of Jacksonville and Jacksonville Health and Rehabilitation. Our desire is to enter every open door the Lord puts before us and to reach out to a lost and hurting world. We long to see souls saved and are praying, planting, watering, and looking for God to give the increase!



*"And whatsoever ye do,
do it heartily, as to the Lord,
and not unto men;
Knowing that of the Lord ye shall
receive the reward of the
inheritance: for ye serve
the Lord Christ."
- Colossians 3:23-24*

We are making plans to begin a bus ministry and have recently purchased a bus. In the upcoming weeks, we are going to have a wrap put on it with our church name, etc., and are looking forward to being able to minister to our community and provide a way for people needing a way to church. Our #1 goal is to see souls saved and then to plant the seeds of God's Word in their hearts through teaching and preaching. These are exciting days for our church. We thank God for His blessings and are praying that He uses us in some way to be a help to all who enter our doors.



**Alexandria
EHC
Ladies Day**



*In the harvest field now ripened, there's a work for all to do;
Hark! The Master's voice is calling, to the harvest calling you.
Does the place you're called to labor seem so small and little known?
It is great if God is in it, and He'll not forget His own.*

LADIES AUXILIARY

LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE
Together

Throughout the Bible we see how God used women to help in the advancement of the gospel by offering help to Jesus and the disciples. Let me give you a few to think about: Lydia of Philippi, Phoebe, Chloe, Priscilla, Mary the sister of Lazarus and Martha, and many more that there is not room enough to list. Today, the Lord has placed us in the Body as it has pleased Him, and women still play a vital role in advancing the Kingdom! Through the Ladies Auxiliary of the Emmanuel Holiness Church we have the wonderful opportunity and the great privilege to work together to make a difference and to assist in rebuilding - starting at the local church level which will in



turn start a ripple effect that will reach into the state and general level.

The work is great and the laborers are few, but the need to make a difference in our homes, communities, and our local churches is greater than it has ever been. I am encouraging every lady and every local Ladies Auxiliary leader to seek the Lord for guidance and inspiration on ways to be a help in these areas. Let's walk through every door of opportunity to be a help and be a blessing. We have already come further than we have left to go. Time is precious, and there is no time to waste. I believe there are exciting things ahead for us. I say, "Let US rise up and build."

Remember our theme is Ready for Sacrifice and Service. Let us be ... "fervent in spirit; serving the Lord." - Romans 12:11

Let's come together, pray together, worship together, and work together as a TEAM - because Together Everyone Achieves More! I say let's grow together, what about you?

May God Richly Bless You All,
Carrie Hilton, Ladies Auxiliary President
Emmanuel Holiness Church - Alabama



It's amazing at how the Bible is so accurate at showing us the end is close. The Rapture of the Church is coming soon and we will finish the time of the Gentiles, then Christ will rule the earth with the rod of iron. I say all this to point out the fact that you and I do not have much time left to work. The world is getting set up for the plan of God, and soon we will be with Him if we are ready and looking for Him when He comes. There are still some people who have never heard the name of Jesus nor the truth of the Gospel. This is what our efforts are to get the name of Jesus and his Gospel to them. Thank you for your support and prayers for the mission department.

by Bro. Jay Ezzell

THE STARFISH STORY

One day a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a boy picking up and gently throwing things into the ocean.

Approaching the boy he asked: "Young man, what are you doing?"

The boy replied, "Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them back, they'll die."

The man laughed to himself and said, "Do you realize there are miles of miles of beach and hundreds of starfish?" "You can't make any difference."

After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish and threw it into the surf, then smiling at the man, he said; **"I made a difference to that one."**

— Loren Eiseley

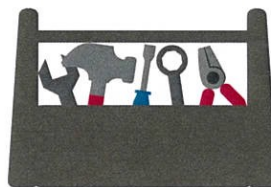


The Devil's Tool Sale

There is an old fable that says the devil once held a sale and offered all the tools of his trade to anyone who would pay their price.

They were spread out on the table and each one labeled- hatred, malice, envy, despair, sickness, sensuality - all well known to everyone. Off to one side lay a harmless looking wooden instrument marked "discouragement." It was old and worn but was priced far above the rest. When asked the reason why, the devil replied, "Because I can use this one so much more easily than the others. No one knows that it belongs to me. With it I can open doors that are tightly bolted against the others. Once I get inside, I can use any tool that suits me best."

-Bible Illustrator



"Fear not neither be discouraged."
-DEUTERONOMY 1:21

TESTIMONY

SALVATION GRACE

SHARE WHAT GOD'S DONE FOR YOU



My Mother's Day Present

January 7th began a journey that started with covid, pneumonia, ventilator twice, 4 different hospitals, and rehab. As I write this, Jeremy is in the hospital this time due to a UTI and was found to have blood clots at his PICC site.

Through it all God has been faithful. He is scheduled to go home tomorrow if tests reveal that he is blood clot free. "Pray Momma Pray" was our message from Brother Tim on Mother's Day.

No matter how bad things look always know GOD is there wanting to heal and save our loved ones. Many times he was at death's door, BUT GOD had different plans for him. So thankful for HIS mercy and love! My son going home will be the ultimate Mother's Day present. Thanks for all the prayers, calls, cards, and love for us. HE is worthy to be praised! Thank you Lord for your blessings on me as a Mother.



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An Experience Like No Other

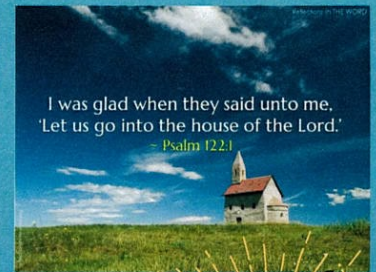
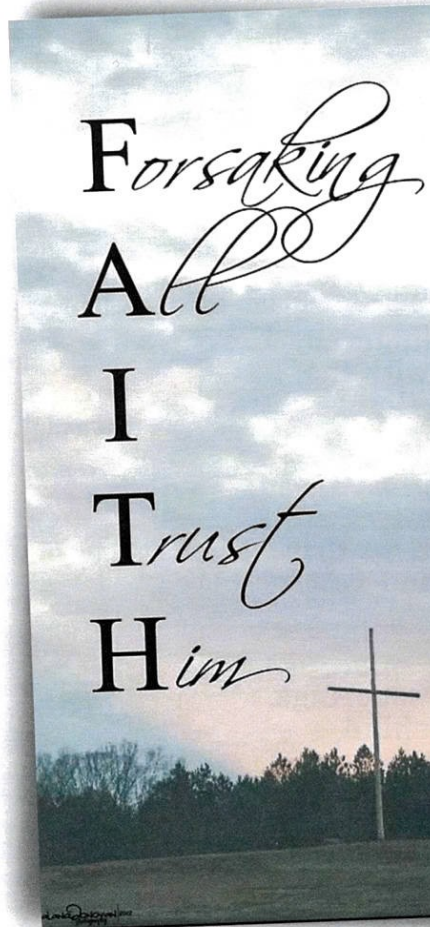
I am so thankful for God's blessings on my wife and

I. Approximately two months ago, my cousin invited us to church at Alexandria, and I'm so glad I accepted the invitation. On the very first visit my heart was touched by the great welcome we received by the pastor, Bro. Tim, and the entire church. I can truthfully say that I have never felt the Spirit of God

as strongly as I felt that day, and the services to follow, in any other church that I have attended. I went home and told my wife about how much I enjoyed the service, and she has been coming with me ever since. I am so grateful for the work God has done in my heart in these last few weeks, and also, how He is helping my wife. I have rededicated my life to the Lord, and He has given me a joy that I cannot find words to fully express. He has placed within my heart a desire to get a closer walk with Him. I can hardly wait until the next church service! In addition, my private times spent in prayer have

been powerful in a way that I have never experienced before.

Terry & Sandra Bobo
Alexandria EHC
Alexandria, AL



I was glad when they said unto me,
'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'

- Psalm 122:1

Mark
YOUR
Calendars

May 22
Friends and Family Day
Alexandria EHC
Guest Minister:
Bro Vance Touchton
10:30 AM
Alexandria, AL

June 5
Homecoming
Eastside EHC
Guest Minister:
Bro Chuck Bennett
Opelika, AL

June 6-8
Revival
Eastside EHC
Guest Minister:
Bro Dale Hathaway
Opelika, AL

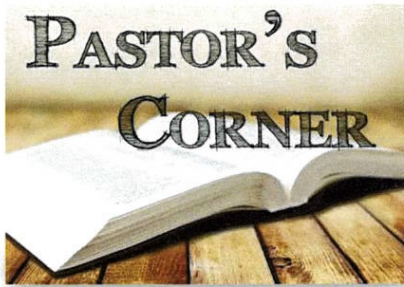
June 9-10
Vacation Bible School
6:30 PM
w/ Fun Day June 11 @ 10 AM
Jacksonville EHC
Jacksonville, AL

July 8-9
Revival
7 PM
Jacksonville EHC
Jacksonville, AL

July 10
Homecoming
11 AM
Jacksonville EHC
Jacksonville, AL

July 20-22
Alabama Camp Meeting
Guest Minister:
Bro Roger Luke
7 PM Nightly
Campground
LaFayette, AL

August 20
Alabama Annual Conference
10 AM
Campground
LaFayette, AL



Bro. Tim Phillips
Pastor
Alexandria Emmanuel
Holiness Church

Hello my friends, I pray you all are doing well!
I can truly say that God is really helping us at Alexandria Emmanuel Holiness Church. I thank Him for the great things He is doing. We have a wonderful group of people there, and God is regularly adding great people to the church. I appreciate all the hard work the church members do to make our church successful. The most important thing we are doing is praying and seeking God. The people have grabbed ahold of the truth that if we really pray, not just go through the motions of praying, but if we will become people of prayer, a church that is known for calling on God in every situation, then we will see revival in our church. We must seek Him with our whole heart. We must hunger and thirst for God's righteousness and we will be filled. It is the promise of God's Word, and we can stand on it. I say to all my Emmanuel Holiness Friends, let's pull together as a group, pray one for another, and have revival in the entire organization. God Bless you all!

THE SECRET

I met God in the morning
When my day was at its best,
And His Presence came like sunrise,
Like a glory in my breast.
All day long the Presence lingered,
All day long He stayed with me,
And we sailed in perfect calmness
O'er a very troubled sea.
Other ships were blown and battered,
Other ships were sore distressed,
But the winds that seemed to drive them
Brought us to a peace and rest.
Then I thought of other mornings,
With a keen remorse of mind,
When I too had loosed the moorings,
With the Presence left behind.
So I think I know the secret,
Learned from many a troubled way:
You must seek Him in the morning
If you want Him through the day!
—Ralph S. Cushman



Did you know that you are important to God and that you play an important role in the work and growth of your local church?

God wants to use your gifts to be a blessing through singing, playing an instrument, praying, giving, testifying, and inviting your friends to church.

Throughout the Bible we have numerous examples of young people that God used to carry out His purposes and demonstrate His power. One that comes to mind was David.

David was told by his father to take provisions to his brothers who were fighting in the Israelite's army against the Philistines. When David arrived, he heard the champion of the Philistines, the giant Goliath blaspheming the name of the God of Israel. David could not stand that someone would speak evil of the Lord. He was surprised that the army of Israel was not doing something about the wicked threats against God.

David presented himself before King Saul as someone who would go to fight Goliath one-on-one. David could not use the king's armor that was offered to him because it was something he was not accustomed to using. Since David had battled lions and bears using his bare hands and a sling, he figured he would do the same with Goliath.

David chose five smooth stones from the riverbed and rushed to fight Goliath. With a single stone he was able to knock the giant to the ground. Then David took Goliath's own sword and killed him by cutting off his head.

David was a young man who trusted God to do great things. Therefore, David is known as a young man who did great things for God.

To name a few others: Joseph, Samuel, Daniel and his friends, Jeremiah, Josiah, Miriam, the young boy who gave up his lunch so that a multitude could be fed, Timothy, and the list goes on and on.

**GOD
STILL USES
YOUNG PEOPLE
THAT WILL PLACE
THEIR LIVES
IN HIS HANDS
AND ALLOW HIM
TO WORK
THROUGH THEM.**

Be thou an
EXAMPLE
of the
BELIEVERS
in **WORD**
in **CONVERSATION**
in **CHARITY**
in **SPIRIT**
in **FAITH**
in **PURITY**

—1 Timothy 4:12

Fearfully & Wonderfully Justified

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In Genesis 6, we learn Hagar's story. Hagar was an Egyptian slave, a handmaiden of Sarai, whom Sarai gave to her husband Abram to bear him a child. She was running towards Egypt (sin) and wilderness (danger). Running from Sarai was possible, but running from God was not. God meets us in the wilderness. Verse 13 says, "And she called the name of the Lord that spake unto her, Thou God seest me." What a name! El Roi - the GOD who sees me! Psalms 139:1 reads "thou hast searched me and known me." God hears the cry of the afflicted. Hagar was imperfect; we too may feel unwanted, unloved, and rejected. God saw her in her weakness and in her sin and spoke to her. He didn't speak to her about past sins, but of her future - what she would become despite the present situation. The devil calls you by your sins, but God calls you by your name. When you feel you are empty or never measure up, like you're just not good enough, God sees how you feel. He sees all the scars that never healed. That wasn't the end of the story for Hagar. In the 21st chapter she finds herself again in the wilderness. In verse 19, God opens her eyes to a well of water. A well of water - a covenant of grace. God also will open our eyes to see the plan He has made for our lives!

Psalms 139:14 says "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well." That means we were created with great reverence and heartfelt interest to be set apart, unique, a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a peculiar people. We hide and build up walls. We belittle ourselves. That's not what God says. Thank God we are enough!

Rehab didn't fit the mold. Hannah prayed, but was thought drunk. Sarah was old and impatient. Martha was a worrier. Elizabeth was old yet faithful. Mary was an ordinary poor girl. Luke 7:37 talks of the sinner woman who took the alabaster box of oil and anointed Jesus feet, washed his feet with her tears, and dried it with her hair. Ruth was a Moabite and a widow. Esther was an orphan. Starting in Mark 5:25, "And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment." She pressed, fought, came from behind, and humbled down just to be able to touch His hem. Sometimes we too must press our way. Fight through the crowd to see the person that God sees!

You are who God says you are. You are chosen. Part of John 15:16 says "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit." You are a Child of God. You are redeemed. Redeemed i.e. paid for, brought back, recovered. The price was paid by the blood of the Lamb. You are a new creation. If any man be in Christ he is a new creature. God makes a change! You are loved.

Jeremiah says I have loved thee with an everlasting love. Everlasting that is continuing without end! You are forgiven. You are accepted. You are precious. Isaiah 43:4, "Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life." You are strong. We don't always feel strong, but the Bible says let the weak say I am strong. We have the ability to mount up with wings of eagles, to run and not be weary, and to walk and not faint. You are unique. You are treasured.

You are created for a purpose. You are special. You are important. You are empowered. God gave us all the power and armor we need. You are not alone. He said, lo I am with you even to the end of the world. He's in the midst of every storm, wilderness, and desert we encounter. You are protected. You are beloved. You are a coworker - laborers together with God. You are delivered. You are established. 1 Corinthians 1:21, 22: "Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts." You are a saint. You are transformed. You are united. You are victorious. Romans calls us more than conquerors i.e. super victors. Over and above, we have the victory! You are washed clean. You are quickened. You are an overcomer. You are a prayer warrior. There is surely power in prayer! You are an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ. You are justified.

Romans 8:30, "Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified." That's a lot of big words so let's break this down. Predestinate: God planned from eternity. Called: opened our heart to hear God's voice.

Justified: we are right in His sight because of His righteousness. God doesn't call trash. God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called. When God calls you to do something He is not calling you to succeed He is calling you to obey. The success of the calling is up to Him, the obedience is up to you.

In 2 Corinthians 12:9, "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." It is a sustaining grace. Grace that meets us at our point of need. Grace that equips us with courage, strength, and wisdom. God is where we get our confidence from only He can give us the labels that matter. We may not have self-confidence but can have God-fidence, knowing that we can't but He can! The scripture doesn't promise absence of struggle. It promises the presence of God. For it's ultimately God's presence and power that qualifies people, not their personal strengths and weaknesses. It's easy to hyperfocus on our insecurities and get stuck in the comparison game. We look at others and think they are more loved, more worthy, more important, more popular, etc. We speak so negatively to ourselves that it feeds our insecurities. We lose focus on who God says we are. As His children, we are fully known and fully loved. He knows our struggles, flaws, sins, and insecurities and He loves us anyway!

Peter means rock. Jesus called Peter a rock long before Peter was stable and mature. He leads us by calling out what He sees, not by calling out our failures. He sees our potential. Progress is progress no matter how slow. Growth is growth. Everyone has a purpose. 1 Corinthians 12 talks of the body of Christ. There are many members of that body. The thumb may be small, but it is very needful. Even the unseemly parts are necessary. We each have different gifts and ministries. Remember: I am loved. I am chosen. I am redeemed. I am forgiven. I am empowered. I am precious. I am blessed. I am a Child of God.



*God's love for you
is strong and everlasting,
Before you took one breath
you were enough,
You were fearfully
and wonderfully
created by His hands,
His love will give you strength
to rise above,
So don't you ever doubt
You are loved*



OUR GOD HAS MADE

Can you fill in the missing words in the puzzle below using the Bible verses listed at the side?



Isaiah 45:7

Amos 5:8

**Psalm
95:5**

Job 9:9

**Psalm
104:26**

Every day
God thinks of you.

Psalm 68:16

Every hour
God looks after you.

2 Thessalonians 3:3

Every minute
God cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7

Because every second
He loves you.

Jeremiah 31:3

Jesus Is My Rock Melinda Cane

I cannot say.....

"Our" – if I live only for myself.

"Father" – if I do not endeavour each day to act like his child.

"Who art in heaven" – if I am so occupied with the earth that I am laying up no treasure there.

"Hallowed be thy name" – if I am not striving for holiness.

"Thy Kingdom come" – if I am not doing all in my power to hasten that wonderful event.

"Thy will be done" – if I am questioning, resentful of, or disobedient to his will for me.

"On earth as it is in heaven" – if I am not prepared to devote my life here to his service.

"Give us this day our daily bread" – if I am dishonest or am seeking things by subterfuge, or I am living on past experience.

"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us" – if I harbour a grudge against anyone.

"Lead us not into temptation" – if I deliberately place myself in a position where I am likely to be tempted.

"Deliver us from evil" – if I do not put on the whole armour of God and am not prepared to fight it in the spiritual realm with the weapon of prayer.

"Thine is the kingdom" – if I do not give the King the loyalty due him from a faithful subject.

"The power" – if I fear what people may do or what my neighbours may think.

"The glory" – if I'm seeking honour only for myself, and

"Forever" – if the horizon of my life is completely bounded by time.

"Amen" – if I do not also add "cost what it may". For to say this prayer honestly will cost everything.

Books of the Bible

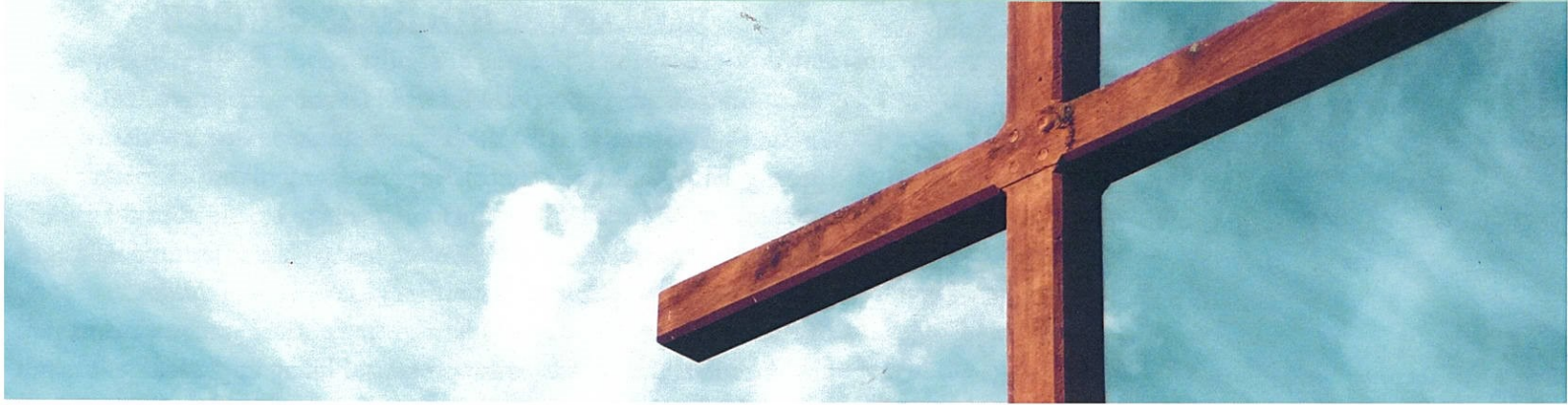
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A Letter from the Alabama Overseer

REV. GENE DIXON

Greetings in the Holy Name of Jesus Christ! I would like to say to everyone in our great Conference that I really appreciate your cooperation and attendance at our last conference. We are in a great volatile situation in the world as I am typing this brief word to encourage and to inspire hopefully to trust in our Author and Finisher of our faith. As war is going on in Ukraine and our brethren in Christ are under attack, the church there is suffering greatly. We must pray daily for the foreign mission fields. On the home front our basic God given liberties as a church are slowly being bombarded from the attack of the enemy. We see Mathew 24 coming to pass before our eyes. But we do have peace in Christ that he will stand by our sides during these trying times. Now is the greatest opportunity for the church here in America. I believe God has opened a small door of opportunity for our churches to win souls for

Christ. We must open our arms not to compromise but to the acceptance of people who have a lot of baggage in this walk of life. 1 Cor. 6: 9-11 reads like this 9. Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind. 10. Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And I say this all the time at First Holiness, it is time we lay aside some of our preconceived notions of people and realize they have a soul that needs salvation. I love the next verse 11. And such were some of you but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified, in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the spirit of our God. Where were you? Where was I? But by God's great grace we are born again. We must lay aside our differences and work toward being soul winners for the kingdom of God. I am tired of seeing our churches defeated. Lift your heads for we are equipped to win souls! Please be encouraged in this last day move of God. He told us if we do know our God that we will be strong and do great exploits. Do you know your God?

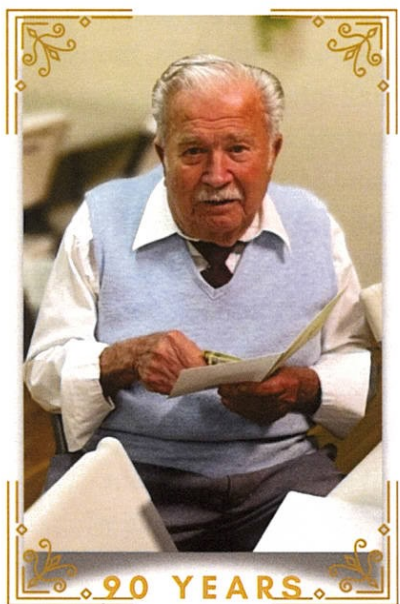
ALEXANDRIA
EMMANUEL HOLINESS

Alexandria, AL
We are thankful to report that the Lord is blessing the church at Alexandria! Our Pastor, Bro. Tim Phillips, is challenging us to seek a closer walk with the Lord through prayer and has initiated a unified prayer time every Monday and Thursday at 6:30 PM. As prayers are going up the Lord is answering prayer and blessing us with His lingering presence in our services. Not only are we experiencing spiritual growth but are also seeing numerical growth as well. Praise the Lord!

In the recent months, we have welcomed two new members, Carrie Hilton and Rebecca Davis, as well as celebrated the homegoing of our precious Bro. Ora Sparks. We have seen the miracle working power of God in the life of Bro. Jeremy Key who is currently in rehab recovering from severe COVID pneumonia. Please join us in praying for his complete recovery.

We are grateful for the leadership of our pastor and are united with him in his vision and passion to win the lost to Christ. A bus has been purchased, and we are making preparations to begin a bus ministry to reach those in our community. We have also been blessed to give financial support to The Christian Family Center in Soperton, Georgia as well as contribute to the humanitarian needs in Ukraine.

Moving forward, we are in great anticipation of all that God has in store for our church in the coming months!



**90 YEARS
YOUNG**

We recently celebrated the 90th birthday for Bro. Don Elkins. Praise God! Bro. Don is a faithful member of the church at Alexandria and is an inspiration to all he comes in contact with.

We appreciate Bro. Don's commitment to God.

We love you and appreciate you Bro. Don Elkins!

--Tim Phillips, Pastor



Church News

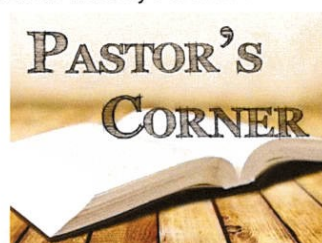
GREETINGS FROM EASTSIDE
EMMANUEL HOLINESS CHURCH

Opelika, AL

Just want to report how thankful and blessed we are here at Eastside. We had over 50 in church for the last two Sundays. God has visited us in a great way!! We had two confess salvation, and many others that have been blessed. We are looking for more souls to be added to the church as we submit ourselves to God. We are being blessed with new faces as well as God bringing some back home. We are so thankful!!

We are in the process of remodeling some of the church, which is very much needed. Our sign is in the process of being upgraded - can't wait to see how much better it can be seen with the LED lights. We plan to have our first Ladies Auxiliary Meeting in April and are so glad the Lord has blessed us with some younger ladies in the church.

Our pastor has been pushing the church to read the Word, pray more and sacrifice more of ourselves! His words, "There has been enough preaching to save the world, now it is time to put in action what has been preached to the church!" Eastside has begun to do that! Pray for us that we will continue to sacrifice our will for God's Will! HE IS COMING!! Come visit us when you can! We would love to have you!!



Jacksonville, AL

Hello, my name is Michael Sanderson, I am the pastor of Jacksonville Emmanuel Holiness Church. I have had the wonderful opportunity to pastor here for working on 9 years. There is one thing that comes to mind when I think of pastoring in this day and time: it is we need unity in our churches. The devil would love to try to tear our churches apart over simply division. Over the course of my life, I have seen first hand the devastation division causes. As pastor of Jacksonville, I have to say without a doubt that we are more unified now than ever before. I would like to encourage anyone who reads this article to get behind your church and help it to be the best that it can be. Simply be unifying around one goal that we all should share: REACHING THE LOST!

*Behold how good and how pleasant
it is for brethren to dwell
together in unity!*

Ladies Auxiliary

Kind Greetings to the Ladies of the Emmanuel Holiness Church in Alabama,

I am so honored for the opportunity to serve as president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Emmanuel Holiness Church in Alabama. Truly the work is great and the hour is late. If there ever was a time to enter into a closer relationship to the Lord and dedicate ourselves to His service it is now.

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not come.

We have only today. Let us begin."

- Mother Teresa

Our motto is "Ready for Sacrifice and Service." I am calling on all our ladies to join me in renewing our commitment to always be fully prepared (READY), to do good works even when it is costly, inconvenient or challenging (SACRIFICIAL SERVICE). I am very excited for the opportunity for us all to work together to offer help and support to the Emmanuel Holiness Church both locally and statewide. As I write this letter, I am reminded of 1 Corinthians 12:22, "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that, miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." Praise the Lord, there is a place for everyone in the work of God! I believe the Ladies Auxiliary falls under the category of "helps" and is instrumental in the progress and success of the Emmanuel Holiness Church as we move forward in the work of the Lord. I am encouraging each local church to have an active Ladies Auxiliary. Our goal is to work together to make a difference in the Home, Church, and Community.

I want to thank you all in advance for your faithful participation in the Ladies Auxiliary both locally and statewide. It is my prayer that we all realize the lateness of the hour and the urgency to work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work. I look forward to meeting and working with each of you.



May God Richly Bless You All,
Carrie Hilton, Ladies Auxiliary President
Emmanuel Holiness Church - Alabama

What does a World Missions Outreach mean to an organization? Why does it matter? Jesus said to his disciples, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations." This is what we call The Great Commission, and it must be the motivation for our effort to reach the lost. This is a process that begins locally and then expands into the world; it starts when we have local outreach in our communities and neighborhoods and then into other countries. The lost is the lost whether they are in some far away place or across the street from our church. We must make an effort to reach them. Your church depends on people getting saved and becoming a part of your church, without them your church will die. The effort of the world missions is to give people a way to contribute to the works of missionaries in far away places. Most people will never go, and we have always said that if you are not called to go then you are called to send. Right now, we are helping Bro. Jeffrie Allen in Honduras, Bro. Joe Sosa in Mexico, and Bro. Mike Flowers in Mexico and Columbia. The urgent need right now is to help the Ukrainians. Please call me if you have any questions. God bless each of you!

- Bro. Jay Ezell

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of our Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58



April 23

Ladies Day

10 AM - 1PM

Alexandria EHC

Alexandria, AL

May 20

Alabama Quarterly

Conference

10 AM

Campground

LaFayette, AL

July 20-22

Alabama Camp Meeting

Guest Minister:

Bro Roger Luke

7 PM Nightly

Campground

LaFayette, AL

August 19

Alabama Annual Conference

10 AM

Campground

LaFayette, AL

October 13-14

General Assembly

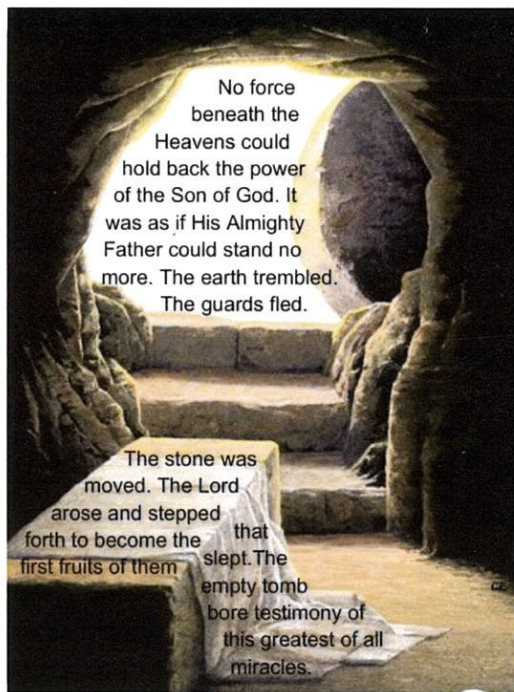
Emmanuel Holiness

Campground

Bladenboro, NC

NEWS
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FIELD

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happy
Easter!



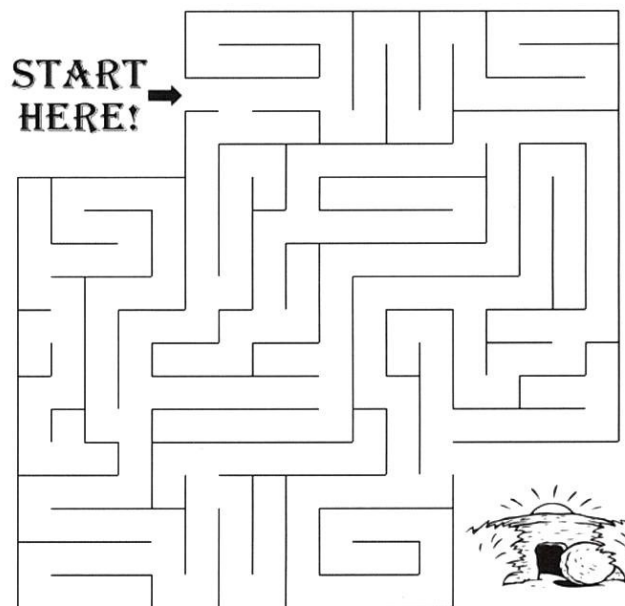
The Legend of the Dogwood

There is a legend that at the time of the crucifixion the dogwood had been the size of the oak and other forest trees. So firm and strong was the tree that it was chosen as the timber for the cross. To be used for such a cruel purpose greatly distressed the tree, and our Lord, nailed upon it, sensed this, and in his gentle pity for all sorrow and suffering said to it: "Because of your regret and pity for my suffering, never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross. Henceforth it shall be slender and bent and twisted, and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross, two long and two short petals. And in the center of the outer edge of each petal there will be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with red, and in the center of the flower will be a crown of thorns, and all who see it will remember."

RESURRECTING THE MESSENGER

When Sis. Carrie approached me about the newsletter, I will admit I had my doubts. Is there a need for that anymore? The answer is a definite yes! What a simple way to keep connected. Not everyone in a congregation may be able to fellowship at conferences, revivals, and other church events. Yes, we live in a fast-paced technology filled world but not everyone is connected. As a child I remember reading the Messengers that came to my grandparents house. It was amazing to see how God was moving in churches I had never even been to before. I was introduced to the names and faces of so many brothers and sisters in Christ I had yet to meet. I learned their stories, heard their testimonies, and witnessed the power of God moving in lives far from my little hometown. It was so much fun to see the different events that took place in all the churches. Working through this newsletter brought back those fond memories. This first edition may not be everything we wanted it to be, but we have faith it will get there. So join us in making this great again. Send us your stories! Share with us how God is moving! Don't worry if you're not the best writer, we can handle the proofing; just share what God is doing. Send dates of events so others can fellowship. Let's come back together and give God all the glory!

Sincerely with the Grace of God,
Rebecca Davis
Alexandria Emmanuel Holiness Church, AL



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