

# MESSENGER

## 2024 CAMPMEETING

We gathered at the campgrounds July 9- August 2 for campmeeting. Bro L.W. Peters delivered timely messages each night that challenged us to go forward in our service to God. Our day services and vesper services were also a great encouragment. It was great to see the youth fired up and being used by God. From the Word of God, to the songs, to the worship and fellowship we had an amazing week where we watched God move in powerful ways. We praise God for every life that was touched and changed throughout this week.



## ALEXANDRIA EHC

Alexandria, AL

June started for us in a big way. Three words to describe it - God did it! The first week in June we were blessed by the Carpenters for Christ. We watched our new church building go up in six days! God said he would supply the labor and materials and He has been faithful to provide!



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June was a very busy month. We held our annual BYBC. Due to the construction, this year we held it at Bro. Bud's house. Every Saturday the kids met with Sis. Rebecca to play games, do crafts, and learn how God has called us like Paul to do a mission that is not impossible. The Mission Possible theme was loads of fun and kids and adults alike had a fun time!



August was deemed a month of fundraising. A BBQ, benefit revival, benefit singing, and roadblock were held with all proceeds going toward the new church building. Special thanks to all the preachers, singers, and their churches who supported our benefit week. The worship, fellowship, and unity were amazing. Change galore was donated through multiple sources. Every roll counts! It was fun to sit and fellowship as we counted change. We continued this effort into September with a spaghetti sale. Thank you to everyone who has helped support our efforts.

At the roadblock, we stood in the intersection of Lenlock Lane and Weaver Road. We greatly exceeded what we asked for! In addition to taking up money to reach our building fund goal, we also had the opportunity to hand out brochures and invite people to church. We handed out approximately 500 of our church brochures with a special invitation to visit our church. God sure did bless our efforts and to Him we are deeply grateful.



## BENEFIT REVIVAL AEHC

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**AUG 12** BRO. LONNIE SELF  
Bible Holiness Church of God - Leeds

**AUG 13** BRO. GARY PHILLIPS  
Mt. Olive Church of God

**AUG 14** BRO. MICHAEL SANDERSON  
Jacksonville Emmanuel Holiness Church

**AUG 15** BRO. CARL WILKERSON  
Refuge Holiness Church

**AUG 16** BRO. GERRIE LUTCH  
Evangelist

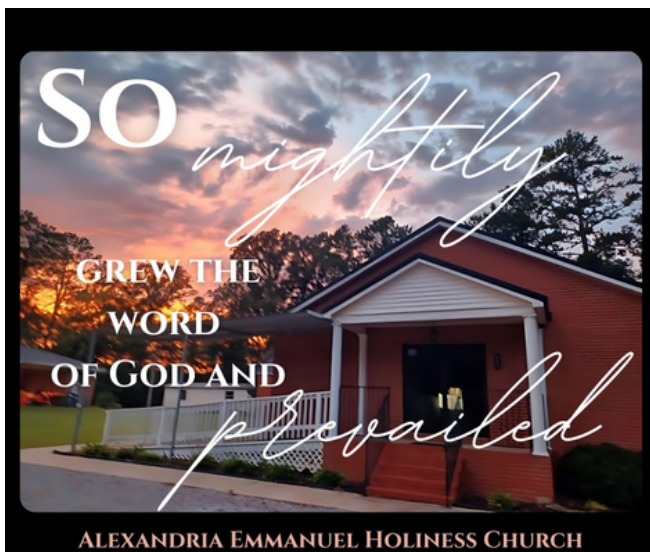
All services begin at 7 PM.  
All proceeds will contribute to the  
Alexandria Emmanuel Holiness Church Building Fund.

After weeks of fundraising, Bro. Tim delivered a State of the Church report, we gathered within the new church building for a song and prayer. This turned into a wonderful time of worship as the sweet Spirit of God filled the place.

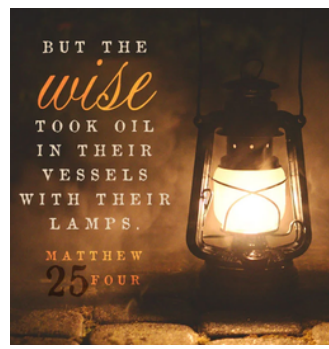


Visiting preachers (Bro. Porter, Bro. Peters, Bro. Hathway, Bro. Baggett, Bro. Morrison, and Bro. Causey) came by our way during this period with anointed messages that challenged and helped us. We were so thankful to

hear the good reports from Bro. Causey of the many souls being saved in India and to know we have a part in the work by donating money to build an Emmanuel Holiness Church in honor of and named after Bro. Vann Bolinger.



We have adopted Act 20:19 as our motto. God is moving in a mighty way in Alexandria. Lives are being touched and changed. We give God all the glory and wait in eager anticipation as we watch His plans for us unfold.



Jeremiah said it's like fire shut up in my bones. We all know the saying I was born in the fire and the smoke won't do. We all want to be on fire for God. We need fiery preachers, fiery testimonies, fireballs and firecrackers filling the pews. But what happens when that fire begins to flicker and fade?

When the passion wanes and the purpose feels distant? Often, we find ourselves in a state of burnout. The problem is we prioritize the fire over the fuel.

Many of us have been taught to pursue ministry fire with great fervor. We've been encouraged to be "on fire" for God, to be passionate disciples, and to see great results. While this is a noble pursuit, it's important to remember that fire alone is not enough. We need fuel. We need the deep, abiding presence of God that sustains us through every season. We need the secret place where we can replenish our spirits and receive the divine anointing.

When we prioritize ministry fire over secret place oil, we risk burning out. We become consumed by the external, the visible, the measurable. We forget that true ministry flows from a heart that is deeply rooted in God. The secret place is our spiritual refueling station. It's where we encounter God intimately, where we receive His love, wisdom, and power. It's where we are filled with the Holy Spirit, the divine anointing that empowers us for ministry. In the secret place, we learn to trust God's timing, His ways, and His will. We find peace in the midst of storms. We experience the healing of our souls. And we are filled with the fresh oil that fuels our ministry.

When we seek oil, the fire will burn brighter. It is not by our might nor by our power, but by His Spirit that we are able to fulfill our calling. Our ministry will be more effective, and we will be better equipped to endure the challenges of life. Let us recommit ourselves to seeking the secret place. Let us prioritize time alone with God. Let us cultivate a deep relationship with Him.



Rebecca Davis  
Alexandria EHC  
Alexandria, AL

Psalms 81:10

I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

Greetings from EHC, just want to thank our Lord Jesus Christ for His loving Mercy and Grace. God has been good to us all here. The church is growing and we are expecting great things to happen. So while I was meditating on what to write here it come to mind that many times we pray for a harvest but we never prepare for it. The scripture I shared above is an example of how we should prepare. God is saying, "I am about to give you a greater revelation of ME. MAKE ROOM." Will we lay down our MUCH, for HIS MORE? This verse is worthy of memorizing today, hiding it in your heart and keeping it there. What God is saying to his people, here in Psalm 81:10 is sobering because right before this, the Psalmist is talking about how God's people had rebelled against God and had turned from God to foreign gods and false gods. Looking for satisfaction, looking for fulfillment, looking for security. And God says to them right before this, "Hear, O my people, why I admonish you. Israel, if you would, but listen to me." God, help us not to seek temporal satisfaction in this world, but to seek lasting satisfaction in God. God is saying, "Why are you doing this, when I am the Lord, your God who brought you out of slavery and Egypt, and brought you into the promised land. He's saying if you will just open your mouth wide and if you will look to me for satisfaction, look to me for joy, look to me for fulfillment, look to me for security, look to me for all these things then I will satisfy you more than anything else in this world. More than everything else in this room put together. I will give you a security that nothing in this world can take away from you. I will give you a joy that surpasses circumstances. And I will give you an identity that is unshakable for all of eternity. If you will just look to me, trust in me. OPEN YOUR MOUTH WIDE, AND I WILL FILL IT!!!"

Sis. Keisha Parks



Hi my name is Isaac Ramirez! I am the oldest of four. I have two brothers, Samuel and Ryan, and I have a sister named Alexis. She is crazy; well, we all crazy, to be honest, but we all have fun being crazy. I am a crazy fun loving person. I spend most of the time playing games, going to church, and playing/watching sports. I love football, and I love wrestling or WWE for instance. I love hanging out with my friends, chilling, and laughing. I do hate that I miss church every other weekend for my job. Well I go when I can. It a lot of hard work, but I thank God for a good paying job. I do spend most my days working and the other days recovering because it is a lot of work. I spend time sleeping and getting ready for the next day. It takes a lot of effort. I do thank God for waking me up everyday. He has been so good to me and my family. He has put food on our table when we had none. He has put money in our pocket when we had \$0. So I thank God everyday for what He does. There is no one like Him. Everyone struggles everyday, and He still is able to help every need you have. Thank God that He still saves.



Praise the Lord! We're excited about what God is doing in the mission fields. Thank you all for your prayers for my health. I'm getting better and stronger every day. The above picture is the pastor of the fifth Emanuel Holiness Church that is being built in India. The roof should be put on soon. Last week, the pastors of India had an open-air meeting resulting in about six hundred souls being saved. We were able to buy enough book bags for 200 children in the slums of India. Thanks for Emanuel Holiness Church and Faith Fellowship Holiness Church for helping with this project. We are breaking grounds for the first Emanuel Holiness Church in Kenya, East Africa. Pray for all of the funds for this project. My mission team, Kayden Causey; David Milligan, and Robert Nealy will be taking a trip to Bidar, India on September 23rd. This is their first trip over there with me. We are planning a crusade that will see thousands of people. I received \$2100 at the camp meeting for Bibles for this trip. Keep this trip in prayer. We are needing finances for air fees and for the crusades for this trip. If you would like to support this trip or be a monthly supporter please contact Brother John Causey, Emanuel Holiness World Mission Director at 910.234.5866 or at P.O. Box 203 Tabor City, NC 28463. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Bro. Causey



## Jacksonville EHC Jacksonville, AL

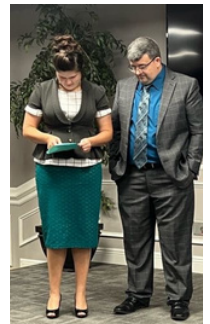
On July 24-27, we held 2024 Alabama Emmanuel Youth Camp at the Southern Bible Methodist Campground in Pell City, Alabama. Bro. Dale Hathway was our night speaker, and Bro. Chris Wilkerson was our day speaker. We experienced powerful moves of the Holy Ghost in each service and heard convicting messages every day.

We had a 9 and under class taught by Sis. Rebecca and it was a huge success!

Youth choir was led by Sis. Keshia and Sis. Connie and our theme song was "Hungry for More." We had an amazing kitchen crew with help from several surrounding churches who made sure we were not physically hungry for more when we left! A special thank you goes out to our youth director and his wife, Bro. Michael and Sis. Kayla, for everything they did behind the scenes to make this year's camp a success. Everyone had a great time and left wishing it to not be over. (Except the dorm leaders who were grateful to go home and get some sleep)

On the last day, supporting churches were challenged to raise \$2000 per church during the next year to help support the growing cost of camp, so that camp can be free next year, as well. If the Lord lays it on your heart to give, please contact Bro. Michael or Bro. Travis.

The Bible Methodist organization has graciously offered us the use of their campground again next year, the dates will be July 21-25, 2025. Praise the Lord for the mighty works He has done, and we hope to see you all next year!





## Greetings to our EHC Ladies!!

A few months ago, I felt very impressed to step away from our traditional Sunday School books and teach our Women's Sunday School Class at Alexandria on Spiritual Warfare. I had no idea when we

started that God through the Holy Ghost would continue to drop topics relating to "Our Weapons of Warfare" in my heart. It has been such a wonderful and enlightening experience for which I am daily thankful. God has given us His Word with everything we need to defeat the enemy that seeks to "Steal, Kill, and Destroy." **We do not have to be and should not be "ignorant of his devices."**

Our latest lesson was on "Bridge Builders." I have not been able to get this topic off of my mind so I want to share excerpts from this lesson in this issue of the Messenger. I trust it will be a help and a blessing to you all.

# The Bridge Builder

Will Allen Dromgoole

An old man going a lone highway,  
Came, at the evening cold and gray,  
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.  
Through which was flowing a sullen tide  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,  
The sullen stream had no fear for him;  
But he turned when safe on the other side  
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,  
"You are wasting your strength with building here;  
Your journey will end with the ending day,  
You never again will pass this way;  
You've crossed the chasm, deep and wide,  
Why build this bridge at evening tide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head;  
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,  
"There followed after me to-day  
A youth whose feet must pass this way.  
This chasm that has been as naught to me  
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;  
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;  
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him!"

Bridges serve a truly important purpose. They make a way. Bridges connect one part to another that is separated by an obstacle. Bridges provide a passage across a divide. There are many different kinds of bridges in this world. Some are wooden, some are stone, and others are fabricated of steel. Some are small some are massive, but they all function basically the same way. They span a chasm. They make it possible for someone to pass from one side of the chasm to the other side. Why were bridges built?

## The builders were motivated by the need!

In our communities there are people all around us who are on the other side of the chasm. They need a bridge to cross over. The concept of being "bridge builders" as a weapon of spiritual warfare is not explicitly outlined in the Bible; however, the principle can be inferred from the broader teachings on unity, peace, reconciliation, and the power of love to overcome evil. In the context of spiritual warfare, the struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms (Ephesians 6:12). In this battle, behaviors that promote understanding, connection, and reconciliation can be seen as powerful weapons because they counteract the division, hatred, and misunderstandings that the enemy seeks to sow among believers and between people in general.

## WHO NEEDS A BRIDGE?

1. LOST PEOPLE need a bridge.
  2. DISCONNECTED PEOPLE (BACKSLIDERS) need a bridge
  3. THE HURTING CHRISTIAN needs a bridge.
- God has given us this task of reconciling people to Him.

And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and **hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation**; 1

Corinthians 5:18

Let's Be the Listener, Be the Forgiver, Be the Hope, Be the Friend, Be the Connector, Be the Servant

**Remember: Bridge Builders Promote Unity, Facilitate Reconciliation, Spread the Gospel of Peace, Demonstrate Love, Encourage Faith, Foster Understanding and Empathy, and Pray Intercessory Prayers!!**

**LADIES, LET'S BE BRIDGE BUILDERS FOR GOD!**

**May God richly bless you all!**

*Carrie Hilton.*  
Ladies Auxiliary President

# Beauty for ashes

Our first annual ladies conference was held June 27-29 and it was amazing! It was a weekend packed with great fellowship reuniting with old friends and creating new friendships, worship, classes, fun activities, and good food! Sis Rachele did an amazing job with her fashion show that showed everyone how to dress modestly while representing our King. We explored our theme "Beauty for Ashes" through the story of Esther. Classes, skits, and messages by Sis Gail Peters all helped us see how just like Esther God can change our situations. We are already looking forward to a wonderful time in the Lord with our sisters next year!



**Isaiah 40:31 "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."**

Imagine a bird, hatched within a cage. It sees the world outside, the vast expanse of sky, the dance of leaves on the wind. Yet, it has never known anything but the cage. The bars seem real, a permanent fixture of its existence. It may flutter at them, peck at them, but the idea of flight, of escape, feels impossible.

We are like that bird sometimes. We too find ourselves in captivity. We long for freedom but are locked in a state of bondage. Not one of iron bars and locked gates, but of self-imposed limitations. We build walls of fear, habit, and doubt, surrounding ourselves with a prison of our own making. The strange thing is, the door to this prison always stands wide open.

We build cages of comfort, routines that lull us into a sense of security. We cling to familiar fears, to doubts that whisper we are not good enough, strong enough, or worthy enough. Yet, all the while, the door to a fuller life stands open. We are sitting in a prison with the door wide open!

The key lies in seeing it. In acknowledging the prison we've built, not with blame, but with gentle understanding. Perhaps we built it out of a need for safety, a fear of the unknown. But we are stronger than we think. David said, "It is God that girdeth me with strength, And maketh my way perfect. He maketh my feet like hinds' feet, And setteth me upon my high places." (Psalms 18:32-33) We can take a tentative step, then another, towards the open door.

The world outside may be daunting. There will be challenges, moments of uncertainty. It is hard to face the unknown. Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." We often think of this verse as a reminder to stop leaning or trusting in our own abilities, but when we look closer we see it also means to quit holding back. Step outside the prison!



This year I again had the privilege to teach the Littles at the Alabama Youth Camp. Our two day lesson was about faith. This was a two part lesson on 1 what it is faith and 2 how we grow our faith.

What three things does a plant need to grow and thrive?

Water, sunlight, and soil, of course!

Spiritual gardening necessity #1 is soil. Plants need a good foundation of soil to start their growth. For Christians, our "soil," our foundation, is Christ. Christ nurtures us and supports us. He gives us a place to extend our roots in safety. Just like a plant needs nutrient rich soil to thrive, Christ gives his children every possible nutrient we would ever need: Peace, Love, Encouragement & Wisdom... and His supplies are unlimited.

What else do plants need to grow? Sunlight. The Bible is our sunlight. Plants grow towards the light. They long for the warmth and strength that only sunlight can give. As children of God, we should also lean towards the light, His Word, for guidance, and strength. It can give us warmth and comfort in times of struggle, and lead us on the clear path in times of doubt. The Bible is a source of many things we need in our Christian life.

Last but not least, plants need water to sustain them. I like to think of that much-needed water as fellowship with fellow believers. God didn't intend for us to grow alone, but to be there to encourage each other in Christ. Fellow believers are meant to come together, loving one another and supporting each other as we grow. Fellowship can be refreshing to a soul, just like water to a plant. It can help us perk up on a particularly draining day or quench a thirst. Water can be a vessel for the nutrients we need to grow.

Let's grow in Christ and grow together!

Rebecca Davis, Editor



**October 9-11 @ 7 PM**

Revival with Bro Larry Peters

Alexandria EHC

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**October 13**

Homecoming @ 10:30 AM

w/ Bro Randy Coffey

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**October 16-18**

General Assembly

EHC Campgrounds

Bladenboro, NC

**April 11 @ 7 PM**

**April 12 @ 10:30 AM**

Ladies Fellowship w/ Sis Linda

Baughtman

Alexandria EHC

Alexandria, AL

**April 13 @ 11 PM & 5:30 PM**

Guest: Sis Linda Baughtman

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**June 4-6, 2025**

Ladies Conference

EHC Campgrounds

Bladenboro, NC

**July 21-25, 2025**

Youth Camp

Southern Bible Methodist Center

Pell City, AL

