

### Winter Campmeeting

The Emmanuel Holiness Conference's Winter Campmeeting was a resounding success in all aspects of the word! On Wednesday, February 15, Rev. Larry Peters brought forth a powerful message advocating for the Children of God to "Cut the Cord and Live!" He reminded us that too many times we have walked away from sin and the cares of life, only to maintain an emotional and spiritual connection with the things from our past. In order for us to live the life God has called us to, we must sever that connection to our past and turn our attention wholly to God! Rev. Peters also preached on "We've Got to Keep the Faith Alive," where the church must continue to be the vessel through which the Will of God can flow! Our morning speakers also brought forth wonderful messages to the congregation; Rev. Jacob Hill told the church, "Don't Settle for Less Than the Promised Land." Moses was not allowed to enter into the Promised Land, but only allowed to look at it from the peak of Mount Pisgah; too many in the church are content to look at the promises of God, when they can instead join the Army of God in taking the Promised Land and seeing the fulfillment of God's Will themselves. Rev. Dale Hathway preached on "Rattle Hell with Your Worship," encouraging the church to worship God in all times; even when the enemy begins to attack and come against you, continue to worship God in Spirit and in Truth, for your worship will rattle the gates of Hell and the presence of the Holy Ghost will cause the enemy to flee. The Holy Ghost moved in our Thursday night service, and 3 were filled with the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire and another received the Call to Preach the Word of God. We thank Bethesda Church for hosting our Winter Campmeeting and their musicians for organizing and working with the camp meeting choir. Most of all, we thank Almighty God for being with us throughout the entire meeting and for empowering us with His Spirit and Word and bringing the entire Conference ever closer together as we walk together in unity for the Kingdom of God.



#### **ALEXANDRIA EHC**

Alexandria, AL

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. - Philippians 4:8

How grateful and humbled we are for God's continued blessings upon our church. He is doing so many great things for our people and those He sends our way. Our pastor, Bro. Tim Phillips has designated 2023 as a year of prayer and continues to lead us into a deeper prayer life.

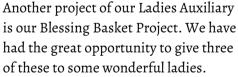
How wonderful it is to see God answering prayer continually. We are reminded in Galatians 5:6 that "faith works by love" and thank the Lord for the love and unity that is among us.

These are some of the good things that have happened since the last newsletter:



#### LADIES AUXILIARY

The door is still open for us to be a help to Sober Life Recovery Center in Anniston by providing needed items for both men's and women's houses through our Ladies Auxiliary. We have picked them up for services. It was wonderful to see them in the altar seeking the Lord.



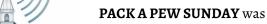


#### **NEW MEMBERS**

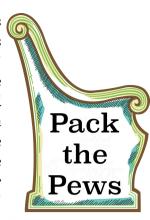
We were honored to have Bro. Larry and Sis. Irma Gail Peters with us on Sunday, February 26th and were able to officially welcome them as members of Alexandria EHC.

Bro. Larry preached anointed, challenging messages and Sis. Gail blessed us with her inspiring testimonies.





March 19th. Everyone was encouraged to fill their pew! Sis. Trina Daniel brought the most people and was awarded a \$50 gift card to Longhorn Steakhouse. We thank the Lord for the growth we are experiencing both in number and in Spirit!!



# BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR JEREMY KEY

This year was not only special to Jeremy but to our entire church family.

It was a reminder of answered prayer and the miracle God gave Jeremy and his family. Last year around the same time, he was coming off the vent after having been in the hospital with Covid.

This was not only a birthday celebration but a celebration of the goodness of God.











### Jacksonville Emmanuel Holiness

Jacksonville, AL

Dear Friends,

Jacksonville Emmanuel Holiness Church has not had very many church activities this month, but we are planning some in the future. We are having a yard sale, bake sale, and barbeque on April 22 to raise money for youth camp. We are excited about youth camp plans, and hope to see you there.

#### **Bethesda Church**

Plant City, FL

Greetings!

God has been doing great things in Florida. We just closed out revival with the Boggs family. We saw God do great and mighty things! Lives were touched and transformed by the spirit of God. In the up-and-coming days, we have a youth day planned as well as preparing for Easter weekend! We desire your prayers as we continue to move forward in working for the kingdom of heaven! Much love and prayers to all!

#### Abe Branch Bladenboro, NC

#### REVIVAL

Abe Branch enjoyed our revival from February 2 to February 5. Rev. Vance Touchton was our guest speaker, and he brought forth mighty messages from God to our congregation entitled "The King Has One More Move," and "Not for Sale."

Rev. Touchton encouraged the church to remember that even during times that it seems that the enemy has overwhelmed a Child of God and there's nowhere left to run, the Almighty King has one more move; the enemy cannot beat the Lord Jesus Christ even when he has declared "checkmate." In his second message, Rev. Touchton encouraged the church, and the young people especially, to remind the world that we are God's Children and that we are not for sale, no matter what the enemy may offer. The Holy Ghost ministered in multiple services throughout the revival, and one of our young people received the Baptism of the

Holy Ghost and Fire.



### Laila Shalom Hunt **Baby Dedication** On Sunday, March 19, Laila Shalom Hunt was dedicated back to God. The congregation of Abe

Branch promised to help her mother, Sis.

Danielle, in providing

Godly role models and spiritual guidance to Laila as she grows. It is our prayer that Laila grow up and be an effective member of the Kingdom of God!

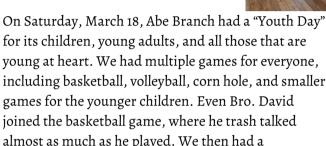


#### **BABY SHOWER**

On Saturday, March 11, Rubies and Grace threw a baby shower for Sis. Anna Hester. It was a time of fun, food, and fellowship among the attendees. Mostly, we are thankful

for the opportunities that were presented to witness to those who are lost and without God during this time of celebration. We pray the blessing of this new child will present more opportunities for sharing the Gospel.





joined the basketball game, where he trash talked almost as much as he played. We then had a wonderful supper and fellowship, and as the day ended, we enjoyed the unity that God has been

growing among the church.







"Give, it to God, and Get Up!" Our ladies gather for worship and fellowship the second

Tuesday of every month. The Holy Ghost showed up in a mighty way at our March meeting. Sis Sandra poured into us what God had given her specifically for that hour. In John 11:1-37 twice it references Jesus in "THAT" place! Sometimes we find ourselves in places where only the power of God can set us free. The heartbreak of Lazarus' death met Jesus in "THAT" place where the sisters gave it to Him and watched Lazarus Get Up!

Give it to God, and Get Up! Staying down is a choice.





ABEHC Women's Ministry, Rubies and Grace, is working to create care packages for our senior citizens. Our heart is to love them with health and home supplies potentially counteracting the restraints of inflation on their fixed incomes.

#### Eastside Emmanuel Holiness Church Opelika, AL

**GREETINGS FROM EASTSIDE EHC!** 

We are happy to share our beautiful new Sanctuary - from our new seats to the new floor and walls! God has blessed us greatly. We are excited about what God is doing here at Eastside! Our church family is growing. We would like to thank everyone for their time and hard work to renew our Sanctuary. We are looking forward to seeing what God has in store for us!





On February 26, our General Overseer Bro David Clewis and Sis. Amy came to be in service with us. We had a wonderful time honoring the presence of the Lord! Prayers were answered. Two souls were saved and many were blessed. We would like to thank Bro. David and Sis. Amy for coming, and we are looking forward to having them again. Spring is here! The flowers are blooming, the trees are budding, and the birds are singing. A time of renewing! Another opportunity to celebrate our Risen Savior who suffered and died for our sins. Let's all take this time to be more thankful, pray more, and get into God's Word more! We can't thank Him enough! Come be with us Sunday, April 9th (Easter Sunday) at 10:00 AM to celebrate Jesus and His Resurrection!

We would like to invite everyone to come be with us Sunday, June 4th, 2023 for our Homecoming. Service will start at 10:30 AM. The MaHarrey Family will be singing. May have more than one to do some preaching! We will have dinner in the Fellowship Hall following the morning service.



Yours in Christ Robbie Jackson

#### Letter from the Editor

You all see the finished project of the Messenger. You don't see the hours spent editing articles, cropping photos, and laying out the spread. As the messenger editor, at the end of every edition I have to look at the white space and come up with filler. Sometimes it's inspirational photos.

Sometimes it's poems, quotes, or Bible verses. At times you even get a letter from the editor. As I thought about it this time, I thought about the times in our life when we don't feel completely full. The times when we need a little filler. It's during these times we have to make sure we're filling up with the right stuff - the spirit of God, the word of God, and prayer. Just like you see the finished Messenger, God sees our potential and what we will be as a finished project. We have to put the work in and fill ourselves with the right stuff though to be the Christian that God has planned.



Whether you're 8, 18, or 80 there are certain things that God requires of us. In Micah 6:8 it says, "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God."

To require means to seek after or demand. If we are to love and follow the Lord, then we must do the following things. We must put them into action in our everyday life.

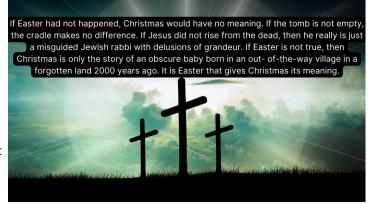
God requires obedience. There's not one person who ever regretted obeying God. God is more concerned with the offerer not the offering. A person's character and behavior matter more than any sacrifice.

God requires us to do justly which means we are to be fair and honest in our dealings with others. We are to conform to God's standards and laws by being honest, fair, morally upright, and having integrity. This keeps us Christ-like in a world that is anything but holy.

God requires us to love mercy. Mercy is compassion and forgiveness. We are to treat one another with love and loyalty. We are to show genuine compassion and have mercy in times of need. God grants us mercy by sparing us what we deserve, and we should likewise do the same toward our fellow men.

God requires us to walk humbly. Humility is an honest truth about who and what we are. There is no pride. We recognize God for who He is. We rely on God's resources rather than our own. We humble ourselves daily with godly fear and reverence. Every thought must be brought down to obedience to God in order to live as God requires.

This walk is a constant process; it conforms us to the will of God. By keeping his commandments, studying to show ourselves approved, and spending true time in prayer we can do what God requires. When we walk humbly with God, He gets the glory. When we abide with Him, side by side and in close friendship, then we become the person that God requires.





## What is your philosophy in life?

### "OVERALL VISION OF OR ATTITUDE TOWARD LIFE AND THE PURPOSE OF LIFE"

One of my favorite parables is the Parable of the Good Samaritan found in Luke 10:30-37. Within this simple story we will find three different life philosophies.

30 And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,

34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?

37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

Lord, help me to make time today to serve you in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance.

In verse 30, the first philosophy is that of the THIEVES: "What's yours is mine and I'm going to take it if I can."

In verses 31-32, the second philosophy is that of the PRIEST and the LEVITE: "What's mine is mine and I'm going to keep it if I can."

As I think about this story, I can almost visualize the priest walking along the road rehearsing his message on his way to church in his finest priestly robe. He sees the man hurt, possibly groaning and maybe even calling out for help but he chooses to ignore the man and goes on his way. The Levite soon follows. His role was to assist the priest with worship. I can almost see him strolling along the road. He may have even been singing, "Oh yes, I'm working the road to Glory, working the road, I am helping the weak and the blind"....when all of a sudden he sees someone laying by the side of the road badly hurt, calling for help. Sadly, he did just as the other religious leader did and passed up the opportunity to make a difference, to be a help.

In verse 33, the third philosophy is that of the SAMARITAN: "What's mine is yours, and I want to share it with you if I can."

It's no wonder this parable is referred to as the parable of the Good Samaritan. Not only did he respond without hesitation to the need, but he went the extra mile to take care of the wounded man.

So may I ask, **WHAT IS YOUR PHILOSOPHY IN LIFE?** In times like these, we are surrounded with people in need and the needs are great. However, the God we know is well able to meet every need. Let's be so careful not to overlook those around us that need a helping hand, an encouraging word, and most of all need to be pointed to the Savior.

God Bless You All, Carrie Hilton, LA President



Emmanuel Sisters!

We have a Faceboook group now set up for the Ladies of the Emmanuel Holiness Conference. This is a private group just for the women. Please join and invite others to join the group. It is great resource where we can bind together, pray for one another, and be encouraged with inspirational posts. You can join by scanning the QR Code or searching for EHC Ladies Aux.



### Why does Sunday School matter?

The answer is simple: Active involvement in Sunday School is a pathway to spiritual growth. We can study the Word, pray, establish Christ-centered relationships, and serve the Lord.

It is important for all ages, but especially for our children and teens.

#### Why is important to teach kids to Hide the Word in their hearts?

#### 1. The Bible tells us to. (Deut. 6:6-9)

- 6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:
- 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.
- 8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.
- 9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

#### 2. It will help them live a pure life. (Psalm 119:9-11)

- 9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.
- 10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.
- 11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against

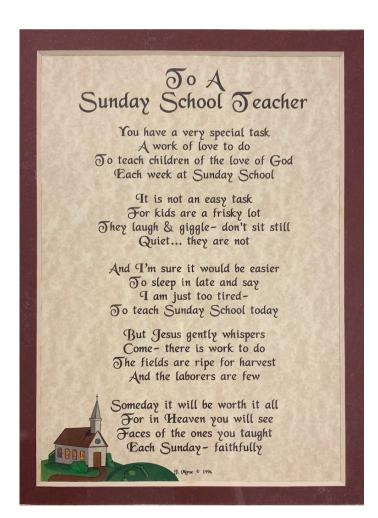


3. While it's important to read God's Word daily, kids don't always have a Bible with them. If it's committed to memory, it will be available at all times and will be available to activate as they need it for life situations.

#### 4. Kids as well as adults face spiritual warfare daily.

In Ephesians 6, Paul talks about putting on the whole armor of God. The Word of God (the sword of the Spirit) and Prayer are the only defensive weapons. The spiritual battle kids face is intense so it is important that they put on the whole armor! God's Word in the hearts and minds of children will equip them to conquer life's problems!

hundred years from now...
it will not matter what kind of car
I drove, what kind of house I lived in,
nor how much money I had in my
bank account, but the world may
be better because I was important
in the life of a child.







Hi, I'm Sis. Chris from AEHC in Alabama, and I'd like to take a few minutes to tell you about my story. I'll try to make it short, even though it spans over thirty-two years, yes that's right, 32 years!

I was not raised in Church but the Lord blessed me with a church going, God-fearing husband of fifty-four years. He lives holiness and attends church regularly. For thirty-two years, every time he went to church, he'd ask me to go with him. But my answer was always "No!" He'd say okay and off he'd go.

One beautiful Saturday morning as we were having coffee, the Lord told him to ask me if I wanted to attend church. My husband questioned this, thinking "Why should I, she never does?" Once again he heard, "I said ask her to go!" Unknown to him, the Lord had been dealing with me, so I said yes!!! Praise God for His mercy on me. We"ve been attending church together ever since that day.

My message is this: Please, no matter how hopeless it may seem, don't ever stop asking, or give up on your loved ones. God's timing is perfect! He knows who will come. We all have souls to be won!

Sis. Chris Lindley Alexandria EHCc Alexandria, AL

#### 1st Corinthians 7:11-16.

But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife. But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away. And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy. But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace. For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?

#### **FAITH OVER FEELINGS**

Lately, my husband and I have been watching a show called The Chosen, and if you haven't seen it, I highly recommend it. It's a show inspired by the New Testament and how Jesus came to know and minister with his twelve disciples. One of my favorites is Peter. I don't know if it's because we are kindred spirits, or if it's because I'm impressed that he loved Jesus so fiercely that he literally cut off a man's ear. Either way, Peter had some big feelings and I can totally relate. He was impulsive and emotionally driven. His vigor was truly amazing, but like most people, Peter struggled with himself. He had to learn self-discipline time and time again. I don't know about you, but sometimes I can be a lot like Peter. There are times in my life when I have allowed my feelings to control me, move me, and shake me to the point of physical sickness. Your feelings will get you into some sticky situations, create fictitious scenarios, and cause you to self-isolate. There are plenty of lessons to learn from Peter, but today I'd like to talk about a time when Peter's feelings almost got the best of him. In Matthew chapter fourteen, Jesus commanded His disciples to get in a ship ahead of Him, and He was to meet up with them later. Shortly after, a vicious storm came, and tossed the ship with treacherous waves that I'd imagine made them uneasy. But Jesus began walking toward them in the midst of the storm, and when the disciples saw Him, the Bible says they were troubled. They thought He was a spirit, and they began to cry out in fear. He attempted to comfort them, and Peter, being Peter, asked Jesus to bid him to walk to Him on the water and Jesus said, "Come." Peter was probably trembling as his bare feet touched the cold dark water, but he climbed over that boat and made his way to Jesus one step at a time. Matthew 14:30-31 says, "But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid and beginning to sink, he cried, saying Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?" Peter succumbed to his feelings in the presence of Jesus himself, because his eyes drifted to the storm surrounding him. He knew that in himself he was no match for the raging sea as his feet sank in the waters below, but God! I love how it says Jesus immediately caught Peter when he cried out. He truly is as close as the mention of His name. When Peter aligned his focus to that of the Messiah, he was safe, secure, and kept from all harm. Lord, help us to set our sights on You alone. Give us what it takes to trust You in the midst of life's storms. Help us to put our feelings aside and boldly walk in Your constant provision.

> Molli Nance Abe Branch Emmanuel Holiness Church

#### Alabama Conference

Hello to my Brothers and Sisters of the Emmanuel Holiness Church. I pray you all are well and experiencing the blessings of God richly in your lives. I want to thank God for a successful first Fellowship Meeting on March 24th at our Alabama Campground. A young pastor named Bro. Aaron Harris preached for us and did a wonderful job. We were blessed with great attendance for the first one. My vision going forward is to have at least 4 of these a year and use them to invite prospective preachers and churches to join the Emmanuel Holiness. I believe we have a unique opportunity in front of us to grow this organization again, and the latter rain to be greater than the former. Let's all pray, work hard, and see what our Mighty God will do in these last days. I know we are faced with many different challenges, challenges we couldn't even imagine a few years ago, but we say it regularly God hasn't changed. He is ready for the challenge. In Jeremiah 23:23 God asked the question "Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar off? I tell you my friends God is within reach. He is not too far from any of us. If we would lift our voices unto Him and reach our hand to Him, then He is stretching forth His hand to us. Let's reach higher than we ever have before. I feel that God is ready to show us His greatness in a manner that we have never seen before. I praise God for the opportunity to draw closer to God than I have ever been. I want God to be close enough to me that I can touch Him at any time. "Am I a God at hand?" He can be if we are drawing nigh to Him, for James 4:8 says, "Draw nigh to God and, He will draw nigh to you."



God bless you all! Bro. Tim Phillips Alabama State Overseer

We're putting the campgrounds in Lafayette to good use. At the last two conferences, the main focus has been on worship not just business. In November, we had Bro. Vance Touchton, the new home missions director, come to speak along with his choir from Friendship Holiness Church to sing. In February, Bro. Michael Sanderson, the newly elected youth director, came to preach and talk about the upcoming youth camp. His youth at Jacksonville Emmanuel sang. We look forward to many more events at the campground as we work together in unity.



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June 1 - 3 Alabama Youth Camp Jacksonville EHC Jacksonville, AL Applications due May 1.

**May 21** Friends and Family Day Guest Speaker: Bro. Dale Hathway Alexandria EHC Alexandria. AL



May 22-26

**7 PM** Revival W/ Bro Dale Hathway Alexandria EHC Our next deadline:
May 24, 2023.

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June 4 Homecoming w/ MaHarrey Family singing 10:30 AM Eastside EHC Opelika, AL



FROM THE DESK OF THE GENERAL OVERSEER

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Spring displays new life and growth...such is our Emmanuel organization. We are moving forward and increasing as we abound in our efforts to be a united family of God! We desire your prayers in these next days, that The Lord will give us grace and wisdom as we navigate through unchartered territories. We are poised to make great strides. It's all about God's timing.

I appreciate Bro. Tim Baggett, the Florida delegation, and the Bethseda Emmanuel Church for all they did to make our first Winter Emmanuel Campmeeting a tremendous success! Souls were saved, sanctified, and Holy Ghost filled. Lives were wondrously changed! Who, but God, can do such things as these!

Bro. Larry Peters did a phenomenal job delivering the heart of God in our evening services, as did Bro. Jacob Hill and Bro. Dale Hathway in the morning meetings. So many thanks to our brothers for your obedience to God!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to make our meeting a huge success! Our next Emmanuel Camp Meeting is already in the planning stage. Stayed tuned for dates, location, and speakers. In the meantime, be prayerful for the wisdom of God to rest mightily upon me that His will be graciously done in all things!

In His Service,
David Clewis,
General Overseer
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