

MESSENGER



Greetings to All in the Name of Jesus,

Camp Meeting is finally here! Excitement and anticipation have stirred up quite the expectation for an exceptional move of God. We are believing for a giant leap forward for the Emmanuel Holiness Church during these meetings as well as the days that follow. Your prayers for the executive board, our churches, and me are appreciated beyond words. Please continue to pray that God will lead us in the direction to achieve our mission of commitment to consistently preaching The Cross and Christ crucified for the redemption of lost souls, and striving to achieve unity of the Spirit through Christ in the bonds of peace. The Lord is sending us forward in these last days to be His hands and feet of ministry before the day of His soon return. We are preparing to be mighty warriors on the final battlefield. Your battle cry is imperative! Call out to Jesus! Confuse your enemy with praises to our Lord Almighty! God bless you all. Hope to worship with you at Camp Meeting.

FORWARD MOMENTUM
in 2023

In His Service,

David Clewis,

General Overseer
Emmanuel Holiness Church, Inc.



BAPTIZING/NEW MEMBERS

July 2nd was a very special day for us. I think Joy Unspeakable and Full of Glory describes it best! Bro. Tim preached a powerful message in our morning service from Colossians 2. Afterwards, we headed to Hammonds Creek where he baptized 9. We met back for our Sunday evening service, observed Communion and 5 joined the church. We are so grateful for all God is doing!



June and July have been very busy and very rewarding!

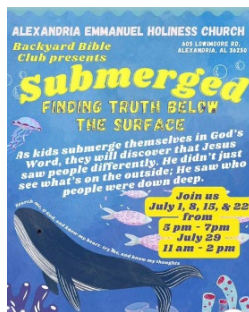
NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL ARRANGEMENT

One of the exciting things that has taken place at Alexandria under the leadership of our pastor and the direction of the Lord is a new arrangement for our Sunday School classes.



- Men's Class – Teacher: Bro. Huey Elkins
- Women's Class – Teacher: Sis. Carrie Hilton
- Youth Class – Teacher: Sis. Rebecca Davis

BACK YARD BIBLE CLUB



Each Saturday in July the kids gathered for Backyard Bible Club under the direction of Sis. Rebecca Davis. This year's theme was "Submerged!" Each week was a fun learning experience as kids submerged themselves in God's Word, had fun with games, crafts, and enjoyed fun snacks. We concluded this year on the last Saturday of the month designating it "Fun Day" where kids enjoyed a Bible lesson, craft, and outdoor fun with a water slide, bouncy house, and a great lunch!

We thank the Lord for the opportunity to reach out to our community!



SPECIAL VISITORS:

We were blessed to have **Bro. John Burnham and his wife from the Gideons.** Bro. Burnham gave a report on his work and shared very powerful real-life situations of how lives were changed as result of their Bible distribution.



It was also an honor to have the **Richard Linn Family** with us again to report on the work they are doing in the Foreign Prison Ministry. Bro. Richard Linn also preached an anointed and challenging message.



We were very blessed and encouraged to hear from these men how God is moving in their ministries and were so thankful to have a small part in their ministry through our giving.

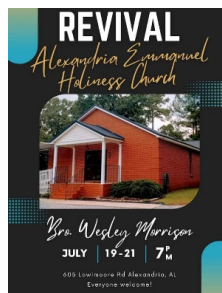
We were also uplifted by EHC General Overseer **Bro. David Clewis and his family** who visited for a Sunday night service in July.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING

On June 23rd we loaded the bus and made our way to the Emmanuel Holiness Fellowship Meeting in LaFayette. The ride there turned into a move of the



Holy Ghost on the bus as we sang and worshiped the Lord! **Bro. Chuck Bennett** was our guest minister and blessed and challenged us greatly with an anointed message from God's Word.



REVIVAL WITH BRO. WESLEY MORRISON

The Lord blessed us with a wonderful revival with Bro. Wesley Morrison and his family. God is at work in the hearts of our people in a wonderful way.

SINGING WITH THE SHANEYFELT FAMILY

What a wonderful time of singing and worship we had with the Shaneyfelt family. Their ministry is truly a blessing. Bro Cody preached an outstanding message on "You Won't Smell Like What You Came Through!"



Abe Branch

Bladenboro, NC



Congratulations Graduates of 2023

Taliyah Damia Hunt graduated from Robeson Community College with an Associate of Arts degree. She plans to continue her education at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

Ethan Braxton Clewis graduated from Campbell University Norman A. Wiggins School of Law with a Juris Doctor degree.

He was the Treasurer of the Campbell University Christian Legal Society, and is a member of the McIntyre-Whichard Legal Fellows Society. He took the Bar Exam on July 25 and 26, and upon being licensed, will take a position in criminal prosecution as an Assistant District Attorney in Robeson County. Eden Brooke Nance completed PreK at the Hyde Park Church Day School. She was given the Growth Mindset Award, and is looking forward to starting kindergarten!

Baptism

On June 25, Abe Branch held a baptismal service for those who wanted to both reaffirm their commitment to God, and those new in Christ who wanted to make an outward profession of their faith. We are so proud and thankful for the stand that Bro. David Wilkins, Bro. Michael Nebel, Bro. Curtis Sullivan, and Sis. Brookelyn Sullivan have taken in their service to Christ, whether they've been saved for almost 70 years, or only a few weeks.



Revival

What a mighty move of God we felt during our summer revival with the Blythe Family. We thank God for the four souls that were saved and for the one that was baptized in the Holy Ghost and Fire. The Lord is moving during these last days! As His children, we must continue to seek God's guidance and moving during these last days to continue shining a bright light into a dark and dying world.



1 Peter 2:2 Babes In The Word

Abe Branch has begun a 12-week program called "New in Christ University," or NICU. All of our new converts have been invited to join with Bro. David and Sis. Amy as they give instruction on how to read Scripture, to pray, to live a Christian life in the

world, and other things that new converts may struggle with. Other, more seasoned, members of the congregation are also sometimes invited to share their testimony and how the Lord has taught them along the way, in order to provide a greater

range of encouragement. This time is not simply limited to the new converts, as there are people in attendance that have been serving the Lord for many years and want to find ways to grow ever closer to Him. We are seeing changes in our new brothers and sisters, as they grow in grace and establish a closer walk with Jesus.



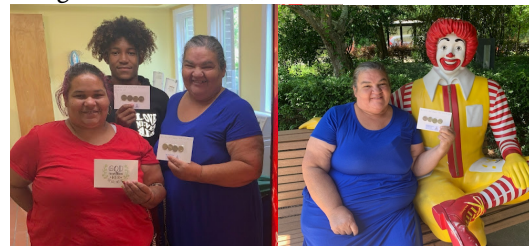
Ronald McDonald House Charities

Every Sunday evening, Abe Branch would take up all the quarters the congregation had to send to the Ronald McDonald House. These quarters would then be distributed among the families waiting for medical care at the house, and allow them to purchase a snack or drink. While preparing the quarters for donation, they would be attached to a note along with an encouraging message, and then prayed over. Our prayer was to be a blessing unto families going through a hard time, and to provide a ray of light and hope through the love of Jesus Christ.



Father's Day

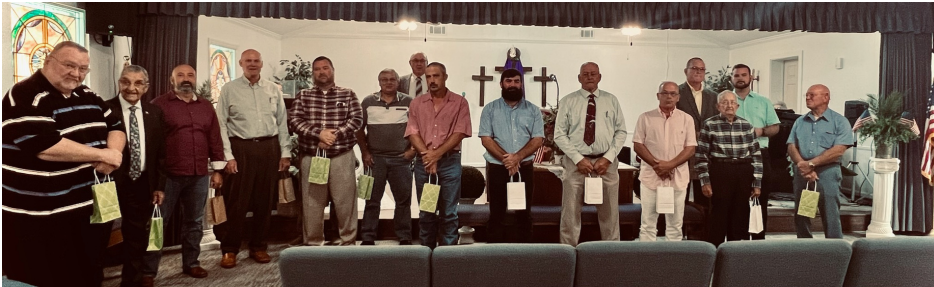
On Father's Day, we had 10 fathers present. The church thanked them for their commitment to the Lord and encouraged them to continue being a living example unto their families. The congregation wanted the dads to sing "Father Abraham," but it didn't happen because the moms wouldn't have anything to sing on Mother's Day and that wouldn't be fair.



“WILL HE DO IT? YES, HE WILL!!”

This has become a favorite question/answer at the Eastside Church. God has proven HIMSELF to us over and over again. As long as we are faithful to Him, He will be faithful to hear and answer our prayers/requests!! Let us be “Always Faithful” in all that we do, especially the work that we do for Jesus!!

We had one of the best Homecomings we have had in years! The MaHarrey family was a blessing! There were many seeds planted, and we are watering and looking forward to God giving the increase! We welcome all to come and visit with us anytime!



You will see the pictures of the many great fathers that we have here at Eastside. Every father was honored with a gift on Father's Day. The oldest father (Frank Mezick), the youngest father (Taylor Ragsdale), and the father with the most children present (Larry Allen) were all presented gift cards. We are so proud and blessed to have such a good group of fathers in our church.



We just closed revival with Bro. Dale and Sis. Teresa Hathway from Lumberton, N. C. We had a great revival and enjoyed them being with us. Bro. Dale preached some encouraging messages to our church. Had a young man in the altar praying Sunday night. We thank God for all he is doing at Eastside!

On Sunday night, September 24th, we will have the Shantyfelt Family with us for a Special Singing. We invite everyone to come be with us. Services will begin at 6:00 PM.



Every Fifth (5th) Sunday we have Fellowship at the Church. After the morning service, we have lunch and fellowship. If you are in our area or you would just like to visit, we will sure welcome you to come be with us.

We, at Eastside, are so excited to see our State Conference as well as our General Conference moving forward!! Jesus is coming soon!! Let's make sure that we are ready to go and that we are instruments He can use to reach the lost!!
Love you all!!!
Keep us and our church family in your prayers!!!

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. Those words are befitting of the report I have from the Alabama Emmanuel Holiness Conference.

We have certainly been busy in the last couple months. God has met with us at several events we have had. Youth Camp was hosted at the Jacksonville Emmanuel Holiness Church and was outstanding. I appreciate the work that Bro. Michael Sanderson and his staff did to make it successful. Young people being saved and filled with the Holy Ghost is truly a great blessing.

Bro. Chuck Bennett preached at our State Fellowship Meeting in June and did a great job. We appreciate that.

I was also blessed to be at Eastside Emmanuel two nights of the Revival that Bro. Dale Hathway preached. As always he did wonderfully. It was also great to be there with Bro. Jackie and Sis. Virginia and their church. Praise God for what he is doing at Eastside.

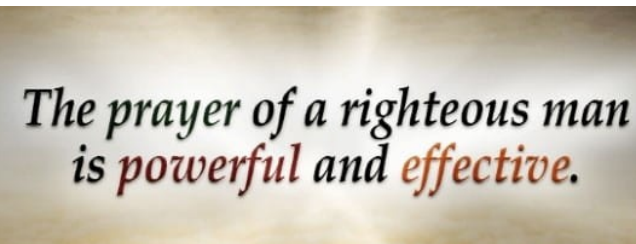
It was an absolute honor to have our General Overseer Bro. David Clewis and his family with us at Alexandria on Sunday night, July the 9th. My, did he preach that night. They were all a great blessing to the church. We really had a powerful service that night.

In James 5:16 the Bible says that the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. That is a wonderful promise to the church. The blessings of living righteous are great. It is the best and the easiest life I have ever lived. Now satan wouldn't want us to live righteously because he understands that when a person does and then prays until that prayer is visited by the Holy Ghost and Fire, the prayer and the life is effective and that it will avail much.

People that do know God shall be strong and do exploits. The things that are taking place in the world today cannot stop the Church. They cannot stop the people of God if we will just obey the Word of God. If we believe it then we will obey it. Let's return our churches to accepting and teaching everything the Bible says and watch God fulfill His promises right before our eyes.

God Bless The Emmanuel Holiness Conference.

Rev. Jim Phillips



Airplane Mode

If you have a smartphone, you're probably aware of the convenient feature called, "Airplane Mode". In its essence, we find that airplane mode is often used to manually disconnect your cell phone from its data functions. It was originally created with the purpose of avoiding any interference with sensors, signals, and equipment used to operate aircrafts. While your phone is on airplane mode, you will not receive phone calls, texts, or any notifications. This may seem extremely inconvenient for someone who is awaiting a call or email, but airplane mode also has the ability to extend battery life, and will even charge faster when in contact with a power source. As Christians, we can find ourselves in spiritual airplane mode. We might feel disconnected, isolated, or unsatisfied with our connection to the Lord. Timothy 2:3-4 says, "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of [this] life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a good soldier." The word 'endure' in Hebrew means to "bear up under". When I read that definition, my mind automatically went to Psalm 91:4 that says, "He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler." No matter the situation, we are instructed to endure through the hardness as that of a good soldier. A good soldier trusts his sergeants, obeys his commands, and doesn't question his direction. That doesn't mean we are always going to "feel connected", but the Bible says He's as close as the mention of His name. That's truth! It means we know who our power source is. We can bear up under our Master and trust His word to be absolute truth, because his record is flawless. You may not always see evidence of His provision, but He is working nonetheless. In fact, it's usually the silence that allows us to hear Him more clearly, and gives us the opportunity to fall deeper in love with our Savior. He will recharge your heart far greater than any tangible thing ever will or possibly could. Surrendering all of you can feel like you're living in airplane mode, because it requires you to submit your flesh to Him fully. It might be uncomfortable, lonely, and quiet, but He is and will forever be an ever present help. Jesus Himself knew that without a refilling of his presence our spiritual batteries would drain and eventually die, but Galatians 6:9 says, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." When your spiritual battery is draining, don't wait for Him, put yourself on airplane mode and get in His presence, that's your most effective power source.

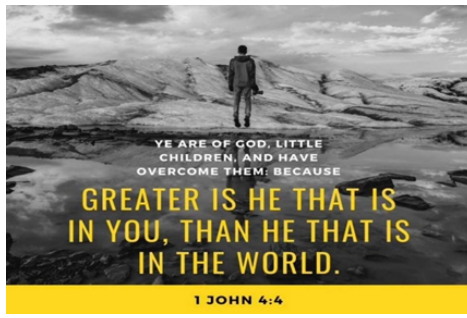
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Abe Branch Holiness Church

Emmanuel Holiness Youth Camp

We praise the Lord for a great Youth Camp! Our theme was "GREATER IS HE THAT IS IN YOU, THAN HE THAT IS IN THE WORLD!"

We were blessed to have with us Bro. Chris Wilkerson who was our morning speaker and Bro. David Roper who was our night speaker. Both ministers preached anointed messages that encouraged and challenged our young people. It was

a beautiful sight to see the altar filled with them seeking the Lord. The young people also had an opportunity to create new friendships and reunite with old friends. They enjoyed indoor/outdoor games and good food! Special thanks for all who helped in any way to make our Youth Camp successful! Glory to God for all that was accomplished!





Greetings EHC Ladies!
It's exciting to see and hear about how God is blessing in your Corner of the Field!

The Lord dropped a word in my heart this morning that I want to share with you concerning the work of the Ladies Auxiliary and really the Emmanuel Holiness Church as a whole. The word is

"INVESTED"

What does it look like to be invested?

The adjective form of the word is defined like this:
"to have an interest in something as a result of a commitment to it or an investment in it of resources such as time, effort, and money; to have given a lot of time and effort to something and care about it very much."

I don't know about you, but I have never been more invested, more committed, or more excited than I am right now that God has CALLED US TO ADVANCE THE WORK OF HIS KINGDOM IN THE WORLD.

We are no doubt living in a dark world, but as the world gets darker, the church will shine brighter and brighter.

1 Peter 2:9-10 reminds us:

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;

Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

As we purpose in our hearts to draw closer to the Lord in our PRAYER life, in the WORD, and in our WORSHIP, we will experience the greatest outpouring of the Holy Ghost in our lives that we have ever experienced and He will empower us to make a difference in our churches, our families, and our communities.

I want to encourage you to be a conduit or a channel for God to work through and His power to flow through. Always look for open doors of opportunity to share your personal story with others, and reach out a hand to those in need. As we stay connected to Jesus, the Vine, we will bring forth much fruit for the glory of God.

ARE YOU INVESTED?

Carrie Hilton
LA President



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Emmanuel Sisters!

We have a Facebook 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.

Shoulder To Shoulder

Verse 1

We are brothers and sisters
We're part of the family of God
We've faced many battles together
God's brought us thru everyone
Now we don't always agree
We don't always see eye to eye
But all of these things will not stop us
for we have made up our mind

Chorus

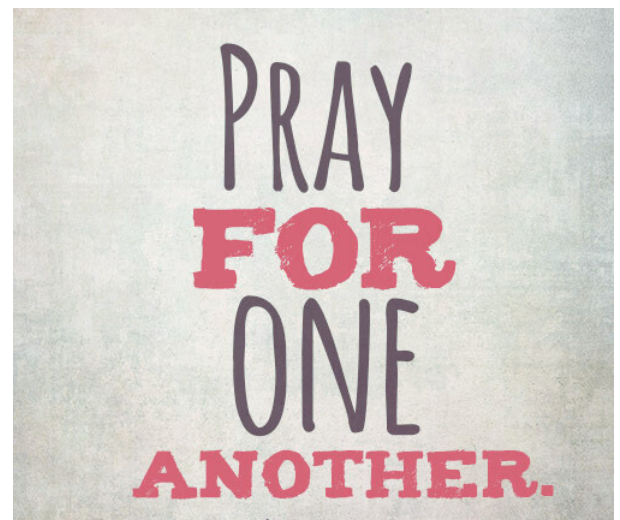
Shoulder to shoulder
we will go forward
United together as one
We'll not be divided
we'll not be defeated
As a family we'll keep standing strong
Shoulder to shoulder
we are helping each other make it
home

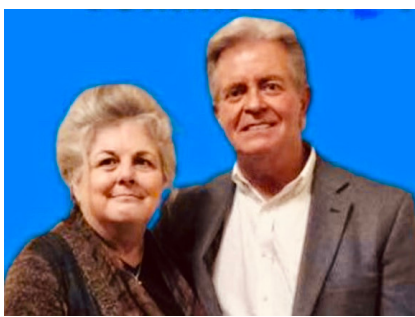
Verse 2

Jesus prayed to the Father
that He would make us as one
Oh how we need that desire
for there's so much work to be done
If we will all pull together
so many more victories we'll win
If I pray for you and you pray for me
we'll be stronger than we've ever been

WE ARE STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS!

**We are who we are because of the hard work
of the people who came before us!
Let's not drop the mantel!**





For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your rereward. - Isaiah 52:12

Rereward: back side of the army; rear guard

This reminds me of the term "got your six." In the military, they use a clock to inform on their position.

Twelve o'clock is straight above you. Six o'clock is straight behind you and sets up the best strike zone.

WWI pilots were the first to say, "I got your six," meaning they've got you covered so the enemy can't come up behind your back and kill you.

Hallelujah! God has my six! I am fighting in the Army of God and am always on the winning side. As David said, "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?"

God goes before me, and He goes behind me. He is with me every step I take. Thank God He guides me each and every day! He's with us every single moment,

through the good and the bad. Not by haste or by flight but in perfect peace I can face the situations of life. He will truly keep us in the perfect peace found in the 26th chapter of Isaiah. I can trust that God has my six! He is my Peace through every storm and my Light in the darkest hour. When the troubles of this life have

me awake late at night I can always call upon Him. I have to readjust my focus. Look unto Jesus! My mind must be on Him, The Prince of Peace. I can trust him in every situation because He has always proved faithful. What shall I fear with Him on my side!

When I'm fighting the enemy God already has me covered. Isaiah 54:17 says, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn."

No weapon. None. Not a single one will prosper!

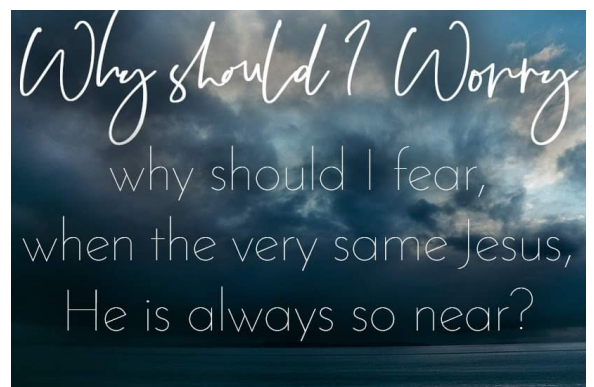
Praise God the devil is already defeated!

I don't have to worry and I don't have to flee from the enemy. I can rest safely in God Almighty's Refuge.

There is power in prayer and in the blood of Jesus!

God fights my battles therefore
the victory has already been won!

To the Saints of the Emmanuel Holiness Conference that I have not yet met, I am Sister Gail Peters, wife of evangelist L.W. Peters. Thank you for endorsing my husband in the Office of Evangelist to carry the great gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I would like to share a thought in scripture with our readers today. If you have been a Christian very long, you have experienced a few seasons of weariness. Life is not always filled with mountain top moments. This is also true of our walk with God. Sometimes we walk thru dry places where we wonder where God is and yearn for the strength to carry on. We have all just come through a worldwide pandemic that brought about many changes in our lives and in our world. These hardships and trials can lead to weariness. We don't know the exact details of the book of Hebrews, but we can all agree that the audience of Hebrews were Jewish Christians in Rome anticipating severe persecution and hardship. In their weariness, they were tempted to turn away from Jesus and return to the safety of Judaism that they had always known. The writer of this great book wanted to encourage them and keep them from drifting away from their faith in Jesus. Sometimes trials push us towards Jesus, and other times they have the effect of leading us away from him. You may not be tempted to abandon your faith, but perhaps you are praying less, reading less, and spending less time among other believers. You are weary. My encouragement to you is to keep holding on to Jesus because He is a Firm Foundation and a Solid Rock as you walk through this season. Hebrews says "since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Jesus is not only our High Priest; He is our Great High Priest. This means that we can always come to Him with our weaknesses and pain. He not only understands, but is also able to help us. We are often tempted to turn from God when we are weary. However, in weariness, we must draw near to Jesus who completely understands what it means to feel weak and has the power to strengthen and comfort us. When you come to God in your weariness, you will not experience God's judgment. God will not reject those who earnestly seek Him. Instead of judgment, you will receive God's mercy and grace. Keep holding on to Jesus. He is a sure foundation. When you are anchored in Christ, you can have security when you walk through hardship. Don't give up in this season. Persevere in faithfulness to Christ and hold on to His strong arms as He leads and guides you each day.



Psalm 1:1-3

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“**BLESSED** is the **MAN** that **WALKETH** not in the **COUNSEL** of the **UNGODLY**, nor **STANDETH** in the **WAY** of **SINNERS**, nor **SITTETH** in the **SEAT** of the **SCORNFUL**. But his **DELIGHT** is in the **LAW** of the **LORD**; and in his law doth he **MEDITATE DAY** and **NIGHT**. And he shall be like a **TREE** planted by the **RIVERS** of **WATER**, that **BRINGETH** forth his **FRUIT** in his **SEASON**; his **LEAF** also shall not **WITHER**; and whatsoever he doeth shall **PROSPER**.”

Mark YOUR Calendar

Are you enjoying the Messenger?

Our next deadline: September 23, 2023.

July 31 - August 4
 General Campmeeting
 Night Speaker: Bro. Larry Peters
 Abe Branch EHC
 Bladenboro, NC

August 9-13
 Youth Conference
 W/ Bro. Joe Ganze
 Bethesda EHC
 Plant City, FL

August 19 10 AM
 Alabama Conference
 Alabama Campgrounds
 La Fayette, AL

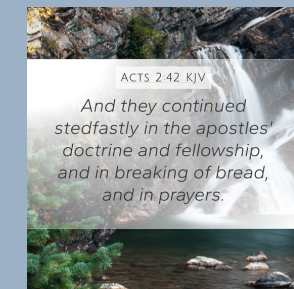
September 22 7:30 PM
 Singing: Shaneyfelt Family/
 Grace Church & Family
 Alabama Campgrounds
 La Fayette, AL

September 24 6 PM
 Singing: Shaneyfelt Family
 EastsideEHC
 Opelika, AL

October 4-6 7pm
 Revival W/ Bro Larry Peters
 Alexandria EHC
 Alexandria, AL

October 8 2 pm
 Ground Breaking Ceremony
 Alexandria EHC
 Alexandria, AL

October 8 10:30 AM
 Homecoming
 w/ Bro Larry Peters
 Alexandria EHC
 Alexandria, AL



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