

*Greetings from the General Overseer of the Emmanuel Holiness Church,*

Words fail to adequately express what we experienced at the General Assembly/Fall Campmeeting. God was present from the beginning and beyond the dismissal. There are so many people that deserve to be mentioned for helping make this a tremendous success. I want to thank Abe Branch Emmanuel Holiness Church for hosting. The workers in the kitchen and the clean up crews were amazing. It was obvious our speakers had been with God as they delivered powerful timely messages. Thank you, Bro. Tim Phillips for "A Last Ditch Effort" and Bro. Ricky Bledsoe for proclaiming "The Siege is Over". Bro Timothy Baggett did a phenomenal job challenging us with the question, "Should Such a Man as I Flee?" Thank you for being God's voice spoken so clearly to us. I truly believe we have turned the page to a mighty move of God in our organization. **WE ARE GOING FORWARD!** We are gaining momentum daily and the level of expectation is at an all time high. Let's keep pushing for Christ. We are anticipating Winter Campmeeting in Plant City, Florida on February 15-17, 2023. Morning and evening services are being planned, hotel availability is being secured, and we are looking forward to seeing you there! Until we meet again, cling to the promises God gave as He closed General Assembly 2022...

**"I am Alpha and Omega; the Beginning and the End; I am the First and the Last; I will move the church forward. I will strengthen the Old Men to march and the Mothers of Israel to go forth. My church will march under the Banner of the Blood of My Son, Jesus Christ. I will put a sickle in the hands of the Youth for they will go into the fields and help bring in the Harvest. The Prodigals will return because they know the way home. Your sanctuaries will not be able to contain those that will come in from the reaping. You who have been praying for your children and lost loved ones, they will come in during this great Harvest. My People will know that I have done this thing,"**

**sayeth God.**

In His Service,  
David Clewis  
General Overseer  
Emmanuel Holiness Church







## **Jacksonville Emmanuel Holiness**

Jacksonville, AL

Dear Friends,

It is so nice to talk with you again. Jacksonville Emmanuel Holiness Church has been very busy the past few months from youth camp planning to everything in between. In the middle of October, we had Pastor Appreciation. We thanked Bro. Michael and Sis. Kayla Sanderson for being our pastor and pastor's wife, and for always doing as much as they can around the church. We love them and thank them for all they do. In November, we attended a fall festival at Bro. Lonnie Self's church. There we had lots of fun and fellowship. They raised over \$500 at the fall festival for our youth camp next year. Our church started a men's and women's bible study on the first and third Tuesday of every month. We are so happy at how much our church is growing and hope to keep it up!



*At the Fall Festival, money was raised for the upcoming youth camp with a pastor competition to see who could raise more. The loser got a pie in the face - Jacksonville won!*

## **Millville Pentecostal Church**

Last month our church, Millville Pentecostal, held our first "Light Up the Night" family event. We advertised by posting flyers in local businesses, personally handing out flyers, and also sharing on Facebook. The goal was to 'let our light shine' and introduce the gospel to kids and teens that don't usually come to church. Since it's getting dark early, we started the event at 7pm and had hot dogs, nachos, s'mores and snacks. Then we gathered everyone together, and had bonfire devotions and prayer time with Bro. Jonathan Rose from Pennsylvania. He talked about the wonderful gift of salvation that God has for us. We then split the kids by age and played lots of fun glow in the dark games: volleyball, giant team tic-tac-toe, and more. We had a great turnout, and saw many visitors come and hear the gospel. There are so many fun, creative ways to share the gospel with kids and teens!

Millville, West Virginia





## **Eastside Emmanuel Holiness Church**

Opelika, AL

Greetings from Eastside Emmanuel Holiness Church,

Our Pastor Appreciation Day was on Sunday, October 30th. We had a great crowd with an awesome dinner following the service.

Bro. Gene Luke brought a wonderful message from Psalms 132:1-5, preaching about how David vowed a vow unto the mighty God of Jacob, that he would not allow himself to go to his house, nor to his bed, and not let sleep come upon him- "until I find out a place for the Lord, an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob." That spiritual dwelling place for the Lord God!

He preached about the God-called-Pastors; exemplifying Bro. Jackie Prickett in all the many years of service unto the Lord. How his dedicated life to the call of the gospel has kept him in the service of the Lord. A true pastor will love, nurture, feed and take care of his flock from the least to the greatest. The sheep are always at the forefront of a true Pastor's heart! And the pressure to perform the God called ministry is what gets the job done that pleases The Lord.

And we at Eastside are so thankful and can truly say Bro. Jackie Prickett is definitely a God called Pastor. Sis. Virginia, his wife is certainly not left out, but has served all these years in the ministry as well along side her companion. Pastoring is not an easy task but when the dedication and desire to please God is present then God will anoint and perform his work through our pastors to lead the sheep of His pasture.

We need more God-called; dedicated and motivated pastors that will keep the decay out of the church. We don't need hirelings over our churches today, who are there just for the money, title, or name. Pastors don't get slack nor run from the call. Let's gird up the loins and follow the call of the gospel.

On Sunday, November 6th, we were blessed to have Bro. James Thomas, a missionary from Honduras along with his wife and daughters. Bro. Jay Ezell and Bro. James, the interpreter ministered on Sunday night. The message was from Rev. 1:4,5, 20 and 2:4,5 speaking about John writing the messages to the seven churches and to the church at Ephesus: "I have some what against thee because thou has left thy first love" - "Remember therefore from whence thou are fallen, and repent and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thy repent." Let's keep our lights burning: don't let them go out, or He will remove the candlestick. Bro. James was an anointed and excellent interpreter and his ministry in songs was a great blessing as well.

We at Eastside are so thankful to be some of the called out people of God in this era of time. God has really been good to our church as a whole. The Lord is continuing to send more people into our church. We are very thankful for every little increase. "To God be the Glory" for what He has done.





Greetings to everyone from Alexandria! Praise the Lord for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. (Psalm 150:2). We are so thankful for how the Lord has been pouring out His Spirit and His blessings upon us. Several have experienced healing for their bodies and the Lord seems to continue to answer one prayer after another. The picture speaks for itself as to the miracle Jeremy Key has received! He has been raised from being at the point of death to life. We are experiencing revival and a spiritual renewal. The love and unity among us is just amazing and there is a feeling of expectation and anticipation as we look for greater things to come. We long to see souls saved and are praying diligently for our family and friends.



**October and November have been very busy months:**

### 52nd HOMECOMING

Bro. Jeff and Sis. April Mayo were with us as well as the Shaneyfelt Family Singers. Homecoming unites the past with the present. It was a great time of worship and fellowship. Revival services followed.



### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

We were blessed to have eight from our church attend the General Assembly. It was such a wonderful time of worship and fellowship. There was such a sweet spirit of unity among the people. We were so honored to be involved in setting up and providing information, materials, and gift bags for our Ladies Auxiliary table as well as being available to promote, answer questions and provide information regarding the Messenger. We are so excited about all the Lord is doing in our churches and are looking for greater things ahead.



### YOUTH BONFIRE & FELLOWSHIP

Our youth bonfire and fellowship was a great success. Three young ministers, Bro. Dylan, Bro. Seth, and Bro. Travis preached what the Lord had laid on their heart. These young men were truly a blessing. Everyone enjoyed roasting wieners and marshmallows over the fire as well as spending time fellowshiping with friends and family. It was a great night.

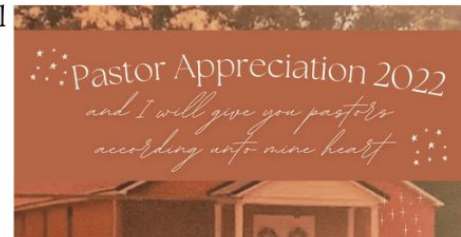


### NEW MEMBERS

We are thankful to report the addition of six new members in the month of November. Welcome Terry and Sandra Bobo, Dexter and Chris Lindley, Belinda Key and Trina Daniel. The Lord is certainly blessing the church both spiritually and numerically. Our desire is to reach the lost as well as being an essential church for our community, families, and friends.

### PASTOR APPRECIATION

What a wonderful time we had honoring our pastor, Bro. Tim Phillips. We began with a song entitled Memories of Your Ministry. A video was shown with pictures of special memories from the beginning of his ministry to the present to the song Where Would I Be.



A scrapbook of memories was presented to him in honor of his ministry which will be added to as we continue to go forward in the great work that God has called him to do. Other gifts were also presented to him. It was so good to have our General Overseer, Bro. David Clewis, with us. He preached a great message and gave an encouraging report regarding the General Assembly and how the Lord is blessing the Emmanuel Holiness Churches. The remainder of the day was spent enjoying our Thanksgiving dinner and having a wonderful time of fellowship. Several stayed to play music and sing as the sweet presence of the Holy Ghost filled the sanctuary. Truly it was a day to remember.

**Great things are ahead for our church; there is no doubt.  
To God Be All The Glory!**



### Pastor Appreciation

On Oct. 2, Abe Branch surprised Bro. David and Sis. Amy Clewis with a Pastor Appreciation Service. Multiple members of the congregation spoke and presented them with gifts, including a cardboard box full of rusty leaf springs. After some laughs and a few tears, the Youth Choir sang "Where Would I Be," encompassing the impact that Bro. David and Sis. Amy has had on our lives due to their unwavering service at Abe Branch for 31 years. Bro. Dale Hathway preached on the privilege of having a dedicated pastor and pastor's wife who follow the leading of God. Afterwards, we had refreshments in the fellowship hall where the real gift of a new grill was revealed.



### Homecoming

On October 30, Abe Branch celebrated its 42nd Homecoming. Our service was a wonderful mix of singing, preaching, and the presence of the Lord! Afterwards, we enjoyed fellowship with our brothers and sisters, along with some of the wonderful cooking that everyone experienced during the General Assembly (ask us about the fried chicken)! We look forward to continual service to the Lord in the years to come, along with working with the other churches and members of the conference for the Kingdom in these last days!



### Operation Christmas Child

On Saturday, November 5, the members of Abe Branch joined together to assemble Christmas Boxes for the Samaritan's Purse. Our Ladies Auxiliary had been working for weeks to ensure that our church had enough supplies and gifts to pack into the boxes to make sure



underprivileged children would have something to bring them joy this Christmas. We ended up with enough material to pack 100 boxes; however, we pray that the greater purpose of these boxes is fulfilled in that ministers across the globe are able to use them to bring children, their families, and communities to the Kingdom of God by showing the love of Jesus Christ through the actions of Christians around the world.



Hello everyone! My name is Kaleb Duff, I am 18 years old. I go to Friendship Holiness Church. I have told people before that being raised in a preacher's home doesn't make you automatically saved. I got saved in a service at an assisted living home at the age of five. My dad was preaching on "Forgiveness" that Sunday Morning, and I thought if these people needed to know about forgiveness and the goodness of God, so did I. I asked God into my heart that day. To a 5-year-old little boy, that was a gift I would never forget. I was filled with the Holy Ghost at a youth camp in 2018. As I have gotten older, I have learned that God's grace and love is so important in our lives. I truly learned about that two years ago when I lost my dad to COVID. It has not been easy, but God has proven to be true to His Word. God said He would never leave us nor forsake us and for me He has not. God has blessed us beyond measure



and always provides what we may or even may not need. Having God in my life has been the best decision I have ever made. As it is nearing Christmas time, and as we all gather around with our families and we are excited to see all our loved ones and the presents we have all received, remember the most important thing is that our Lord and Savior was born on that most precious night. If not for that GIFT, where would we all be?





Hello from West Virginia! God has continually proven himself faithful to the Hill Family. We were blessed to be able to be a part of this last convention and are still feasting on the services.

Here at Millville Pentecostal Church, we just finished up a Wednesday Night Bible Study series we called "You can be a soul winner, here's how". Throughout this study we found it ever more evident that evangelism is not only the will of God for the Church, but I dare say it is the very heart of God.

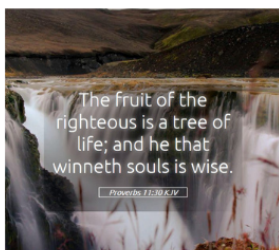
As a part of our study each member had "homework" to do in an effort to evangelize. We started out easy and asked each member to leave two chick tracts in different places throughout the week. Then we worked up to having to actually hand the tracts to people and have a discussion. One by one members would come and tell me how excited they were to tell someone about the goodness of God.

This last week for Thanksgiving some of our church people joined us in giving out a free Thanksgiving meal. At first it was slow and not many people would come by but before long we were overrun with souls coming and receiving a meal for their bellies and leaving full of the bread of life. As a pastor it was beautiful to see the joy on the sisters' faces as they made a plate and handed a tract to someone in desperate need of Jesus.

One of my main goals as a pastor is to see the members of my church grow their faith to the place that they share it with others. Focusing on the Kingdom of God will keep your eyes on the souls that aren't on their way. We all know, and none of us would argue, the fact that the majority of the world's population are following the broad way heading toward the wide gate that leads to destruction, and as the Word says few find the narrow way, so instead of waiting for them to find it, how about we show them.

These are the thoughts of a man tired of watching a world of people die.

Pastor Jacob Hill  
Millville Pentecostal Church  
Millville, West Virginia



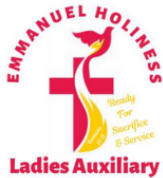
## The Power of Choice

One of the most common excuses given by straying Christians is "church-hurt." If you've been in church very long, I'm sure, you too could say you've experienced some form of hurt in the four walls of a sanctuary. The most frustrating thing about being done wrong is that you have no choice in what happened to you. You can't choose or control how someone else behaves, and how do you silently stand in the ashes of an explosion that you didn't voluntarily ignite? The answer is simple. The power of choice. You may not have control over the situation, but you have the power of choice. You have full control of what your next move is. You can choose to forgive or marinate in the hurt. The results are very different. With forgiveness, we receive peace, joy, and healing. When we choose marinating; we receive hate, anger, and bitterness. Pretty easy choice, right? Wrong. One of the hardest choices we make, as Christians, is not forgiving sinners, but forgiving fellow Christians. But without genuine forgiveness, we are awarded bitterness, and bitterness is never satisfied. It grows like a cancer and spreads to our attitudes, our actions, and eventually touches every aspect of our lives. The only way to get rid of it, is to find our own place at an altar. You will also need to check off a lot of anxiety, time, and effort in the process. You may wonder if it's really that important to forgive others. Direct your attention to Matthew 5:44, "But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." It's not a suggestion or even a request. It's a command. We can even look at the Lord's prayer, given to us as a model, and we see that forgiveness is included. I'd say it's pretty important, wouldn't you? You've heard the phrase "forgive & forget" and a lot of the time we have trouble forgiving because we have trouble forgetting. The good news is, God didn't command you to forget. He commanded you to let it go. We are ultimately challenged to forgive others as much as we need forgiveness. I don't know about you, but I've earned my share of grace. And in order for us to receive grace, we must give grace, especially when it goes against our flesh.

Satan is hard at work these last days, and I believe his main goal is causing division among God's people, because he knows when God's people get together in unity, BIG things happen! The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 3:17 that where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty! Which means God isn't in our quarrels or even our hurts. He is all about forgiveness! He gave His life for it, and with it, we are made free from the baggage that follows. When we choose to focus on His divine purpose, which is saving the lost, then we can bind ourselves together for the cause of His Kingdom. Choose love. Choose compassion. Choose forgiveness. You will bear the fruit of your choice, and you will in return, reap the benefits awarded to you by God Himself!

Molli Nance  
Abe Branch Emmanuel Holiness Church





What an amazing General Assembly! It was a time of sweet fellowship and joy divine as we gathered with great anticipation and expectation. Our breakout session for the Ladies Auxiliary gave the ladies an opportunity to spend time with old friends and establish new friendships. It was such an honor to meet everyone and have the privilege to share what the Lord has laid on my heart concerning the Ladies Auxiliary. In this edition of the Messenger, I want to give an overview of the importance of the LA to the local church and the support it brings to the Church as a whole.

## Our Purpose

- To encourage our ladies to **KNOW** Christ intimately through daily Prayer and personal devotions
- To **LOVE** others deeply
- To **SERVE** faithfully

**TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
IN EVERY LIFE WE TOUCH**

Open doors of opportunity present themselves to us on a daily basis. We want to be ladies who make a difference in every life we touch and in order to do that we must be women with a heart for God and make the decision to set aside a time for personal prayer time and reading of God's Word. We cannot give what we do not have. We must be women of prayer who are full of the Spirit and Power of God. We will then be able to love others more deeply and have a passion to reach one for Jesus. We want to be ladies who serve faithfully and make a difference in every life we touch. Through the Ladies Auxiliary our ladies can meet and pray, fellowship, plan, prepare, and implement those ideas to make a difference in not only the church but the community and even our families. There is no limit to what God will do when women pray and work together under the direction of the Holy Ghost.

## Fellowship and Friendships



- The LA of the Emmanuel Holiness Church offers an opportunity for ladies to create new friendships and cultivate fellowship among each other
- Provides additional prayer support
- Unifies our efforts to be a blessing and a help to others as well as our local churches

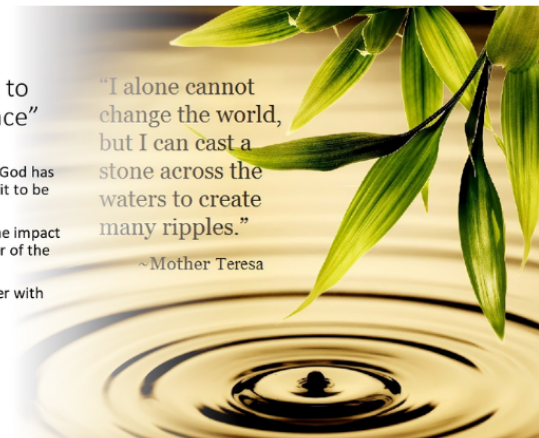
Another important reason to organize our Ladies Auxiliary in the local church is that it promotes Fellowship and Friendship giving additional prayer support for one another. Growing together and loving each other as we lift up the name of the Lord will create within a local church the atmosphere where the Holy Ghost can work. Remember our ultimate goal is to win souls and they will know we are Christians by our love.

Ladies Auxiliary  
"A United Effort to  
Make A Difference"

- Everyone is important. God has equipped us by His Spirit to be Salt and Light
- Never underestimate the impact you make in your corner of the field
- We are laborers together with God!

"I alone cannot  
change the world,  
but I can cast a  
stone across the  
waters to create  
many ripples."

~ Mother Teresa



At the General Assembly, we initiated "Prayer Sisters" as everyone participated by drawing one another's names and then introduced themselves to one another. The idea behind this was to create new friendships, promote fellowship, and give prayer support for one another. I am delighted to hear the reports of how this is being a blessing!

## LA Supports the Local Church Through...

### • **PRAYING FERVENTLY**

For The Pastor, other church leaders, one another, and lost souls

### • **BEING FAITHFUL**

In Church Attendance, Worship, Tithing/Giving

### • **WORKING JOYFULLY**

On Building, Fundraising, and Outreach projects

Another benefit and reason for each church to organize a Ladies Auxiliary is that it is a **Unified Effort to Make A Difference**. Everyone is important in the work of the Lord and there is a work for everyone. We are laborers together with God. Alone we cannot make as much of an impact as we can together. There is power in unity, and it brings honor to God!

Fervent praying, faithfulness, working joyfully is what the Ladies Auxiliary is in a nutshell. As we put these things in place, our local churches will benefit. An active, operating Ladies Auxiliary will provide a ripple effect that will provide support to the Emmanuel Holiness Church as a whole. Ladies, let's come together, grow together, and work together and watch God do amazing things for our churches!

May God bless you all as **we MOVE FORWARD**,

Carrie Hilton, Ladies Auxiliary President

**Together Everyone Accomplishes More**



Greetings from the Alabama Emmanuel Holiness Conference,

My how wonderful God has been to us. I'm sure many are going to speak of the great General Assembly we had. Everyone I have heard from says it was the best one they could remember. I want to say a great big thanks to the Abe Branch Church and their great pastor, our General Overseer, for the magnificent job hosting it. We have just had our November Conference in Alabama, and God blessed wonderfully. Bro. Vance Touchton preached outstandingly. Let's continue to pray hard and dwell together in unity. It is like the ointment that ran down the priest's beard. We must have the great anointing of God to perform the work that we have been called to do. God Bless you all.

Alabama State Overseer  
Tim Phillips



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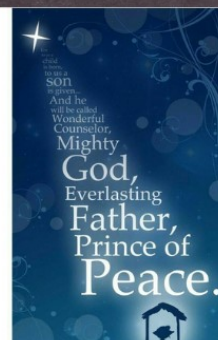
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What can I give Him,  
Poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd  
I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man  
I would do my part;  
Yet what I can, I give Him -  
Give my heart.

Bethesda Church  
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## A photograph of a wooden cross against a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The cross is made of thick, weathered wooden beams. The vertical beam is on the right side of the frame, and the horizontal beam extends towards the left. The cross is positioned in the upper right quadrant, with its top extending beyond the top edge of the image. The sky is a vibrant blue, and the clouds are soft and white. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

Tim Phillips  
Alabama State Overseer







## Abe Branch Holiness Church

Bladenboro, NC

### **Back to School Gift Baskets**

In this day and age, we recognize that starting school is a stressful time for all involved; while students are certainly included in this number, teachers are especially having a difficult time with reentering the classroom. The ladies at Abe Branch Emmanuel Holiness Church decided to help combat this stress and unease by creating gift baskets for teachers at the local elementary, middle, and high school. Snacks, such as Little Debbie cakes, packs of crackers, and bags of chips were collected and put into decorative baskets. Then members of the church gathered together to pray over the baskets, and more importantly, for all of the teachers at Dublin Elementary, Tar Heel Middle, and West Bladen High School. This proved to be a successful outreach ministry, as many were touched and grateful for the small gift and reminder that God will help them through all of their trying times, as long as they give him everything.



### **Proverbs 31 Bible Study**

The ladies' group at Abe Branch Emmanuel Holiness Church, "Rubies and Grace," decided to begin a Bible study on what it means to be a woman that truly lines up with Proverbs 31. In the course of this study, the ladies have discussed how a lady is supposed to allow the Lord to use her in her home, how she is conduct herself in public, and how she is to interact with her family in order to show the Lord in all her actions. This study has been a good way to bring out meaningful conversations on ways to encourage one another, and stories of success, and other words of advice for all members of "Rubies and Grace" to grow alongside one another.



## **HE > me**

Hello everyone, it is an honor to be the youth director this term, and we have already hit the ground running. Our theme will be "Greater Is He In Me In 2023". We had been praying about youth camp already, and the Lord dealt with us to ask Bro. David Roper and Bro. Chris Wilkerson to preach the camp and both agreed. The dates for the camp will be June 1st - 3rd. We will only be doing 3 days to see what kind of load we are able to carry. Also, we already have our kitchen leader planning and laying out meals. We are excited about what the months and days ahead have in store, and we believe that God is going to come by in a great way. We just want to be available and willing vessels. That's what God is looking for in our young folks is to be willing vessels for His kingdom because greater is He in me.

Bro. Michael Sanderson  
Alabama Youth Director

## Eastside EHC

Opelika, AL

### ***Praise the Lord for His many Blessings!!***

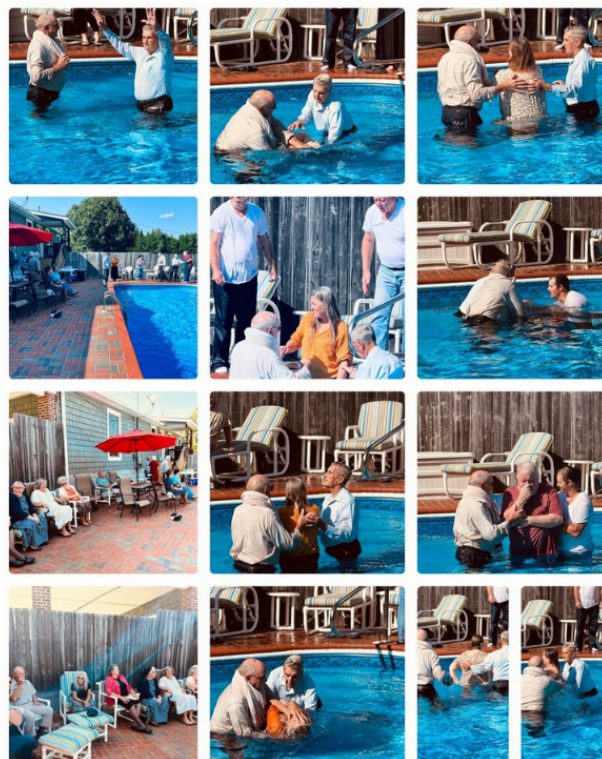
The Lord has blessed us so much at Eastside! Even though this quarter has been a slow quarter, His Spirit is moving and people's needs are being met! We are in the last days and the devil is doing all he can to hinder God's people but God's mercy and grace will carry us through!

We had a good time at the baptizing, Sunday (9/18/22) in the pool at Bro. John and Sis. Ann VanNostrand's home. There were 4 baptized: Bro. Shawn Raines, Bro. Charles McCann, Sis. Jeanie Etheridge, and Sis. Dorothy Clark. They have submitted/renewed their commitment to Jesus Christ. We are so thankful God has blessed us to have them be a part of us at Eastside! We are praying, looking, and working that God will bless us with more new converts/recommitments to Him!

Our Ladies Auxiliary is having a Craft/Bake/Yard Sale and Fellowship on September 24th. We are looking forward to having fellowship and being able to witness to those that we have the privilege to meet.

Excited that we are able to have General Assembly/Campmeeting this year in October and praying for God's will and blessings. May God Bless you all! Keep praying for Eastside as we continue to pray for you!

P.S. Prayer Request by Sis. Virginia Prickett:  
Please keep my sister and niece (Mary Joyce Lindsey/Morgann Smith) in your prayers as they both recover from open heart surgery.





***"O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wonderful works. Glory ye in his holy name: Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord. See the Lord and his strength: seek his face evermore."*** - Psalm 105:1-4

Kind greetings to everyone from Alexandria! Our hearts are full of thanks to the Lord for all He is doing in the lives of our people.

Praise the Lord!

## REVIVAL

We are still rejoicing over the revival we had with Bro. Wesley Morrison. Every service was filled with the presence and power of the Holy Ghost. Bro. Wesley's messages were anointed and timely. The altar was filled each night with people seeking the Lord. Several received their healing and faith was strengthened.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our children's class is on a road trip traveling down Route 66-Journey Through The 66 Books of the Bible. They are currently rising to the challenge of memorizing the 66 books of the Bible which will help them to learn to navigate their Bible. We are excited about our new children's Sunday Class Newsletter. It's a great way to review what we've studied, share interesting Bible facts along with puzzles, Bible trivia, etc.



We have recently added a Teen Class and are praying for and expecting growth. Our goal is to lead our young people into a personal, growing relationship with the Lord, knowing that they have an important role to play in the growth and continued success of our church.



## BUS MINISTRY

We continue to thank God for leading and guiding us to start a bus ministry. It has already been a valuable asset to the church. We desire to be a soul winning church and look forward to ministering to all God puts in our path.

## LADIES AUXILIARY

We appreciate our ladies and their willingness to work together on projects as they are presented. In August, we met for a work day at the parsonage. In addition to cleaning, the kitchen was stocked with new appliances, cookware, silverware, dishtowels, etc. as well as towels and washcloths for the bathroom.

A welcome basket full of all kinds of snacks, etc. was presented to Bro. Wesley Morrison, our evangelist for our recent Revival.



We have been contacted by a pastor friend in Africa who follows us on FB asking if we could share our children's Sunday School lesson material with them. We are thankful for this wonderful opportunity. They currently

have 130 children and are gaining more daily. In addition to lesson material, worksheets, coloring pages, and puzzles, we will also supply pencils/crayons and a HP laptop which has been donated. We are so thankful for this



outreach opportunity to be able to share God's Word children in Africa. To God Be the Glory!



check out our new website at [alexandriaehc.com](http://alexandriaehc.com)!



## PASTOR'S CORNER

things that shall befall me there." He is saying that he was compelled by the Spirit to go to Jerusalem. The Spirit is compelling him and driving him to complete the task of ministry that God had given to him. It was his God given task to testify to the good news of God's grace.

This same charge applies to you and me. We are compelled by the Spirit to reach the lost because we have been given a command from above. When Jesus gave the Great Commission, He reminded His disciples that "All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me." So we have been commanded by the one who has all authority to "go and make disciples of all nations." He tells us to "go into the highways and the hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be full." All of us that have truly been saved have the Spirit living within. And if we listen, the Spirit will talk to us. He compels us to go to the lost and tell them about Jesus. So Christ compels us to take the Gospel to the lost. And if we do that, then we must do that now! We must commit ourselves to the cause of Christ and to reach the lost before it's too late. We need to be endued with Power from On High so we can have the boldness and fortitude to declare this glorious Gospel to an untoward generation.



Hello, my name is Samuel. I'm 19. God called to preach about 2 years ago. I have been raised in church my whole life, .but never really had an experience with God. That was something that I had to get for myself. When I was 6, I got saved at Table Rock Youth Camp. I have never forgotten that feeling

when I got saved, but about a year later my dad walked out on my family. It was one of the hardest trials I have ever had to face. I had so much bitterness and anger towards him that I started to push God away. It took me further and deeper into a depression. I didn't realize how far I was until my pastor preached on forgiveness one Sunday morning. I asked God to forgive me, and help me to forgive my dad. I left that service with no more bitterness and anger in my heart, and I forgave my dad for everything he did. I have been doing my best since then to live for God. The battles have gotten harder since I was called to preach, but God has something great for me to do. He has something for all of us to do in his kingdom. Everyone stay in the race because it's almost over! Hallelujah!

Samuel Ramirez  
Friendship Holiness Church  
Anderson, SC



- 1. Sunday school is the REACHING arm of the church.** First, Sunday school is the arm that reaches people of all ages for Christ. "Reaching" is making contact with people and motivating them to honestly listen to the gospel.
- 2. Sunday school is the TEACHING arm of the church.** Second, Sunday school is the church's teaching arm. "Teaching" means guiding the learning activities that meet human needs. The ultimate goal of teaching is "that they may learn."
- 3. Sunday school is the WINNING arm of the church.** Sunday school is also the part of the church that wins people to Christ. "Winning" involves communicating the gospel in an understandable manner under the anointing of the Holy Ghost that draws a person to respond to Christ.
- 4. Sunday school is the CARING arm of the church.** Finally, Sunday school provides each teacher with the opportunity to show compassionate care and concern for each class member. They will know we are Christians by our love! Through Sunday School the caring arm of the church reaches out and touches families and friends. The outcome will not only be a growing Sunday school class but a growing Church full of people who love and care for one another and have a heart to reach out to a lost and dying world and lead them to Jesus!







Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What a privilege it has been to serve as the Missions Director and to have the honor of doing what I think is the most vital part of God's kingdom; that is spreading the Gospel to the world! We have seen God do great

things and supply every need. He has blessed us with growth and has made ways where there seemed to be no way. There were a couple of times when some money came in that I did not have a specific need when it came in, but then soon after a need arose. God had supplied the answer before we knew the need! The most important aspect of this job has been to see that each missionary we support or help knows to let us know what they need. This is very hard for missionaries to do because they don't want to be seen as begging or pandering. I have stressed to each one that if they don't tell me then I won't know they have a need, and I can't help them unless they tell me. This is Biblical because Jesus said for us to ask! Why do we pray if we don't expect God to give us the things we ask for? I have taken this to heart and I no longer try to sound whinny in praying. ASK is what Jesus said to do! So I ask each of you to remember our missionaries in prayer and to support them. There are some needs we have right now: there is still work to be done on the church in Honduras; there are needs for the pastors that Mike Flowers works with in Mexico and Columbia; and Bro Eugene Dixon has needs for the work in the Philippines. I want to say how much we appreciate each one of you who have supported the missions department for the last two years. If you have any questions please call us, 706-590-7296, we don't mind talking to you about the work. God bless each of you is our prayer, Brother Jay Ezell

Pastor & his wife of Emmanuel Tabernacle  
of Reunion and Restoration, Honduras  
Bro Jeffrie & Stacy Allen



The scripture says, "God opens doors that no man can shut, and He shuts doors that no man can open." God is your doorkeeper. Other people can't keep you out of your purpose; obstacles can't keep you from what God has ordained for you.

*For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. ~ Habakkuk 2:3*



How exciting it is to be a part of the great things God is doing in the Emmanuel Holiness Conference. I want to remind our ladies that our motto is **"Ready for Sacrifice and Service."**

"Ready" is "to be in a suitable state for an activity, action, or situation; fully prepared."



Individual readiness will be achieved as we commit to prayer and time spent in God's Word. When we make these things a priority in our lives we not only grow spiritually as an individual but corporately as a church. Worship is also vital in our lives and in our churches. Oh how He inhabits the praise of His people! He is Emmanuel – God With Us! What a promise! In the Ladies Auxiliary our aim is to be fully yielded to God and attentive to His voice. He will open doors of opportunity to allow us to be used to demonstrate the love of God at home, in the church and in the community.

LADIES LET'S ALWAYS BE:

**Ready** to Pray  
**Ready** to Read and Live Out God's Word  
**Ready** to Worship  
**Ready** to Sacrifice  
**Ready** to Serve  
**Ready** to Give  
**Ready** to Go  
**Ready** to Sow  
**READY** to **GROW!**



**LOOKING TO SEE YOU ALL  
AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.  
BE SURE TO STOP BY  
THE LADIES AUXILIARY TABLE!**

May God Bless You All,  
Carrie Hilton, President  
Ladies Auxiliary - Alabama

*praise*  
UNTIL GOD OPENS  
THE NEXT DOOR  
PRAISE HIM  
IN THE HALLWAY





# Alabama Campmeeting 2022 Highlights

Praise the Lord for a wonderful Campmeeting! The atmosphere was filled with excitement about the days ahead for the Emmanuel Holiness Church. The messages in each session were anointed, uplifting, and challenging.

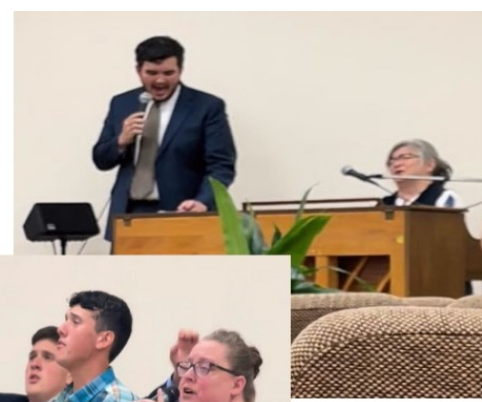
Bro. Larry Peters preached a message entitled, "The Silence of the Lambs" exhorting us to cry out to God and stand in the gap for the lost. Presenting Christ as the all-sufficient one that can supply all our needs. He emphasized the fact that lambs have a voice and when they cry out the Shepherd is standing ready to respond and supply their every need.

Our Campmeeting speaker, Bro. David Clewis, our General Overseer, preached outstanding messages focusing on "Hope, Belief, Trust, and Vision" exhorting the church to go forward in expectation of the great things that God is doing and going to do as we go forward.

Bro. Timothy Baggett gave an exciting report of the work and growth of the church in Florida and exhorted the Church to grab hold of the mindset that "Your Church is My Church and My Church is Your Church." It was an outstanding message of unity and working together. He encouraged us to stay focused on seeing the Kingdom of God grow and we will see a great harvest in these last days

The singing and testimonies of Brother Vance Touchton and his youth group as well as the singing of Brother Ethan Clewis was such a great blessing. It was amazing to see the hunger and desire that the young people have for God.

The Alabama Emmanuel Holiness Church Campmeeting was absolutely wonderful. The church was edified and challenged, and God was glorified!



CDs from these messages will be available at the General Assembly at the Ladies Auxiliary Table.



# TESTIMONY

SHARE WHAT GOD'S DONE FOR YOU

## The Benefits of Serving the LORD Are Many

Psalms 103:2 "Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits."

As I look back on my seventy-five years, I can see how the Lord has kept His hand on me. I grew up with a love for the Word of God and the Way of Holiness. Though I was not always in His will, He was always drawing me. He has shown His love for me in so many ways. I can truly say that I am a man blessed beyond measure, and I owe the Lord more than I can ever repay. In 1994, I was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer. The doctors at M.D. Anderson and U.A.B. said that if they could get it out surgically and treat it with radiation that I might have a 30% chance at best to survive. I told my wife that we were going to put it in the Lord's hands and look to Him to see me through it. For 28 years, doctors have been telling me how blessed I am to be alive! In 2012, in a nine month period, I had a stroke, was diagnosed with diabetes and prostate cancer. That left me barely able to walk. The Lord was there to see me through it and helped me recover. In May 2021, I had heart surgery to replace a heart valve. In September, I had a massive heart attack that the doctors were amazed that I survived. I told them the benefits of serving the LORD are many. In December, I was in the hospital with Covid and Covid Pneumonia. I was back home in five days. I am truly a man blessed beyond measure. Thank you Lord for your blessings on me.

Bro. Dexter Lindley  
Alexandria EHC  
Alexandria, AL

My grandparents began taking me to church before my 4th birthday. It was then that I started singing with a group of people that sang with my grandmother. As time went on, I attended church every Sunday and started singing solo. I learned many things about church during this time. I knew the Bible, but I didn't know God. When I was 14, I heard that still small voice, felt that tug at my heart, and my life changed. It wasn't always easy going to church, as a teenager, I was in a home that was not saved. My grandparents became sick/died during this time, but they had instilled a love of holiness in me, and I had their example to follow. When I was 16, I was baptized in the Holy Ghost and that power made the battles I was faced with daily a little easier to fight. Soon after being baptized in the Holy Ghost an evangelist preached a message on Moses, "Take That That Is In Thine Hands", he called me out and anointed my hands with oil. God greatly improved my piano playing! Since then I have learned that there are many things that my hands can do. Ecclesiastes 9:10 says, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." I have been blessed with so many opportunities to work for God. I am thankful for every one whether it be teaching, testifying, singing, playing piano, or writing this newsletter. There are many things that have been prophesied over the years that I have had to wait on. I have held on to "though it tarry, wait for it". I am so thankful that we can count on that if God said it then it will happen. In His time! Lord help my (our) impatience! I have seen God move in the impossible. Over and over again He has proved Himself faithful. I have seen him move in so many areas in my life, and He has blessed me in so many ways. I have seen financial things met like a free car to attend college (that was also paid for) to healings both spiritually and physically. Things have not always been easy serving God but He never forgot about me! This was recently confirmed in our past revival. How great to have a God that sees me! Not only sees me, but knows everything about me and loves me still! Last year, I was put in a position where I had to find a new church. It was hard to walk away from the church I had known my entire life, but this turned out to be the best thing that could have happened. I was suffering from anxiety and depression from the environment I was in so God closed a door to protect me. After a few months, two sisters guided me to Alexandria, and I found the will of God. It has been a tremendous blessing to be able to say Alexandria Emmanuel Holiness Church is my home church. I am so thankful for the church and church family that God has placed in my life. Since attending AEHC I witnessed a prayer that I had prayed for 20 years to be answered. My mom got saved and started attending with me. I believe God will save the rest of my family too! I am so excited to see what God will do not only for me but for our Church. I want to be willing and obedient for whatever He calls me to do. This journey hasn't always been easy, but I am determined that I have to make it. More than anything I want to end this journey with

"Well Done My Child."

Rebecca Davis  
Alexandria EHC  
Alexandria, AL

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## Dying To Self

Galatians 2:20 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." To be crucified with Christ is to allow our flesh to die, and make room for the Spirit within. One way we die to self is by living more like Christ and less like ourselves. Christian = Christ-like. This means that we try to incorporate more Christ-like traits into our way of thinking and being. The Christian lifestyle is intended to be one where we live not in service to self, but in service to God, and others. The Bible says, He must increase but I must decrease. Let them see Jesus in me!

✕a little more like mercy, a little more like grace, a little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith, a little more like patience, a little more like peace, a little more like Jesus, oh, a little less like me✕

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Alexandria EHC  
Alexandria, AL

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October 10-12  
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w/ Bro. Jeff  
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Alexandria, AL



October 19-21

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Alexandria, AL



November 19

Alabama Conference  
10 AM  
Alabama Campground  
La Fayette, AL

## DYING TO SELF

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When you are forgotten or neglected and you don't hurt with the insult, but your heart is happy—that is dying to self.

When your advice is disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you refuse to let anger rise in your heart, and take it all in patient, loving silence—that is dying to self.

When you lovingly and patiently bear disorder, irregularity, tardiness, and annoyance...and endure it as Jesus endured it—that is dying to self.

When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation or record your own good works, or itch for praise after an accomplishment, when you can truly love to be unknown... that is dying to self.

When you can see your brother or sister prosper and can honestly rejoice with him, and feel no envy even though your needs are greater—that is dying to self.

When you are content with any food, any offering, any raiment, any climate, or any society—that is dying to self.

When you can take correction, when you can humbly submit inwardly as well as outwardly, with no rebellion or resentment rising up within your heart—that is dying to self.



# MESSENGER



## WELCOME TO THE 2022 EHC ALABAMA CAMPMEETING!

I am looking forward to being in service with each of you!

Thanks to all of you that were able to attend. We are excited to be having day services this year, Thursday and Friday at 10 AM. Bro. Larry Peters will be ministering on Thursday and Bro Tim Baggett on Friday. We must work while it is day for night is approaching fast and no man can work then.

Our conference is experiencing growth in spite of adversity from the enemy. Thanks to Sis. Carrie Hilton for having the burden to start the ladies auxiliary up again. We are looking forward to a whole new outpouring of the Spirit of God in these days. We can have revival even in these days; according to His Word He will pour His Spirit out in the last days.

If I can be of service to any of our people please contact me. If anyone knows of any independent churches that may want to join with us please invite the pastor to a conference or let him contact me to set up a time and place to meet and discuss our goals.

Yours in Christ's Service,  
Bro. Eugene Dixon  
Alabama State Overseer

Greetings from the General Overseer of the Emmanuel Holiness Church, We're thankful for the blessings of the Lord upon our conference. While we have had recent challenges, the Lord is consistently blessing us. We are looking to rise up, move forward, and advance to the highest heights ever seen by this conference. We are thankful for the foundation that we have in the Emmanuel, and we are also grateful for the increase God is bringing. The State Conferences of Florida and Georgia have been reopened. We are licensing ministers in Pennsylvania and Ohio, and are looking to soon establish a new Northeast conference. The Emmanuel has a renewed vision and vigor to reach the lost; this vision will take all of us pulling together and working for the cause of Christ. This year's General Assembly will held in North Carolina at Abe Branch Holiness Church on October 19 – 21; the format will be different than normal, as we will be having General Camp Meeting alongside our Assembly. We look forward to having as many that can attend be with us as we worship the Lord and try to work to follow His Will. Should the Lord tarry, we hope to make 2023 the best year the Emmanuel Holiness Church has ever known.

In His Service,  
David Clewis  
General Overseer  
Emmanuel Holiness Church





## ALEXANDRIA EHC

Alexandria, AL

Praise the Lord from Alexandria! To God be the glory for all the wonderful things He is doing for us, in us, and through us. Our pastor, Bro. Tim Phillips continues to lead and challenge us to be constant in prayer, praise and worship. As a result, we are seeing the Lord work mightily in the lives of our people. Glory be to God!

We are so excited about our Bus Ministry and our new bus wrap, and we are looking forward to seeing the many ways the Lord uses this bus to reach our community and provide a way for children as well as adults to come to church! The bus is equipped with a lift which has already proven to be a blessing! We had a great turnout for Friends and Family Day. Bro. Vance Touchton was the visiting minister and he preached to a packed house. Praise the Lord!



Through our Ladies Auxiliary, we prepared and delivered 95 Father's Day Gift Bags to Legacy Village of Jacksonville and Jacksonville Health and Rehabilitation. Donations from within and without the church made this special outreach project possible. We were so thankful for this opportunity!



It was a blessing to have Bro. Larry Bush and his wife visit us from the Gideons. His presentation about the work of the Gideons in Bible distribution to hospitals, doctor's offices, schools, etc. along with personal testimonies bore witness to the amazing power of God's Word when read and acted upon. He said, "Preacher's preach it, Sunday School teachers teach it and the Gideons distribute it. ...

...it shall not return unto me void... Isa. 55

The Lord is blessing our Children's Sunday School. Recently we have been able to start a Teen Class. We are humbled that God is sending and entrusting to our care precious children and teens and are looking for continued growth.



The month of July began with our Backyard Bible Club hosting a Lava Lava Luau!! Each Saturday in the month of July children gathered to learn what God's Instruction Book --

The Bible -- had to say about Controlling Our Emotions such as anger, jealousy, frustration, sadness, and ending with a lesson on how we should respond to bad emotions with kindness. Skits, games, crafts and fun snacks were also a part of our Lava Lava Luau. We ended our adventure on the last Saturday in July with an extended time of fun and fellowship including a cookout. Children were presented with a take home binder containing the week's memory verse as well as activity pages and puzzles pertaining to their lessons.





On Sunday, June 26, Agape Pregnancy Support Services came and gave a presentation of their work to our congregation. Sis. Helen Rogers, the director, gave a passionate description of how she came to purchase a former Planned Pregnancy facility and transform it into a pregnancy crisis center. Through the Lord's providence, she has been able to help save 44,000 babies from being aborted. Not only has she helped save these children, but she and her helpers, with the Lord's help, have been able to support mothers and children through the years. Numerous success stories of saved children were told, including multiple instances of Sis. Rogers being able to witness and lead many of these mothers to accepting Jesus Christ as their Savior. Afterwards, our congregation had baby supplies to donate to the center to be distributed to mothers and babies as they see fit. We have been challenged to not only help take care of these young mothers, but also to have an absolute and unwavering faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as Sis. Rogers did for this ministry and in all things.



### **CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES OF 2022**

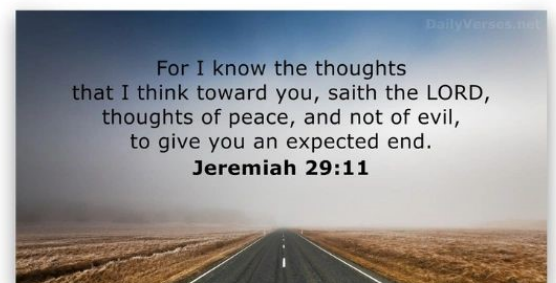
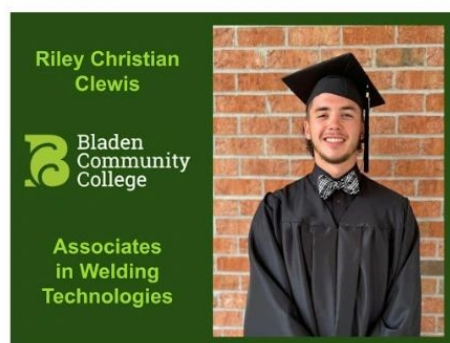
Today we honored the class of 2022 at Abe Branch Holiness Church. As Pomp and Circumstance played, the graduates walked in with Bro. David coming down to greet them. Recognition was given for all of the wonderful accomplishments of our three graduates, Alexis Blackwell, Eric Johansson, and Riley Clewis. Bro. David then encouraged all three to make a positive mark on the world as they go forward in life, but most importantly to ensure that they put Jesus at the forefront of their lives. We at Abe Branch are extremely proud of our graduates this year, and look forward to seeing them continually grow through life and their walk with Jesus Christ.



Alexis Faith Blackwell graduated from Scotland Christian Academy. Alexis finished her senior year on the A Honor Roll. She was a member of the Math Club, from which she received a scholarship. Alexis was a member of the volleyball and basketball teams, won the All-Conference Award for both sports, and was voted the Most Valuable Teammate of the volleyball team. Both teams went on to win second place in their conference tournaments. Alexis plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Pembroke to further her education.

Riley Christian Clewis graduated from Bladen Community College. He graduated Summa Cum Laude with a 4.0 GPA. Riley was on the President's List from 2020 to 2022. He was the Student Government Association Vice President in 2021, and later the Student Government Association President in 2022. Riley was the recipient of the Student Excellence Award, and was awarded with an Associates Degree in General Occupation Technology as well as an Associates Degree of Applied Science in Welding Technologies. Riley's future plans are to become a Certified Welding Inspector.

Eric Johansson graduated from Red Springs High School. He scored on the "Gold" level on all parts of the WorkKeys Test, and was the recipient of an Honors Cord. Eric plans on attending Robeson Community College and majoring in Information Technology. He wants to focus on Computer Science and Game Development.





**“PRAISE THE LORD SAINTS!”**

This is the statement that Sis. Eleanor Allen made when she entered the church doors just about every service. She has gone on to her reward, but oh, how we miss that voice coming in the door!! It is left to us now to have the enthusiasm that she had when she got to the House of the Lord!

We at Eastside Church are so blessed! We have started doing work on remodeling the sanctuary. As you can see in the picture we started with the pulpit area by laying hardwood flooring and rearranging. Our next step is our sanctuary! God is good!



We have organized our Ladies Auxiliary again, and what a great group of ladies we have! We are preparing visits to some of our elderly ladies that aren't able to be with us in church. Also, we are working on a project with one of the Assisted Living Homes in the area to have birthday gift bags for the residents on their birthday. We look forward to seeing what God has in store for us.

God blessed and moved in our Homecoming (June 5th with Bro. Chuck Bennett) and Revival (June 6-9th with Bro. Dale Hathway). So many were touched spiritually and physically! We appreciate all the churches who came and fellowshiped with us in the revival.



We had a wonderful Father's Day. We had 14 great fathers! All the fathers received a gift and 4 of the fathers (Bro. Lee Davis, Bro. Joey Bartlett, Bro. Lynn Carr, and Bro. Kevin Adcock) received a \$25 gift card. Our wonderful Pastor has been putting a fire under us by asking us to lay things down for a certain amount of time. He is trying to get the ones that don't read and pray on a daily basis, to read and pray for at least 15 minutes a day, and my aren't we seeing results from it all! God is moving at Eastside and we can't thank HIM enough for all He is doing for and in our Church!



May God Bless You all!! Keep praying for Eastside as we continue to Pray for you!!!



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I want to start by saying how much we appreciate your generous support for the Ukrainian church. As of now the Emmanuel Missions has sent \$4682.00 to help the pastors and churches there. We have had several churches that are not in the Emmanuel help as well. This is the way the body of Christ is supposed to work; we lay aside our differences and work together. We still are supporting the Flowers in Mexico and the church in Honduras. We also have started supporting the work in the Philippines through Bro Eugene Dixon and I want to encourage you to reach out to him and see how you can become part of that work. My prayer is that we can leave nothing undone that we could do before Jesus comes. God bless each of you.

Bro Jay Ezell



A relay race is run by a team of four runners. The first runner carries a baton. After running a specified distance, called a "leg" the runner hands the baton to the next team member. The exchange must occur within a zone a few meters long. Timing is crucial. If the runners do not exchange the baton within this zone, the team is disqualified.

A lesson to be learned throughout the Bible is the importance of passing the baton from one generation to another. This is clearly seen (to give a few examples) in Moses passing the baton to Joshua, David to Solomon, Elijah to Elisha, Jesus to His disciples, and Paul to Timothy. Every generation stands on the shoulders of those that went on before. We build, not destroy, the foundation that is laid for us. The church's success is determined by its ability to survive and excel from generation to generation.

We can all name a select few of the congregation who are very diligent and faithful servants. What will happen to the church when they pass from this walk of life?

We all know those elders who have spent a lifetime being active in the church: striving to make a difference as they worked tirelessly to influence others to do good, to lead others to Christ, to build up the body by even the small things they would do regularly. We must seriously consider that each one of us has a very important and significant responsibility before us. What thoughts ran through young Timothy's mind as Paul spoke of his "departure" (2 Timothy 4:6-8). We can't wait around thinking, when Brother or Sister so and so dies, what's going to happen to the church? Let's be resolved to pick up a towel and start serving along side of them and become what they have been to us and so many others who they have helped along the way.

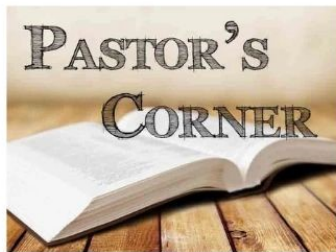
They are handing off the baton.

Who will stand that tall and grab it?



# WHERE HE LEADS ME I WILL FOLLOW

Rev. Jackie Prickett  
Eastside EHC  
Opelika, AL



Isaiah 40:29-31: "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: 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."

When the devil makes an impression on people's hearts and when he speaks to the soul, he talks loudly. I mean to say that the impression has a loudness in the mind. The devil wants you to rush, be in a hurry, and not wait for anything. Whereas, Jesus is always quiet and calm and always takes His time. If the impression comes from the devil, the more you wait and the more you pray, the weaker it grows. You can tell by this that it is from the devil. Take time to wait on God!

Psalms 27:14 "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say on the Lord."

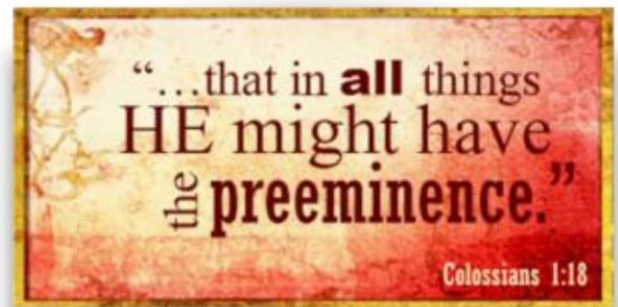
The tempter makes us think we have got to rush and transact a thing without praying, but we need to Pray about everything! Take time and ask God and He will give us the answer. He will do it in His own time. You will know His voice! The word says: "My Sheep know My voice and a stranger they will not follow." When the tempter came to Jesus in Matthew and tried to tempt him, Jesus came back with the Word (It is written!). If we can give the tempter the Word as Jesus did he will leave us for a season as he did Jesus. The Word will let us know the right and the wrong!

The Holy Ghost impresses us upon the conscience and upon the spiritual nature. Satan makes his impressions upon our own human feelings. There is a depth to them; there is a solemnity and a thoughtfulness; there is a calmness. God works on the Spiritual nature.

Man has three parts (body, soul, and spirit). The spiritual nature embraces the affection, conscience, and the will. The soul embraces our sensibilities and human feelings.

In closing, God has a way to talk to us, if we talk to him, because we are His children. Mark 1:17 "And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men." It is time we, as God's children, become fishers of men. We don't have time to back up, but we need to go forward and follow God's plan. We need to do our best to be fishers of men and see souls saved!

Where he leads me I will follow! May God Bless!!



## Prominent or PREEMINENT?

Notice that the word "prominent" means important while the word "preeminent" means surpasses all others. There is a distinct difference.

The encounter on the road to Damascus completely transformed Paul's life. It was on this road that Saul the Persecutor of Jesus became Paul the Apostle of Jesus, converted from Christian murderer to Christian martyr. After his powerful encounter with Jesus, Paul spent the rest of his life proclaiming the gospel. He did not let anything deter him from sharing the good news of the gospel with others. (See a list of his sufferings in 2 Corinthians 11:21-33). Jesus truly surpassed all others in Paul's life. The evidence speaks for itself...Christ was preeminent!

Is Jesus preeminent in your life? Our faith in Jesus Christ should transform the relationships we have in every area of our lives—in our homes, our churches, and our world. Let's ask the God that is with us to anoint us for the work before us. Our unsaved family and friends are counting on us.

***And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.***

~ Col. 1:18

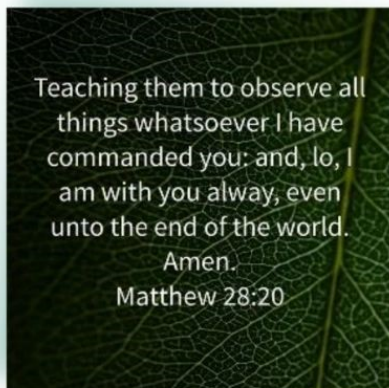
**Only one life – so soon it will pass.  
Only what's done for Christ will last!**



Sunday School is over 200 years old as an institution and was born out of one man's vision, passion, and desire to make a difference in the lives of children – Robert Raikes. As he walked down St. Catherine's Street, he saw a group of ragged children who looked poor and overworked. These children were known as the White Slaves of England.

According to history, the children worked 12 hours a day or longer in the mills and sweatshops while most of their parents were in prison or dead. They didn't go to school. They had to work to live. Robert was gripped with compassion for the children. He knew that their future was grim with no hope of getting an education. The greater tragedy was that they would have no one to teach them the Gospel or how to live in God's way. Therefore, they would most probably end up sick, starving to death, or in prison. Out of this burden, the idea of Sunday School was born and grew to be one of the most effective ways to reach the world with the Gospel!

Our churches today still need teachers who will arise with vision, a burden filled with passion, and a desire to make a difference in the lives of others. Through Sunday School we have the opportunity to reach the entire family and be instrumental in helping them grow in Christ as they are exposed to the life changing Word of God.



***It is impossible to build a great church of an enduring nature without building a great teaching program through the Sunday School.***

## LADIES AUXILIARY



*"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained, that we should walk in them."*  
Ephesians 2:10

### Created for Good Works

What a great honor it is to be involved in Kingdom Work! It's what we were created and redeemed for! Everyone who has been "called out of darkness into His marvelous light" has an opportunity and an obligation to enlist in the service of the Lord. While Paul had many men who were helpers and co-laborers with him, he also had women who labored with him in the Lord. Paul appreciated their help so much that he mentioned them by name: Phebe, Dorcas, Priscilla, Mary, Tryphena, Tryphosa, and Persis to name a few.



Through the Ladies Auxiliary our ladies can play an active role in the work of the church today. Just as women in New Testament times fulfilled their role, our women have a strategic role to fill in our local churches. First through effective, fervent prayer and then by being prepared and zealous to help wherever and whenever there is a need. Be mindful to pray for open doors of opportunity to witness to our families and work in our communities.



Your own testimony is enough for you to see, believe, and worship God. We're not glorifying the struggle. We're glorifying God in it. When you share your testimony, you showcase how God has made you more than a conqueror. The term, "testimony," derives from the Hebrew word, uwd, which means to "do again." Your testimony shows people that God is in the business of doing it again and again and again. Not just for you, but for anyone else. There is a purpose in your struggle. God will reveal the works of His hands all around you. It'll not only encourage others, but it'll also encourage yourself. You'll be so shocked by how far you've come. Your story can and will help other Christians. The sure way to remember our testimonies is to express it is by telling someone and also, writing it down! "Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;" - Deuteronomy 4:9. And so let us reference what God did for us in the past in order to march forward in victory! Sharing will get us to a place where we can celebrate together.



# TESTIMONY

## SALVATION GRACE

THIS RIBLE HOPE LIFE JOY

### SHARE WHAT GOD'S DONE FOR YOU

My God has worked so many miracles this week, and I am so thankful. My niece took her Dad to the hospital Saturday night. He coded Sunday morning. They brought him back. When we got there Sunday night he was not responding to anyone. His heart is working at 10% with medication. He is having problems with other organs too. But I know God is working. Please pray they start working properly. But I have watched him go from not responding to being frustrated with the breathing tube down his throat to pulling the breathing tube out during the night. And not having to put it back in because he could breathe with oxygen through



his nose. Thank God! From not opening his eyes or talking to opening his beautiful blue eyes and trying to talk. Thank God! They put a feeding tube through his nose, in case he could not eat on his own. To them taking it out, because he could eat on his own. Thank God! When we got to the hospital yesterday they had him sitting up. He is still weak, but was being his hilarious self. My brother is one of the most caring people you will ever meet. He still has a long ways to go, but he is a fighter. I appreciate every prayer, text and phone call. I know my brother does too. Please keep my niece in your prayers as she makes decisions for his care. The nurses and doctors have done a awesome job in caring for my brother. I am sure I am forgetting things. But I wanted to share how powerful our God is! I love each and everyone of you.

Dina Harper Patterson  
Alexandria EHC  
Alexandria, AL

## Jeremy Key update...

We are so thankful for how the Lord is healing Jeremy.

**He has come vent to VICTORY!**

While a special visitation of the Holy Ghost was taking place in one of Sunday morning services recently, **Jeremy stood up from his wheelchair by himself for the first time.**

**He did so 5 times before he stopped.**

Praise God He is still working miracles.  
Hallelujah!

The pictures speak volumes about the healing power of God!



I'm so glad God gave me another chance to serve Him. I'm praying every day so I can get stronger and closer to Him and do what He wants me to do. I'm praying every day all day for the strength to keep going forward and get the old time religion back in my heart like I had when I was a teenager except for this time I will never give up or back down. I'm going up to Mama's house every morning around 4:30 or 5:00, and we have prayer meeting in her living room together for all the sick and lost souls out there in this broken world today. The only thing is I just wished my Dad could see me now. He went on to his reward a few months ago but now I know when this life is over I'll get to see him again.

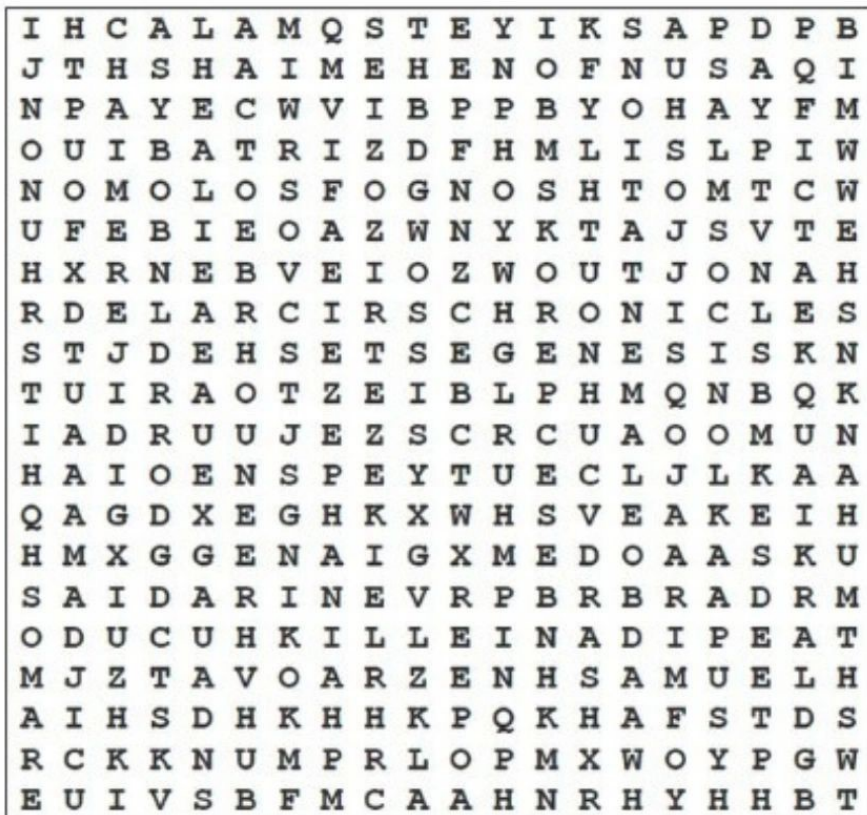
Trina Daniel  
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Revelation 12:11

# TESTIFY

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony;





Fill in the missing letters of the Bible book names in the word list below. Then search the gridd horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backwards for the name of each Bible book.

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**August 15-19**  
Revival  
w/ Bro Wesley Morris  
7 PM  
Alexandria EHC  
Alexandria, AL

**August 20**  
Alabama Annual Conference  
10 AM  
Campground  
LaFayette, AL

**October 9**  
Homecoming  
11 AM  
w/ Bro. Jeff Mayo  
Singers: Shaneyfelt Family  
(after lunch)  
Alexandria EHC  
Alexandria, AL.

**October 10-12**  
Revial  
w/ Bro. Jeff  
7 PM  
Alexandria EHC  
Alexandria, AL.

**October 19-21**  
General Assembly/General  
Campmeeting  
Abe Branch Holiness Church  
Bladenboro, NC

## People Had A Mind To Work

- *"So we built the wall... for the people had a mind to work" (Neh. 4:6)*
- Characteristics of their successful work:
  - Constantly prayerful & watchful (4:9)
  - Everyone came to work, none hid (4:15)
  - Came to build & fight at same time (4:16f)
  - Ready to assist others in time of need (4:20)
  - Led by example of self-sacrifice & work (4:14f)
  - Stayed at the work until it was done (6:15)
- We can succeed in Lord's work the same way

LET US  
RISE UP  
and  
BUILD



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