

A Brother, A Friend: Jesse.

On March 30, 2023, our friend, Jesse Wilkins, went home to be with his Savior. He had been in our lives for close to 10 years; while initially standoffish, Jesse began to warm up to the different people at the church. The early years were rocky, and there were times when Jesse was up and down, in and out, and times where we did not know the next time we would see him. Mid-2020, however, Jesse decided that he wanted to return home and began his renewed pursuit of the Lord. All of his troubles didn't stop, nor was Jesse 100%, but he was dedicated to growing ever closer in his walk with Jesus. In late 2022, Jesse's efforts began bearing fruit; he had begun to walk closer with the Lord, and had found his battle cry. There would be times during services when Jesse would cry out the name, "Jesus!" to the top of his lungs. He was letting the world know that whatever may come, he was putting his trust in Jesus Christ. Jesse began going to church services with different people in our church, testifying more, teaching Sunday School, preparing devotions for our young adults, and feeding and witnessing with the homeless in a home missions outreach program. Jesse had never been happier in his life; he would always try to get us to laugh by telling "dad jokes" (he did his best to tell the dumbest ones in order to elicit reactions from Bro. David). But his happiness had shifted from just trying to make people laugh to being content in his life and loving the people around him. In March, Jesse testified one night that he was ready to go after his family that did not know Jesus; he was putting years of heartache behind him and living the Great Commission. The night before Jesse passed, he was talking with Bro. David, and told him two things: that he'd never been happier in his life, and that he believed that God was calling him to be a missionary and that he was going to accept that call. As of this writing, it has almost been two months since we lost our brother, but we are joyful in our report that Jesse's sister, niece, and nephew have gotten saved and have been in church faithfully since his passing. Jesse's new life in front of his family resulted in their salvation; Jesse's efforts were not in vain, and he got his family. We at Abe Branch are committed to continuing Jesse's mission of reaching his family and furthering his love of missions. Bro. Johnny Causey, our World Missions Director, informed us that a church in India would cost \$9,000, a sum that the Lord helped us raise in less than two weeks. Ground has been broken, and the construction of Jesse's Mission Emmanuel Holiness Church is progressing in India. We thank the Lord for the time he gave us with Jesse, the wonderful memories we have, and mostly, for the work that Jesus did in Jesse's life and for allowing us to be part of his life.

Abe Branch Emmanuel Holiness





Greetings to All.

I trust that you all are doing well. Camp meeting is around the corner, and I hope that you are making arrangements to attend. It is going to be a tremendous meeting; we are looking forward to seeing you there. I've been thinking a lot about the battlefield lately. It seems that the church in general has turned away from the necessity of the battlefield. We must remember that we are engaged in a fight with evil that will not end until Jesus returns for His church. There can never be victory in the church until we return to the battlefield and engage in warfare with our enemy. We have more than an advantage over our adversary, for we have the Power of God within us for this fight. Keep pushing forward; remember they that endure to the end shall be saved.

In His Service,

Havid Cleyis,

General Overseer

Emmanuel Holiness Church, Inc.

Missions in India

On April 26. Bro. Johnny Causey, our World Missions Director, came to Abe Branch to give us an report on what occurred during his recent mission trip to India. Before Bro. Causey could begin his report, however, the Holy Ghost began to move in the church. Saints of God began to worship and praise the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, and conviction fell in the house. Three souls went to an altar of repentance and were saved that night. Afterwards, Bro. Causey began his report, and highlighted his story with pictures taken from the trip. He told the church of how that he initially thought that he would be unable to stay in the area for long, because certain types of Christian evangelism was illegal and punishable with jail time in that area. Bro. Johnny did not let that stop him, as he was able to purchase Bibles for the people, bring in a water truck to provide showers, provide food for the impoverished, and most importantly, bring the Gospel to those who had never heard the truth preached before. By the end of his trip, 6,000 souls had been saved, including the Governor of the region and the High Priest of a local Hindu temple. Bro. Causey was given a piece of land to build the first Emmanuel Holiness Church in India, a church that is currently being built (which you can read about in our remembrance of Bro. Jesse). We are so excited about what the Lord is doing in our World Missions Department, and cannot wait to see what else God has in store for us as we work to further spread his Gospel to

a lost and dying world.



Abe Branch

Bladenboro, NC

Mothers Day at Abe Branch

On Mother's Day, we had 26 mothers in attendance. 26 women who had given of themselves in order to raise their children in a fashion that is pleasing unto God. Bro. David preached on "The Tale of Two Mothers," in which he described the differing love that the two women

who came before King Solomon regarding the surviving child. The love of the child's mother is like that of Christ's towards humanity, whereas the attitude of the deceased child is likened unto the world's attitude towards humanity. The church gifted them with individual blankets that read, "To the World You Are a Mom, But to Our Family You are the World." That is how we feel at Abe Branch, because our mothers are so special to us all. We truly believe that our mothers embody the "

scripture found within Proverbs 31:10, "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies," and Proverbs 31:28, "Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.







ALEXANDRIA EHC Alexandria, AL

"Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou has done, And thy thoughts which are to us-ward: They cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: If I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered." Psalm 40:5

We are grateful, humbled, and excited for all the blessings of God upon our church. Bro. Tim continues to emphasize the importance of prayer and is encouraging us to step up our prayer time. The church is responding to this call for prayer and it is making a visible difference in our spiritual and numerical growth. God is moving so greatly in the lives of our people. To God be the glory!

GLOW IN THE DARK EGG HUNT

Our first Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt was a great success! It was an exceptional turnout! Sis. Rebecca shared the resurrection story with the children and afterwards they had fun hunting eggs, playing games, and roasting marshmallows in the dark! Not only were the eggs and the



games glowing, but we had the great opportunity to let the light of God's love shine from our hearts to the hearts of so many children and parents that we had never seen before. Praise the Lord!

Linn Family



It was blessing to have the Linn
Family with us to share how God is opening doors and using them in their foreign prison ministry. Bro. Linn

preached an anointed message and his family blessed us with their singing. It was great to hear how God is moving for them as they surrender to full time ministry.

Ladies Aux

We are thankful for our ladies and their willingness to help with outreach projects. As a token of our appreciation to the Alexandria Volunteer Fire Department we presented each of them with a Fire Fighter Survival Kit. It was a fun way to say "thank you" from Alexandria EHC for all that they do for our community.



An open door was presented to us to help a young couple who had recently had a baby boy (Lucah) who was born at 36 weeks with premature lungs, having trouble feeding, with malrotation of the intestines with midgut volvulus that required surgery and a number of days in NICU. Alongside our prayers we

were able to send a love offering to help with their medical bills. We are grateful that God is answering prayer, and he is improving every day.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY & REVIVAL

Much prayer was made for our Friends and Family Day this year and God blessed us with an attendance of over 70 people.





Special recognition was given to Sis. Gale Phillips in honor of her service to the Lord and the Emmanuel Holiness Church. It was such a blessing to have Bro. Dale and Sis. Teresa Hathway with us. Bro. Dale preached an anointed message entitled "The Antidote." Following the service, we enjoyed a great dinner and wonderful time of fellowship.

Our revival with Bro. Dale and Sis. Teresa Hathway was so powerful! Bro. Dale preached under the anointing each night and was greatly used by the Holy Ghost to minister to people. Sis. Mary Davis received the Holy Ghost and healing in one of her ears where she had hearing loss. Sis. Chris

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Lindley testified to healing in her knees. Many were blessed and lives were changed. We thank God for the love and unity that is working in our church. God is moving! Praise His name!

Elkins Family

During this period, we had the privelege of rejoicing with the Elkins Family. Sis. Shena rededicated her life to the Lord and was Baptized on Easter Sunday by her son at his church. Bro. Don, who is 91, has moved to a Veterans Home so on May 14 we celebrated not only his service to our country, but how much he means to our church.



Eastside Emmanuel Holiness Church

Opelika, AL

We are so happy to report that God is still working at Eastside. When we get to church we just don't know who the Lord will use for that particular service! God is so good!! Even though the enemy has fought us with so much sickness, we are still victorious through Jesus! We must continue in our mission to win souls!

The Fifth Sunday in April (April 30) was our Fellowship Lunch. We had a good Worship Service and then had lunch in the Fellowship Hall! It is so needful to have fellowship with the brothers and sisters! It brings the Church closer together!!

We had a great Mother's Day Service with 24 mothers in attendance. Each mother received a rose and a handkerchief anointed and prayed over by the pastor. The oldest (Virginia Prickett), the Youngest (Chelsey Ezell), and the one with the most



children present (Connie Carr) were presented gift cards. Attached are the pictures of our mothers on Mother's Day!





The Eastside Ladies Auxiliary had a great meeting/fellowship at Sis. Virginia's home on May 4th. We enjoyed and encouraging devotion, food, and fellowship. The Ladies are currently doing birthday gift bags for the men and women in one of the nursing homes in Auburn. We discussed and are planning to do more in the community. Pray for us that we will be a blessing!

We had one graduate (Kimberly Wall) in our church to graduate from Beauregard High School. Kimberly plans to enter Southern Union State Community College in the Fall to pursue her education as an EMT. We are so proud of her accomplishments!





Our Homecoming is scheduled for June 4th with the MaHarrey family. We welcome all to come and enjoy some good preaching, singing, food, and fellowship with us! Services will begin at 10:30 AM (no Sunday School).

On Sunday, June 25th, 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.

If you are in our area or you would just like to visit, we will sure welcome you to come be with us in church. Our next church fellowship will be July 30th with lunch after service. Love and appreciate all our brothers and sisters in Christ!! Keep our church in your prayers!!!

<u>Jacksonville Emmanuel Holiness</u>

Jacksonville, AL

Jacksonville Emmanuel Holiness Church has been busy getting everything prepared For Youth Camp. April 22, we had a combined Bake, BBQ, and Yard Sale. Our youth stood on the side of the road for donations, and were very excited when they started receiving them. All together we raised about \$2,000. We would also like to thank all those who have volunteered to help us with Youth Camp. Thank you for your time and effort!







Greetings Ladies! I trust that God is pouring out His blessings on you where you are laboring for Him. It is so great to be a part of the Emmanuel Holiness Church! Truly, God has intrusted a great work to our hands. If we are going to make a great impact in our homes, our

churches, and in our communities we must have the anointing of God upon us. God has called us out as the song says, "for a PURPOSE, to be a SERVANT, to lift a STANDARD, to raise the BANNER, to be a WITNESS, and to show FORGIVENESS."

"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;

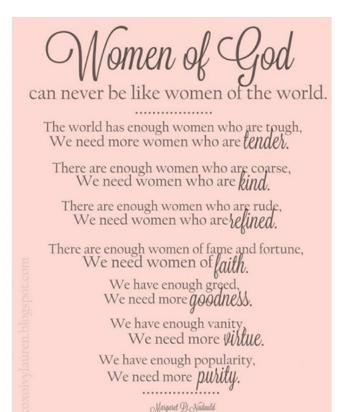
Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy." 1 Peter 2:9-10

Our purpose is clear: We are to be conduits of the power of God and allow the Lord to use us to win the lost, encourage the discouraged, uplift one another in prayer, and minister to those in need by showing great love and compassion one to another. As godly women, we must remember we represent our Lord. As we stay connected to the Vine, the Fruit of the Spirit will grow and flow out of our lives and make us effective witnesses for the Lord.

I believe He is looking for godly women He can use for His glory. To be godly means having a life that no longer seeks satisfaction through a sinful lifestyle but is now fully surrendered to God and His will for our life – a sanctified life.

When we live that kind of surrendered life, we will cultivate these habits:

- ·A LIFE OF PRAYER
- ·A LIFE OF TRUST
- ·A LIFE IN THE WORD
- ·A LIFE OF OBEDIENCE
- ·A LIFE DEPENDENT ON THE LEADING, GUIDANCE, AND POWER OF THE HOLY GHOST
- ·A LIFE THAT GIVES TO GOD AND TO OTHERS
- ·A LIFE OF FORGIVING OTHER PEOPLE



Let us as Emmanuel Holiness women purpose in our hearts to be vessels that God can use in whatever way He sees fit. Determine to set aside time for personal prayer and Bible reading and be sensitive to the Spirit.

I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming Campmeeting.Until then.....

God has great things in store for His church!



Carrie Hillon. LA President



Smmanuel Sisters! ve a Faceboook group now set u

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

He's Personal

Ethan Clewis Abe Branch

There are times when non-Christians do not understand the sense of love and dedication that Christians have towards the Lord. Many times, I believe that it is because the world has attached the name of God to their imagining of Him, an all-encompassing deity that serves as the basis of every religious system on Earth. However, we Christians know better than this. There's a sister in our church that says when we witness, we have to put a name on the One we serve, or the lost will just equate him with their generic, worldly version. So how do we know that God is not a generic, run-of-the-mill deity that serves every religious system? He proves this to us in His Word by showing that He wants a personal relationship with every human on this planet. There is no other "god" in the history of mankind that has been thought of or created that has sent down their son to foster an intimate relationship with humanity. The only deity to take these steps is the God that we as Christians serve, when the Son came down from glory and took on humanity, He did this to promote a true one-on-one relationship with mankind. God shows us that this has been His desire since Creation. In Genesis, He walked alongside man in the Garden of Eden; Adam would not have known to hide from God unless it was God's practice to walk and talk with Adam habitually. The fall of man put a distance between man and God, and there was a time when God would only talk to a select few, such as Abraham, Moses, Samuel, Isaiah, and Ezekiel, to name a few. Even a period of 400 years occurred when the heavens were silent, and God did not talk to anyone on Earth. Yet The Father knew that this form of limited communication would not be sustainable for humanity. He sent Jesus to be the sacrifice for the sins of all of mankind; yes, the main purpose of this act was to ensure salvation for those who are willing to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior, but the planned way of salvation leads into a close and personal relationship with God that was not available to the majority of man throughout the ages. As if the relationship stemming from salvation was not enough, In John 14:16, Jesus says that the Holy Ghost was sent to Earth in order to be our comforter and a constant reminder that the presence of God is only a word away; now God communes with us through His Word and the moving of the Holy Ghost. So no, God is not the man made, nonspecific entity that man thinks He is, nor is He a harsh dictator ruling from a throne of punishment waiting to smite the unjust. God is a good Father towards us, and while He has a set way that He expects us to live, His mercies are unending, and His love is immeasurable. Make your walk intentionally personal, because He is intentionally personal towards us.



My name is Alexis Ramirez and I am 12 years old. I live in Anderson, SC.I attend Friendship Holiness Church. I got saved when I was 5 years old. I live with my mom and my three brothers. It was challenging everyday not having a father in the house. We truly lived by faith. We trusted God to

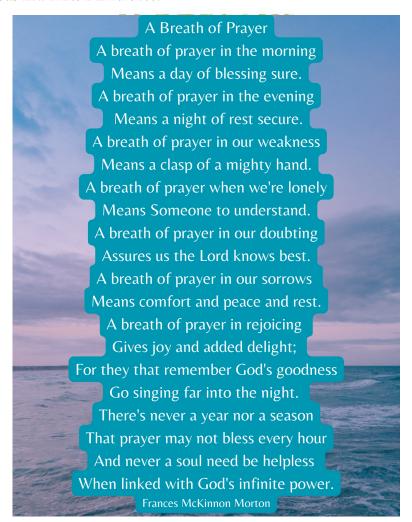
provide every need. There were many times that we prayed for different needs and we watched God supply.

I have only lived 12 years but in these 12 years I have seen God prove to be faithful. My great-grandpa Dottry was truly a man of faith. He saw many miracles. I am so thankful for being taught holiness. I never got to meet my great grandparents, but I can't wait to see them on the other side. I am thankful that my Nana is a Godly lady, and she taught my mom the Bible way.



My Mom taught me and my brothers the right way.

I am so proud of my fellow youth at Friendship Holiness Church for standing for the truth. It is a blessing to be part of such an amazing youth group. God has done amazing things in my life. I want my life to shine for Jesus every day. I want to be used by God to share the gospel. Be encouraged today that no matter what age you are you can live for Jesus and make a difference.



A Word from the Alabama Overseer

A prayer of Habakkuk the Prophet upon Shigionoth. O Lord, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known: in wrath remember mercy. -Habakkuk 3:1-2

There is certainly agreement among God's people that we are living in times like we really could not have imagined. We are in the midst of years of great moral decline; a forsaking of God, and church isn't important to peopole. The list of serious issues is growing and seems endless. Let us as preachers, pastors, and Christians adopt this prayer of Habakkuk.

We have heard enough of truth and enough preaching that we know what to do. We have heard the speech of the Lord. Now let us cry for revival. Cry for the work of God to be revived right in the midst of these years of backslidings that we are witnessing. Make yourself known again Almighty God in our midst!

Thank God for a wonderful May Conference. Our World Mission Director, Bro. Johnny Causey was with us in Alabama and inspired us with his preaching and sharing about what God has done and is doing in India, Kenya, and other places. Please support him with prayer and financial support.

Also, big thanks to Bro. Dale and Sis. Teresa Hathway for preaching revival for us at Alexandria. We had a wonderful revival. Bro. Dale preached under a great anointing every service. Love the Hathways. Every pastor would be blessed to have them at your church. They are great people of God.

Bless the Emmanuel Holiness Conference.

Tim Phillips

CAN YOU FIND THEM ALL?

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends...One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo, Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "The books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus. There really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found. God Bless.

10 REASONS to bring your child to Sunday School

While sleeping late can be nice, have you considered the benefits of Sunday School attendance for your child.

Here are 10 reasons to make it a priority in your family:

1.Age Targeted Teaching: Where else can your kids get Biblical instruction that's focused toward their developmental abilities?

2. Friends: In Sunday School, your child will build positive friendships with their peers by discovering God's Word together.

3. It's Fun: Sunday School is not Disney Land, but our teachers do work hard to teach the Bible in ways that are relevant and fun for kids.

- 4. Spiritual Mentors: A dedicated teacher can be a Christian role model who supports you and helps inspire the faith of your child.
- 5. Systematic Bible Learning: Our curriculum is designed to give a broad Christian foundation.

- 6. Praying Teachers: Our teachers consistently pray for your child's faith to grow. Coming to Sunday School gives another occasion for God to answer those requests.
- 7. Big Reward For a Small Investment: If you're already coming to church, just come a little earlier. That one change will equal over 800 hours of additional Christian teaching before your child graduates.
- 8. Send the Right Message: Making Sunday School a priority shows your kids that God's Word really does matter more than pillow-time.
- 9. Adult Bible Fellowship: While the children enjoy their class, you can fellowship with other adults in your own Bible study group.
- 10. You'll Be On Time: Families who come to Sunday School always get to worship on time. It's the easiest way to avoid being late.



Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

HOPE.

Isaiah 43:19

The one word that automatically came to my mind when reading this scripture was hope. Yes hope means a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen. It also means a feeling of trust. If God did the former things then surely we can trust He's faithful to do more!

We find that God is speaking to the prophet Isaiah during Israel's time in Babylonian captivity. It is still a message that resonates today. Don't look to the past! God is preparing a new path ahead full of the blessings of God.

The wilderness may not be an enjoyable place. It is a place of temptations and trials. We may experience lack, isolation, and danger but it is also a place of renewal and God's intervention. God is saying I have something new and better for you but you must keep moving forward to get there. When the enemy says there is no way, that is when God shows up and everything changes!

The desert too is a place of testing that leads to transformation. God says He will make rivers in the desert. He will place a stream of life in a barren wasteland. He will provide us with everything that we need to make it through. His grace is sufficient!

Stop looking behind and look around you. Move beyond the desert. Get out of the wilderness. Notice the greatness of God. He is surely moving in our midst!

There is hope. Hope for renewal. Hope for revival. Hope for restoration. Hope for the future!

It's springing forth! Can't you see it? God is moving! God is leading us and providing everything we need. Let Him do the new work in you!

For The Garden of Your Daily Living Plant Three Rows of peas:

1. Peace of Mind 2. Peace of Heart. 3. Peace of Soul

Plant Four Rows of Squash:
1. Squash Gossip 2. Squash Indifference 3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce:
1. Lettuce Be Faithful 2. Lettuce Be Kind 3. Lettuce Be Patient

4. Lettuce Really Love One Another

No Garden is Complete Without Turnips:

1. Turnip For Meetings 2. Turnip For Service 3. Turnip To Help One Another

To Conclude Our Garden We Must Have Thyme: 1. Thyme For Each Other 2. Thyme For Family 3. Thyme For Friends

Water Freely with Patience and Cultivate With Love. There Is Much Fruit In Your Garden Because You Reap What You Sow.



June 23 7:30 PM Fellowship Meeting Guest Speaker: Bro. Chuck Bennett Alabama Campgrounds La Fayette, AL

June 25 6 PM Singing ShaneyFelt Family EastisdeEHC Opelika, AL

July 1,8, 15 & 22 5 PM-7 PM **July 29 11 AM - 2 PM** BYBC: Submerged Alexandria EHČ Alexandria, AL

July 17-21 7 PM Revival W/ Bro Wesley Morrison Alexandria EHC Alexandria, AL

July 23 5:30 PM Singing: Shaneyfelt Family with Bro Cody preaching Alexandria EHC Alexandria, AL

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

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