

East Hills Ministry Staff

Pastor John Stewart *Lead Pastor* Pastor Brian Buell *Adult Ministries Pastor* Elly Holmes *Children's Director* Sean Selter *Students' Director* Dixie Banks *Bookkeeper*
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East Hills Volunteer Ministry Leaders

Jenn Flores and Jeri Read *Women's Ministry* Jim and Myriam Hall *Care Team* Michael Van Hulla *Missions Ministry*

Contacting our Leadership

Our staff can be contacted by calling the church office (951.776.9111). Using the voice mail system, phone calls will go directly to their cell phone.

Our website (easthills.info) lists the cell phone number and email address of our staff. That information is also available for our Elders and our Deacons. To find that information, just go to our website and use the dropdown menu, navigate to "About Us" and then click "Leadership."

To email all the Elders at once, you can send an email to Elders@easthills.info. The same is true for our Deacons using Deacons@easthills.info.

If you have a prayer request you can email the prayer team directly at prayerteam@easthills.info and an email will be sent to our prayer team.

Giving at East Hills

There are three ways to give here at East Hills...

- [1] You can give in person (check/cash) as part of your worship on Sunday morning by placing it in the offering bags as they are passed.
- [2] You can give by texting any dollar amount to **84321** whether in attendance at our worship service or at home watching online (really any time).
- [3] You can give online at our website (www.easthills.info). When you get to the site just click 'give' in the upper right hand corner and you will find easy to follow directions to give.

Thanks for your commitment to give to the Lord. May He bless you for your faithfulness. Remember, "God loves a cheerful giver."

Financial Update

Tithes and Giving	Nov 2023	Nov 2023 YTD	Dec 2023
Actual	\$ 50,831.11	\$ 544,847.23	\$ 7,580.14
Budget	<u>\$ 46,700.00</u>	<u>\$ 547,300.00</u>	<u>\$ 55,100.00</u>
Fav/(Unfav) Variance	\$ 4,131.11	\$ (2,452.77)	\$(47,519.86)

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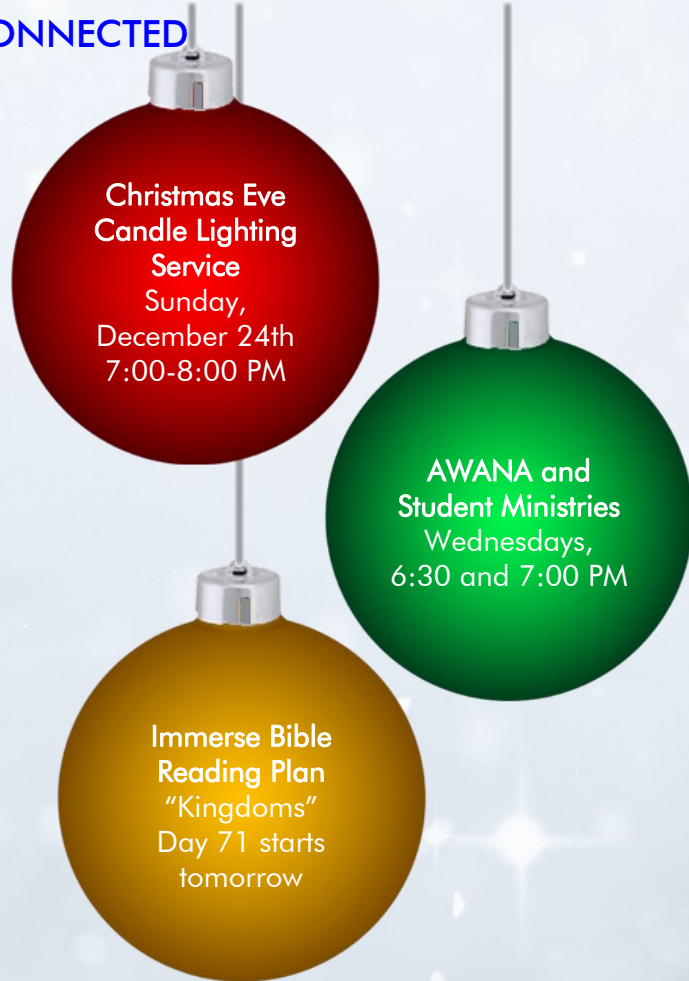
EastHillsCommunityChurch



WELCOME TO EAST HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

We are glad you came this morning and expect that your time here will be well spent. East Hills is a place where you will find real people with real problems who are seeking a real faith and a real connection. In fact, the reason we exist is to connect people to God, each other and a purposeful life. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we want to help you get moving and discover this Jesus who has transformed our lives. You can learn at your own pace. Ask questions. Seek. We believe you'll find what you're looking for, while also finding God-seeking people to do life with you. So join with us this morning in worship, meeting new friends, and hearing a practical message from God's Word.

GET CONNECTED



Guests: Please fill out the "Connection Card" by scanning the QR code with your phone's camera. We have a free gift for all our guests. Just go to the 'Welcome Center' in the lobby and tell them you're a guest.



INFORMATION / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Connection Card

- Connection cards are our way to connect with you. If you have a prayer request, need information, are interested in volunteering and/or want to leave a note for one of our staff, then please fill out a connection card. You can scan the QR code below with your phone's camera, or get a hard copy on the back table where you entered the worship center and turn it in with the offering.

Children's Ministries (Elly Holmes, ellyh@easthills.info)

- **Sunday Mornings:** Every Sunday morning we have age-appropriate classes for our children up through 6th grade. Kids first join their parents for worship, and are then dismissed before the message to their age-appropriate classes.
- **AWANA:** Our AWANA clubbers spend time every Wednesday evening from 6:30-8:00 PM learning about God's Word, memorizing scripture, singing worship songs, playing games, and hanging out with friends. AWANA is for kids aged 3-years-old to 6th grade. 3 and 4-year-olds must be self-sufficient in the bathroom. You can register your kids in person or by going to the Children's Ministry page on our website. Sign up and join the fun!

Student Ministries (Sean Selter, seans@easthills.info)

- **Sunday Mornings:** Our junior high schoolers will be dismissed at the same time as the children for Biblical lessons geared just for them. For any questions, please reach out to Sean Selter.
- **Wednesday Nights:** Our Student Ministries are for students from 7th grade up to 12th grade. They meet every Wednesday from 7:00-8:45 PM in the Youth Room. All junior high and high school students are welcome, along with their friends! Reach out to Sean Selter if you have any questions.

Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service

- On Sunday, December 24th, Christmas Eve, we will be hosting a Candle Lighting Service at 7:00 PM. We would love to have you join us as Advent comes to a conclusion and as we remember Christ's birth! This will be a service for the whole family, and as such, childcare will *not* be provided.

Easthills.info

- Have you visited www.easthills.info lately? Our website is a great place to find up-to-date information on events, ministries, and much more.
- It is a great place to learn more about who we are here at East Hills, discover more about the ministries we support, and learn more about our leadership.
- You can also find great resources such as an archive of our Sunday Livestreams, and even download audio of our past sermons.

"The Grinch" That Tried to Steal Christmas

Series based on messages by Rick Stacey
Matthew 2

Herod missed the _____ of Christmas because he...

... was _____ by Jesus (vs. 2, 3).

... knew _____ Jesus but he didn't _____ Jesus (vs. 4-6).

... acted on what was in his _____ (vs. 7, 8, 13, 16).

Herod missed the Christ of Christmas, but he could not _____ the Christ of Christmas.

Because God loves _____.

Herod did not find redemption in Christmas, but we can!

Monthly Prayer Focus

Every month we specifically pray for an East Hills ministry and missionary whom we support. More information about our ministries and missionaries can be found online at www.easthills.info.

Ministry of the Month: Worship Arts Ministry

- Please pray that the Worship Team would steadfastly lead the congregation's worship in a way that both glorifies God and prepares our hearts for the message.
- Pray for God's wisdom for Ben Halsne, our Worship Arts Director, as he works with Pastor John on providing a meaningful worship experience on Sunday mornings.

Missionary of the Month: No single missionary focus

East Hills is taking a one-month pause from focusing on a single missionary in December to not detract from Advent and the preparation for the celebration of Christmas. However, please continue to pray...

- For young and discouraged Christians, that they will be fed and remain strong in the Lord
- For the unreached people groups who lack access to Christians, for the persecuted, and the disadvantaged.
- *"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."* Matt. 9:37-38.