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CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Eastern Hills Baptist

Outreach and music inspire congregation

ABOUT THE CHURCH
Address: 4855 Albemarle Road. Phone: (704) 537-5101. Web site: www.easternhillsbaptistchurch.com Schedule: Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday: dinner, 5:30 p.m.; prayer meeting and children's activities at 6:30 p.m. Average attendance: 350.

CELEBRATION PLANNED
Interim pastor Dr. Grady Faulk currently leads the congregation. Faulk is joined by the Rev. David Lane, minister of music and administration, and the Rev. Greg Carpenter, minister of students. The church will celebrate its 42nd anniversary with homecoming on May 18. That day, folks will enjoy a special 10:30 a.m. worship followed by dinner on the grounds.

OUTREACH
Lane says the congregation is very active in the community. They host Room in the Inn each Friday evening from December through March, and hold Sunday school classes at Brian Center each week. The church also works with Hospice, Operation Christmas Child and other local ministries. Youth participate in a special mission project each summer.

They also share their facilities each Sunday with an Arabic congregation.

WORSHIP
Lane says music plays a large part in the blended services. "Our adult choir is a very strong part of the worship experience. They have a great spirit about them and they enjoy performing all types of music."

The church also has a youth choir, two children's choirs, an adult handbell choir, a children's handbell choir, and a youth drama group.

— MELINDA JOHNSTON
Minister wants students to trade insults with him

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Charlotte minister David Watts encourages his young church members to drop their Sunday manners during the week and trade a few insults with him.

The Rev. Watts, a music and youth minister at Eastern Hills Baptist Church, has been roaming from one school cafeteria to another for six months to get students who are members of his church to show their “weekday faces.”

“Kids come to church and put on a different face,” Watts said. “One girl told me she’s a different person on Sundays than she is at school. I wanted to get to know them on their ground.”

Last March he began surveying youth at his 800-member church, and he found the church’s youth were scattered among nine area schools.

His plan to have lunch and small talk with student church members pleased the schools’ principals, Watts said.

“I made it clear I was not trying to draw in other kids as new members,” Watts said. “If somebody else is sitting at the table, we tend to include them in the conversation. And if I happen to find out another student doesn’t go to church, I go back to the kids and say ‘Hey, he doesn’t go to church. Maybe you ought to talk to him.’ But I’m not trying to evangelize.”

So Tuesday through Friday, Watts can be found at lunchtime sharing school cafeteria fare with a half-dozen or more of the church’s youth. Between bites, they discuss everything from plans for a church trip to the school’s basketball season.

Because of the varying lunch periods at the schools, Watts is only able to eat lunch with each group about once a month.

“Every time we get together at church, we’re always busy trying to do something,” Watts explained.
The Rev. Wright to address 'Men of Valor' conference

Salem Baptist Church will sponsor a "Men of Valor" conference next week.

The conference, which meets Tuesday through Nov. 12 at the church, 5318 Salem Church Rd., will address the topic "Seize the Day: Men Reclaiming Leadership in the Family, Community and Church."

Guest speaker will be the Rev. Donald Wright, pastor of Scripture Center Church in Rocky Mount.

The conference hours will be Tuesday at 6 p.m.; Nov. 8-10 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Nov. 11 at noon.

For more information or to register, call the church at 399-5448.

Special events

■ Susan Bankston will lead a seminar for women Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Radisson Grand Resort in Fort Mill, S.C. Bankston, who's led Christian seminars on weight loss, motivation and marriage at the old PTL ministry, will speak on "How to Make Life Work." For more information, call (803) 548-2240.

■ Christ Episcopal Church, 1412 Providence Rd., will have an All Saints Day service today at 11 a.m. For more information, call the church at 333-6276.

■ The Christian Emphasis Committee of the Central YMCA, 400 E. Morehead St., will have its monthly fellowship breakfast Thursday at 7 a.m. Guest speaker will be Palmer Trice of the Barnabas Center. For more information, call 333-7771.

■ Beth Sar Shalom Fellowship, an outreach of Chosen People Ministries, will have its monthly fellowship meeting Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Cohab at Charlotte, 2500 Carmel Rd. The meeting topic will be "An Alternative Lifestyle — A Look at Thanksgiving." For more information, call 357-9000.

■ The Church of God will have its third biennial women's convention "Victory '95," Thursday through Sunday at the Radisson Grand Resort in Fort Mill, S.C. Guest speakers include the Revs. Claudette Copeland, co-pastor/co-founder of New Creation Christian Fellowship in San Antonio, and Cynthia James, pastor/founder of Landmark Ministries Church of God in Oakland, Calif. Cost is $65, which includes a reception and banquet Thursday and Saturday. For more information, call 581-9109.

■ Covenant Community Church, a new Presbyterian church in Charlotte, will have its first worship service Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Harris YMCA, 5900 Quail Hollow Rd. For more information, call the church office at 544-9129.

■ The Rev. Lane Hurley, pastor of First Christian Church, will present the monologue "Kishish the Beggar," Sunday at 7 p.m. at Davidson United Methodist Church, 233 S. Main St. For more information, call the church at 892-6277.

■ Eastern Hills Baptist Church, 4855 Albemarle Rd., will have a country ham breakfast Friday at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be Beverly Howard from Loaves and Fishes. The Homeward Bound quartet also will perform. Cost is $4 for adults, $1.50 for children. For more information or reservations, call the church at 537-5101.

■ Church Women United will sponsor its annual "World Community Day" service Friday at noon at Ebenezer Baptist Church, 2020 W. Sugar Creek Rd. A catered luncheon, $7 per person, follows. For more information, call the church at 598-2219.

■ First Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, 901 Oaklawn Ave., will have a special recognition banquet for pastor C. McArthur Sanders, Saturday at 7 p.m. at Marriott Executive Park, 5700 Westpark Dr. Guest speaker will be the Rev. John Walker, pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church. Banquet tickets are $25.

■ Dr. E.D. Thompson, president of Gospel Ministry Outreach Theological Institute in Houston, will speak at the church Sunday at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call the church office at 354-4525.

■ First United Methodist Church, 501 N. Tryon St., will have its monthly senior citizens program "Thursdays-At-First" this week. Activities include coffee and conversation, a blood pressure screening, flu and pneumonia shots, Bible study by Henderson Belk, a short movie and a Thanksgiving luncheon. Activities get under way Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Lunch reservations need to be made by 10:30 a.m. by calling the church at 333-9684.

The Charlotte District United Methodist Women will have a training session for local officials Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

■ Harrisburg United Methodist Church, 4560 N.C. 49 S., will collect a special offering at the 11 a.m. Sunday worship service to benefit victims of the recent hurricanes in the Caribbean. Proceeds collected will be used to assist in the relief and rehabilitation needs of people, and repair and reconstruction of church buildings and property. For more information, call the church at 455-2311.

■ Myers Park Presbyterian Church, 2501 Oxford Place, will have a family night Friday at 6:45 p.m. Activities include line dancing and dessert. For more information, call the church at 376-3695.

■ Nazareth Outreach Baptist Church, 2927 Parkway Ave., will have a revival Monday through Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Rev. B.R. Moore, pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church. For more information, call 391-3141.

■ Oakhurst Baptist Church, 5037 Monroe Rd., will have its homecoming Sunday at 11 a.m.; a dinner follows. The Rev. Frank Moore, former pastor of the church, will speak. For more information, call the church at 537-6604.

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Eastern Hills Baptist Church

1212 Pierson Drive
Charlotte, N. C.

W. Frank Marks
Pastor

These things write I unto thee, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.
I Timothy 3:15
BUILDING COMMITTEE

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A LOOK AT OUR NEW BUILDING

We believe there are some things about our new building which you would like to know that are not obvious at first sight. There is approximately 13,000 square feet of usable floor space. The building is 55 feet wide and 113 feet long. The Sanctuary will seat approximately 600 people comfortably in the upholstered pews. The choir loft has a capacity of 47.

The interior of the Sanctuary uses the same brick as the exterior, in combination with warm gray ash paneling and oak pews; the roof structure over the Sanctuary is exposed laminated wood, finished in a light gray-beige stain which unifies brick and paneling. Smoke colored cathedral glass is used in the narrow floor to ceiling Sanctuary windows, and artificial lighting is designed to enhance this natural feeling and to display the chancel area. The contrast in color to the browns, warm grays, and pink brick is the soft olive green which is used on the textured plaster walls behind the Choir and Pulpit area and bronze olive carpet used in all the aisle areas.

The ground floor of the building is occupied by Educational and Fellowship facilities. There are two assembly areas or one large fellowship hall, ten adult classrooms, kitchen, church office and pastor’s study.

The building is completely air-conditioned.
Welcome To

Eastern Hills Baptist Church

We are happy that you have come to join with us in worship and fellowship as we celebrate the completion and dedication of our new building. This day marks the realization of a dream of our people.

"Behold, I build an house to the name of the Lord my God, to dedicate it to him."

II Chronicles 2:4
Eastern Hills Baptist Church
W. Frank Marks, Pastor
Music Director, Marvin Harris

December 3, 1967

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE—11:00 A.M.

SERVICE OF PRAISE
Prelude: “The Glorious Kingdom” Wilson
Call to Worship Choir
Invocation and Choral Response
Recognition of Visitors—Announcements
Hymn: “The Church’s One Foundation” No. 380
Children’s Lesson Pastor

SERVICE OF DEDICATION
Music for Meditation
Morning Prayer
Hymn: “To God Be the Glory” No. 41
Worship with Tithes and Offerings
Offertory: “The Lord My Shepherd” Carrier

MINISTRY OF MUSIC AND THE WORD
Special: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” Choir
Scripture Joshua 4:18-24
Message: “What Mean These Stones?” Pastor

SERVICE OF INVITATION AND ACCEPTANCE
Hymn: “Jesus Is Tenderly Calling” No. 229
Benediction
Benediction Response: “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” Lutkin
Postlude: “Exalt His Name” Cooke
THE DEDICATION SERVICE

Sunday, December 3, 1967, 2:30 P.M.

Organ Prelude ................................................................. Mrs. Morton

Hymn: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” ......................................... No. 132

Invocation

Welcome and Recognition ............................................................... Pastor

Scripture Reading ........................................................................ II Chronicles 2:3-5

The Act of Dedication ....................................................... Pastor and Congregation

Pastor: To the Eternal God our Father, Maker of heaven and earth, Author and Giver of life, who in the person of Jesus Christ His Son has made known to us the patience and power of His redeeming love, and who by his gracious Spirit is ever seeking to bring light into our darkness.

People: We dedicate this building.

Pastor: To the Holy task of evangelism in a lost and bewildered world, and to the high obligations of worship that cleanses and refines the minds and motives of men.

People: We dedicate this building.

Pastor: To the faithful proclamation of the gospel of God’s redeeming love, through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord, to the training and guidance of human minds and souls, to the building of Christian character, to the giving of hope and courage, and to the teaching of the Word of God.

People: We dedicate this building.

Pastor: To the furtherance of the worldwide program of Jesus, to the encouragement of missionary endeavor at home and abroad, to the building of a human fellowship enriched and enobled by the presence of the spirit of Christ, to the building of human brotherhood.

People: We dedicate this building.

Pastor: In grateful remembrance of all those who have gone before us in the faith of our fathers, without whose sacrifice and piety we could not have built, in sincere appreciation for those in the present and their labors for Christ and His church, and with glad thoughts for those who shall come after us to enjoy the benefits of this building.

People: We dedicate this building.

Pastor and People: We, now, the members and friends of Eastern Hills Baptist Church, do dedicate ourselves anew to the worship and service of Almighty God, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. AMEN.

The Prayer of Dedication ................................................................. Rev. J. C. Jones, Jr.

The Hymn of Dedication: “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” ................................. No. 382

Special: “Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah” ................................................... Choir

Message of Dedication ........................................................................ Rev. B. E. Morris

The Hymn of Dedication: “Lead On, O King Eternal” ................................ No. 417

Benediction

Organ Postlude

OPEN HOUSE: 3-5:00 P.M.
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE—7:30 P.M.

Prelude: “I Would Be True” Hughes

Hymn: “I Must Tell Jesus” No. 298

Prayer

Recognition of Visitors—Announcements

Hymn: “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” No. 258

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: “Tis Blessed Hour of Prayer” Lawrance

Special Scripture John 12:23-32

Message: “The Call of the Cross” Pastor

Hymn: “The Way of the Cross Leads Home” No. 196

Benediction

Benediction Response: “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” Hatton

Postlude: “Jesus Shall Reign”

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK:

TODAY: Training Union 6:30 P.M.
Sunbeams & Worship 7:30 P.M.

DAILY WEEK OF PRAYER FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS
(See schedule on opposite page)

WEDNESDAY: Junior Choir Rehearsal 6:30 P.M.
Midweek service with Mrs. William Andrews, Missionary

SATURDAY: Builders & Golden Circle Christmas Party 7:00 P.M.

SPECIAL EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE: Today we express to Green Memorial our sincere appreciation for the beginning and encouragement they have been to us. TODAY ESPECIALLY WE EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO THOSE FROM GREEN MEMORIAL WHO HAVE COME TO CARE FOR THE NURSERY, DURING OUR FIRST SERVICE IN THE NEW BUILDING, SO THAT OUR REGULAR WORKERS MAY HAVE THE JOY OF JOINING IN THE WORSHIP OF THIS HIGH HOUR.
CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

December 3 - 10th

Sunday, Dec. 3—"What Mean These Stones?" Pastor
"The Call of the Cross" Pastor

Monday, Dec. 4, 7:30 P.M.—Program by Woman's Missionary Society
"IN LATIN AMERICA" (in Adult Dept. II)

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 7:30 P.M.—Study Course led by Mrs. Martha Morton
"AFRICA—ARROWS TO ATOMS" (in Adult Dept. II)
Social Hour, following Study Course

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 7:30 P.M.—Missionary to Chile, Mrs. William Andrews
(In Sanctuary)

Thursday, Dec. 7, 10:00 A.M.—Program by Woman's Missionary Society
"IN EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST"
(Adult Dept. II)

Friday, Dec. 8, 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.—"PRAYER AND MEDITATION"
7:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.—"PRAYER AND MEDITATION"
The church sanctuary will be open from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. and from 7:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. for your private prayers and meditation. Please remember our missionaries in prayer at this time and during the week. Drop by any time during these hours on Friday; come and go as time permits.

Sunday, Dec. 10, 11:00 A.M.—Message by Pastor
7:30 P.M.—Film—"Baptist Along the Amazon"

ALL CHURCH MEMBERS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED TO COME AND MEET WITH THE W.M.U. during the services of the week of prayer.

The Lottie Moon Christmas offering boxes will be brought by the children to the morning worship service, December 10th. The Lottie Moon Christmas offering envelopes will be brought by all others during the Week of Prayer and the month of December. Our goal is $1,500.00. We trust that you will pray and give as you feel led by Our Lord.
A BRIEF HISTORY OF EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

On October 9, 1960 nineteen (19) people gathered for Sunday School and worship in the Recreational Hut of First Baptist Church. In the minds and hearts of these few people gathered together in this little building on Commonwealth Ave. was a dream and a vision. They believed a church was needed in the developing area of eastern Charlotte. With faith they committed themselves to this endeavor. Under the sponsorship and guidance of Green Memorial Baptist Church and The Mecklenburg Baptist Association the work was begun and known at first as the Albemarle Road Baptist Chapel and then a very short time later as the Eastern Hills Baptist Chapel.

Under the leadership of Rev. H. E. Campbell the church began the organizations and plans for a building located on the present site on Pierson Drive. The building was completed and the first services were held in the building December 18, 1960.

By April it was evident that the chapel, under the direction and sponsorship of Green Memorial, had become capable of directing and supporting its own program. Plans were made to organize into a local missionary baptist church. On April 16, 1961 the service constituting the group into a church was held with a charter membership of 134. Rev. Campbell continued as pastor until January 15, 1962.

The church was fortunate in securing the services of Rev. R. M. Hagler as Interim Pastor who served lovingly and faithfully for five months.

On the first Sunday of July, 1962, Rev. Ray Linville, of Greenville, S. C. began his ministry as Pastor of Eastern Hills. Immediately another step was taken in the growth of the church plant. In August 1962 it was determined by the church to begin construction of the second unit for use as a children's building. This unit was occupied on May 19, 1963. The approximate cost of this unit was $42,000.00. Rev. Linville resigned February 1, 1964 to return to South Carolina as a pastor.

Again the church was fortunate in securing experienced and wise leadership in the services of Rev. B. E. Morris as Interim Pastor. He served energetically, faithfully and lovingly for a period of 6 months.

On the third Sunday in August, 1964, Rev. W. Frank Marks arrived on the field to begin his ministry as Pastor of Eastern Hills and continues until the present. On October 16, 1965 we employed the firm of Wilson-McCulloch to draw plans for our new sanctuary and educational facilities. During the time the plans were being developed and approved for contract with Mr. T. A. Nye & Son, a total of $250,000 of Church Building Bonds were sold by our church for the purpose of financing the construction. Ground Breaking services for this building were held November 13, 1966 and this building we enter today, December 3, 1967.

This building is the realization of a dream of our people.

Today our Sunday School enrollment is 639 and church membership is 450. We have a proposed budget for 1968 of $78,000. The organizations have taken on new vitality. An excellent music program is under way under the very capable leadership of Mr. Marvin Harris.

“A dream to a few. A reality to many.” To God be the glory great things he hath done.