

Upcoming Events

Jan 4th Believer's Potluck @ Emory
Jan 9th Open Board Meeting
Jan 11th Brethren of Emory
Jan 16th Chili Lunch
Jan 23rd Shower for Lindsey Millbrooks
Registered at Target and Amazon
Feb 1st Believers
Feb 13th Valentine Cookie Cake

Prayer Requests

Mary Ann Cooper
Frank Burton
Rita Stewart
Carlyon Crook
Danette Roberson

Explorer's Bible Study

The Spring Session begins on Tuesday, January 4th
The topic for the Spring Session is "Making Sure of the Truth"

Hearts & Hands

Needs non-perishable food/canned goods, winter clothing & coats.
Please help if you can.
Contact: hearts.hands2013@gmail.com or (662) 838-8899

Brethren of Emory

First meeting will be January 11 @ 6:30
Will be studying "Only Jesus" by John McArthur. Books will be provided.
Dinner will be served

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Sunday Service

Sunday School 10:00am
Worship Service 11:00am

Margie Thompson Believers
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Emory Church



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January 2, 2022

Emory calendar for week of 1/2

1/2	Sunday	Sunday School Worship Service	10:00am 11:00am
1/4	Tuesday	Explorers Bible Study Believers	9:30am 12:00pm
1/5	Wednesday	Explorers Bible Study	7:00pm
1/6	Thursday	TOPS	7:00pm

<https://emorychurchbyhalia.org/calendar>

Myanmar

Religious nationalism is especially strong in Myanmar and drives much of the persecution of Christians. There is an increasing emphasis on Buddhism, to the exclusion of all other religions.

Converts to the Christian faith often face persecution from their families and communities for leaving, or “betraying,” the system of belief they grew up in. Communities who aim to stay “Buddhist only” make life for Christian families impossible by not allowing them to use community resources such as water.

Well-established churches have been attacked, and in some instances, Buddhist monks have invaded church compounds and built Buddhist shrines inside. Non-traditional church groups experience opposition too, especially those located in rural areas and/or are known for evangelistic activity. The government tries to act against extremist Buddhist monks, but sends mixed signals, since it has become clear that extremist monks enjoy the support of the army.

Myanmar is the scene of the longest civil war in the world, which began in 1948. Although much media attention has been given to the plight of Rohingya Muslims, the ongoing war against insurgent groups—which affects, among others, the states of Kachin, Karen and Shan (all of which have a strong Christian minority)—have gone largely unnoticed. The predominantly Christian Chin State was also affected by fighting. Christians are vulnerable to persecution by insurgent groups and the army, and more than 100,000 Christians in the north live in Internal Displacement Camps (IDPs) where they are deprived of access to food and health care.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought added challenges, since many Christians are deliberately overlooked in the distribution of government aid.

Order of Worship

Prelude	Please be seated to prepare yourself for worship	
*Hymn	10,000 Reasons	Congregation
Prayer of Praise		
Scripture Reading	Acts 2:36-41	
*Hymn	Speak, O, Lord	Congregation
Affirmation of Faith		
Prayer for the Nations	Myanmar	
Scripture Reading	Acts 2:42-47	
Prayer for the New Year		
*Hymn	#262 Holy, Holy, Holy	Congregation
Communion		
Sermon	What Must We Do in 2022?	Michael Johnson
Benediction		
Announcements		
Closing Prayer		

(*) indicates times when you are invited to stand as you are able