

Upcoming Events

Jan 11th Brethren of Emory
 Bunco
 Jan 16th Chili Lunch
 Jan 23rd Shower for Lindsey Millbrooks
 Registered at Target and Amazon
 Feb 1st Believers
 Feb 13th Valentine Cookie Cake

Scheduled Events

Believers First Tuesday @ 12:00pm
 Bunco Second Tuesday @ 6:30pm
 Crafty Ladies Third Tuesday @
 GEMS Third Saturday morning
 The Brethren Every other Tuesday @ 6:30

Prayer Request

Mary Ann Cooper
 Frank Burton
 Rita Stewart
 Carlyon Crook
 Danette Roberson
 Tim Thompson
 Sherry Byrd
 Charlie Byrd

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



*What can make me White as Snow
 Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

January 9, 2022

Emory calendar for week of 1/9

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| 1/9 | Sunday | Sunday School | 10:00am |
| | | Worship Service | 11:00am |
| 1/11 | Tuesday | Explorers Bible Study | 9:30am |
| | | Bunco | 6:30pm |
| | | Brethren of Emory | 6:30pm |
| 1/12 | Wednesday | Explorers Bible Study | 7:00pm |
| 1/13 | Thursday | TOPS | 7:00pm |

Vietnam

What does persecution look like in Vietnam? What is life like for Christians?

In Vietnam, the level of persecution a believer faces depends on their denomination or background. Historical Christian communities like Roman Catholics enjoy a certain amount of freedom, although they may be imprisoned if they become politically active. Large plots of land owned by Catholic churches (for example, surrounding schools or convents) are sometimes confiscated by the state for development purposes.

The most intense persecution is reserved for non-traditional Protestants and converts from indigenous religions, especially in the remote areas of central and northern Vietnam. The majority belong to the country's ethnic minorities, like the Hmong, and face social exclusion, discrimination and attacks.

Homes are sometimes destroyed, forcing Christians to leave their villages. In several cases, Christians fled abroad and claimed asylum (for example, in neighboring Cambodia), only to be sent back due to Vietnamese pressure.

What has changed in Vietnam?

Pressure on Christians has increased in almost every area of life. The new regulations on religion, implemented from Jan. 1, 2018 onwards, have added another source of uncertainty (although on paper they looked like an improvement). Tighter regulations on online communication have restricted and limited the space Christians enjoy even further. Pressure and violence against Christians belonging to ethnic minority groups continue unchanged.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

There is pressure on all Christians, particularly in light of strong communist rhetoric. Outspoken Christians can be arrested, and believers are often viewed with suspicion. Converts and Protestants in rural areas tend to encounter the most acute persecution; they could face harassment, discrimination, social exclusion and attack because of their decision to follow Jesus.

Source: <https://www.opendoorsusa.org/>

Order of Worship

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| Prelude | Please be seated to prepare yourself for worship | |
| *Hymn | #13 Bless His Holy Name | Congregation |
| Scripture Reading | Revelation 4:8-11 | |
| Prayer of Praise | | |
| Scripture Reading | Revelation 5:12-14 | |
| *Hymn | God, The Uncreated One | Congregation |
| *Affirmation of Faith | | |
| Prayer for the Nations | Vietnam | |
| Scripture Reading | Psalm 122:1, 84:10 , John 4:23-24 | |
| *Hymn | #10 O, Worship the King | Congregation |
| 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

2021 Contribution Statements

See Robin Cox in the Foyer after Church to pick your statement up.
Statements not picked up by January 30 will be mailed.

Updating Records

If you have moved, or changed your phone number or email address
please notify Robin Cox so we can update our records.
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