

Upcoming Events

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

Monthly Events

Believers First Tuesday @ 12:00pm
Bunco Second Tuesday @ 6:30pm
Crafty Ladies Third Tuesday @ 7:00pm
GEMS Third Saturday morning
The Brethren Every other Tuesday @ 6:30

<https://emorychurchbyhalia.org/calendar>

Prayer Request

Mary Ann Cooper
Frank Burton
Rita Steward
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

Baby Shower

The shower for Lindsey Millbrooks will be
Sunday January 23rd from 2-4pm.
Registered at Target and Amazon

Emory Independent Methodist Church

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Dr. Michael Johnson Sr. Pastor
(901) 606-8113

Robin Cox Home Ministry
(901) 351-7269

Sunday Service

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

Margie Thompson Believers
(901) 262-6747

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Emory Church



January 16, 2022

Emory calendar for week of 1/18

Sunday 1/16	Sunday School	10:00am
	Worship Service	11:00am
	Chili Lunch	12:00pm
Tuesday 1/17	Explorers Bible Study - Woman	9:30am
	Crafty Ladies	7:00pm
Wednesday 1/12	Explorers Bible Study - Men & Women	7:00pm
Thursday 1/13	TOPS	7:00pm

Mauritania

The restrictive environment in Mauritania makes it impossible for Christians to gather openly. This is especially true for converts from Islam, who face enormous pressure from their families and communities. In Mauritania's tribal culture, leaving Islam is not only seen as religious betrayal, but also as a betrayal of the tribe and family. Understandably, in such a culture there is no room for celebrating baptisms, Christian marriages or funerals. Those who convert to Christianity could also face prosecution, since it is illegal to leave Islam. Openly expressing the Christian faith is even risky for foreign nationals, as it could be regarded as an attempt to convert others to Christianity, which can lead to prosecution.

What has changed in Mauritania?

Pressure on Christians in Mauritania has increased in the past year, caused by a tightening of the blasphemy and apostasy laws. Christians have experienced growing opposition in every area of life apart from family life, which remains at the same level. The sharpest rise is in violence, but this could be because more incidents are being reported.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

Those who make the bold decision to leave Islam and follow Jesus are especially prone to persecution. It's a decision that brings shame to their families. Men will lose their status in society and may be forced to leave their home. Women and girls could remain under the influence of Islam if forced into marriage with a Muslim man. Conversely, unmarried women will face a battle for survival, since they're totally financially dependent on either their father or husband.

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

Order of Worship

Prelude	Please be seated to prepare yourself for worship	
*Hymn	All Hail the Power of Jesus Name	Congregation
Scripture Reading	Genesis 1:27-28, Matthew 19:4	
Prayer of Praise		
Scripture Reading	Romans 1:24-25	
*Hymn	And Can It Be?	Congregation
Affirmation of Faith		
Prayer for the Nations	Mauritania	
Scripture Reading	Romans 1:26-32	
*Hymn	The Everlasting Love of God	Congregation
Sermon	What Must We Do in 2022?	Michael Johnson
	We Must Win!!	
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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