

Upcoming Events

Feb 13th Valentine Cookie Pickup
Board Meeting
Super Bowl Party

Feb 17th Believers — Red Barn Cafe

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

Jett Bobo
Frank Burton
Mary Ann Cooper
Carlyon Crook
Rosemary Pennington
Danette Smith
Rita Steward

Emory Church

Believers

Meeting Thursday February 17th at Red Barn Café in Independence

Sunday Evening Services

We will resume Evening Services beginning on February 20th
Details to follow

Super Bowl Watch Party

5:30pm in the FLC
Bring your favorite super bowl finger foods.

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

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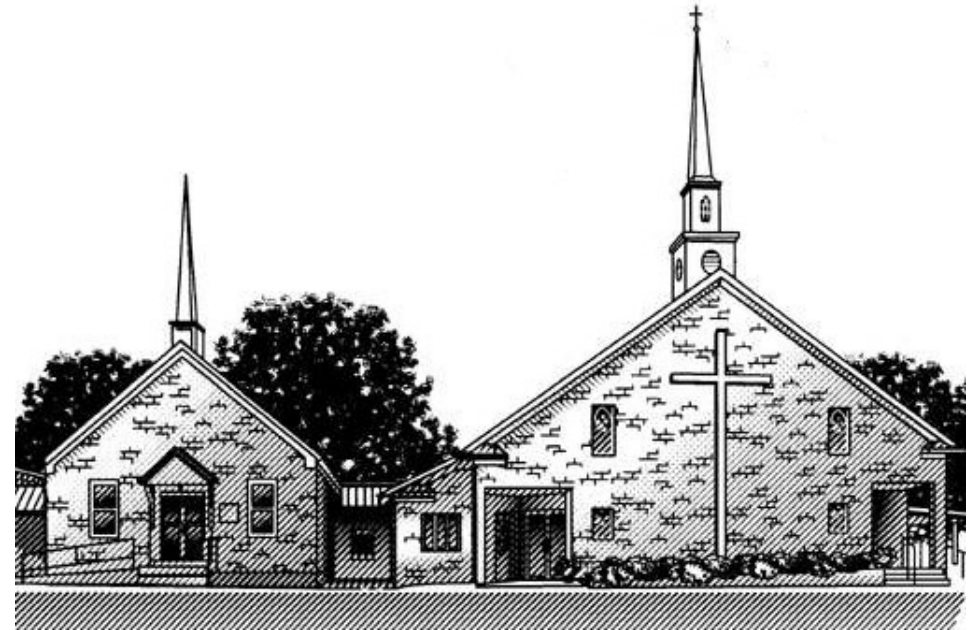
Robin Cox Home Ministry
(901) 351-7269

Margie Thompson Believers
(901) 262-6747

Sunday Service

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

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*Tonight @ 5:30
Join us for some
Super Christian
Fellowship*



February 13, 2022

Emory Calendar for the Week of February 13

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| | Sunday School | 10:00am |
| | Worship Service | 11:00am |
| Sunday 2/13 | Valentine Cookie Pickup | 12:00pm |
| | Board Meeting | 5:00pm |
| | Super Bowl Party | 5:30pm FLC |
| | Explorers Bible Study - Women | 9:30am |
| Tuesday 2/15 | Bunco | 6:30pm |
| | The Brethren of Emory | |
| Wednesday 2/16 | Explorers Bible Study - Men & Women | 7:00pm |
| Thursday 2/17 | Believers — Red Barn Café in Independence | 11:30am |
| | TOPS | 7:00pm |

Uzbekistan

What does persecution look like in Uzbekistan?

Though all Christians experience some level of persecution in Uzbekistan, Protestants are often the victims of the greatest pressure. Christians who are a part of these non-registered churches may be viewed as “extremists,” and the government believes church members are spies trying to destroy the government. Therefore, Christians and their churches may be monitored, and unregistered churches may be the victims of police raids, arrests and fines. Additionally, Uzbekistan is largely Muslim, so any Christian who converted from Islam faces increased pressure from their family and community. Christians in these situations may be locked up, beaten or expelled from their communities. Many converts from Islam are forced to hide their faith.

What has changed this year?

This year, persecution continued to be significant against Christians in Uzbekistan. A new criminal code was drafted in 2021, which continues to penalize the distribution of religious literature, meeting for worship without government permission and “talking about faith.” The previous laws about religious activity were often criticized for being vague, but this update gives way to even greater persecution. Protestant churches continue to be targeted by authorities, and Christians who converted from Islam are still persecuted by both government and community.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

The level of persecution by government officials in Uzbekistan is the same all over the country, particularly on Christians who don’t belong to a registered church, as well as Christians suspected of evangelizing. For Christians who converted from Islam, the pressure is strongest outside of urban areas, especially in the Fergana Valley in the east.

What does Open Doors do to help?

We can’t talk specifically about work in Uzbekistan for security reasons. Throughout Central Asia, Open Doors provides immediate aid to believers when they are placed in prison, excluded from families and communities, and deprived of livelihood and employment because of their faith in Christ. Open Doors also works in Central Asia by supporting biblical training and literature distribution.

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

Order of Worship

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| Prelude | Please be seated to prepare yourself for worship | |
| *Hymn | Complete In Thee | Congregation |
| Scripture Reading | Matthew 28:18-20 | |
| Prayer of Praise | | |
| Scripture Reading | II Timothy 4:5, Acts 11:19-21 | |
| *Hymn | Christ Our Hope in Life and Death | Congregation |
| *Affirmation of Faith | | |
| Prayer for the Nations | Uzbekistan | |
| Scripture Reading | I Peter 3:15-16 | |
| *Hymn | #76 O For a Thousand Tongues | Congregation |
| Sermon | What Must We Do in 2022? Evangelism | Michael Johnson |
| Benediction | | |
| Announcements | | |
| Closing Prayer | | |

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

2022 Calendars

Available in Foyer

2021 Contribution Statements

If you have not received your 2021 Contribution Statement
Contact Robin Cox, Treasurer

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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