

# Emory Church

## Today

March 6 St. Jude Panning Meeting @ 5:00pm  
Movie @ 6:00  
The Chosen — Episode 3

## Upcoming Events

April 2 Leon Burton Memorial Fish Fry  
To Benefit St. Jude Hospital

## 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

## Prayer Request

Jerry Baldwin  
Jett Bobo  
Mac Burrow  
Frank Burton  
Mary Ann Cooper  
Carlyon Crook  
Rosemary Pennington  
Rufus Pennington  
Danette Smith  
Rita Stewart

## Leon Burton Memorial Fish Fry for St. Jude

**April 2, 2022 5:00-7:30 p.m.**

This year instead of asking for donations of specific items for this event, we are asking for monetary donations to cover the costs. This would allow the church to purchase in bulk and to make maximum use of our funds. There is a donation box located by the offering plates. You can also donate Online. Please see Robin Cox if you have questions.

For Advance ticket packets, please contact Camelle Wilson (901)574-7417.

Flyers are available in the foyer.

Volunteer signup sheet is in the foyer

## Hearts & Hands

Needs non-perishable food/canned goods, winter clothing & coats.  
Please help if you can.

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### Sunday Service

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

Margie Thompson Believers  
(901) 262-6747

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## Morocco

### What does persecution look like in Morocco?

Article 220 of Morocco's penal code criminalizes "shaking the faith of a Muslim." The law puts many Christians, both Moroccan and foreign, who talk to others about their faith at risk of arrest and criminal prosecution. Christians rights advocates have also been targeted by the Moroccan government for their activities and threatened with violent attacks by Islamic extremists. While the law only punishes proselytizing, Moroccan converts to Christianity can be punished in other ways, like losing inheritance rights and custody of their children.

### Meet "Nadeen" and "Fatima"

Both young women became Christians in college. When they told their parents about their newfound faith, they were beaten for shaming the family. Finally, under constant pressure, both girls pretended to return to Islam to maintain peace in their families. But they both continue to believe in Jesus in secret. They meet with other believers on a day other than Sunday to avoid further punishment. "If my father found out, he'd kill me," Nadeen said. And she means it literally.

### What has changed this year?

The outlook for Christians in Morocco has worsened this year in Morocco. Pressure increased across the board and violence even rose because several believers were forced to leave the country during the reporting period. Life for Christians in Morocco remains very difficult.

### Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

In Morocco's rural areas, the Islamic population is known to be conservative Muslims; most persecution incidents take place in the northeast region, the Atlas mountains in the east and the southeastern desert area. Most converts in Morocco live in urban areas, where it's easier to escape family and community pressure. However, during COVID-19 lockdowns, many converts suffered when they were forced into isolation, unable to escape potentially dangerous situations inside their homes.

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



## Order of Worship

Prelude	Please be seated to prepare yourself for worship	
*Hymn	#477 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus	Congregation
Scripture Reading	Psalm 67	
Prayer of Praise		
Special	Tammy Waymire	
*Affirmation of Faith		
Prayer for the Nations	Morocco	
*Hymn	#512 I Stand Amazed in the Presence	Congregation
Sermon	Dr. Jeff Ginn Missionary	
Benediction		
Announcements		
Closing Prayer		

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

Emory Calendar for the Week of March 6		
Sunday 3/6	Sunday School	10:00am
	Worship Service	11:00am
	St. Jude Fish Fry Planning Meeting	5:00pm
	Evening Service	6:00pm
The Chosen Episode 3 (approx. length 1 hour)		
Tuesday 3/8	Explorers Bible Study - Women	9:30am
Wednesday 3/9	Explorers Bible Study - Men & Women	7:00pm
Thursday 3/10	TOPS	5:30pm