

Emory Church

Today

March 6 Board Meeting @ 5:00
Movie @ 6:00
The Chosen — Episode 4

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 @ 10:00am
The Brethren Every other Tuesday @ 6:30
Movie Night Every 3rd Sunday @ 5:30

Parents Night Out For Ages 3-12

March 25 6:00pm — 9:00pm

A Free event for moms and dads who need some time.
We will have games, videos, snacks, etc.
Register On-Line

Volunteers are needed, signup sheet is in the foyer

Prayer Request

Jerry Baldwin
Jett Bobo
Mac Burrow
Frank Burton
Mary Ann Cooper
Carlyon Crook
Joyce Gadd Family
Inez Geeslin Family
Sue Lytle Family
Rosemary Pennington
Rufus Pennington
Danette Smith
Rita Stewart
Jimmy Thompson
Waymire Family

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 or you can 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

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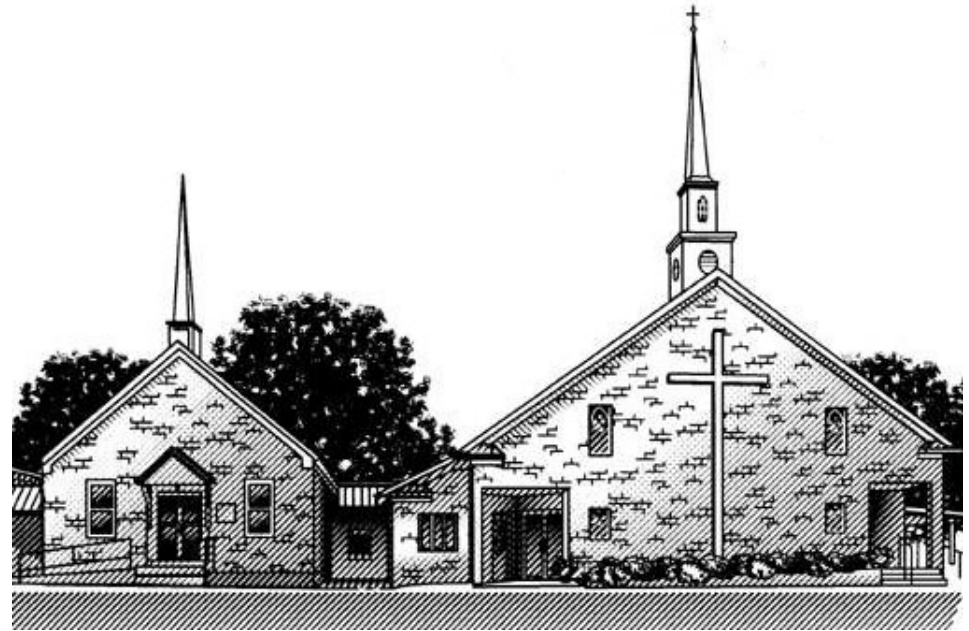
Robin Cox Secretary/Treasurer
(901) 351-7269

Sunday Service

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

Margie Thompson Believers
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March 13, 2022

Indonesia

What does persecution look like in Indonesia?

The persecution of Christians in Indonesia has worsened in recent years. There were three attacks on Christians within a six-month period between 2020 and 2021, killing eight believers, while Indonesian society has taken on a more conservative Islamic character, putting added pressure on Christians.

Many converts from Islam experience pressure from their families to return to Islam, although the intensity of the pressure varies according to the place and the individual's family. Only a few converts face physical violence for their Christian faith. There are also converts from Hinduism in Bali.

Churches that engage in evangelistic outreach are at risk of being targeted by Islamic extremist groups. There are certain hotspots, such as West Java or Aceh, where extremist groups are strong and exert a strong influence on society and politics.

In some regions, church groups face difficulties getting permission to build churches. Even if they manage to fulfill all legal requirements (including winning court cases), the local authorities still often ignore them.

What has changed?

Sadly, the persecution of Christians in Indonesia has worsened considerably, making it one of the biggest risers on the World Watch List, jumping 19 places from last year.

While pressure has increased in the national and church spheres, the main cause of this rise is an increase in violence.

After two years without bomb attacks, suicide bombers targeted a church in Makassar in March 2021; thankfully, no one was killed. However, eight Christians were killed in two attacks in Central Sulawesi in November 2020 and May 2021. The terrorist group East Indonesia Mujahidin (MIT)—which has links to the Islamic State group—is responsible for the attacks.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

The primary hotbed of persecution in Indonesia is Aceh in the northwestern tip of Sumatra, the only province that is governed by Shariah law. Churches were closed on a large scale in October 2015 and the building of new churches there is much more difficult than in other provinces. In fact, it is virtually impossible. Converts from Islam are vulnerable to severe opposition in many parts of Indonesia, but converts in Aceh probably face the greatest pressure.

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



Order of Worship

Prelude	Please be seated to prepare yourself for worship	
*Hymn	His Mercy is More	Congregation
Scripture Reading	Romans 1:14-17	
Prayer of Praise		
*Hymn	#555 We're Marching to Zion	Congregation
*Affirmation of Faith		
Prayer for the Nations	Indonesia	
*Hymn	#306 Jesus Saves	Congregation
Sermon	Dr. Michael Johnson	
Benediction		
Announcements		
Closing Prayer		

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

Emory Calendar for the Week of March 13

	Sunday School	10:00am
	Worship Service	11:00am
	Board Meeting	5:00pm
	Evening Service	6:00pm
	The Chosen Episode 4 (approx. length 1 hour)	
	No Explorers Bible Study - Women	9:30am
Tuesday 3/15	Bunco	6:30pm
	The Brethren of Emory	6:30pm
Wednesday 3/16	No Explorers Bible Study - Men & Women	7:00pm
	TOPS	5:30pm
Thursday 3/17	St. Patrick's Day	