Today			
March 20	Movie @ 6:00		
	The Chosen — Episode 5		
Upcoming Events			
March 25	Parents Night Out		
March 27	Baby Shower for Courtney and Jared Cox		
April 2	Leon Burton Memorial Fish Fry To Benefit St. Jude Hospital		
April 17	Easter		
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		

https://emorychurchbyhalia.org/calendar

#### 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

# 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

# **Emory Independent Methodist Church**

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**Sunday Services** 

Sunday School10:00amWorship Service11:00amEvening Service6:00pm

Dr. Michael Johnson Sr. Pastor (901) 606-8113 Robin Cox Secretary,

Secretary/Treasurer

**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

**Baby Shower** 

March 27 2:00pm

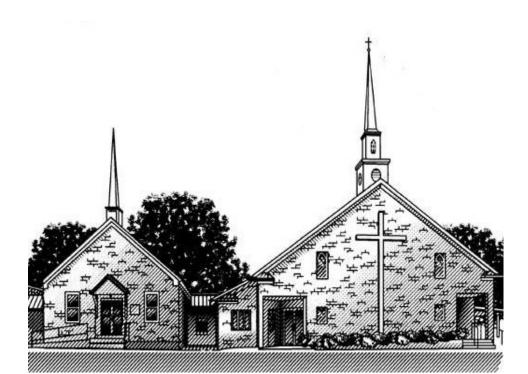
Courtney and Jared are expecting a girl

They are registered at Target and Amazon

(901) 351-7269 Margie Thompson (901) 262-6747

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# **Emory Church**





March 20, 2022

#### Bangladesh

#### What does persecution look like in Bangladesh?

Bangladeshi Christians who have converted from a Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist or tribal background suffer the most severe restrictions, discrimination and attacks. They often gather in small house churches or meet secretly in groups due to fear of attack.

Tribal Christians, like those from the Santal people group, are doubly vulnerable to persecution (as they belong to both an ethnic and religious minority), and are often the victims of land-grabbing or targeted violence.

Other churches are frequently threatened, watched and, at times, violently attacked.

#### **Meet Pastor Swapan**

"We have been enduring and praying for God to protect us."

Pastor Swapan's church (which is also an orphanage) was viciously attacked during the night by Hindu extremists

#### What has changed this year?

Attacks against church buildings have continued across Bangladesh—and the authorities frequently ignore complaints when Christians bring them. Bangladesh has risen significantly on the World Watch List in the past few years, and violence is increasing.

#### Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

Christians don't just face persecution from Islamic extremists in Bangladesh, but also from militants belonging to other faiths. Bangladesh's northern region and Chittagong Hill Tracts are often overlooked hotspots for persecution against Christians at the hands of both the Muslim majority and the Buddhist minority.

The arrival of 700,000 Rohingya refugees from neighboring Myanmar in the past four years has led to thousands of people living in refugee camps, and repatriation or integration efforts have constantly stalled. There is a large risk of Islamic radicalization in these camps, which is concerning for Christians living in them, as well as the wider community.

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





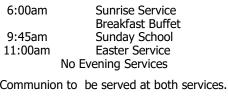
## Easter

Invite your family, friends and neighbors to bring their kids to the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday then attend one of our Easter Services Sunday.

Saturday — April 16

10:00am Easter Egg Hunt

#### Sunday — April 17



Volunteers are needed for the Easter Egg Hunt and to help with the Easter

# Order of Worship

Prelude	Please be seated to prepare yourself for worship		
*Hymn	#350 Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus	Congregation	
Scripture Reading	Romans 1:14-17		
Prayer of Praise			
*Hymn	#408 Have Faith in God	Congregation	
*Affirmation of Faith			
Prayer for the Nations	Bangladesh		
*Hymn	#409 I Know Whom I Have Believed	Congregation	
Sermon	The Just Shall Live by Fearor Faith? Romans 1:14-17	Dr. Michael Johnson	
Benediction			
*Hymn	I am Not Ashamed		
Announcements			
Closing Prayer			

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

### **Emory Calendar for the Week of March 20**

Sunday 3/20	Sunday School Worship Service Evening Service The Chosen Episode 5 (approx. length 1 hour)	10:00am 11:00am 6:00pm
Tuesday 3/22	Explorers Bible Study - Women	9:30am
Wednesday 3/23	Explorers Bible Study - Men & Women	7:00pm
Thursday 3/24	TOPS	5:30pm
Friday 3/25	Parents Night Out	6:00pm