

Emory Church

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>

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

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

Baby Shower

March 27 2:00pm

Courtney and Jared are expecting a girl
They are registered at Target and Amazon

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 School 10:00am
Worship Service 11:00am
Evening Service 6:00pm

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

Robin Cox Secretary/Treasurer
(901) 351-7269

Margie Thompson Believers
(901) 262-6747



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

6:00am Sunrise Service
Breakfast Buffet
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Easter Service
No Evening Services

Communion to be served at both services.

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 Fear...or 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