

# Emory Church

## Today

March 27 Baby Shower for Courtney and Jared 2:00pm  
 St. Jude fish Fry Planning Meeting 5:00pm  
 Movie @ 6:00 The Chosen — Episode 6

## Upcoming Events

April 2 Leon Burton Memorial Fish Fry  
 To Benefit St. Jude Hospital  
 April 5 Believers — Sweet Peas 12:00pm  
 April 12 Bunco— 6:30pm  
 April 17 Easter  
 April 19 Crafty Ladies

## 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 Family  
 Frank Burton  
 Mary Ann Cooper  
 Carlyon Crook  
 Joyce Gadd Family  
 Sue Lytle Family  
 Rosemary Pennington  
 Rufus Pennington  
 Danette Smith  
 Rita Stewart  
 Jimmy Thompson  
 Waymire Family

## Believers (55+)

Tuesday April 5 @ 1200pm

The Believers will be meeting at Sweet Peas for their monthly meeting

## Baby Shower

Sunday 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

[www.emorychurchbyhalia.org](http://www.emorychurchbyhalia.org)

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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



*Leon Burton Benefit  
 Fish Fry for  
**ONLY 6 MORE DAYS**  
 St. Jude Hospital*

March 27, 2022

## Colombia

### What does persecution look like in Colombia?

Though Colombia has a high percentage of Christians, believers still face persecution from criminal gangs and indigenous groups. Guerrilla groups threaten, harass, extort and even murder church leaders, who are targeted because they denounce corruption, defend human rights and oppose cartels. Their children may also be targeted, to discourage church leaders from speaking out against organized crime and corruption. These forms of persecution are particularly prevalent in rural and remote areas of Colombia.

The humanitarian crisis in the Pacific Coast region continues to worsen: the fight for the control of illicit crops, drug trafficking and illegal mining have led to intensified conflict. Many Christians are affected, and are among the thousands of displaced families.

In indigenous communities, persecution tends to focus on Christians who have converted from the beliefs of their indigenous tribe. These Christians face imprisonment, harassment, physical abuse, denial of basic rights and use of their ancestral territory, or being sent away to do forced labour in a different territory, among other forms of persecution. Often they are targeted to make an example of them, so that the rest of the community is deterred from conversion.

Another key driver of persecution is secular intolerance. Increasingly, Christians are facing hostility, verbal abuse and discrimination for their stance on issues such as abortion, sexuality and gender orientation. The participation of Christians in the political sphere as diminished as a result.

### What has changed this year?

Last year saw protests in Colombia, partly against corruption and controversial government measures. Church leaders were among those who supported the demonstrators, and this led to threats and violence. Overall, there has been a small increase in the persecution faced from the wider community and a small decrease in the incidents of violence, but persecution has not significantly changed in Colombia in the past year. Violence remains high, with seven Christians killed for their faith between January and September 2021.

### Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

Christians who've converted from an indigenous religion are most vulnerable to persecution in some regions of Colombia. Elsewhere, Christians—and particularly church leaders and their families—are most at risk in areas dominated by guerrilla gangs and drug cartels. Furthermore, rising secular intolerance means Christians are increasingly vulnerable to hostility, verbal abuse and discrimination for speaking out on certain issues.

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 and Breakfast 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 Breakfast.

# Order of Worship

Prelude	Please be seated to prepare yourself for worship	
*Hymn	#588 We Have Come into His House	Congregation
Scripture Reading	Romans 1:18-20	
Prayer of Praise		
*Hymn	#213 Because He Lives	Congregation
*Affirmation of Faith		
Prayer for the Nations	#30 Colombia	
*Hymn	#58 This is My Father's World	Congregation
Sermon	Romans 1:18-20	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 27

	Sunday School	10:00am
	Worship Service	11:00am
Sunday 3/27	Baby Shower for Courtney and Jared Cox	2:00pm
	St. Jude Fish Fry Planning Meeting	5:00pm
	Evening Service	6:00pm
	The Chosen Episode 6 (approx. length 1 hour)	
Tuesday 3/29	Explorers Bible Study - Women	9:30am
	The Brethren	6:30pm
Wednesday 3/30	Explorers Bible Study - Men & Women	7:00pm
Thursday 3/31	TOPS	5:30pm
	GEMS	6:30pm

Updates for Bulletin - contact Robin Cox  
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