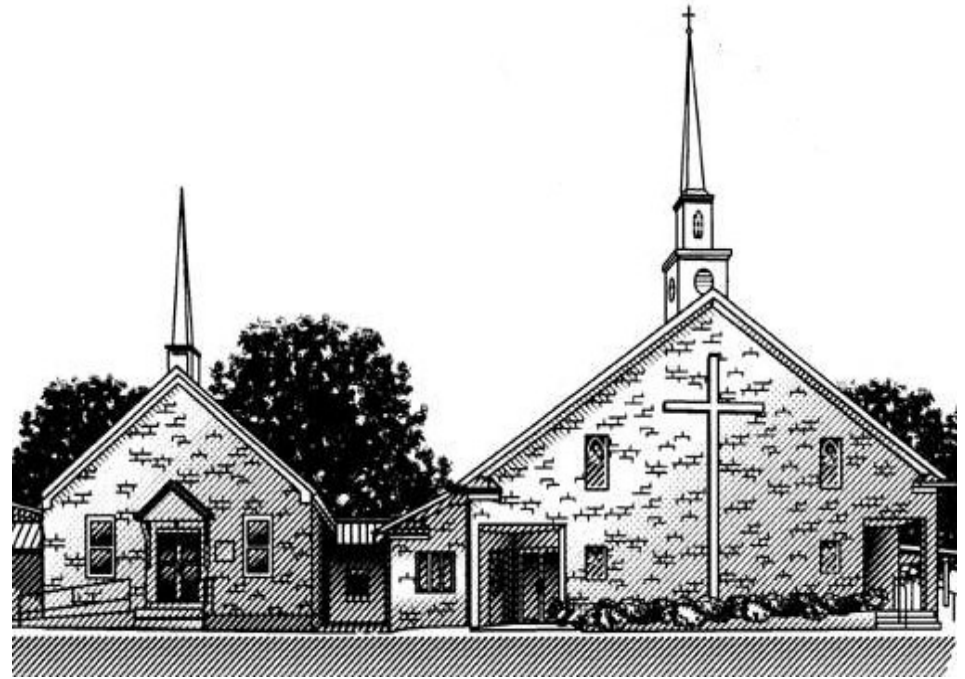


Emory Church



July 30, 2023

Nehemiah 12:27, 30-31, 38, 43-47

27 And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites in all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication with gladness, with thanksgivings and with singing, with cymbals, harps, and lyres.

30 And the priests and the Levites purified themselves, and they purified the people and the gates and the wall. 31 Then I brought the leaders of Judah up onto the wall and appointed two great choirs that gave thanks. One went to the south on the wall to the Dung Gate.

38 The other choir of those who gave thanks went to the north, and I followed them with half of the people, on the wall, above the Tower of the Ovens, to the Broad Wall,

43 And they offered great sacrifices that day and rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy; the women and children also rejoiced. And the joy of Jerusalem was heard far away.

44 On that day men were appointed over the storerooms, the contributions, the firstfruits, and the tithes, to gather into them the portions required by the Law for the priests and for the Levites according to the fields of the towns, for Judah rejoiced over the priests and the Levites who ministered. 45 And they performed the service of their God and the service of purification, as did the singers and the gatekeepers, according to the command of David and his son Solomon. 46 For long ago in the days of David and Asaph there were directors of the singers, and there were songs of praise and thanksgiving to God. 47 And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel and in the days of Nehemiah gave the daily portions for the singers and the gatekeepers; and they set apart that which was for the Levites; and the Levites set apart that which was for the sons of Aaron.

I rest my soul

In You alone

You light my way

You lead me on

I rest my soul

In You alone

You light my way

You lead me on

For the Lord my Shepherd

Leads me, leads me

And He is all I need

In the darkest valley

I know, I know

My Shepherd is all I need

Ladies Yoga Class

It's not too late to join!!!

Great Workout for all ages

Boost self-confidence

Increases Blood Flow

Improves mood

Ladies Yoga meets Mondays @ 6:30 in the FLC. Bring water and a yoga mat.
If you have any questions contact Carol Burton.

Youth Night

The Emory Youth are meeting Wednesday evenings in the FLC from 5:30-6:30. Invite your friends and join the fun. Questions:: Amy Wilbanks 901 651-3697.

Wireless Network

Network Name: EmoryChurch

Password: Emory2022

Network Name and Password are case sensitive.

Shepherd

Though I walk through the valley
 And I can't see the way
 When the shadows surround me
 I will not be afraid

For I know You are with me
 You will always provide
 Though the path may be lonely
 You will stay by my side
 I will rest my soul
 I'll trust in You alone

For the Lord my Shepherd
 Leads me, leads me
 And He is all I need
 In the darkest valley
 I know, I know
 My Shepherd is all I need

Lord I know that You seek me
 When I'm trying to hide
 And Your love it pursues me

Order of Worship

Prelude	Please be seated to prepare yourself for worship.	
Welcome		
Opening Prayer		
*Hymn	#588 We Have Come into His House	Congregation
*Hymn	#106 Praise Him	Congregation
Affirmation of Faith	Congregation	
Offering	Offering – Doxology	
*Hymn	He Calls Me Friend	Congregation
*Hymn	Shepherd	Congregation
Scripture Reading	Nehemiah 12:27, 30-31, 38, 43-47	
Children's Church	Children 3rd grade and younger	
Sermon		Michael Johnson
*Hymn	#176 Lead Me to Calvary	Congregation
Benediction		
Announcements		
Closing Prayer		

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

The nursery is available during the worship service.

Please no food or drinks in the sanctuary.

Emory Calendar for the Week of July 30

Sunday, July 30	Sunday School Morning Worship Service Evening Service	9:45am 11:00am 6:00pm
Monday, August 1	Ladies Yoga	6:30pm
Tuesday, August 2	Believers	11:30am
Wednesday, August 3	Youth Night	5:30—6:30pm

**For News and Updates for Bulletin and Prayer List or
 if you have moved, changed your phone number or email address,**

Contact Robin Cox 901 351-7269 or wildpigfan@aol.com

Scheduled Events

Believers First Tuesday @ 12:00pm
 Bunco Second Tuesday @ 6:30pm
 GEMS Second Saturday @ 9:00am
 Crafty Ladies Third Tuesday @ 6:30pm
 4-H Third Friday @ 5:30pm

Ladies Yoga Mondays @ 6:30
 Youth Night Wednesdays @ 5:30-6:30pm
 Explorers Tuesdays @ 9:30am (Ladies)
 Wednesdays @ 7:00pm
 Next Meeting August 8th & 9th
 Second & Fourth Tuesday @ 6:30pm
 The Brethren First and Fourth Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
 Not a Fan
 Bible Study

Sunday Night

We will be having pulled pork casserole, Lima beans and rolls, no deserts needed. Bro. Mike will be presenting a brief summary of Jonathan Edwards and Revival

Explorers Bible Study

Explorers Bible Study will start the fall session next week. The ladies group will meet on Tuesday mornings @ 9:30 and the men & ladies group will meet Wednesday evenings @ 7:00pm. They will be studying Genesis.
 To register contact Sandra Thompson or Shirley McCoy. (scholarships available)

Not a Fan Bible Study

The Bible Study will be meeting, August 1st and August 22nd at 6:30 pm.



Wedding Shower



There will be a wedding shower honoring Hayley Cross and Nathan Whitman on Sunday, August 20th from 2pm to 3pm. The couple is registered at Wal-Mart and Amazon. Please contact Betsy Payne, if you have questions.

Bible Conference August 13-16

Prayer Request

Frank Acree
 Allen Aldridge
 Mike Anglin
 Ken Beller Family
 Jack Billingsley
 Betty Burton
 Frank & Lin Burton
 Betty Carpenter
 Pat Coggins
 Howard Cole
 Frank & Annette Conway
 Mary Ann Cooper
 Earl Cox
 Carlyon Crook
 Tish C. Dunning
 John Estes
 Kyle Fullilove
 Larson Hollowell
 Pat Hollowell
 Josh Howard Sr.
 Morgan Lauderdale
 Leamon Lee & Family
 Oliva Mann
 Stephanie McNeer
 John & Joy Nelson
 Liam O'Brien
 Parker O'Brien
 Wyatt Payne
 Shirley Pruett
 Roy Sanderson
 Laura Sisk
 Danette Smith
 Ray Spence Family
 Marvin St. John
 Margie Thompson
 Deborah Waldrup
 Amy Wilbanks
 Bobby Wilbanks
 Barry Wilson
 Heather Yannaccone

CHORUS 2

His name is True King Lord of creation
 Ruler without end
 I call Him Hope, Peace, Wonderful Saviour
 And what joy that Jesus calls me friend!

VERSE 4

I have a friend, a Saviour friend
 And Jesus is His name
 He fought for me on Calvary
 And trampled on the grave!

CHORUS 3

His name is True King Lord of creation
 Ruler without end
 I call Him Hope, Peace, Wonderful Saviour
 And what joy that Jesus calls me friend!

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Guest Registration



Sunday Services

Sunday School 9:45am
 Worship Service 11:00am
 Evening Service 6:00pm

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He Calls Me Friend

VERSE 1

I have a friend, a faithful friend
And Jesus is His name
He will not leave, He stands by me
My Shepherd He remains

VERSE 2

I have a friend, a mighty friend
And Jesus is His name
I shall not fear, He holds me near
His strength will keep me safe

CHORUS 1

His name is True King Lord of creation
Ruler without end
I call Him Hope, Peace, Wonderful Saviour
And what joy that Jesus calls me friend!

VERSE 3

I have a friend, the kindest friend
And Jesus is His name
He hears my cry, by day or night
And wipes my tears away

Nehemiah 12:27-47

Things to Celebrate in Nehemiah:

- Nehemiah got permission from Artaxerxes.
- Nehemiah had a plan to rebuild.
- Nehemiah energized a dispirited people.
- Nehemiah overcame tremendous obstacles.
- Nehemiah completed the wall in 5 days.
- Nehemiah encouraged a revival in Israel.
- Nehemiah successfully repopulated the city.

These were genuine reasons for a celebration. Even the celebration included planning and specific things:

I. Purification

Nehemiah cited that the priests and Levites go through _____. What would have been the greatest obstacle to their worship? It is the same for us today. Psalm 24:4 states that the one who enters the presence of God must do so with _____ and a _____. During Jesus' day, the pharisees appeared to be the most holy of all people but Jesus had another opinion. I wonder if the evangelical church has gone so far that we do not see worship as an encounter with the Holy God of Heaven?

II. Music

You note in our passage that music played a significant role in the celebration, including instruments. For centuries there has been debate about their usage. The focus of our singing must be God and His Glory.

II. Gratitude

The celebration was exuberant and joyful. Just like someone who has been greatly forgiven tends to offer that forgiveness quickly and fully, someone who understands the being of God, His grace and mercy, will be filled with gratitude.

III. Giving

This trait always accompanies people who are committed to worship and gratitude for God. These Israelites understood their giving went beyond the legal requirement of 10%.

Each of these things was done in community....