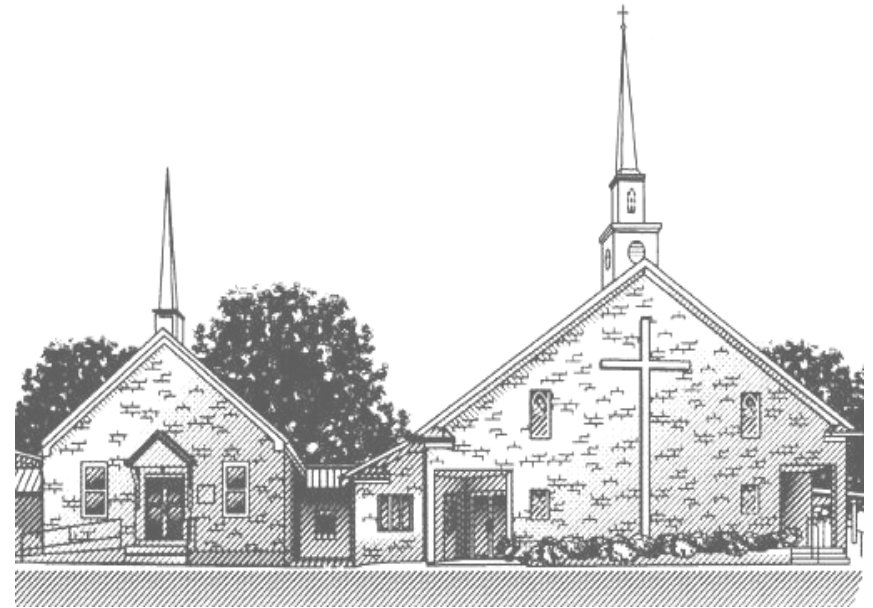


# Emory Church



## Scheduled Events

Believers	First Thursday @ 5:30pm
Bunco	Second Tuesday @ 6:30pm
Crafty Ladies	Third Tuesday @ 6:30pm
4-H	Third Friday @ 5:30pm
Crochet Group	Fourth Monday @ 6:30pm
The Brethren	Second & Fourth Tuesdays @ 6:00pm
Find & Follow	First & Fourth Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
Jesus Bible Study	
Youth Night	Wednesdays @ 5:30-7:00pm
Explorer's	Tuesdays @ 9:30am
	Wednesdays @ 7:00pm

## Today

4:30pm GriefShare  
 2:00pm Caroling  
 5:00pm Dinner/ Evening Worship Service  
 Bring your favorite appetizer/finger foods.  
 There will be a short devotional after the meal.

## 2025 Greatest Gift

The Greatest Gift is going to fund a handicap access ramp for the Burton Family Chapel. This will allow all to easily access the Chapel and allow us to schedule more events in the Burton Chapel. Donations can be made December 21<sup>st</sup> and December 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

A casual service celebrating the birth of our Savior.  
 Wednesday, December 24 at 5:30pm

## Fruit Baskets

If you are taking a fruit basket for someone see Robin after the service and be sure to sign the list.

## Prayer List

Frank Acree  
 Alexis Adler  
 June Aldridge  
 Jack Billingsley  
 Sue Boyd  
 Betty Burton  
 Lin Burton  
 Betty Carpenter  
 Frank & Annette Conway  
 Jackie Cooper  
 Earl Cox  
 Carlyon Crook  
 Kevin Dickey  
 John Eitel  
 Jan Hammack  
 Pat Hollowell  
 Lou Holmes  
 Josh Howard Sr.  
 Helen Lee  
 Jimmy McKinney  
 Clay & Shirley Pruett  
 Roy Sanderson  
 Family of Louis Sellers  
 Danette Smith  
 Kay Spence  
 Helen Stewart  
 Jimmy Thompson  
 Morris Thompson  
 Martha Wallace  
 Amy Wilbanks  
 Bobby & Caren Wilbanks  
 Cindy Wilson

## Important Dates

Christmas Card Exchange Pickup	December 21
Christmas Caroling and Delivering Fruit Baskets	December 21
Greatest Gift	December 21 & 28
Christmas Eve Communion Service	December 24

## Emory Independent Methodist Church

872 Watson Road  
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 (662) 838-7878

### Sunday Services

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

Dr. Michael Johnson Sr. Pastor

(901) 606-8113

Robin Cox

(901) 351-7269

Margie Thompson

(901) 262-6747

Secretary/Treasurer

Believers

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### Guest Registration



December 21, 2025

# Matthew 1:18-25 ESV

## Joseph Accepts Jesus as His Son

18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. 25 But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

### Ladies Prayer Breakfast

Calling all ladies to the Ladies Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, January 3rd, at 9 a.m. Our speaker will be Danette Smith. She is a liver transplant recipient, mentor at the Methodist Transplant Center, and ambassador for the Mid-South Liver Alliance. She will be speaking on God’s Word and an overview of organ donation.

Please **RSVP to 901-491-0837**.

### Wireless Network

Network Name: EmoryChurch Password: Emory2022  
Network Name and Password are case sensitive.

# Order of Worship

Prelude	Please be seated to prepare yourself for worship.	
Welcome & Opening Prayer		
Lighting of the Advent Candles		
*Hymn	Come Adore the Humble King	Congregation
*Hymn	#132 Angels We Have Heard on High	Congregation
*Hymn	#136 The First Noel	Congregation
Affirmation of Faith		
Offering	Offering & Doxology	
Special Music	Let Me Tell You About My Jesus	Cassidy Houston Tassie Mason Lorraine Thompson
Scripture Reading	Mathew 1:18-25	
Children’s Church	Children 3rd grade and younger	
Sermon	History, not Mythology	Dr. Michael Johnson
Benediction		
*Hymn	#123 O Come, O Come Emmanuel	Congregation
Announcements		
Closing Prayer		
(*) Indicates times when you are invited to stand as you are able		
The nursery is available during the worship service.		

**\*\* NO food or drinks in the sanctuary at any time \*\***

## Emory Calendar for the Week of December 21st

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00am
	Worship Service	11:00am
	Caroling / Deliver Fruit Baskets	2:00pm
	GriefShare Counseling	4:30pm
	Evening Dinner / Service	5:00pm

All weekday activities are canceled through January 2nd

For news and updates for the bulletin and prayer list or if you have moved or changed your phone number or email address, contact Robin Cox (901) 351-7269 or wildpigfan@aol.com.